



M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 26, 1978  
TO: Wilma Anderson  
Neil Kinnear  
FROM: Helen McNeal  
SUBJECT: ELECTION TO ELECT CANDIDATES TO GO TO THE  
SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE.

Enclosed is information furnished me by Marion County's local League of Women Voters. I was asked to give you the enclosed information and ask for your support in holding this election in your county.

Candidates to go on ballot will be those who qualify at caucus and in response to articles printed in county newspapers in the district involved. This information will be furnished to you to plan your ballot.

This would mean like one voting place (in court house or whatever) and let the over-sixty know it's there so they can vote.

Counties including in this project are: Lake, Marion, Citrus, Sumter and Hernando.

Qualifications of a voter are being 60 years of age and over, (and having the nerve to say so!).

Lake and Sumter Counties are supporting this. If you are in favor of doing this, please let me know and if you need other information, please call.

Thanks,

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THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE IS A NEW AND EXCITING PROGRAM IN WHICH 100 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (60 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER) WILL COME TO TALLAHASSEE ON JULY 10-14, 1978 FOR AN EDUCATIONAL MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE WILL BE THAT OF DEVELOPING AN ONGOING LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WHICH WILL AID IN DETERMINING THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA.

CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS WILL OCCUR LOCALLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN MAY 1978. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WILL THEN, IN JULY, TRAVEL TO TALLAHASSEE FOR CONVENING OF THE SESSION.

WHO CAN BE ELECTED TO THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

THE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE STATE OF FLORIDA RESIDENTS AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER.

ELECTIONS: 1 - Senator 2 - representatives

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WILL RUN ALL LOCAL CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WILL BE SENIOR CITIZENS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND RESIDENTS OF FLORIDA.

WHEN: *May 9, 1978*  
(MAY 9, 1978) (MAY 23, 1978)  
CAUCUSES AND LOCAL ELECTIONS - MAY, 1978

SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATIVE SESSION - JULY 10-14, 1978

AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING FOR THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE ARE:

- GOVERNOR REUBIN O'D ASKEW
- SECRETARY OF STATE BRUCE SMATHERS (DIVISION OF ELECTIONS)
- PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE - LEW BRANTLEY
- SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE - DONALD LUCKER
- CH. OF SENATE HRS COMMITTEE - JON THOMAS
- CH. OF HOUSE HRS COMMITTEE - ELAINE GORDON
- SECRETARY OF DEPT. OF HRS - WILLIAM PAGE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING:

AGING & ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM OFFICE, DEPT. OF HRS

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN YOUR AREA

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PDAAD (Sandy Hamilton, 488-2881)

SUBJECT: Clarification of Role of Aging and Adult Services Program  
Supervisors Regarding Silver-Haired Legislature

THROUGH: ASP *Sandy Hamilton 4/18/78*  
(Dr. Gallop)

TO: AIG #11

The time for the Silver-Haired Legislature local caucuses and elections (May 1978) is growing near. This memorandum is to clarify questions that you may have or which might come up during local implementation.

We must assure that the aging network does not dominate the caucuses and elections, and we must recognize the need for the broadest possible base of support. Therefore, particular attention should be given to reaching senior citizens outside the aging network. Chapters of the League of Women Voters, in most districts, have agreed to take the lead in the organization and implementation of Florida's first Silver-Haired Legislature. They, or their counterparts, will work in each district to assure fair and efficient elections.

Program Supervisors and Area Agencies on Aging may actively give their support to the local lead organizations by:

- 1) Helping to identify and contact social service agencies in the organization and recruitment of participants for the caucuses and elections;
- 2) Planning with and providing assistance to the local lead agency; (each Program Supervisor must provide the Program Office with the names and addresses of the local lead agency);
- 3) Coordinating the transportation to the caucuses and elections;
- 4) Assisting with community-wide publicity.

