

Oregon Election Methods Position Adopted 2009

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that any election method should be evaluated on its ability to:

Promote voter participation.

Be simple and easy for voters to understand.

Be verifiable and auditable.

Promote access to voting.

Promote competitive elections.

Prevent political manipulation.

Be compatible with vote-by-mail elections.

The League supports enabling legislation to allow local jurisdictions to explore alternative election methods, e.g. instant runoff or fusion voting. If a local jurisdiction adopts an alternative election method, that jurisdiction should bear the costs of startup and voter education. Only after experience and evaluation at the local level should the state consider alternative election methods for statewide adoption.

The League does not support nonpartisan elections for state legislators.