The State of Illinois continues to lurch from one crisis to another. It scrapes by using a combination of stopgap budgets, a court decision ordering state employees to be paid, failure to pay bills on time, and cuts to social services and higher education and other budget items that never came to a vote. Troubled school districts, local governments and pension systems cannot get help from the state. Negotiations between the governor and the four leaders of the General Assembly continue.

League Activity:
- October 2015 LWVIL joined other non-partisan civic organizations to publish a letter in the Chicago Tribune asking the Governor and legislative leaders to meet to discuss the budget impasse. A meeting was scheduled but the attendees did not agree to a budget.
- April 2016 TFA supporting a Constitutional Amendment for a graduated rate income tax.
- TFA supporting a budget bill to fund social services.
- May 2016 TFA supporting a Constitutional amendment for a graduated rate income tax. The bill did not pass. LWVIL also requested no more budget cuts, adequate revenues and fairness.
- TFA opposing freeze on property taxes. The bill did not advance.
- June 2016 TFA requesting that the General Assembly and Governor pass a fully funded budget by June 30. A partial budget passed.
- October 19, 2016, LWVIL President Mary Kubasak sent a letter to League members and the media opposing the proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution known as the Transportation Lockbox Amendment. The amendment passed.
- Questions regarding fiscal policy were contributed to the questions for Legislative Interviews and Candidates Forums. A video on the budget impasse was made and placed on LWVIL's web page.
- LWVIL is a member of the Responsible Budget Coalition which advocates for a fully funded budget with new revenue that invests in Illinois children, families and communities.