

**Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States  
As adopted by the Thirty-Sixth Convention, May 13-17, 1984 and amended in 1986,  
1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.**

**ARTICLE IV**

**Local Leagues, Inter-League Organizations and Member-at-Large Units**

**Sec. 1. Local Leagues.** Members shall be organized into local Leagues in order to promote the purposes of the League and to take action on local governmental matters. The Board of Directors of the LWVUS, hereinafter referred to as the national board, may grant full local League recognition to groups that have fulfilled the requirements of their state boards and the national board. Only one local League shall be recognized in any community.

**Sec. 2. Inter-League Organizations.**

**A.** Members enrolled in local Leagues may organize inter-League organizations, hereinafter referred to as ILOs, in order to promote the purposes of the League and to take action on county, metropolitan or regional governmental matters.

**B.** The national board shall recognize ILOs that fulfill requirements of the national board.

**Sec. 3. Member-at-Large Units.** Member-at-large units may be formed by state Leagues in areas where circumstances dictate such organization. Rules and procedures for the formation and operation of such units shall be the responsibility of the state League.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Withdrawal of Recognition**

**Sec. 1. Procedure.** The national board may withdraw recognition from any state or local League, or ILO for recurrent failure to fulfill recognition requirements. Recognition may be withdrawn only upon full investigation and after the League involved has had an opportunity to be heard by a committee of the national board. Withdrawal of recognition shall require a three-fourths vote of the national board and shall become effective immediately.

**Sec. 2. Appeal.** A state or local League or an ILO may appeal to the next convention or council meeting for reinstatement of recognition by filing a written request signed by a majority of the members of its board with the secretary at least 30 days prior to the convention or council meeting. The convention or council meeting shall decide whether to hear the appeal and shall establish procedures for such a hearing.

**Sec. 3. Disposition of Funds.** Upon dissolution, the funds of a state League shall be paid to the LWVUS and the funds of a local League shall be paid to the state League in which it was organized. Funds held by an ILO shall be prorated among the member Leagues.