

Local Government – 1977 – updated, 2020

Representation:

The League of Women Voters of Juneau supports our present system of Assembly representation which requires that Assembly persons live in prescribed districts but be elected at large and that the Mayor be elected at large with districts that are reapportioned after each census. The main criteria for reapportionment should include size of population, sense of community and geographical continuity.

Charter:

- a) League of Women Voters of Juneau, Alaska, believes that the mayor/assembly/manager form of government established by the Charter meets the criteria enumerated in the LWV Principles which provide for a government responsive to the will of the people. We further support the following objectives of a local charter:
- It should be flexible, concise, and adaptable to changing needs.
 - It should provide for a government that has accountability, representativeness, and decision-making.
 - It should provide for the basic procedures and practices of the assembly and administration.
 - It should provide popular controls over the government.
- b) The League reaffirms its support of the Charter of the City and Borough of Juneau and finds that where there are criticisms of the Juneau government, the problems are not with the Charter and its provisions but with the implementation of the provisions. The League consensus is that issues brought forward can rely on the Charter amendment process for needed changes and not the appointment of a Charter Commission to review and/or amend the entire Charter.