



# The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, MO

## AUGUST 12: LEAGUE AT STATE FAIR PARADE



The LWVMO board voted to participate in the Missouri State Fair opening day parade in Sedalia on Thursday, August 12. This is an excellent opportunity to share our name and our mission with literally thousands of our fellow citizens in less than an hour! We participated in the parade in August 2019 in suffragist (and

other historic) costumes, and it was great fun! League members, friends, and family members are welcome to join in!

If you are interested and want the details about the time and place to meet, contact Kathleen Boswell at: [boswell@iland.net](mailto:boswell@iland.net)

## SEPTEMBER 8: ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC



Join us at Stephens Park's Gordon Shelter on Wednesday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. for a Covid-safe picnic. Bring your family and a friend who is interested in joining the LWV if you wish.

We will provide a choice of boxed meals for \$10 each. The League will pay the remainder of the cost of the meals, and provide beverages and ice.

We are receiving guidance from the Columbia/Boone County Public Health Human Services on how to make this a safe event. We ask that all who attend be vaccinated and wear a mask.

We will send more information about the meal choices and how to make a reservation in the next newsletter.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair  
Hospitality Committee

## SEPTEMBER 14 LUNCH & LEARN: REDISTRICTING IN MISSOURI



We will resume our Lunch & Learn Programs in September, and continue on Zoom for now. Attendance has been very good with Zoom, and it is easy and convenient for the guest speakers.

Our Lunch & Learn Program at noon on September 14 will be on Redistricting in Missouri. This is our annual Holly Burgess Public Policy Forum, co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women - Columbia Branch and the Columbia Public Library. Speakers will include Sharon Schneeberger, Chair of the Missouri Fair Redistricting committee and LWVCBC Board Member.

Redistricting is going on in Missouri now. Did you know the Redistricting process occurs once every ten years and is different in each state? We will explain the Missouri Redistricting process (as defined in the state constitution and Amendment 3) and update you on what is currently happening in Missouri. All citizens are

urged to stay informed and to call for transparency, bipartisanship, and public input so this process will yield fair maps. Please attend via Zoom to learn more about redistricting and what actions you might take. Viewers are welcome to pose questions in the Zoom Chat.

On Tuesday, October 12, the Children's Grove will present a program on Suicide Prevention.

On Tuesday, November 9, Alice Kitchen from the Kansas City League of Women Voters will present a program on Paid Family Leave.

Thank you to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs. You will need to register for these events on the library's website: [events.dbrl.org](https://events.dbrl.org). Lunch & Learn Programs are also recorded and can be viewed on our website and our Facebook page.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair  
Lunch & Learn Committee

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The great news this month is that the Missouri Supreme Court unanimously upheld the will and intentions of Missouri voters for Medicaid Expansion. Missourians across the state will now finally be able to realize the health and economic benefits of Medicaid. The LWVCBC has worked diligently for several years to promote Medicaid expansion in Missouri. The Supreme Court Case was issued July 22, 2021, Opinion No. SC99185.

Sharon Schneeberger, Chair of our Fair Redistricting Committee, will speak at our September 14 Lunch & Learn program on Redistricting and how you can help. This is so crucial to democracy and meaningful voting. People Powered Fair Maps, is a LWVUS national redistricting program.

LWVMO, LWVMetro St.Louis, LWVKC and LWVCBC met on Zoom this month to discuss a campaign to thank and highlight poll workers for their work and to educate the public about poll workers. Who are they? They are our neighbors, aunts, uncles, nieces, grandmothers, and daughters.

My mother was a poll worker in Detroit, Michigan for 20 years or more, and she loved doing it and was diligent. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, go to [showmeboone.com](http://showmeboone.com) & fill out an online application.

Here is some information from the site —

**Poll Worker Information:**

Each year, up to 600 poll workers volunteer across Boone County. Poll workers are a vital part of Election Day and help ensure that every election runs smoothly. Workers set up and manage polling places, assist voters, and maintain the efficiency and integrity of the election process in Boone County.

