
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7572](#)

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Edwards, Kazarian, Kennedy, Dawson, Serpa, Chippendale, Place, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4411/1} (Adds early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.)

02/06/2026 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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for 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

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

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House Resolution No. [7009](#)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION {LC3562/1} (Petitions congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose restraints on the federal government.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

01/30/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7234](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Santucci, Newberry, Paplauskas, Fascia, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION {LC4352/1}

(Changes primary election to Wednesday if after Labor Day and does not mandate local boards of election to have voter registration drive at high school.)

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

04/10/2026 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

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7451](#)

BY J. Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4728/1} (Requires mail ballots applications to include the RI driving license or state identification number, if unexpired or expired no more than 6 months prior to the election, or the last four digits of the voter's Soc Sec number.)

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

04/10/2026 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

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

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7792](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Potter, Edwards, McEntee, Donovan, Kazarian ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESCINDING PREVIOUS ARTICLE V CONVENTION APPLICATIONS {LC4869/1} (Rescinds any prior applications to the United States Congress from the Rhode Island General Assembly to call for a convention to amend the United States Constitution.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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