

APPENDIX A

League of Women Voters of Alabama Legislative Survey: Results for **Respondents from the House and Senate Combined**

	Survey Item	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total N
TIME	Time allocated for committees to meet needs to be increased.	14.7	33.3	45.3	6.7	75
	Time allocated for legislative sessions needs to be extended.	4.2	6.9	54.2	34.7	72
	Time available for legislators to do research and work on proposed legislation needs to be increased.	38.9	44.4	15.3	1.4	72
SPACE	Office space assigned to individual legislators is adequate.	10.5	32.9	30.3	26.3	76
	Office space assigned to individual legislators provides adequate privacy.	9.1	37.7	23.4	29.9	77
	Space assigned to secretaries is adequate.	5.3	33.3	37.3	24.0	75
	Space designated for committee meetings is adequate.	3.9	33.8	31.2	31.2	77
STAFFING	Number of secretarial staff provided for individual legislators is adequate.	5.3	14.5	31.6	48.7	76
	Number of secretarial staff provided for committees is adequate.	7.9	64.5	19.7	7.9	76
	Research staff provided for individual legislators is adequate.	5.2	24.7	33.8	36.4	77
	Research staff provided for committees is adequate.	3.9	44.7	32.9	18.4	76
	Research staff provided for the leadership is adequate.	20.3	59.5	10.8	9.5	74
COMPUTER SUPPORT	Laptop computer supplied by the legislature is useful for:					
	managing my legislative duties.	24.0	65.3	9.3	1.3	75
	communicating with constituents	21.3	54.7	22.7	1.3	75
	researching pending legislation.	28.0	65.3	5.3	1.3	75
	The amount of computer training provided legislators is adequate.	8.0	49.3	36.0	6.7	75
RESEARCH SUPPORT	Legislators receive all the objective information and analysis they need to make policy decisions.	3.9	15.8	40.8	39.5	76
	Research supplied by the Law Institute:					
	is available to me.	25.0	69.7	2.6	2.6	76
	provides analysis needed for decision making.	13.5	63.5	18.9	4.1	74

	Survey Item	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total N
	provides information in a timely manner.	17.8	61.6	17.8	2.7	73
	Research supplied by the Legislative Fiscal Office:					
	is available to me.	45.5	51.9	1.3	1.3	77
	provides factual information needed for decision making.	46.8	50.6	2.6	0.0	77
	provides information in a timely manner.	46.8	51.9	0.0	1.3	77
	Research supplied by the Legislative Reference Service:					
	is available to me.	36.4	62.3	0.0	1.3	77
	provides factual information needed for decision making.	29.9	59.7	6.5	3.9	77
	provides information in a timely manner.	25.0	67.1	6.6	1.3	76
	Nonpartisan staff are more valuable to me than partisan staff.	36.8	48.5	13.2	1.5	68
COMMITTEES	The number of committees should be decreased.	10.5	21.1	56.6	11.8	76
	The expertise of members is considered in committee assignments.	5.3	47.4	25.0	22.4	76
	The jurisdictions of Committees are clear.	5.3	50.7	32.0	12.0	75
	Bills are assigned to a committee based on jurisdiction.	8.2	53.4	24.7	13.7	73
	The Senate rule that allows the Senate Pro Tem to assign bill coming from the House to committee without regard for jurisdiction creates problems.	59.2	19.7	18.3	2.8	71
	Announcement of committee meetings is timely.	10.7	64.0	18.7	6.7	75
	Meeting agendas are provided in a timely manner.	11.8	52.6	26.3	9.2	76
	A recorded roll call vote always occurs in committee.	2.7	11.0	49.3	37.0	73

Response rates: House N = 58 (55.2% of the membership)
Senate N = 18 (51.4% of the membership)
Unknown Affiliation N = 1

Total N = 77 (55.0% of the combined membership)