

LWVCC INFORMATION FOR LOCAL LEAGUES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Below is information concerning the three non-binding referenda that will be on the November 2018 ballot. The LWVCC will not be taking a stand on the first two referenda because we do not have a position. The third referendum is a State issue and the LWVIL is asking Cook County Citizens to vote “yes” on this referendum.

THREE ADVISORY REFERENDA (non-binding)

“Shall the minimum wage in your municipality match the \$13 per hour Cook county minimum wage law for adults over the age of 18 by July 1, 2020, and indexed to the consumer price index after that?”

Yes or No

“Shall your municipality match the Cook County earned sick time law which allows for workers to earn up to 40 hours (5 days) of sick time a year to take care of their own health or a family member’s health?”

Yes or No

The above referenda are a result of two ordinances that were passed by the Cook County Board; however, more than 50% of municipalities have opted out of enforcing these ordinances. Cook County would like to get a sense of each community’s feeling on these issues. . To see if your community has opted out of this please click on [the link](#).

The third referendum is as follows:

“Should the State of Illinois strengthen penalties for the illegal trafficking of firearms and require all gun dealers to be certified by the State?”

Yes or No

The third referendum dealing with gun trafficking penalties and gun dealer registrations, were bills that passed the legislature. According to the LWVIL, the Governor is expected to either veto them or they are being held with the understanding that he is likely to veto them. The League has supported the above items and gathered signatures for a petition in support of SB 337 Combatting illegal Gun Trafficking Act. The LWVIL is asking you to **vote “yes”** on this referendum. [Click here](#) for the fact sheet on SB 337

VOTE YES ON SB 337 AMENDMENT #3 Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act

The Combatting Illegal Gun Trafficking Act requires Federal Firearms License holders to be certified in Illinois. This certification will implement best business practices to help reduce guns entering the illegal market and allow state and local law enforcement to crack down on corrupt dealers.

THE PROBLEM

- Gun Dealers are the most critical link between gun manufacturers and the public. They're also one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked firearms in the nation.
- Federal law requires anyone engaged in the business of dealing firearms to have a license from ATF. However, loopholes in federal law enable dealers to engage in illegal business practices and fly under the radar. ATF lacks the necessary resources and legal authority to go after these negligent gun dealers. • Chicago recovers 6 times as many guns per capita as New York City, and 1.5x as many guns per capita as Los Angeles. Both New York State and California have enacted State Gun Dealer Regulations.
- Recent research indicates that 40% of guns used in crimes between 2013 and 2016 came from Illinois gun dealers. THE SOLUTION: The Firearm Dealer Certification Act gives Illinois the ability to encourage better business practices and hold corrupt dealers accountable. It will help curb a major source of illegally trafficked firearms from entering our communities by enforcing the following:
 - Background Checks for Licensees & Employees: Gun store employees often have access to huge inventories of guns and it is a common sense practice to require that dealers and their employees are as responsible as the buyers.
 - Transparency and Accountability: Upon certification, dealers would have their places of business open for inspection by Illinois State Police (ISP) and law enforcement during hours of operation.
 - Training: The legislation would require training to ensure that dealers and their employees know how to conduct background checks, identify and stop straw purchases, and properly store guns to prevent thefts. Increased regulation of gun dealers to prevent straw purchases has been associated with a 64% decrease of the number of guns from those dealers used in crimes.
 - Security Requirements to Protect Our Communities: industrywide best practices by requiring video security for brick and mortar locations and requiring that a copy of every purchaser's FOID or ID card be kept on record.
 - Safe Business Location Requirements: The law would prevent the business of any new licensee from being within 500 feet of any school or be in violation of any local ordinance.
 - 85% of Illinois voters support requiring gun dealers to be regulated by the state Increased regulation of dealers to prevent straw purchases has been associated with an 64% decrease in the number of guns from those dealers used in crimes.

