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	Non-Legislative Issues	Category	Summary	LWVMI position	Status	Action by LWVMI
1	Council Against Parochial Lawsuit	Education	Challenges public money going to private schools for certain activities	<b>Support</b>	Won in Court of Claims, lost in Court of Appeals, 6/25/2019 MI Supreme Court granted.	Council of Orgs & Others for Ed about Parochial v State of Michigan was heard by MI Supreme Court and in 4-3 decision they allowed funding for private schools for certain activities 12/26/2020. Case appealed
3	Rewrite Part 115 Solid Waste Act	Natural Resources	MEC supports rewrite	<b>Support</b>	3/20/2021 - sign on to join letter	
4	Support of robust funding for Great Lakes restoration and clean water priorities in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill."	Natural Resources	U.S. House Subcommittees in support of robust funding for Great Lakes restoration and clean water priorities in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill."	<b>Support</b>	4/9/2021 signed on to 5 letters from the Lake MI League	
5	Support transparency in MIGOP Funding of Initiative	Campaign Finance	Michigan Department of State	<b>Support</b>	7/13/2021 signed and sent letter	
6	Redistricting Deadline	Representative Government	Support extension of deadline with MI Supreme Court	<b>Support</b>	7/9/2021-MI Supreme Court did not grant an extension	Christina did a press release about decision
7	Initiative Petition - "misnamed, Secure MI Vote"	Voting Rights	Change ID requirements for registering to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, use of charitable funds ad volunteers in elections, allocation of federal funds	<b>Oppose</b>	9/27/21 MI State Board of Canvassers approved form and summary and petition circulation begins	
	Initiative Petition - National Popular Vote	Voting Rights	Join that National Popular Vote compact	<b>Support</b>		
	Secretary of State proposed rules on signature verification	Voting Rights	Proposed signature verification and absentee ballot rules	<b>Support</b>	10/1/21 submitted letter in support	
8	Line 5	Natural Resources	End line 5	<b>Support</b>	Working with Oil & Water Don't Mix (Tricia Denton)	Signed on to numerous letters in coalitions - 4/2020 , 6/24/19 sent action alert to members. ! 1/20 Governor Whitmer demands line to stop in May '21. Embridge files a federal lawsuit to stop shut down. 3/16/21 signed on to letter to testify in MI Senate. 9/21 more letters sent
<b>MI Legislative Bills LWVMI has taken a position</b>						
	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Program Position</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>LWVMI position</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action by LWVMI</b>

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9	SB 34	Gun Control	Prohibit firearms in State Capitol	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Government Operations	
10	SB 35	Gun Control	Prohibit concealed weapon in State Capitol	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Government Operations	
11	SB 151	Voting Rights	Report pre-incarceration address of incarcerated individuals by the department of corrections for voting	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety	
	SB 153	Taxation	Remove sales tax on feminine hygiene products	<b>Support</b>	Passed Senate & House, signed by Governor 11/4/21, PA 109 of 2021	same as HB 4270
12	SB 167	Natural Resources	Recycling beverage containers	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform	same as HB 4331
13	SB 208	Equal Rights	Protect sexual orientation	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Government Operations	
14	SB 218	Education	Biological sex determines eligibility for sports	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Education and Career Readiness	
15	SB 232-241	Representative Government	Open records	<b>Support</b>	Out of committee, on the Senate floor 3/24/21	
16	SB 273	Voting Rights	Absentee Voting - Regulates Absentee Ballot Drop Box - must be approved by SOS and County Board of Canvassers (later bill increases size of canvassers and requires vote from both parties). Has to have video camera and regulates how ballots are picked up.	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/5/21 hearing, 11/10/21 reported to Senate floor with a substitute	LWVMI testified
17	SB 274	Voting Rights	Voter Registration - Allows pre-registration of those 16-17 1/2- must have drivers' license or state ID	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/28/21 hearing	
18	SB 275	Voting Rights	Election Observers - Allows video recording of audit and videos of ballot custody after 8 p.m. on election day	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
19	SB 276	Voting Rights	Election Observers - Allows at counting board- election inspectors, election challengers, and poll watchers photographing and videotaping the tabulating of votes	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified

