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**THE LEAGUE
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:
A8277A/KAVANAGH AND S5028B/ADDABBO

TO: NYS SENATE AND ASSEMBLY
DATE: JUNE 18, 2010

Subject: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY
*Proposing an amendment to section 2 of article 2 of the constitution, in relation to
absentee voting.*

The League of Women Voters of New York State supports the proposed constitutional amendment (A8277A and S5028B) which would authorize the legislature to provide for the manner, time and place for qualified voters to vote on or before the day of the election and other than by personal appearance. The proposed amendment would remove the constitutional restriction on voting by absentee ballot and grant the legislature flexibility to consider other methods of voting which currently may not be constitutional in New York.

Amending the New York State constitution requires passage of concurrent resolutions of the Senate and Assembly in two separately elected legislatures and subsequent ratification by the voters.

The League supports legislation that encourages open discussion of opportunities to extend and exercise the ability and right to vote.