



# League of Women Voters of Illinois

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## Meet LWVIL Board Member



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## 2011 ISSUES BRIEFING



Speakers Sam Hudzik (left), Kathy Ryg (right) with LWVIL Issues VP, Kim Reed.

Issues Briefing Reports are now available on the LWVIL website! Go to [www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org) to read the latest on important issues that are followed by our LWVIL Issues Specialists: Redistricting, Fiscal Policy, Criminal Justice, Immigration, Election Laws, and more!

## TAKE ACTION!

### Ask Governor Quinn to Sign the DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION BILL now!

Phone: 312-814-2121 or 217-782-0244.

The Governor has until March 18 to sign the bill.

### Tell your Legislators to Pay Illinois' Bills.

Passing the income tax increase was important but only half the job. To stabilize the budget and grow jobs, Illinois must pay its bills, while continuing to improve education, health care, human services, and public safety. Please urge your legislators to support SB 3 (Cullerton-D). Read the full TFA (Time for Action) [HERE](#).

*Thank you for the important League work that you do in your local Leagues! These past few months, local Leagues have been busy with **program planning**. The response forms submitted (due in the LWVIL office by March 7) are used for convention planning and help set the direction for LWVIL's next two years.*

*Additionally, all around the state, local League leaders are conducting **legislative interviews with their state legislators and U.S. Congressional representatives**. Reports of these interviews should be forwarded to the LWVIL office and are used by the LWVIL Issues Committee. Together, all of us in League are "Making Democracy Work"!*

### LWVIL CONVENTION: June 10-12, 2011 North Shore Holiday Inn - Skokie

Plan to attend the Convention and join in "Mapping the Future." Be part of the action and future work of the LWVIL.

### Silent Auction items will be available on the LWVIL website in May.

Everyone can participate and bid. There will also be a Silent Auction at the Convention. Local Leagues and League members are invited to contribute an item or gift certificate that is representative of their local area. More info [HERE](#)

**Local Leagues may also sell Pubs & Wares items at the Convention.** It's an opportunity to enrich your League's treasury. Fill out the Pubs & Wares application form [HERE](#).