
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5871](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Cortvriend, Shanley, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

{LC1415/1} (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/06/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5084](#)

BY Ackerman, Fellela, Serpa, Newberry, Paplauskas, Donovan, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC636/1} (Adds early voting to the fifty (50) feet buffer prohibitions against politicking on election day voting.)

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5137](#)

BY J. Brien, Chippendale, Corvese, Noret, Read, Azzinaro, Hopkins, Costantino, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC627/1}

(Provides that the state board of elections shall verify the citizenship status of all persons on the voter registration list.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5232](#)

BY J. Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC628/1}

(Authorizes early voting for the ten (10) calendar days except the second weekend prior immediately preceding election day, while requiring, as is practicable, that all the election day protections and procedures be afforded to early voters.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5311](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley, Batista, Hull, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC957/1} (Allows the board of elections to tabulate mail ballots in local special elections in the same manner as in tabulate mail ballots in statewide elections.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5312](#)

BY Carson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC1204/1} (Establishes a process by which vacancies in a municipal election office and local canvassing board are filled.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5382](#)

BY Felix, Cruz, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Furtado, Potter, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1121/1} (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.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5384](#)

BY Boylan, Knight, Ajello, McGaw, Stewart, Tanzi, Shanley, Speakman, Furtado, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1185/1} (Increases from 7 days to 9 days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections and no certificates of election may be issued until the recount, if any, is completed.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5514](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Furtado, Dawson, Kazarian, Messier, Fascia, Read, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1109/1} (Exempts emergency mail ballots from the requirement to have certain wording regarding "mail voters" on the ballot.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5515](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Alzate, Hull, Ajello, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Edwards, Batista, Morales, Tanzi, Carson ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE {LC1110/1} (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5516](#)

BY Baginski, Paplauskas, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1144/1} (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5517](#)

BY Baginski, Paplauskas, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1025/1} (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5518](#)

BY Baginski, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC1145/1} (Requires the local board of canvassers to publish early voting dates, hours, and location, at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and to publish the same on the municipality's website for the duration of in-person early voting period.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5709](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1962/1} (Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5711](#)

BY J. Brien, Corvese, Azzinaro, Noret, Santucci, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1957/1} (Requires verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5713](#)

BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Potter, Kazarian, Kennedy, Chippendale, Speakman, McEntee, Corvese, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY {LC2018/1} (Prohibits members of elected city/town political party committees as well as representative/senate district committees from serving on local canvassing authorities.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5872](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS {LC2286/1} (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5873](#)

BY Roberts, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1939/1} (Requires verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5381](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Speakman, McGaw, Carson, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, McEntee, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC1111/1} (Amends several statutes relating to elections and the dates for primaries and dates within which to file nomination papers and object to nomination papers.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5383](#)

BY Place, Paplauskas, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS --PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

{LC828/1} (Changes primary election to Wednesday if after Labor Day and does not mandate local boards of election to have voter registration drive at high school.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5710](#)

BY Perez, Hull, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

{LC655/1} (Would amend certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6092](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Voas, Potter, Kazarian, Alzate, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC2308/1} (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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