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**Last Call for LEAD (League Education and Advocacy Day)  
in Columbia, January 19. Register by January 15.**

Find information, registration form, and agenda [here](#).



**Theodis Palmer** (*September 23, 1926 - January 3, 2019*)

**Leader, visionary, barrier-breaker**

Founder and long-time leader of the Sumter YWCA. Founder and first president of the Sumter League of Women Voters. First African-American member of the LWVSC state board.

state board.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which are overcome while trying to succeed." Booker T. Washington, oft quoted by Theodis Palmer.

Read about the inspirational life and accomplishments of Theo Palmer [here](#).

**Legislative Update Call: Monday, January 21, 5:00 pm.  
605-475-3235: PIN#: 287812**

## **LWVSC State House Legislative Priorities 2019**

The League of Women Voters is focused on a national goal of "making democracy work." Some of the legislative issues that we believe are important to achieve this goal in South Carolina include:

### **Redistricting Reform**

In March 2021 the US Census will release figures in support of redrawing the boundaries for state House and Senate districts and Congressional House districts. We support reforming the SC process for doing this, including establishing an independent commission to draw lines and amending criteria to eliminate protection of incumbents and parties from acceptable criteria. The 2018 bill H.4456 embodies our ideas on how to achieve this.

### **Voting Technology**

The League of Women Voters supports only voting systems that are secure, accurate, re-countable, accessible and transparent. We support replacing our current voting computers with a new technology of hand-marked paper ballots.

### **Ethics and Dark Money Reform**

Improvements were made in 2016 but our ethics laws still fall far short of what we need to ensure that public officials are working in the public interest, not their own interest. The highest priority is shedding light on dark money, requiring disclosure of donors and expenditures when money is spent to influence our votes. Other needs have been identified in a recent Grand Jury report. We expect to support a House bill that will incorporate the provisions of reform bills filed in the last session with responses to the needs identified by the Grand Jury.

### **Regulatory Accountability and Ethics Reform**

The League has been active in efforts to reform our regulatory system to ensure that the interests of the public are protected when the state regulates monopolies. Improvements were made in 2018, but much remains to be done. We remain especially concerned about the need for stronger qualifications for PSC commissioners and the need for PURC members and their families to be prohibited from receiving gifts, donations, and income from regulated entities.

### **Other Issues**

The League also works closely with coalition partners on other issues, including but not limited to **public education policy and funding, women's reproductive health, access to healthcare, environmental protection, judicial reform,**

health, access to healthcare, environmental protection, judicial reform, women's rights, home rule, and tax policy.

For further information, please contact Lynn Shuler Teague, VP for Issues and Action, at 803 556-9802 and teaguelynn@gmail.com.



All members are welcome to call in on the third Monday of the month for a legislative update with Lynn Teague. Find out which bills are moving and how our legislative agenda is being advanced.

**Next call: Monday, Jan. 21,  
5:00 pm  
Call 605-475-3235; PIN#:  
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**May 4-5, 2019: Convention!**

Our biennial state convention will be held this year at the Town and Country Inn and Suites, 2008

## Join our new Redistricting Blog:

### VotersRule2020!

In 2020, the census will be counting our citizens, and in 2021, a Redistricting Commission will be re-drawing our election district lines.

We want that Redistricting Commission to use an open, transparent process that will make every vote count.

We want an independent Redistricting Commission and clearly defined criteria that new redistricting maps must meet.

Join the TEAM to insist on drawing lines for democracy.

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