CAUCUS: The caucus should resemble a public hearing; formal nominations for candidates will be accepted at this time, and candidate acceptance speeches will be heard. The outcome of the Caucus will be the nomination of the candidates. The candidates must provide a written agreement to serve if elected, and should commit themselves to attend the July 10-14 session in Tallahassee.

Local groups or organizations that can organize and recruit participants to attend the caucus, such as Community Action Agencies, condominium associations, local union retiree organizations, etc., should be identified and contacted.

Planning and technical assistance should be provided by Program Supervisors to the League of Women Voters or their counterparts for organizing the caucuses and elections.

The Aging and Adult Services Program Supervisors, as members of the planning committees, are requested to assist in locating the caucus in a community facility which would be free of cost and accessible to senior citizens, e.g., school auditoriums, church and civic centers.

HRS Aging and Adult Services personnel must remain neutral, and not reflect favoritism to any particular senior citizen group or candidate during the election or caucus.

The League of Women Voters, or counterpart handling the caucus, should conduct the meeting, act as parliamentarians, and serve as time keepers and moderators. A record should be submitted by the Program Supervisor to the Program Office, on all proceedings, i.e., time and place of meeting, number of participants and brief summary of outcome.

ELECTIONS: If the local League or other lead organization is not able to adequately handle the staffing of the elections, the Program Supervisors may assist by getting in touch with the local aging programs to contact recruits. Civic, social and church organizations, i.e., Jaycees, AAUW, Lions Clubs, etc., may be sources of possible volunteers for poll watchers.

The guidelines provided to you (memo from ASO, February 10, 1978) were developed to allow for flexibility of local planning options, and clearly designated the responsibility for the mechanics of the election (Another copy is attached for your reference.)

In working with the lead organization you might suggest that if voting machines are not available, ballot boxes might be stationed in city

halls, community centers and various meetings of senior citizen groups. It is essential that these sites, and the time and dates of the elections be well publicized.

Some arrangements might be made to avoid duplicated ballots, (e.g., to record social security numbers). No absentee or mailed ballot provisions are allowed.

This will be a winner-take-all election - no runoffs. However, the 1st runner-up should be designated as an alternate in case the winner is unable, due to illness or unavoidable circumstances, to be in Tallahassee July 10-14, 1978.

BUDGET: Each League has been notified that they have a \$50.00 budget for travel, mailing, and miscellaneous expenses incurred during the organization and implementation of the Silver-Haired Legislature caucus and elections.

This money is available on a reimbursement basis only.

Requests for reimbursement, with signed and dated receipts, should be forwarded to Ms. Marilyn Crotty, League of Women Voters, for reimbursement by the Aging and Adult Services Program Office.

Non-designated alternates, or anyone else who is not an elected representative, will be responsible for his/her own expenses, if they choose to come to Tallahassee as observers or lobbyists.

We would like to encourage each District and Area Agency on Aging to help with incidental expenses as much as possible.

(ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:) The elected representatives will travel to and from Tallahassee, be housed, be locally transported and will be served meals at no cost to them, unless they elect to pay their own expenses.

Local travel of elected representatives within their District is not a reimbursable expense.

By May 26, 1978, all names and addresses of elected representatives and senators must be received by the State Office of Aging and Adult Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS: Guidelines for the submission of bills will be sent to each Silver-Haired Legislator, along with forms to designate

committee preference. The Silver-Haired Legislator will be notified at registration in Tallahassee of the committee assignments.

More specific information will be forwarded to you when the guidelines for bill preparation are finalized.

We hope that this memo has addressed areas of concern that you have had regarding the implementation of the Silver-Haired Legislature. For additional information please contact: Ms. Sandy Hamilton Suncom 278-2881.

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cc: Aging and Adult Services Program Supervisors  
Area Agencies on Aging Directors

Caucuses will be held Marion Co. 2 P.M. May 9  
First Methodist Church  
1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd.  
2 Rep.  
1 Senator from Citrus Co.  
Will vote only on Dist 3-B  
Dist 3 - B