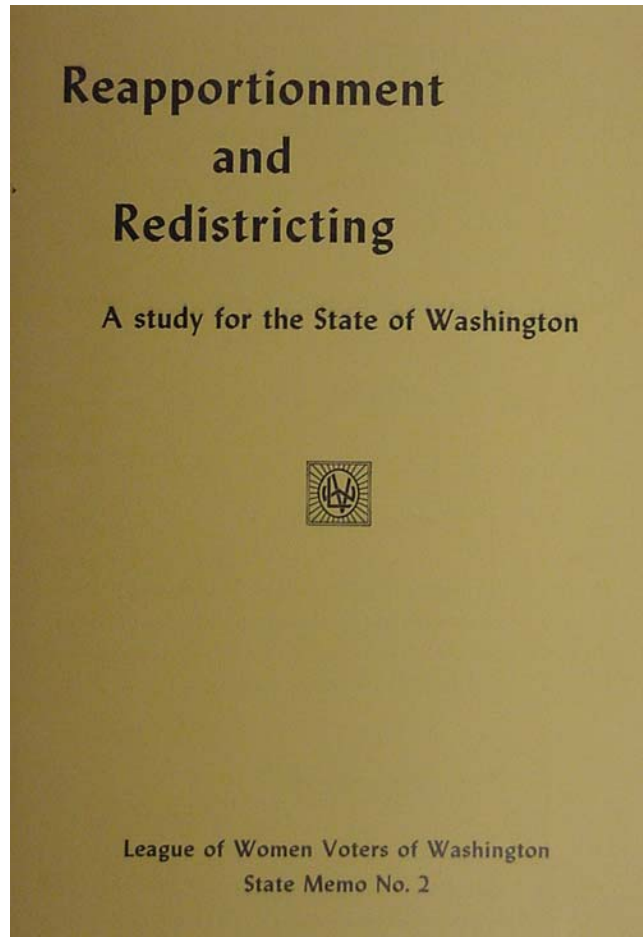


Reapportionment and Redistricting

In 1954 the League of Women Voters formed a study group and published a pamphlet called *Reapportionment and Redistricting*. League members spent two years researching the issue before putting a redistricting initiative on the ballot. An excerpt from the 1954 pamphlet below discusses the population changes that increased the need for redistricting.



“Urban-rural conflicts over reapportionment and redistricting arise from the tremendous population growth of urban areas in relation to rural areas. Earlier apportionments properly gave the power in legislatures to rural members in many states. Since the growth and shift in population, this balance is no longer justified if balance is correctly distributed.”

“*Reapportionment and Redistricting: A Study for the State of Washington*,” League of Women Voters of Washington, 1954, p. 3

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