
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7989 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7092](#)

BY Perez, Fellela, Slater, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Felix, Hull, Hopkins, Fascia, J. Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC3930/1} (Amends certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.)

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for 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

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for 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

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7677](#)

(CRMC)

BY Spears, Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Boylan, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Shanley, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC4997/1} (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.)

02/11/2026 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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for 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

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7989](#)

BY Baginski, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC5266/1} (Exempts certain vehicles that are not manufactured with the proper front registration plate bracket from the requirement that motor vehicles display a front facing registration plate.)

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

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8216](#)

BY Serpa, Fogarty, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC3247/1} (Requires the coastal resources management council to conduct a review of certain water classifications and existing policies and regulations to properly account for sea level rise.)

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

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for 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.)

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7989 SUB A](#)

{LC5266/A/1}

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.)

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03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor
04/24/2026 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.)

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

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03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/24/2026 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.)

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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.)

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

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/24/2026 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.)

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

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7996](#)

BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Carson, Bennett, Cotter, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Donovan, Spears, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC4941/1} (Reorganizes the coastal resources management council under the department of environmental management and create the bureau of coastal resources management.)

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

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

04/06/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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