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LWVSC Study Shows Voting Miscounts, Software Deficiencies in SC 2018 Elections

Dr. Duncan Buell, USC Computer Science and Engineering professor, LWVSC member, and nationally recognized expert in voting technology, has been analyzing SC election data on behalf of the LWVSC and the citizens of SC since 2010. [His recently released analysis](#) of the 2018 elections shows that continued software problems in the voting systems used in SC led to significant errors that can damage election integrity and voter confidence. For example, despite recent software upgrades, several hundred votes were miscounted in the June 12 primary and the November 6 general elections.

The problems are the responsibility of the manufacturer, not the SC State Election Commission, and they highlight the harm that can come from using computers for elections when there is no backup capability and insufficient enforcement of computer-related technical standards.

Duncan Buell's report documents the need for a more secure, more efficient, and more cost-effective solution for South Carolina when the General Assembly funds a new system for 2020. **The League supports the use of a modern system of hand-marked paper ballots**, which are scanned rapidly, and which count and recount the vote reliably. Such a system would avert the problems found in this report.

[See the complete report here.](#)

COME ONE, COME ALL!

LEAD (League Education and Advocacy Day) is January 19 in Columbia!

More information and registration form [here](#).

And here is the AGENDA:

9:00-9:30 Registration and coffee

9:30-9:50 Welcome

Recognition of state board and attending Leagues

Business items (tax status, convention, program planning)

9:50-10:05 Kate Kennedy, LWVUS Chief Development Officer

10:10-11:20 *After the Midterms: Lessons for Future Elections*

Panelists: Professor John Holder, Winthrop University; Professor
Duncan Buell, USC; Barbara Zia (VOTE411)

11:20 Break

11:30 Legislative update: Lynn Teague, VP Issues and Advocacy

12:00-12:40 Lunch

12:40 - 1:30 and 1:35 to 2:30 Roundtable sessions; participants choose two topics,
one for each session

12:40; repeats at 1:35 — 1. Running an Observer Corps
(facilitators: Joan Kinne-Shulman, Barbara Griffin)

12:40; repeats at 1:35 — 2. Practicing nonpartisanship
(facilitators: Barbara Zia, Jean Wood)

12:40; repeats at 1:35 — 3. Local League education/advocacy on non-
Statehouse-priority state and national issues
(facilitators: Sally Huguley, Janie Shipley)

12:40; repeats at 1:35 — 4. Fundraising
(facilitator: Kate Kennedy)

12:40 only — 5. Presidents Roundtable
(facilitators: Holley Ulbrich, Christe McCoy)

1:35 only — 6. Planning for the Centennial
(facilitators: Julie Hussey, Holley Ulbrich)

2:30-3:15 Reports from Roundtables

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(franholthhbl@gmail.com).

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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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Two big LWVSC events coming up!

January 19, 2019: LEAD, our Leadership, Education, and Advocacy Day, for all members, in Columbia. [Registration form](#).

May 4-5, 2019: Convention! Our biennial state convention will be held this year in Charleston.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

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