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Reform At Last!!

The League of Women Voters of New York State congratulates the state legislature on passage in Monday's special session of the Quadrennial Commission for Judicial Compensation to determine fair and equitable compensation for our judges and justices. The League is proud of its five-year role in pressing for passage of legislation that provides a fair and objective process to determine the compensation of our judiciary.

New York judges and justices have not received pay increases for more than eleven years. This Commission will take the politics out of the process of determining judicial compensation and will preserve the independence of the judiciary by breaking the link to legislative pay raises.

The League of Women Voters of NYS applauds Governor Paterson for including the reform measure on the extraordinary session agenda and thanks Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader John Sampson for their action. Finally the League thanks Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman for his tireless work to achieve this ground breaking reform depoliticizing the process by which judges are compensated.

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