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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

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**H-7380 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR  
H-7783, H-7784, H-7785, H-7786 AND H-7791 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST  
H-8334 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 26, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7232](#)**

**BY Edwards, Kislak, Potter, Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Bennett, Ajello, Tanzi, Cruz**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND FUSION VOTING**  
**ACT {LC4115/1} (Establishes fusion voting in Rhode Island, allowing candidates to appear on**  
**ballots as nominees of multiple political parties, for the same office.)**  
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7358](#)**

**BY Baginski, Paplauskas**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND**  
**VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC3495/1} (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of**  
**qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.)**  
01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7380](#)**

**~~BY J. Brien, Corvese, Lima, Chippendale, Hopkins, Newberry~~**  
**~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND~~**  
**~~VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4422/1} (Prohibits the use of ranked choice voting~~**  
**~~in all local, state and federal public office elections.)~~**  
~~01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~  
~~03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7668](#)**

**BY Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Sanchez, Morales, Tanzi, Felix, Ajello, Kislak, J. Lombardi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN**  
**GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT {LC3747/1} (Requires state use actual residences of persons in**  
**government custody for redistricting purposes. Information would be collected by the department of**  
**corrections and forwarded to the division of statewide planning, to be utilized for redistricting.)**  
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7782](#)**

(Board of Elections)

**BY Boylan, Knight, Kazarian, Dawson, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Speakman**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4582/1}** (Increases from seven (7) days to nine (9) days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections. No certificates of election may be issued, until the recount if any is completed.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

**House Bill No. [7783](#)**

~~**BY Newberry, Corvese**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE {LC4523/1}**~~ (Repeals authorizing Rhode Island to join an interstate compact, which would allow Presidents and Vice Presidents to be elected by a national popular vote rather than the electoral college.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

**House Bill No. [7784](#)**

~~**BY Newberry**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS {LC3962/1}**~~ (Changes the manner by which presidential electoral college electors are elected and create a system of grouping of municipalities of equal populations, one of each of Rhode Island's electoral votes.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

**House Bill No. [7785](#)**

~~**BY Newberry, Chippendale, Nardone, Place**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICES -NON-PARTISAN ELECTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC3597/1}**~~ (Provides for the non-partisan election of the attorney general, commencing with the 2030 election.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

**House Bill No. [7786](#)**

~~**BY Newberry, Chippendale, Nardone, Place**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS -- NON-PARTISAN ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE {LC3599/1}**~~ (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would allow a non-partisan election of the secretary of state, commencing with the 2030 election.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

**House Bill No. [7787](#)**

**BY J. Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, Hopkins**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5045/1} (Allows early voting ballot application to be completed in person on an electronic poll pad. Voter then issued a ballot to be placed in a state-approved voting device.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

**House Bill No. [7788](#)**

**BY Stewart, Kislak, Speakman, Furtado, Cruz, Handy, Potter, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cotter**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC4925/1} (Establishes the Ranked Choice Voting for Rhode Island Presidential Primaries and provides for new sections on ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

**House Resolution No. [7791](#)**

~~**BY Newberry, Chippendale, Nardone, Place**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- COMBINING THE OFFICES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE {LC3963/1} (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would combine the offices of lieutenant governor and secretary of state, commencing with the 2028 election.)~~

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

**House Bill No. [7978](#)**

**BY Place, Stewart**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC4347/1} (Redefines "political party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election.)

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

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

**House Bill No. [7979](#)**

(Board of Elections)

**BY Messier, Edwards, Furtado**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5590/1} (Amends the procedures for the marking and certification of mail ballots by prohibiting anyone but the voter or certain persons close to the voter from handling the mail ballot.)

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

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

**House Bill No. [7981](#)**

**BY Kislak, McGaw, Stewart, Ajello, Knight, Cortvriend, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

{LC5097/1} (Establishes a system of ranked choice voting whenever a municipality's charter amendment is approved by its voters.)

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

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

**House Bill No. [8282](#)**

(Secretary of State)

**BY Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Dawson, Caldwell, Morales**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND**

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC5962/1} (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

**~~House Bill No. [8334](#)~~**

~~(Secretary of State)~~

~~**BY Kazarian, Shanley, Fogarty, Edwards, Furtado, Messier, Alzate, Casimiro, Stewart, Boylan**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND VOTING RIGHTS**~~

~~ACT {LC6066/1} (Creates the Rhode Island voting rights act to establish procedures to prevent discrimination in the voting process.)~~

~~03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections~~

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

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**TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION**

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