LWVIL supported HB1, known as Pay to Play, a bill with the greatest chance of becoming law in Illinois. HB1 would prohibit business owners with more than $25,000 in state contracts from making campaign contributions to officeholders awarding the contracts. It also would require contract bidders to disclose past campaign contributions to the constitutional officer responsible for awarding the contracts and would prohibit state officers, employees and their spouses from profiting from state bond deals.

LWVIL supported HB8, a bill that strengthens state laws regulating lobbying of state government.

LWVIL supported SB222 which provides for voluntary public funding of Appellate and Supreme Court. It is anticipated that if the bill is to pass, it will do so without the Supreme Court, and the only judicial elections that will be publicly funded will be the Appellate Court.

LWVIL submitted written testimony on behalf of HB3497 at the Committee on Elections and Campaign Finance Reform. The bill provides limits on campaign contributions. A TFA (Time for Action) was sent in March 2007.

Transparency in Government: LWVIL submitted a statement in support of the Transparency in Government Bill, HB824, in February 2007. The bill requires the Illinois Treasurer’s Office to list publicly where the state’s money is invested.