
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

PROPOSED SUB A/2 FOR H-5872 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5311](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley, Batista, Hull, Biah, Noret

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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

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03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

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03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5872 SUB A](#)

{LC2286/A/2}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [5459](#)

BY Messier, Kislak, Edwards, Handy, Kazarian, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Cortvriend, Fellela

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE

ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN

ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC791/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island

residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5726](#)

BY Morales, Stewart, Paplauskas, Boylan, Carson, Cotter, Ajello, Speakman, Handy, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT {LC1273/1} (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5732](#)

BY Bennett, Speakman, Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Donovan, Cruz, Boylan, Phillips, Cotter ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – GREEN AMENDMENT {LC1785/1} (Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 1 providing for a right to clean air, soil, climate, and the environment’s natural values.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5733](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Morales, DeSimone

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CONFERRING LIMITED PURPOSE RECOGNITION TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE {LC1998/1}

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5876](#)

BY Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1950/1} (Creates a permanent special commission to investigate and report on the threat of nuclear weapons.)

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [6125](#)

BY Kislak, Noret, Felix, Hull, Cotter, Blazejewski, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, Potter ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY {LC2398/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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