
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

H-7768 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7666](#)

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM {LC4600/1} (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/22/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7757](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS {LC4416/1} (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/22/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7387](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Baginski, J. Brien, Corvese, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS {LC4624/1} (Prohibits synthetic media within ninety (90) days of an election.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7394](#)

BY McGaw, Boylan, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Tanzi, Ackerman, Fellela, Stewart, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY CALLING FOR PUBLICATION AND AFFIRMATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT {LC3591/1} (Requests that the President, Joseph R. Biden, publish without delay the Equal Rights Amendment as our Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7474](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Alzate, Giraldo, Stewart, Voas, Cruz, Potter, Boylan, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE {LC4661/1} (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7476](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Shanley, Dawson, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS {LC4673/1} (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7540](#)

BY Kislak, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell, Cotter, Donovan, Handy, Potter, Boylan, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC4241/1} (Establishes the Ranked Choice Voting for Rhode Island Presidential Primaries and provides for new sections on Ranked Choice Voting Tabulation and Results Reporting.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7585](#)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Corvese, Serpa, Cardillo, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC4844/1} (Removes nuclear plant projects from seeking the approval from the general assembly for the construction of said nuclear plant.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7662](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC4664/1} (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7664](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Speakman, Donovan, Alzate, Tanzi, Morales, McGaw, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC4662/1} (Provides a process for local canvassing clerks to notify the state board of elections regarding patterns of forgery.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7756](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5176/1}

(Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7765](#)

BY Nardone, Quattrocchi, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- THE INFORMED VOTER ACT

{LC5142/1} (Requires entity such as a nursing home, elder care facility that receives governmental funding post a notice that political candidates are not permitted to solicit residents and visits would be maintained in a book by the facility.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7766](#)

BY Place, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC5167/1}

(Redefines "Political Party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7768](#)

BY ~~Sanchez, Morales, Henries, Cruz, Potter~~

ENTITLED, ~~HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 54 OF THE 2023-2024 CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROVE THAT THE RIGHTS PROTECTED AND EXTENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE THE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY {LC5254/1}~~

~~02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

~~03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7847](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC5442/1} (Includes political action committees that register with the Federal Election Commission within the definition of political action committees for the Rhode Island elections.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7848](#)

BY Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC5313/1} (Amends the current law so that it would no longer mandate, but rather simply allows local boards to annually conduct a voter registration drive at each high school within the city or town.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7849](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5579/1} (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7850](#)

BY P. Morgan, Quattrocchi, Rea, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4566/1} (Establishes election day as a day of special observation in the State of Rhode Island. The act would also restrict the use of mail ballots in elections.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8017](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE {LC5415/1} (This Joint Resolution would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment which would provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States would be allowed to vote in this state.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8046](#)

BY Felix, Tanzi, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz, Henries, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC5473/1} (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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