

League of Women Voters ^[1]

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"League of Women Voters, 1927."

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^[4]The League of Women Voters of North Carolina was founded in 1920 by leaders of the movement for women suffrage to inform and encourage active participation by citizens in public policy issues. As a nonpartisan organization, the league does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. It encourages citizen participation and education through voter registration drives, public debate, and forums, and it fosters change through advocate lobbying efforts at all levels. It also studies and promotes a wide range of issues, such as universal voter registration and effective [election laws](#) ^[5]; fair, honest, and open campaign practices; protection of natural resources; responsible local, state, and federal fiscal policies; safe, affordable housing; child care and women's issues; an effective criminal justice system; and fair and equitable taxes.

The North Carolina league is a three-tiered organization with a national office in Washington, D.C., a state office in [Raleigh](#) ^[6], and a state board of directors that serves as an administrative unit for 27 local leagues representing 23 counties in the state.

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