

League of Women Voters
County Charter Revision Committee

AGENDA
Monday, January 14, 2002

Decisions:

I What initiative measure(s) to file:

The County Counsel has informally told Kathy Beckett, Election Clerk, that our initiative measure on the question: "Shall there be a five member County Board of Commissioners, one of whom will be elected as a fully compensated chair?" seems to have three subjects: number, compensation, and method of choosing a chair.

We can: (1) elect to try to file it anyway, and if found to have more than one subject, decide what to do then;

(2) go with Ruth's suggested rewrite: "Question: Shall there be a five member Board of Commissioners, with four serving at half time?" (It may be that the county counsel will think this is two subjects). This leaves the method of selecting a chair the way it is, which is that the commissioners choose their own chair. (See county charter.)

(3) also have a fallback position, so can file another initiative if the one filed is found to have more than one subject. Our fallback would have to have the number of commissioners in one initiative and the "half time" in a different one. Perhaps we can reverse the order, so that the number will only go to five if the half-time initiative passes. This avoids ending up with five or more full-time commissioners. It could possibly give us three half-time commissioners.

II Evelyn Ousterhout has resigned as a chief petitioner. We need to select someone else from the League as our representative.

1:30
March 1

file as
committee
to support