
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7135 & H-7496 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/13/2026 Scheduled for 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

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/13/2026 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

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03/06/2026 Scheduled for consideration

03/09/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7135 SUB A](#)

{LC3426/A/1}

House Bill No. [7496 SUB A](#)

{LC4507/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7238](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

{LC3767/1} (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would create four (4) year terms for general assembly members and impose term limits of three (3) full four (4) year terms on said members commencing with the 2028 election.)

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7303](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Donovan, Spears, Carson, J. Lombardi, Read, Diaz

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF

SUFFRAGE {LC3127/1} (Proposes to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7387](#)

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

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 {LC4326/1} (This proposed amendment to our state Constitution grants the governor a line-item veto on the budget and other appropriation bills.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7453](#)

BY Messier, Kislak, Cruz, Casey, Furtado, Kazarian, Alzate, Sanchez, Serpa, Fogarty ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC4444/1} (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.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7678](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, McEntee, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Noret, Corvese, Speakman ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CITY AND TOWN AFFAIRS {LC5042/1} (Creates a 9-member Joint Commission to review and provide recommendations to strengthen coordination between state and local government and who would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2026, and would expire on January 31, 2027.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7983](#)

BY Cotter, McGaw, Morales, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY {LC5772/1} (Establishes a term limit of twelve years for members serving in the general assembly.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7986](#)

BY Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES {LC4305/1} (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7995](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE {LC4804/1} (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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