



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### *Legislative Update for June 15, 2009*

**HB 1260-VOTER PREREGISTRATION AND EDUCATION** - An act to provide for preregistration of qualified individuals who are sixteen or seventeen years of age and to expand instruction on the importance of voting in the high school social studies curriculum and to encourage local boards of education to promote registration and preregistration of students.

Bryant; Cotham; Burr; Burris-Floyd

Latest Action-S-6/1/09-Re-refer to Judiciary I

**SB 963-EXPEDITE USE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS** - An act to expedite the use of federal stimulus funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the federal stimulus funds received by the State of North Carolina be spent as efficiently and effectively as possible to create jobs and otherwise improve the economy; therefore, the Office of Economic Recovery and Investment, the Office of State Construction, and the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the General Assembly by May 1, 2009, on legislation necessary to expedite the process

Nesbitt; Preston

Latest Action-S-6/10/09-Re-refer to Select Committee on Economic Recovery

#### **BUDGET UPDATE**

The House approved a budget early Saturday morning. At 12:08 a.m. Saturday members approved the budget 64 to 53, sending the bill to the Senate. The vote was mostly along party lines with two Democrats joining the entire Republican Caucus to vote NO. The total budget is \$18.6 billion with \$780 million of increased revenue. Next week, the Senate will almost assuredly vote NOT TO CONCUR in the changes the House made. After that, Conference Committees are appointed in both Chambers and the many differences will be ironed out. There will also be time to negotiate with Gov. Perdue before the fiscal year begins on July 1st.

#### **STATE OF EMERGENCY BUDGET RALLY- MONDAY, JUNE 15th**

*From our Together NC partners, Meg Gray and Rob Thompson*

The HK on J/Together NC **State of Emergency Budget Rally** is today, **Monday, June 15th**.

We ask that people arrive by 5:30 pm to our gathering location on the mall area between the NC History Museum and NC Museum of Natural Sciences across from the Legislative Building .

Please continue to spread the word to your members, networks, friends, and family (this will be a family friendly event). **We have included some important and helpful logistical information below for you to share with people who plan to attend.**

#### **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

We plan to kick-off the rally at 5:45 with a series of speakers, so please plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. We will have volunteers at a couple of sign-in points and walking around with a petition/sign-in sheets.

We will walk together to the Legislative Building (directly across the street) no later than 6:30 p.m. The plan is to fill the House and Senate Chambers. Once the two chambers are full, the overflow of rally attendees will gather outside the doors of the Senate and House chambers. We will have multiple volunteers outside and inside of the General Assembly to help guide people to the chambers and chamber entrances.

The House and Senate will start their session at 7:00 p.m. There is no way to predict how long the session will last. If you are looking for an end-time to tell people, 7:45 p.m. is a safe bet.

We will provide rally attendees with a list of House and Senate Members' room and phone numbers so they can either make office visits or phone calls while they are at the General Assembly. This will be particularly useful for those people who do not make it into the Chamber.

**VOTER OWNED ELECTION LOBBY DAY:** Tuesday, June 17th at 9:30am at the Legislative Building. Please visit <http://www.ncvce.org> for more information and to register.

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