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20	SB 277	Voting Rights	Qualified Voter File -Requires county clerks to flag voter registration records of deceased voters in the qualified voter file every two weeks (changed to monthly in substitute), and require county clerks and the secretary of state to post data regarding voter registration records of deceased voters flagged by county clerks.	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/21/21 hearing, 6/24/21-passed Senate 31-4 with substitute; reported from House Elections & Ethics Committee, 9/30/21 passed House 80-25; Senate presented to Governor 10/6/21, 10/15/21 vetoed by Governor	LWVMI testified
21	SB 278	Voting Rights	Absentee Voting -New requirements for transporting ballots from drop box	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/5/21 hearing, 11/10/21 reported to Senate floor with a substitute	LWVMI testified
22	SB 279	Voting Rights	Poll Challengers - Regulates absentee counting boards and the number of challengers allowed, 2 challengers for every 2999 absentee ballots - also allows replacements. No Nonprofits	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
23	SB 280	Voting Rights	Ballot Proposals - Requires the Secretary of State to complete canvas if an initiative petition within 100 days after files with SOS - add change to submit from 160 days to 200 before the election	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/28/21 hearing. 9/1/21 the committee reported a substitute, 10/30/21 passed Senate 20-16, 10/6/21 passed House 55-48, 10/15/21 vetoed by Governor	
24	SB 281	Voting Rights	Qualified Vote File - Requires SOS to participate in multi-state service to verify current residence and voter registration not later than March 1 each year. Must give a written report to MI House and Senate. Also in addition 120 days before November general election shall participate in multi-state program and look for anyone who improperly voted and investigate. Report on website. No standards and mandatory	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/21/21 hearing	

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25	SB 282	Voting Rights	Qualified Voter File - limit access to Secretary of State, voter registration agency, county, city, township clerks	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/28/21 hearing	
26	SB 283	Voting Rights	Absentee Voting - prior to August and Nov elections, board of county canvassers must examine and approve every absentee vote ballot secrecy envelope container. Allow clerks in large jurisdictions to begin processing but not counting absentee ballots the day before the election. Report required to House and Senate on absentee ballots	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee of Elections - see SB 334	
27	SB 284	Voting Rights	Election Finance - SOS must report every contract for election activity to the Legislature. Not allowed to accept money for election activity	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections,, 5/26/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
28	SB 285	Voting Rights	Absentee Voting - must submit a copy of ID to get absentee ballot, if not will be provisional ballot. Also same for emergency absentee ballot	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections adopted a substitute 5/5/21, and moved to the Senate. 6/5/2021; 6/16/21 passed Senate 19-16; in House Elections & Ethics Committee	LWVMI testified, Action Alert Sent
29	SB 286	Voting Rights	Absentee Voting - drop boxes cannot be used after 5 p.m. the day before the election	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections adopted a substitute 5/5/21	LWVMI testified
30	SB 287	Voting Rights	Absentee Ballot - no prepaid postage of absentee ballots	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/28/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
31	SB 288	Voting Rights	Election Observers - statewide election audits by members of the two major political parties, allow political parties to designate observers, and require SOS to live video stream No Role for non-profits - who checks ballot proposals?	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
32	SB 289	Voting Rights	Election Finance - limits use of election related federal funds, requires Legislature to appropriate and if not appropriated returned to federal government	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/26/21 hearing	LWVMI testified - also opposed HB 5253 similar

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33	SB 290	Voting Rights	Poll Challengers - Requires name badge as a challenger that includes the words challenger and the political party, and city, township and precinct number	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
34	SB 291	Voting Rights	Criminal Penalties added	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
35	SB 292	Voting Rights	Poll Challengers - requires comprehensive training program for election challengers to complete- 3 year period, eliminates challengers for ballot proposals	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
36	SB 293	Voting Rights	Criminal Penalties added	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
37	SB 294	Voting Rights	Election Inspectors - requires appointment of no more than 2 election inspectors from a major political party for every 1 election inspector appointed by other major party	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
38	SB 295	Voting Rights	Election Inspectors - training includes verifying count every hour using total number of ballots issued and the total number of ballots tabulated	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
39	SB 296	Voting Rights	County Board of Canvassers - abolishes 4 member boards for counties with more than 200,000. 200,000-750,000 have 6 members, 750,000 and more to have 8 members, 2 member from each party required to vote with majority, staggered terms	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
40	SB 297	Voting Rights	County Board of Canvassers - must approve hiring of assistant clerks with one member from each political party approving, and requires at least one member from each party at canvassing	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
41	SB 298	Voting Rights	County Board of Canvassers - changes 14 days for canvassers reporting to 21 days- for all deadlines	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified

