
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

H-5519 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [5086](#)

BY Bennett, Voas, Solomon, Edwards, Chippendale, Kislak, Giraldo, Phillips, Stewart, Alzate ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- FOUR YEAR TERMS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS {LC90/1} (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would allow four (4) year terms for general assembly members, commencing with the 2028 election.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5275](#)

BY Kislak, Shanley, Boylan, Cortvriend, Speakman, Cotter, Knight, Craven, Caldwell, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS--GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES--RANKED CHOICE VOTING {LC614/1} (Establishes an instant runoff form of ranked choice voting limited, to general assembly primary elections, with three (3) or more candidates.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5276](#)

BY Shanley, Kislak, Craven, McEntee, Casimiro, Cruz, Messier, Cotter, Spears, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC299/1} (Establishes the Ranked Choice Voting for Rhode Island Presidential Primaries and provides for new sections on ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5277](#)

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Slater, Noret, Read, Kennedy, Hull, Phillips, Baginski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC304/1} (Changes the process of nominating candidates for the general election, by replacing the political party primary with a primary general election.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5520](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE ELECTORS {LC1299/1} (Changes the manner by which presidential electoral college electors are elected and create a system of grouping of municipalities of equal populations, one of each of Rhode Island's electoral votes.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5708](#)

BY Fascia, Place, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC1548/1} (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5712](#)

BY Edwards, Kislak, Ajello, Potter, Alzate, Morales, Kazarian, McGaw, Handy, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND FUSION VOTING ACT {LC2019/1} (Establishes fusion voting in Rhode Island, allowing candidates to appear on ballots as nominees of multiple political parties, for the same office.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5734](#)

BY Place, Nardone, Santucci, Fascia, Paplauskas, Chippendale, Hopkins

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- LINE ITEM VETO {LC1730/1} (This proposed amendment to our state Constitution grants the governor a line-item veto on the budget and other appropriation bills.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5874](#)

BY Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Sanchez, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Casimiro, Alzate, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING {LC2069/1} (Makes it easier to vote for people eligible to vote who are incarcerated at the Rhode Island adult correctional institute and creates the position of "voting coordinator," within the department of corrections.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5519](#)

BY Newberry, Edwards, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Roberts, Paplauskas, Fascia, Corvese, J. Brien, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE {LC476/1} (Repeals authorizing Rhode Island to join an interstate compact, which would allow Presidents and Vice Presidents to be elected by a national popular vote rather than the electoral college.)

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