
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

S-820 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [152](#)

BY Lawson, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC404/1} (Spells out rules and regulations for the presidential preference primary elections, and would also establish rules for ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting by the secretary of state.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [282](#)

BY E Morgan, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC371/1} (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.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [283](#)

BY E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC372/1} (Requires that only the mail ballot voter/spouse/court appointed guardian/cohabitant/or adult person related to the voter by blood or marriage, be allowed to physically mail the voted mail ballot.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [513](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC2178/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [517](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Gu, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC830/1}

(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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [520](#)

BY Bissaillon, Pearson, Gu, Lawson, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC2175/1}

(Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [521](#)

BY Burke, Pearson, Bissaillon, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

{LC2176/1} (Establishes a process by which vacancies in a municipal election office and local canvassing board are filled.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [522](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio

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

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC2179/1} (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [541](#)

BY Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Vargas, Pearson, Ujifusa, Acosta

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

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1710/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [569](#)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1429/1} (Adds early voting to the fifty (50) feet buffer prohibitions against politicking on election day voting.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [741](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Raptakis, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, de la Cruz, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC1157/1} (Amends several statutes relating to elections and the dates for primaries and dates within which to file nomination papers and object to nomination papers.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [820](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY DiMario, Burke, Acosta, Pearson, McKenney, DiPalma, Euer, Mack, Lawson, LaMountain

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE {LC1330/1} (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/17/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [208](#)

BY McKenney, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE {LC939/1} (Proposes a state constitutional amendment to provide no person could hold office as general officer unless that person was a resident and a registered voter in the State of Rhode Island for at least 2 years, continuously, prior to taking office.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [211](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC943/1} (Requires that one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the governor after the governor gives due consideration to a list of individuals submitted by the mayor of the city of Warwick.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [535](#)

BY Bell, Mack, Kallman, Euer, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME

LABORATORY COMMISSION {LC1773/1} (Increases number of members of the state crime laboratory commission 9, changes makeup of commission to include individuals with expertise in law enforcement, criminal defense, scientific research, makes chair of department of physics executive secretary.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [815](#)

BY Patalano, Thompson, Vargas, Tikoian, Britto, Dimitri, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1235/1} (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.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [816](#)

BY DiPalma, Gallo, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS {LC2300/1} (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [819](#)

BY Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC2180/1} (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.)

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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