**Qualifications:**

- 18 years old or older
- Registered Boone County voter
- Able to read, write, and speak English fluently
- Completion of mandatory training before each election
- Compensation:
- Poll workers are paid a base rate of \$160 per election
- Additional pay is available for added responsibilities and completed trainings.

**Hours:**

Polls are open on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Poll workers report to their assigned poll at 4:30 a.m. and leave the poll after completing all duties after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.



— Barbara Hoppe, President  
[yesforparks@hotmail.com](mailto:yesforparks@hotmail.com)



## NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IS SEPTEMBER 28

The LWV will celebrate National Voter Registration Day on September 28, and we plan to coordinate our activities with the Boone County Clerk's office. More details will be in the September Voter.

— Carol Schreiber, Chair  
Voter Service Committee

## SEPT. 21 CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM — MINORITY YOUTH INEQUITIES IN JUSTICE, PART 3



Be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 21, and join us for Part 3 of our series on juvenile justice: "Minority Youth: Inequities in Justice."

We have reserved the Boone County Commission Chambers in hope of an in-person event, with social time at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. (Note that we will be prepared to move this event to Zoom if necessary, based on the Boone County Health Department's recommendations at that time).

The Civil Liberties Committee members, along with a number of interested cosponsors, are

planning the program, which will focus on how the Juvenile Justice system works and discuss the issues we find. Watch for details in the September *Voter*.

We are so pleased to have many cosponsors, including Boone County Community Services, the Cradle to Career Alliance, the Columbia Public Library, the Men's Minority Network, FACE, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority- Delta Tau Chapter.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair  
Civil Liberties Committee

## VOTER REGISTRATION PLANNING UNDERWAY

The Voter Service Committee is planning voter registration events for the fall, including an activity on National Voter Registration Day, September 28. We will keep in mind the Covid situation in planning in-person events. We do continue to post Twitter and Facebook information on voter registration.

The Committee will be closely following any actions adversely affecting voters during the Missouri state legislature's special session on

redistricting the Missouri Congressional districts. We expect this special session to occur in September or October. Should any new restrictions be enacted, our Committee will begin voter education on the changes.

If you would like to help with voter registration, please send an email to [carol\\_schrei@gmail.com](mailto:carol_schrei@gmail.com).

— Carol Schreiber, Chair  
Voter Service Committee

## NEW STUDY GROUP FORMING: MISSOURI STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL CONTROL

An important new study group is forming, and you are invited to join. In response to local community wants and needs, cities and counties have passed regulations stricter than state law on a wide variety of issues. In recent years the Missouri state legislature has preempted local authority in several areas: limiting local control over the siting of and effluent from Confined Animal Feeding Operations, minimum wage increases, earnings taxes, use/disposal of plastic shopping bags, and local restrictions on firearms. New laws passed in 2021 prohibit local law enforcement officers from enforcing federal gun laws and restrict local government authority to implement public health epidemic control measures.

According to the National League of Cities, "Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority." Their website notes that "State preemption can span virtually all policy areas."

The preemption of local governmental authority, which is accelerating in Missouri, can seriously impact many LWVMO program positions. In response, the LWVCBC is forming a study group to consider developing a program position and action plan. **If you would like to serve on this study group, please e-mail Mahree Skala at [skalamahree@yahoo.com](mailto:skalamahree@yahoo.com).**