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42	SB 299	Voting Rights	Election Inspectors - must deliver the sealed envelope to the clerk by noon on the day after the election	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/19/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
43	SB 300	Voting Rights	Early Voting - requires polls open on Saturday prior to the election, counted the same as election day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
44	SB 301	Voting Rights	Criminal Penalties - violate SB 300 confidentiality	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
45	SB 302	Voting Rights	Registration - adds language to state that the elector does not claim voting residence or right to vote in another state	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 4/28/21 hearing; 6/17/21 s-1 adopted, passed Senate 30-5; in House Elections & Ethics Committee, 10/19/21 reported to House Floor	10/19/21 turned in card opposing to House Elections & Ethics Committee
46	SB 303	Voting Rights	Senate Bill 303 Substitute 3 contains most of the language in the Initiative Petition Secure MI Vote	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/26/21 hearing; 6/16/21 passed Senate, House Elections & Ethics Committee reported H-1; House passed 58-52; laid over in Senate, 10/5/21 Senate adopts s3 substitute 20-15. Sent to Governor, 11/2/21 Governor vetoed	LWVMI testified
47	SB 304	Voting Rights	Final Senate substitute puts language of initiative petition regarding provisional ballots in bill	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections 5/26/21 hearing, moved to the Senate. 6/5/2021; House Elections & Ethics Committee reported H-1; House passed 58-52; laid over in Senate, Senate adopted substitute and ordered enrolled 10/7/21, 11/2/21 vetoed by Governor	LWVMI testified, Action Alert Sent
48	SB 305	Voting Rights	SOS - bans the name or likeness of an elected or appointed official to appear in any communication that is paid with public money and involves election related activities	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections hearing on 4/21/2021	Action alert sent

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49	SB 306	Voting Rights	Clerks - report to legislature and put on website information about clerks not up to date on training	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections 4/21/2021 hearing. 9/2/2021 committee reported substitute to the Senate floor 11/10/21 passed Senate and assigned to House Elections & Ethics Committee	
50	SB 307	Voting Rights	Ballot Proposals - requires full text of ballot proposal to be printed on ballot and absentee ballot	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, hearing 5/26/21	LWVMI Testified
51	SB 308	Voting Rights	Requires signature verification training	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/5/21 hearing, 10/21/21 Senate floor, 11/10/21 passed Senate and assigned to House Elections & Ethics Committee	LWVMI testified
52	SB 309	Voting Rights	Poll Challenger - requires challengers to be able to read and observe the poll book, adds reason for challenges, allows obtaining vote at precinct when closed, allows videotaping, and written explanation if expelled	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/12/21 hearing	LWVMI testified
53	SB 310	Voting Rights	Absentee Ballots - prohibits sending absentee ballots without a request, and bans link on SOS website to application	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections hearing 5/26/21, and substitute adopted	LWVMI testified
54	SB 311	Voting Rights	Absentee Ballots - allows electronic return for military	<b>Support the concept</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, hearing 5/5/21; Senate passed 39-1 on 6/24/21; assigned to House Elections & Ethics Committee	LWVMI testified, turned in card to oppose
55	SB 313	Voting Rights	Establish permanent absentee voting lists	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Elections	
56	SB 334	Voting Rights	Same as SB 283	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Committee on Elections, 5/5/21 hearing	LWVMI testified

