
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7049 as amended](#)

BY Baginski, Paplauskas, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC3210/1}

(Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/09/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/15/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

01/27/2026 Committee recommends passage

01/30/2026 Placed on House Calendar

02/05/2026 House passed as amended (floor amendment)

02/06/2026 Referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2131](#)

BY Zurier, Bissailon, Burke, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC3428/1} (This act would add early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2304](#)

BY Quezada, Thompson, Acosta, Kallman, Bissailon, Mack, Valverde, Bell, Pearson, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN

GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT {LC3995/1} (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.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2404](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3396/1}

(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.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2490](#)

BY Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

{LC4657/1} (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2590](#)

BY Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

{LC4200/1} (Spells out rules and regulations for the presidential preference primary elections, and would also establish rules for ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting by the secretary of state.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2619](#)

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Britto, Murray, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND CORPORATE POWER RESET ACT {LC4712/1}

(Removes corporate and dark-money spending from all Rhode Island elections and ballot questions.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2720](#)

BY DiMario, Zurier, Euer, Gu, Lauria, Valverde, Murray, Bissaillon, McKenney, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN

CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC4361/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2951](#)

BY Kallman, Britto, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Lauria, Ciccone, Acosta, Bissailon, McKenney ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING {LC5119/1} (Establishes a system of ranked choice voting whenever a municipality's charter amendment is approved by its voters.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2979](#)

BY McKenney, Murray, Gu, DiMario, Bissailon, Gallo ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE {LC5230/1} (Proposes a state constitutional amendment to provide no person could hold office as general officer unless that person was a resident and a registered voter in the State of Rhode Island for at least 2 years, continuously, prior to taking office.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3043](#)

BY Raptakis, Burke, de la Cruz, Quezada, Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, Urso, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES -- DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PRIMARY VOTES {LC3864/1} (Sets an earlier deadline from June to April for filing of declaration of candidacy and nomination papers.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3111](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Felag, McKenney, Bissailon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC4585/1} (Allocates the assessment of fines for failure to file reports between the board of elections between the candidate and political action or political party committee.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3112](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4581/1} (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.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3113](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Felag, McKenney, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4583/1} (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.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3114](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5935/1} (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.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3143](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Murray, Gu, Urso, Ujifusa, Vargas, Lauria, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND VOTING RIGHTS ACT {LC6067/1} (Creates the Rhode Island voting rights act to establish procedures to prevent discrimination in the voting process.)

03/24/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3201](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY LaMountain, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC6162/1} (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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