


North Dakota Legislative Update

2023 Election Bills



About the League

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization with the mission of **empowering voters** and **defending democracy**.

 [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org)

 Voter education

 Candidate forums

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Legislative Session Overview

January: 900+ bills filed!

Jan-Feb: Public hearings and floor votes on bills

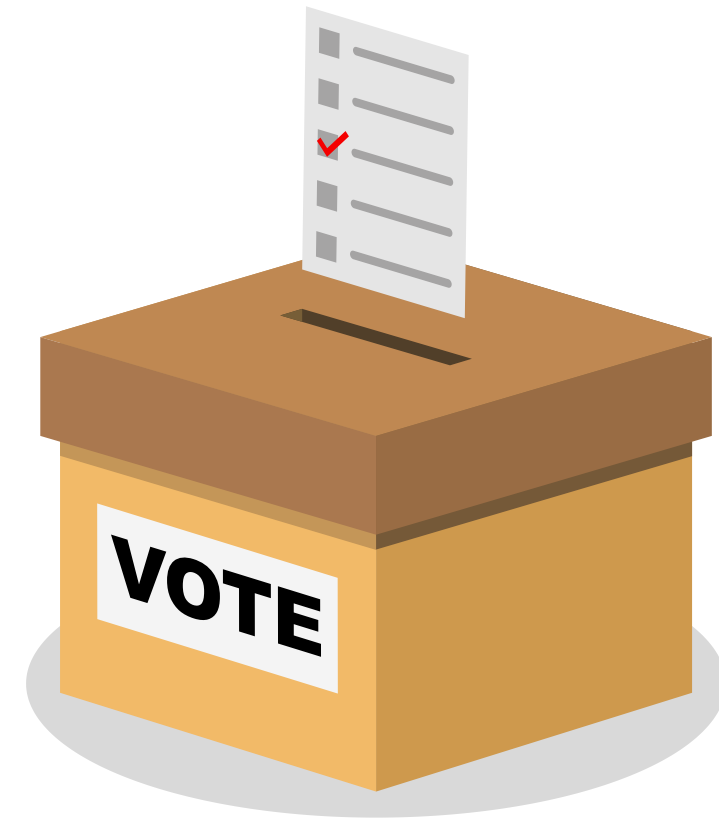
Feb 24th: House & Senate swap bills that passed

March: Public hearings and floor votes

April: End of Session

2023 Election Bills

- Ballot Initiatives
- Campaign Finance
- Election Integrity
- Proof of Citizenship to Vote



Good Bills that Passed

- 1) Require school board candidates to submit campaign finance reports
- 2) Require candidates to file with an email address

**House Bills
1116 & 1257**

**House Bill
1424**

Bills That Failed

- Getting rid of mail-in voting
- Limiting drop boxes
- Limiting vote centers
- Requiring proof of citizenship for all voters



Requiring Proof of Citizenship

- It's unnecessary
- It's discriminatory
- It opens the state up to costly litigation

**House Bill
1431**

- 15,000+ "permanent residents" cards on file
- 700+ people naturalized per year

Banning Ranked-Choice & Approval Voting

- It prevents communities from implementing their preferred voting method

**House Bill
1273**

- Compels plurality voting
- Fargo used approval voting in 2020 & 2022

Restricting Ballot Initiatives

- Will negatively impact citizen-led efforts to participate in the governance of our state

HCR 3031
SCR 4013

- More petition signatures required
- Requires majority of votes in majority of counties
- Has to pass primary AND general elections

Take Action

- **Contact your legislators**
- Tell your friends and neighbors
- Write a letter to your local newspaper
- Submit public testimony

action plan

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