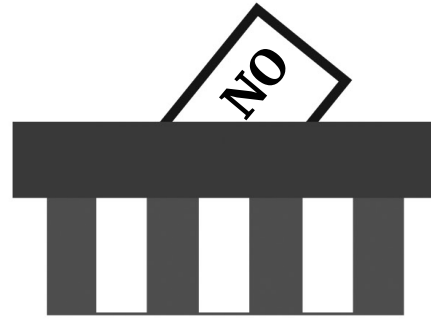


Vote 'No' November 5



On the Constitutional Amendment



On November 5, 2024, voters will be asked to approve yet another amendment to the state constitution. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin recommends a 'No' vote on this proposal.

The proposed amendment would replace the current guarantee that "every" citizen may vote with a limitation that "only" a citizen may vote. But the misleading question that will appear on the ballot does not show that the right of "every" citizen to vote is being eliminated. Instead it states:

Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?

Actual language of amendment:

[Article III] Section 1 (2) ~~Every~~ Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.

Language ~~stricken~~ through would be deleted, language underlined would be added.

WHY VOTE 'NO'?

- Voters will not be aware that they may be removing the right all citizens now have to vote.
- If the amendment is approved, voters may be required to show additional documents to establish their citizenship, such as proof of birth in this country. Many people don't have a birth certificate and those who do, especially women, may now have a different name. Would women be required to show marital documents to establish their right to vote as a citizen?
- The proposed change is unnecessary. There is no evidence of rampant voter fraud by non-citizens in Wisconsin. According to the Wisconsin Election Commission, since 2019 a total of three non-citizens were referred for prosecution for voting illegally.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

You can vote by mail, vote early at a designated site or vote in-person at your polling place on election day. See our website, lwvdanecounty.org, or scan the QR code for more information:

