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TO: The Honorable Senator Scott Cyrway
The Honorable Representative Louis Luchini, Co-chairs
The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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RE: LD 1138 An Act Regarding Municipal Reporting of Statewide Elections

My name is Ann Luther. I am a resident of Trenton. I am here today as a volunteer member of the League's Advocacy Committee to testify *Neither-for-nor-Against* LD 1138 An Act Regarding Municipal Reporting of Statewide Elections.

The League of Women Voters supports measures that contribute to the smooth conduct of elections and the professional administration of election systems. We oppose measures that might result in barriers to voting or to voter registration for eligible voters.

We support the intent of this bill, which seems to be to ensure the timely and accurate reporting of election results from the hundreds of voting jurisdictions around the state. Without this information reported in a timely and accurate fashion, our Central Voter Registration database cannot be maintained in good order, and this could result in errors that might affect the good standing of voter registration status for eligible voters.

For example, routine purges of inactive voters from our voter list might include people who did actually vote in a recent election but whose voter data was not reported in a timely manner.

We reserve judgment on the specific mechanisms suggested by this bill and hope you will get comments on the technical aspects from others. But we urge you to find and pass the best solution among those presented this session.

Thank you.