— Mahree Skala, Chair  
Local Control Study Group

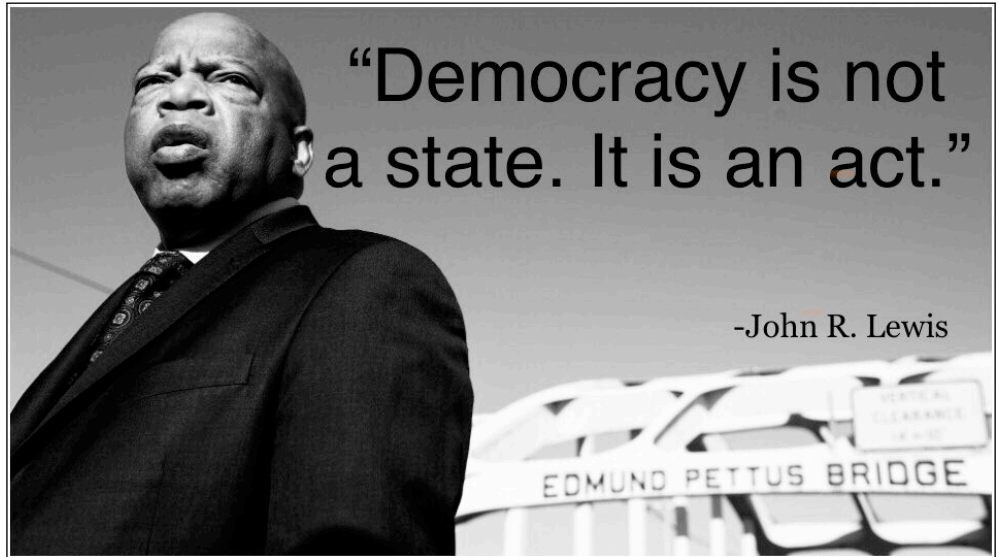
## SUMMER OF ACTION: FOR THE PEOPLE ACT & JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT

We're into a Summer of Action to advocate for passage of the For the People Act (HR1) and the John R. Lewis Act Voting Rights Act (HR4/S1) in the U.S. Senate. Voter protection advocates must educate the public that these bills are crucial to ensure that all voters can vote.

So far, in 2021, 22 voter suppression laws have been passed in 14 states. The SCOTUS' Brnovich decision, which ruled against the "disparate effect" of Arizona's voting laws, will make it harder to win in court actions.

To most effectively counter voter suppression, we need to advocate for the For the People Act and John R. Lewis Act in the public arena. Congressional advocates are working the process internally, and voting rights advocates must tell the public why we need the For the People Act. Both bills will come to a vote in the Senate, and public pressure is required to get their passage.

League members can write letters to the editor, send emails to their friends and family, and post social media notices about how vital the



passage of these two bills is to ensure that each of us has access to voting.

Vigils were held in four cities in Missouri, including Jefferson City, and nationwide, on Saturday, July 17, to mark the anniversary of John R. Lewis' death.

Help the cause by calling 1-888-453-3211 to be forwarded to the offices of Senators Hawley and Blunt to ask them to vote for the For the People Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act.

If you're not already participating in the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition's weekly meeting on Zoom, text MOVPC to 66866 to request notice of the weekly Zoom.