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57	SB 429 - 431	Natural Resources	Regulate mining of sand & gravel	<b>Oppose</b>	Senate Transportation & Infrastructure; passed Senate 19-17 on 6/21/21; Assigned House Local Government & Municipal Finance	
58	SB 454-456	Gun Control	Background checks for firearms	<b>Support</b>	Senate Committee on Government Operations	
59	SB 473-484	Police	Guidelines for police action	<b>Support</b>	Assigned to Senate Judiciary & Public Safety Committee	
60	SB 597	Mental Health Code	moves behavioral health care to managed care program	<b>Oppose</b>	Assigned to Senate Operations Committee, 10/27/21 moved to Senate floor	Submitted card in opposition
	SB 649	Criminal Justice	"good time" credits for prisoners	<b>Support</b>	Assigned to Senate Judiciary & Public Safety Committee	10/14/21 sent letter to urge committee hearing, same as HB 4670
61	HB 4023	Gun Control	Expand gun-free zone in all state owned and leased buildings	<b>Support</b>	House Committee on Government Operations	
62	HB 4024	Gun Control	Make weapon-free zones in all state owned or leased buildings	<b>Support</b>	House Committee on Government Operations	
63	HB 4127	Voting Rights	Provide procedure to remove certain electors from QVF with unknown birthdates	<b>Support</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee, passed. Passed House 3/9/21 In Senate Elections Committee	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021
64	HB 4128	Voting Rights	Provide procedures to remove electors who haven't voted since 2000 from the qualified voter file if they don't vote in the next general election or don't respond to a post card asking for address verification	<b>Support</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee, passed. Passed House 3/9/21 In Senate Elections Committee	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021
65	HB 4129	Voting Rights	Post list of local clerks who are not current with continuing education training on the SOS website	<b>Support</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee, passed. Passed House 3/9/21 In Senate Elections Committee	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021

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66	HB 4132	Voting Rights	Would change penalty for knowingly providing false information on an absentee ballot application from a misdemeanor to a felony	<b>Oppose</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee, Passed Committee. Sent to House Judiciary and passed committee with substitute 3/9/21. 5/26/21 passed House 66-43; Assigned to Senate Elections	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021, 3/9/2021
67	HB 4133	Voting Rights	Would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to classify all three violations added to the Election Law by HB 4132 as Class E felony offenses against the public trust, punishable by a statutory maximum of five years' imprisonment.	<b>Oppose</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee, Passed Committee. Sent to House Judiciary and passed committee with substitute; 5/26/21 passed House 66-43; Assigned to Senate Elections	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021, 3/9/2021
68	HB 4134	Voting Rights	Allow precinct consolidation by increasing the maximum number of electors in a precinct from 2,999 to 5000 for certain elections.	<b>Oppose</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee passed. Passed House 3/9/2. In Senate Elections Committee	Submitted testimony 2/16/2021
69	HB 4236	Natural Resources	Eliminates caps in generation programs	<b>Support</b>	House Energy Committee	sent letter to committee to urge action 11/10/21
	HB 4270	Taxation	Eliminate sales tax on feminine hygiene products	<b>Support</b>	passed House and in Senate Finance Committee	
70	HB 4276	Election Law	Determine where prisoners are counted based on pre-incarceration address	<b>Support</b>	House Elections & Ethics Committee	
71	HB 4293	Education	Loosen requirements for substitute teachers	<b>Oppose</b>	5/27/21 passed House 56-52; assigned to Senate Education & Career Readiness	
72	HB 4297	Equal Rights	Protect sexual orientation	<b>Support</b>	House Judiciary Committee	
73	HB 4331	Natural Resources	Recycle beverage containers	<b>Support</b>	House Regulatory Committee	same as SB 167
74	HB 4383-92	Representative Government	Legislative Open Records	<b>Support</b>	Passed House and in Senate Oversight Committee	
	HB 4670	Criminal Justice	Good time credit	<b>Support</b>	Substitute on second reading in House	same as SB 649
75	HB 4835-36	Immigration	Allow driver's license and state ID for undocumented persons	<b>Support</b>	House Rules & Competitiveness	Sent in testimony 9/13/21
76	HB 4869-71	Brabec, et all	background checks for firearms	<b>Support</b>	House Military, Beterans and Homeland Security	
77	HB 4925	Whiteford	Changes funding for behavioral health	<b>Oppose</b>	House Health Policy Committee	



