



PORTSMOUTH/SCIOTO COUNTY OH

The League of Women Voters of Portsmouth/Scioto County's February program will host speaker Steve Mowery, Municipal Judge. He will speak about the League of Women Voters of Ohio's position **about judicial selection of judges in Ohio.**

League of Women Voters of Ohio co-sponsored a Forum on Judicial Selection with the The Ohio State Bar Association and Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Thomas Moyer November 2009 in Columbus. This coalition will work to support amending the Ohio Constitution to replace the current system of statewide elections of Supreme Court Justices with a new system where Justices are appointed and then stand for a retention election. Hopefully an appointive judicial selection model will promote accountability and quality while keeping judges insulated from raising millions from parties who appear before them. They will develop a plan with the following characteristics:

- The appointment process will be open and transparent.
- Any nominating commission will be representative of the diversity of Ohio's population and will include multiple appointing authorities.
- Some form of a public education component will be included.
- Retention elections will ensure that voters still have a voice.

The program will be held Monday 15 February beginning at 6:30pm at the Hill View Retirement Center.