
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7007](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY O'Brien, Shanley, Solomon, Dawson, Biah, McEntee, Noret, Read, Azzinaro, Corvese ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC3125/1} (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/15/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7049](#)

BY Baginski, Paplauskas, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC3210/1}

(Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/15/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

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House Bill No. [7008](#)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES {LC3563/1} (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7050

BY Shanley, Noret, Spears, Read, Bennett, Casimiro, Morales, Chippendale, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES {LC3160/1} (Updates disability parking space signage and enables municipalities to participate in the parking mobility app program where individuals submit photos on the app of vehicles parked in spaces designated for individuals with disabilities.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7135

BY Read, Noret, Cotter, Casey, Shanley, Casimiro, Hull, Corvese, Serpa, Paplauskas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL {LC3426/1} (Creates a program through which fire departments and fire districts are notified of locations of registrants of electric and hybrid motor vehicles can register their vehicles with their local fire department or fire district.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7136

BY Edwards, Bennett, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC4109/1} (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in the published notice to their agendas for the purposes of discussion only and not for the purpose of voting upon the item(s).)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7155

BY Place, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT {LC3584/1} (Provides that testimony submitted on behalf of state departments, agencies, boards or commissions would not be considered official unless authorized by the governor.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7235

BY Kennedy, Shanley, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Azzinaro, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC4035/1} (Removes nuclear plant projects from seeking the approval from the general assembly for the construction of said nuclear plant.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7236](#)

BY Morales, Cruz, Giraldo, Felix, Kislak, Alzate, Stewart, Ajello, Sanchez, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT {LC3382/1} (Establishes a two-year pilot program, from January 2027 to December 2028, to incorporate equity impact statements into the legislative process for both the House and Senate chamber.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7237](#)

BY Casimiro, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Read, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

OVERSIGHT {LC3732/1} (Establishes a permanent joint committee to oversee the department of children, youth and families.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7304](#)

(by request)

BY Kazarian, Stewart, Alzate, Casimiro, Voas, Potter, Dawson, Boylan, Furtado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC3153/1} (Allows a pregnant member or member that has given birth in the past six (6) months to appear remotely and permits any member that participates in a meeting remotely to vote at that meeting, provided that the meeting is held in person.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7307](#)

BY Santucci, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT

{LC3620/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny Act which would require review and approval of rules with implementation and compliance costs of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more over a two-year period.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7308](#)

BY Read, Potter, Noret, Casimiro, Hopkins, Cotter, Donovan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING

FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES {LC4162/1} (Creates a new registration plate for qualified individuals to possess an "adaptive vehicle license plate" to accommodate the transportation needs of an individual with a significant mobility impairment.)

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