



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF FLORIDA

### 2011 Legislative Vote History on League Priorities

#### **Elections**

*House Bill 1355* is an omnibus elections bill that contains numerous changes to Florida election laws. The provisions of the bill include placing new reporting requirements on third-party voter registration organizations, which subject groups such as the League of Women Voters to fines if they do not turn in completed voter registration forms within 48 hours. It also shortens the number of days allowed for early voting from 14 days to 8 days. The new law prohibits voters who live outside the county in which they are registered from changing their address at the polls and requires that these voters cast a provisional ballot.

To view how the Senate voted on HB 1355, click [here](#).

To view how the House voted on HB 1355, click [here](#).

#### **TABOR**

*Senate Joint Resolution 958* is a joint resolution for a ballot amendment that will come before voters in 2012. It proposes to amend the state constitution to replace the existing state revenue limit based on personal income growth with a new revenue limit based on a formula of change in population and inflation. It would require excess revenue be placed in the budget stabilization fund, used to support education, or be returned to taxpayers. It allows the legislature to increase the revenue limitation by a supermajority vote or to put a proposed increase before the voters. It would first apply in fiscal year 2014-15.

To view how the Senate voted on SJR 958, click [here](#).

To view how the House voted on SJR 958, click [here](#).

#### **Supreme Court Split**

*House Joint Resolution 7111* (as passed by the House) was a joint resolution that was passed by the House that would have increased the size of the State Supreme Court from 7 members to 10 and divided the Court into two divisions of 5 justices each, one civil and the other criminal. This joint resolution was later substantially amended by the Senate, and the proposal to expand and divide the Court was eliminated.

To view how the House voted on HJR 7111, click [here](#).

## **Growth Management**

*House Bill 7207* is a sweeping growth management legislation that virtually repeals the state's Growth Management Act of 1985 by eliminating state checks and balances over local government growth decisions, potentially reducing citizens' ability to effectively challenge those decisions and opening Florida's rural lands for development.

To view how the Senate voted on HB 7207, click [here](#).

To view how the House voted on HB 7207, click [here](#).

## **Women's Reproductive Rights**

*House Bill 1127* expands statutory informed consent requirements to require confirmation of the gestational age of the fetus by an ultrasound, which would be required for all abortion procedures, regardless of the trimester. The person performing the ultrasound must allow the patient to view the live ultrasound images. Additionally, the images must be reviewed and explained to the patient by a physician or nurse prior to the patient giving informed consent for the abortion procedure. A patient has a right to decline to view the live ultrasound images and hear a description of them after she has been offered an opportunity.

To view how the Senate voted on HB 1127, click [here](#).

To view how the House voted on HB 1127, click [here](#).