
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7284](#)

(by request)

BY Read, Potter, Corvese, Carson, Casimiro, Noret, Cotter, McEntee, Donovan, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT {LC4378/1} (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

01/25/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7644](#)

BY Felix, Batista, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Ajello, Noret, Cruz, Place, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC5055/1} (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7654](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE {LC5019/1} (Allows for sending of the notice under power of sale and rights of active military servicemembers by USPS First Class Mail and/or an overnight delivery service, instead of by USPS certified mail return receipt requested.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7819](#)

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST RECOVERY {LC5803/1} (Creates a civil cause of action for any municipality that incurs extraordinary emergency response costs arising from a mass casualty event may bring a civil action in the superior court to recover such costs from a private property owner.)

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8004](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5900/1} (Provides technical amendments relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land, zoning ordinances and moderate-income housing.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8047](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DECISIONS, SPECIAL FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES {LC5150/1} (Adds the doctrine of assumption of risk to the current comparative negligence statute.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8051](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5383/1} (Tolls the statute of limitations for causes of action arising out of business activities conducted in this state by a person or entity required to register with the secretary of state but failing to do so, until such person or entity becomes registered.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8052](#)

BY Carson, Caldwell, Knight, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5548/1} (Provides a civil cause of action for individuals injured by artificial intelligence.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8101](#)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC5686/1}
(Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8102](#)

BY McGaw, Speakman, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Stewart, Potter, Giraldo, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CAPACITY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE {LC5477/1} (Precludes a legal entity from owning property whose value is over \$25,000,000. If the property value exceeds \$25,000,000, then the entity must divest a graduated yearly amount over the next 10 years, until value is less than \$25,000,000.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8103](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE {LC5799/1} (Increases the time that mortgage foreclosure notices are required to be provided to active military service members, from nine (9) months to one year, after completion of their active duty.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8104](#)

BY McEntee, Spears, Caldwell, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY {LC5422/1} (Limits the provisions related to prepayment of real estate mortgages to those mortgage loans made for real estate containing owner occupied dwelling houses of not more than four dwelling units.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8106](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY {LC4778/1} (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8107](#)

BY Cortvriend, McNamara, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION {LC4284/1} (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8273](#)

BY McNamara, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LAW {LC5928/1} (Creates the homeowners association law to provide operational procedures for residential communities subject to the management of a homeowner association.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8276](#)

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, J. Lombardi, Read, Noret, Corvese, Kennedy, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES {LC6019/1} (Requires specific notice of the tax sale to the taxpayer with a copy of this § 44-9-10 attached thereto. Failure to do so would render the tax sale null and void.)

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