### For The People Act



Protect & Expand Voting Rights



Create An Ethical & Accountable Government



Reduce The Influence Of Big Money In Politics

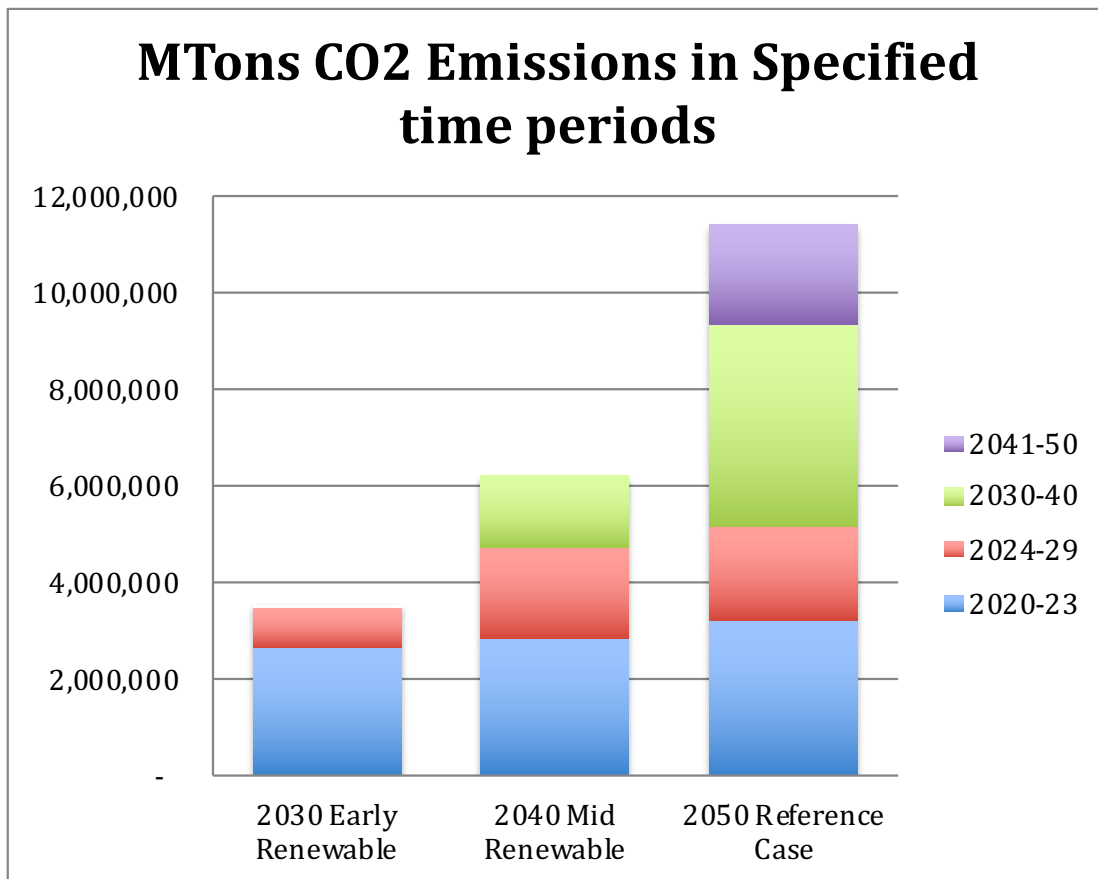
Thank you for all your efforts toward "Making Democracy Work."

— Marilyn McLeod, President LWVMO

## ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION PLANS & GREENHOUSE GAS PRODUCTION

The city has contracted with energy consultant Siemens to provide an Integrated Resource and Master Plan for Columbia’s electric power. Siemens will deliver their draft final report to the Electric Integrated Resource and Master Plan task force on August 26. Siemens has been sending portions of the study to the task force for almost two years. There are two major sections: (1) electricity sources, and (2) transmission and distribution (T&D). The draft report on the T&D portion has been delivered. A public meeting to hear the public’s views on the entire report will likely occur in October.

Siemens has developed nine case scenarios that achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030 or 2040 or 2050. We recently received numbers for greenhouse gas production for these nine scenarios. The three scenarios most likely to be considered by the City Council are below.



The 2020 - 2023 blue band indicates the period prior to the completion of contracted renewable energy currently under construction, while we are still primarily using coal-fired electricity. The thin red band shows the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) as renewable energy is deployed by the 2030 deadline. The green band shows the decrease in GHG by the 2040 deadline. All Siemens numbers stop at 2040. After that (the purple band) is my educated guess. I felt it was important to recognize that the 2050 scenario would still produce GHG after 2040.

— Dick Parker, Chair  
Energy & Climate Committee  
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## Upcoming League Events!



