HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

H-8216 HAS BEEN ADDED AND WILL BE HEARD

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. 7496
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES {LC4507/1} (Advances the interests of older Rhode Islanders by adding a representative of an aging adult organization to the state planning council and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council.)
02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/06/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. 2341 SUB A
(Secretary of State)
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC3679/A/1}
01/29/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/23/2026 Meeting postponed
02/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/25/2026 Proposed Substitute
02/25/2026 Proposed Substitute
02/26/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
02/27/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/03/2026 Senate passed Sub A
03/04/2026 Referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. 7089
(Secretary of State)
BY Speakman, Donovan, Spears, Boylan, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC3129/1} (Amends several statutes relating to elections and the dates for primaries and dates within which to file nomination papers and object to nomination papers.)
01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7091
BY Felix, Cruz, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Donovan, Morales, Furtado
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3855/1} (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.)
01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7233
BY Fascia, Paplauskas, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Place, Furtado, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC3626/1} (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7378
BY Baginski, Paplauskas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC3496/1} (Changes how voter are notified of elections and vote registration deadlines, and local board questions.)
01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7494
(Board of Elections)
BY Shanley, Dawson, Kennedy, J. Brien, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4580/1} (Requires the board of elections to establish a secure area for the public observation of mail ballot processing and require the mail ballot voter's signature be compared to the signature on file within the state central voter registration system.)
02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7572
BY Ackerman, McNamara, Edwards, Kazarian, Kennedy, Dawson, Serpa, Chippendale, Place, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4411/1} (This act would add early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.)
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7669
BY J. Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC5073/1} (Limits early voting to eight (8) weekdays and the two (2) weekend days immediately preceding election day.)
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7677
(CRMC)
BY Spears, Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Boylan, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Shanley, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC4997/1} (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.)
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7980
BY Messier, Alzate, Voas, Fellela, Serpa, Hull, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC5393/1} (Increases the role of the DMV in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual an application to register to vote.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. 7992
BY Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Cotter, Handy, Carson, Tanzi, Noret, Bennett, Edwards
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO STUDY AND REGULATE THE IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC WATERWAYS {LC5411/1} (Urging the Rhode Island department of environmental management to study and regulate the impact of wake boats on Rhode Island public waters.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 8216
BY Serpa, Fogarty, Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC3247/1} (Requires the coastal resources management council to conduct a review of certain water classifications and existing policies and regulations to properly account for sea level rise.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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