

Appendix A.2
League of Women Voters of Alabama Legislative Survey:
Results for Respondents from the Senate

| | Survey Item | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total N |
|------------------|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| TIME | Time allocated for committees to meet needs to be increased. | 35.3 | 52.9 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 17 |
| | Time allocated for legislative sessions needs to be extended. | 11.8 | 0.0 | 41.2 | 47.1 | 17 |
| | Time available for legislators to do research and work on proposed legislation needs to be increased. | 35.3 | 52.9 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 17 |
| SPACE | Office space assigned to individual legislators is adequate. | 23.5 | 29.4 | 29.4 | 17.6 | 17 |
| | Office space assigned to individual legislators provides adequate privacy. | 16.7 | 27.8 | 33.3 | 22.2 | 18 |
| | Space assigned to secretaries is adequate. | 11.1 | 44.4 | 38.9 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | Space designated for committee meetings is adequate. | 5.6 | 27.8 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 18 |
| STAFFING | Number of secretarial staff provided for individual legislators is adequate. | 16.7 | 33.3 | 38.9 | 11.1 | 18 |
| | Number of secretarial staff provided for committees is adequate. | 22.2 | 38.9 | 33.3 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | Research staff provided for individual legislators is adequate. | 11.1 | 22.2 | 38.9 | 27.8 | 18 |
| | Research staff provided for committees is adequate. | 5.6 | 33.3 | 27.8 | 33.3 | 18 |
| | Research staff provided for the leadership is adequate. | 38.9 | 33.3 | 22.2 | 5.6 | 18 |
| COMPUTER SUPPORT | Laptop computer supplied by the legislature is useful for: | | | | | |
| | managing my legislative duties. | 27.8 | 61.1 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | communicating with constituents | 16.7 | 44.4 | 38.9 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | researching pending legislation. | 33.3 | 55.6 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | The amount of computer training provided legislators is adequate. | 16.7 | 50.0 | 27.8 | 5.6 | 18 |
| RESEARCH SUPPORT | Legislators receive all the objective information and analysis they need to make policy decisions. | 5.6 | 22.2 | 38.9 | 33.3 | 18 |
| | Research supplied by the Law Institute: | | | | | |
| | is available to me. | 16.7 | 72.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | provides analysis needed for decision making. | 16.7 | 44.4 | 38.9 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | provides information in a timely manner. | 16.7 | 50.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 18 |

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|------------|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| | Research supplied by the Legislative Fiscal Office: | | | | | |
| | is available to me. | 44.4 | 50.0 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | provides factual information needed for decision making. | 44.4 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | provides information in a timely manner. | 44.4 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | Research supplied by the Legislative Reference Service: | | | | | |
| | is available to me. | 38.9 | 61.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | provides factual information needed for decision making. | 22.2 | 61.1 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | provides information in a timely manner. | 22.2 | 61.1 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 18 |
| | Nonpartisan staff are more valuable to me than partisan staff. | 47.1 | 47.1 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 17 |
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| COMMITTEES | The number of committees should be decreased. | 38.9 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | The expertise of members is considered in committee assignments. | 5.6 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 38.9 | 18 |
| | The jurisdictions of Committees are clear. | 0.0 | 27.8 | 38.9 | 33.3 | 18 |
| | Bills are assigned to a committee based on jurisdiction. | 0.0 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 44.4 | 18 |
| | The Senate rule that allows the Senate Pro Tem to assign bill coming from the House to committee without regard for jurisdiction creates problems. | 50.0 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 5.6 | 18 |
| | Announcement of committee meetings is timely. | 0.0 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 17.6 | 17 |
| | Meeting agendas are provided in a timely manner. | 0.0 | 22.2 | 50.0 | 27.8 | 18 |
| | A recorded roll call vote always occurs in committee. | 0.0 | 5.6 | 55.6 | 38.9 | 18 |

Senate response rate: N = 18 (51.4% of the membership)