AUGUST 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	8	11	12 LWVMO at MO State Fair Parade, Sedalia	13	14 LWV Education Committee Meeting (Time & place TBD)
15	16 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 LWVCBC Picnic Gordon Shelter Stephens Lake Park 5:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14 Lunch & Learn: Redistricting Zoom at Noon	15	16	17	18
19	20 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	21 Constitution Day Juvenile Justice Boone County Chambers 6:30 pm social time; 7pm program (or on Zoom)	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	OCT. 1	2

**LWV Officers:**

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**Appointed Directors:**

Dick Parker (256-4397)

**Committee Chairs:**

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**Voter Editor:** Ava Fajen

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Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

**Member News**

*Membership for 2021: 209*

**Welcome to New Members:  
 Mary Cason, Ann Morgan, John Noller,  
 and Terryona Samuels-Nunelly**

**Reminder: Deadline for dues for 2022 is November 1**

**2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**League of Women Voters Columbia-Boone County**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues include local, state and national membership.

**NEW** \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Dues \$65 \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Household Dues \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ **\$135\*** \_\_\_\_\_

First time member 30 years of age and under. \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Subsidized Dues (for members on limited income) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Dues in honor of our 100th Anniversary! \$0** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Ages 16 to 23)**

Additional contribution to subsidize dues for members unable to afford membership rates. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to LWV Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include a separate check for donations to the LWV Education Fund. Donations to Education Fund are tax-deductible)

Make Checks Payable to LWV and mail to:  
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 PO Box 239  
 Columbia, MO 65205

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If you need a paper copy, please check \_\_\_\_\_

**\*We invite you to help celebrate our 100th Anniversary by joining or renewing at the Suffragist Level!**



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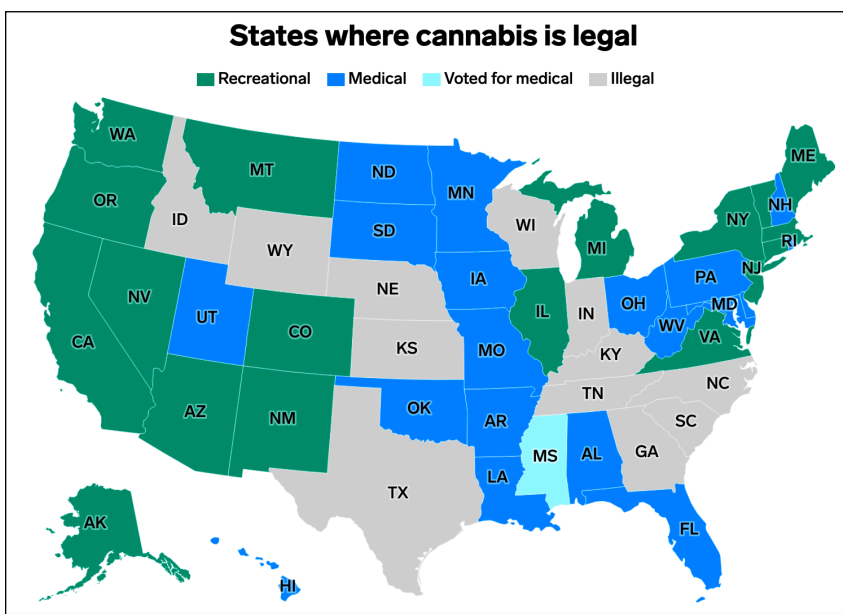
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### MARIJUANA IN MISSOURI STUDY GROUP UPDATE



This figure is from the *Business Insider*, July 2, 2021, <https://www.businessinsider.com/legal-marijuana-states-2018-1>

The LWVCBC Marijuana Policy Study Committee held its second meeting on June 26. We reviewed the materials recommended by members of the committee.

We also reviewed the recent dramatic progress in marijuana law reform. Six states have legalized marijuana through the legislative process since the beginning of this year.

Last week, a bill was introduced in the United States Senate by Democratic Majority Leader Charles Schumer. This bill would repeal the federal prohibition on cannabis and set up a federal system of taxation and regulation.

Our goal is to produce a final report no later than January of 2022.

— Dan Viets, Chair  
Marijuana Policy Committee