

LWVIL 2017 Issues Briefing: Election Laws - Automatic Voter Registration in Illinois

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LWVIL has been an active member of the Just Democracy coalition in support of automatic voter registration in Illinois. In spring 2016, SB250 passed both in the Illinois House and Illinois Senate with bipartisan support. However, the bill was vetoed by Governor Rauner. In the fall 2016 veto session, the Illinois Senate voted to override, but no vote was taken in the Illinois House. In February 2017, another automatic voter registration bill will be introduced in the Illinois General Assembly. Hopefully, this 2017 bill will pass again with bipartisan support in both the Illinois House and Illinois and also meet with Governor Rauner's approval. LWVIL plans to play an active lobbying role again in the 2017 effort. League members will be updated as to the progress of this legislation in 2017.