

## GOVERNMENT

### Summary of League of Women Voters of the United States Positions and Major Action by the Illinois League Under the LWVUS Positions

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; that provides sound agriculture policies; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

## CITIZEN RIGHTS

*Editorial Note: Public Policy on Reproductive Choices (below) is one of several subtopics under CITIZEN RIGHTS.*

**Public Policy on Reproductive Choices** (1983): Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

**LWVIL action** LWVIL supports measures that protect a woman's access to reproductive health care, including the Freedom of Choice Act, and bills to assure safe entrance to health care facilities. It opposes efforts to require parental consent and notification. In 1999, League opposed legislative efforts to prohibit so-called "partial-birth" abortions and efforts to restrict the use of Medicaid monies to fund abortions. League was successful in persuading the Governor to veto a bill which would have banned payment for medically necessary abortions for women receiving Medicaid health benefits.