
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/05/2024 Scheduled for 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

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/05/2024 Scheduled for 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

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/05/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7389](#)

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES {LC4117/1} (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.)

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

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7587](#)

BY Cortvriend, Nardone, Edwards, Morales, Potter, Batista, Handy, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R. 4052 {LC3763/1}

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

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

03/07/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7638](#)

BY Morales, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Place, Chippendale, Ajello, Biah, Henries, McEntee, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- STATE COMMISSION ON PARDONS {LC4879/1} (Establishes a nine (9) member commission on pardons to provide recommendations to the governor as to who should receive executive pardons per the state constitution.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/03/2024 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

04/05/2024 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

03/22/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7968](#)

BY Giraldo, Morales, Stewart, Henries, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS {LC5436/1} (Prohibits state or municipality from contracts to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such contract exists, it must end by July 1, 2025 and prohibits using public resources to detain those individuals.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/03/2024 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8008](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC5329/1} (Limits the governor to one thirty (30) day renewal of a declaration of emergency without a joint resolution of the general assembly.)

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

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8009](#)

BY Edwards, Diaz, Baginski, Noret, Casey, Bennett, Donovan, Solomon, Potter, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT {LC5097/1} (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ. The duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.)

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

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8107](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT
SYSTEM {LC5574/1} (Creates separate and distinct employment positions and salaries under the unclassified pay plan for the board of elections employees.)

03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8148](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Knight, Finkelman, Handy, Edwards, Fogarty, Azzinaro, McNamara, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC5877/1} (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfers all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.)

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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