

**WRITTEN COMMENTS BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA BEFORE THE HOUSE PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 11, 2022**

**HB 1140**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports this bill. It is reasonable and appropriate to require the general registrar to send notification via mail and email (if available) to an individual whose voter registration has been cancelled.

**HB895**

The League supports HB 895, which provides in detail for the routine conduct of risk-limiting audits in Virginia's elections. Risk-limiting audits, or RLAs, are the gold standard of post-election audits. By auditing actual ballots cast by voters, RLAs confirm the will of the voters. And, if the election's reported result is in doubt, the audit can be expanded to determine the real winner.

The Commonwealth and localities successfully conducted a series of pilot audits, the statewide audit of the presidential and vice-presidential races in 2020, and recently two House of Delegates races. League members observed and even participated in many of these audits and found the process works well.

Risk-limiting audits are a sophisticated, statistically accurate means of confirming correct election outcomes within a reasonable timeframe and cost. We urge you to support this bill.

**HB1082**

LWV-VA does not support HB 1082 because voter turnout for local elections in May is lower than it is for November elections. We supported moving the elections to November specifically to encourage voters to participate in city and town elections and this bill would discourage voting.