



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their "homework?", Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

Just a short report on my visit to the Tuesday, March 8 meeting of the Senate State & Local government Committee. the SB 0923 early voting bill was delayed for two weeks for changes in language. Nothing else said that would clarify this bill.

SB 1360 did not come up. I think it may have been referred to by its number in the list rather than the bill number, and, if so, it was also delayed because no discussion occurred that I could discern. I am new to all of this so it is possible I just missed it, but I don't think anything was done.

SB 0115 was also delayed because Scripts wanted to discuss the bill before a vote. Someone mentioned that it was the editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal who wanted to discuss this bill. It was delayed for three weeks.

A bill (I did not get the number) that allows cities to eliminate early voting if there is no opposition candidate for any office on the ballot was passed on after an amendment to leave Davidson County out of the bill was passed. Some members were concerned that this bill might affect a possible write-in candidate, and a promise was made that the language would reflect that if a write-in candidate registered appropriately, the early voting would be required. According to the sponsors (Seavers, I think), this change affects small towns and will save them money when there is no opposition to any of the candidates.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience except for the ridiculous cost of parking. I will be more knowledge next time and try to park at a meter. All of the people were very friendly, and I would recommend the experience for everyone. Bye, Nancy

Four horizontal lines for signature or additional notes.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues?

Other Concerns:

Observer: Nancy Hudgins Meeting: State Senate State and Local Government Committee Date: 3-8-11

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LWV Nashville Observer Corps Reporting Procedure

_____ Forms are available on the LWV Nashville web site. Completed forms should be mailed* or e-mailed to the Observer Corps Committee Chair, Barbara Gay barbara.b.gay@gmail.com within 5 days of your observation meeting.

_____ Report any urgent matter to the Observer Corps Committee Chair or the LWV President immediately (example: an action in direct opposition to the League positions).

_____ IF the information relates to items of importance to the League, please furnish the Observer Corps Chair with a copy of the agenda, handouts, or other material collected at the meeting.

_____ Any additional information or comments can be written on the back of the form (if handwritten) or added to an e-mail transmission.

_____ Each observer should retain a copy of any reports and attachments submitted to the Observer Corps Committee.

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