
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7008 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7090](#)

BY McNamara, Corvese, Shekarchi, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC3947/1} (Changes the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the fourth Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7377](#)

(by request)

BY Carson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC4040/1} (Requires party chairpersons to submit lists of party voters to the mayor or council president within 30 days of notice of vacancy in a municipal election office and mayor/council president are required to make a replacement nomination within 30 days.)

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

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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02/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for 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

03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7008 SUB A](#)

{LC3563/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7137](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT {LC3766/1} (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7154](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Kislak, Corvese, Shanley, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4114/1} (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7305](#)

BY Knight, Serpa, Potter, Cortvriend, Dawson, Diaz, Boylan, Cotter, Spears, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4375/1} (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7450](#)

BY Fogarty, Casimiro, Cruz, Tanzi, Alzate, Stewart, Kazarian, Speakman, McEntee, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC4742/1} (Amends various sections of law relating to campaign contributions and expenditures, including prohibitions on self-dealing with committee funds and prohibits donations made in fictitious names.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7495](#)

BY Boylan, Tanzi, Baginski, Kazarian, Ajello, Stewart, McGaw, Dawson, Messier, Furtado ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SAFEGUARDING ELECTION CANDIDATES USING REASONABLE EXPENDITURES ACT {LC4553/1} (Authorizes the use of campaign funds for security related expenses, including home and office security systems and ongoing monitoring, in response to threats arising from their public service or candidacy.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7576](#)

BY Kislak, Potter, Serpa, Cortvriend, McGaw, Boylan, Caldwell, Cotter, Spears, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4897/1} (Makes traffic accident data a public record, subject to federal law.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7580](#)

BY Casey, Solomon, Phillips, J. Brien, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC3895/1} (Allows that public records stored in a computer system, upon request, be provided at no charge.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7676](#)

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Carson, Spears, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC4865/1} (Allows advisory bodies to participate in a public meeting using videoconferencing, subject to certain requirements.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7977](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT QUESTION ADVOCACY AND REPORTING {LC5594/1} (Imposes strict identity disclosure requirements for those who incur expenditures for the production of ballot advocacy communications and political advertisements.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7985](#)

BY Read, Baginski, Chippendale, Santucci, Noret, Serpa, O'Brien, Fascia, Corvese, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC5114/1} (Requires those with a public records request to provide identifying information.)

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8296](#)

BY Read, Noret, Casey, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE {LC6080/1} (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8297](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Read, Noret, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC5961/1} (Amends the refiling process for rules and regulations under the administrative procedures act by implementing a confirmation and attestation system to confirm agency rules and regulations are active and effective.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8350](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC6088/1} (Clarifies the right of the public to have access to bulk electronic data processing records, compilations of electronic court records, including the Rhode Island adult criminal database and the Rhode Island traffic tribunal database extract.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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