
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB B HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-5892, B/2 FOR H5436
PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-206, S-359, S-581, S-816, S-945, S-984 & H-5300

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2025
TIME: 3:15 PM
PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [206](#)

BY Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, Raptakis, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC125/1} (Requires individuals seeking a judicial nomination to reapply to JNC every 3 years and make those individuals selected as finalists, eligible only for the court in which they applied and were chosen during the five years following their selection.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [136](#)

BY E Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Euer, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES {LC298/1} (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5046](#)

BY Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Caldwell, Noret, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES {LC53/1} (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.)

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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02/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
02/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration
02/11/2025 Committee recommends passage
02/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar
02/27/2025 House read and passed
03/21/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [359](#)

(Governor)

BY DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Felag, Murray, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025 {LC1183/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/14/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5436 SUB A](#)

(Governor/Secretary of State/General Treasurer/Attorney General/Lieutenant Governor)

BY Knight, Caldwell, Boylan, Speakman, McEntee, Ajello, Kazarian, Craven, Dawson, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025 {LC1181/A/2}

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/26/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration
05/30/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/30/2025 Proposed Substitute
06/03/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
06/03/2025 Placed on House Calendar
06/05/2025 House passed Sub A
06/11/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for 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

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03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 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
03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage
05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/08/2025 House read and passed
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [525](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Euer, McKenney, Lauria, Burke, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1665/1} (Requires submission of a domestic violence/sexual assault reporting form when the domestic violence response or investigation involves a verbal argument or dispute.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [529](#)

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC1663/1} (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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04/10/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5640](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC1498/1} (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

03/18/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/03/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [581](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC1656/1} (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5892 SUB A](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC1481/A/2}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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03/25/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/31/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/31/2025 Proposed Substitute
04/01/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar
04/08/2025 House passed Sub A
05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for 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
03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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

(Secretary of State)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS {LC2286/A/2}

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
04/02/2025 Proposed Substitute
04/02/2025 Proposed Substitute
04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/08/2025 House passed Sub A
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [945](#)

(Attorney General)

BY DiPalma, Lauria, de la Cruz, Raptakis, McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Lawson, Sosnowski, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- RHODE ISLAND BID RIGGING ACT {LC2535/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Bid Rigging Act.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [984](#)

BY Britto, McKenney, Dimitri, Ciccone, Felag, Murray, Patalano, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEMP THC-INFUSED BEVERAGES ACT {LC2704/1} (Authorizes the sale of THC-infused beverages to be regulated by the DBR division of commercial licensing. It also establishes licensing and an endorsement process for wholesale and retail THC-infused beverages.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5300](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC1107/1} (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

03/25/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/01/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5841](#)

BY Stewart, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, Felix, Kazarian, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS {LC1904/1} (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

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04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/08/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/22/2025 Committee recommends passage
05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/22/2025 House read and passed
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5901 SUB A](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casey, Phillips, DeSimone, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC1490/A/2}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/21/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/21/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/25/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar
04/03/2025 House passed Sub A
05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [1152](#)

BY Tikoian, McKenney, Patalano, Appollonio, Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT {LC3064/1} (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.)
06/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6286](#)

BY Knight, Boylan, McGaw, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT {LC2809/1} (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.)
04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration
05/22/2025 Committee recommends passage
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/29/2025 House read and passed
06/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [206 SUB A](#)
{LC125/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [359 SUB A](#)
{LC1183/A/2}

House Bill No. [5436 SUB B](#)
{LC1181/B/2}

Senate Bill No. [581 SUB A](#)
{LC1656/A/3}

House Bill No. [5892 SUB B](#)
{LC1481/B/1}

Senate Bill No. [816 SUB A](#)
{LC2300/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [945 SUB A](#)
{LC2535/A/1}

Senate Resolution No. [984 SUB A](#)
{LC2704/A/1}

House Bill No. [5300 SUB A](#)
{LC1107/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 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.

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