



*Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy.*

## League Memo: Dec. 4th is Lobby Day at the Capitol!



League Members,

LWVMI invites you to join the Promote the Vote (PTV) coalition in Lansing for a lobby day in support of the Michigan Voting Rights Act (MIVRA) on Wednesday, December 4, 9am-5pm. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Participants for the MIVRA as well as attendees for other legislation will gather at Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol, Lansing, 48933.

During the Lame Duck session, the Michigan House has a chance to pass crucial bills approved by the Senate to protect the right to vote for all Michiganders. The Michigan Voting Rights Act (MIVRA; Senate Bills 401, 402, 403, and 404) represents one of the most significant steps we can take to protect our democracy.

For years, federal courts have been chipping away at the protections of the federal Voting Rights Act. It is up to states to lead the way. The MIVRA will provide comprehensive protection for the right to vote for all Michiganders, including:

- Provide new legal tools to fight discriminatory voting rules.
- Expand language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency.
- Ensure advance public notice of key voting changes.
- Provide protections and assistance for voters with disabilities.

- Establish a central hub for election information to increase transparency and promote best practices.
- Allow courts to require judicial preapproval before voting changes can go into effect in jurisdictions that have violated voting rights laws.

PTV will provide trainings, materials and food. [Here is a 2-page summary](#) of the MIVRA that can inform your conversations, and be left for your legislator.

Travel assistance can be arranged, [including gas cards which can be requested by filling out this brief form.](#)

Organizers will set up a meeting for you to talk to your House Representative or their staffer about passing the MIVRA. Meetings are anticipated to occur 11-11:30am or 1-1:30pm.

LWVMI strongly supports the MIVRA. Identify yourself as a League member who is working to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy here in Michigan!

[Click here to sign up for the Dec. 4 MIVRA lobby day](#) and feel free to invite others.

Please contact Paula, Judy K. or Denise, if you have questions.

Thank you!

Paula Bowman and Denise Hartsough, LWVMI Co-Presidents

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