



Town of Portsmouth

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Canvassing Authority

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE PORTSMOUTH CANVASSING AUTHORITY

FROM: Jacqueline S. Schulz, Registrar

Please be advised that there will be a hybrid **Zoom meeting** of the
PORTSMOUTH CANVASSING AUTHORITY:

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: PORTSMOUTH TOWN HALL
Second Floor—Portsmouth Room
2200 EAST MAIN ROAD
PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871

AGENDA:

1. Review/approve unofficial minutes from BOC meeting held January 11, 2022
2. Discuss RFP evaluation process and announce award of contract for reprecincting services.
3. Discuss/distribute Rhode Island 2022 Election Calendar: A guide for elections officials
4. Discuss pending legislation and impact upon Portsmouth elections and voters.
5. Future hybrid meetings:

Tuesday, March 29, at 6:00 pm—Public hearing on reprecincting	Tuesday, September 13—Statewide Primary Elections
Thursday, March 31, at 3:00 pm	Tuesday, October 18, at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, May 10, at 3:00 pm	Tuesday, November 8—General Election
Tuesday, June 14, at 3:00 pm	Friday, November 18, at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12, at 3:00 pm	Tuesday, December 13, at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, August 23, at 3:00 pm	

Instructions to access meeting:

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Once prompted for the meeting ID, please dial: **926-8453-6948 #**

Once prompted for a participant ID: If you are an invited participant, **dial your participant ID followed by #**

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You will now be in the meeting.

While in the audio conference, **to raise your hand to ask a question**, dial ***9** and the host will be notified of your interest to ask a question. **To mute/unmute yourself**, dial ***6**

To access the meeting through the web using a computer or mobile device, go to the following web link in any browser (i.e. Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox, etc.) to run the Zoom app and view the meeting:

<https://livestream.portsmouthri.com/canvassing>

Using your laptop or mobile device, you can raise your hand to ask a question, or pose the question in the moderated Question and Answering chat window. The host will then be able to respond to your raised hand or Q&A question.

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Unofficial Minutes
Town of Portsmouth Canvassing Authority
January 11, 2022
Portsmouth Town Hall Planning Board Room

In Attendance:

Board Members: Nancy Zitka (chair), Ellen Vadney, Mark Kanter

Alternate Members: Conrad Donahue, Richard Gottlieb

Canvassing Staff: Jacqueline S. Schulz, Registrar

Public: Nancy Grieb, Nancy Howard

Ms. Zitka called meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

1. Discussion of BOE ruling on N. Grieb appeal and lessons learned from 2021 and strategies to avoid the mistakes made:
 - a. Wrong version of document published as explanation—implement better configuration-control practices such as sign-off sheets & checklists
 - b. Transparency questions
 1. More robust agendas & minutes
 2. Schedule hybrid meetings to allow for more public access and participation
 3. Ongoing process of improvements—Board open to additional suggestions
2. Redistricting
 - a. Reviewed RIGA House & Senate Redistricting Plans (<https://www.riredistricting.org>) and discussed the impact on Portsmouth regarding number of seats in RI General Assembly and number/location of voting precincts
 - b. Reviewed/made changes to RFP to include one public hybrid meeting
Motion made by E. Vadney to approve RFP; seconded by M. Kanter; motion carried 3-0
 - c. Established following tentative timeline and schedule for 2022 BOC meetings:
 - 1-13-2022—RFP posted
 - 1-31-2022—Target date for legislation to be introduced in RIGA for approval of new congressional, senatorial, and representative district lines
 - 2-11-2022—Proposed date for re-precincting bids
 - 2-22-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 3-29-2022—Public meeting to provide update on proposed precinct lines and polls
 - 3-31-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 4-15-2022—Updated files due to Department of State
 - 5-10-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 6-14-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - June begin sending redistricting notifications
 - 7-12-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 8-23-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 9-13-2022—Statewide Primary Elections
 - 10-18-2022—Statewide Primary Elections
 - 11-8-2022—General Election
 - 11-18-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid
 - 12-13-2022—BOC meeting, 3PM hybrid

Motion made by E. Vadney to approve tentative schedule with note that it can be modified as needed; seconded by M. Kanter; motion carried 3-0

3. Review FY2023 Canvassing Draft Budget—includes operational costs for two scheduled elections and does not contain staffing salaries/benefits determined by contracts
 - a. Reviewed/discussed operational accounts and requirements/processes for upcoming 2022 elections
 1. How many precincts will be needed for both elections? (anticipate/budget for 9)
 2. Will poll worker stipends remain the same? (yes)
 3. Will mail ballot applications be sent to all voters? If so, must budget. If not, what other processes can be used? (no, will try to offer online option for voters to request mail ballot applications that will be sent by office)
 4. Should we invest in high-speed scanner to assist with mail ballot application processing and signature captures at approximate cost of \$3000? (yes)
 5. Questions about different Temporary Assistance accounts need to be answered at meeting with Finance Director on Thursday, January 13. (agencies no longer used—additional canvassing support comes from former poll workers/staff)

Motion made by M. Kanter to approve preliminary budget with increase of \$3000-for high-speed scanner; seconded by E. Vadney; motion carried 3-0

- b. Board members signed request for the following:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Request 22-23</u>
Non-employee Personnel (1099)	\$ -
Temp Assistance Agency	\$ 25,440.00
Boards & Committees & Members	\$ 1,500.00
Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 4,000.00
Copier Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Contract Service	\$ -
Professional Development	\$ 950.00
ADA Compliance	\$ 500.00
Membership Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 350.00
Travel - Mileage & Airfare	\$ 500.00
Travel - Lodging	\$ -
Office Supply - Small Equip	\$ 1,800.00
Supply - Events--Elections	\$ 38,590.00
Printing	\$ 3,000.00
Mailing / Postage	\$ 6,500.00
Advertising	\$ 5,700.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -
Rent (for polls)	\$ 500.00

4. Registrar report:
 - a. NCOA almost completed—400 voters with address questions sent notices
 - b. EAC Local Leadership Council—will meet monthly to discuss elections processes and improvements. All can subscribe to e-newsletter at eac.gov

- c. Risk Limiting Audit for November 3, 2021, Portsmouth Special Referendum to test new algorithm developed by George Washington University graduate student tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 11, time TBD, at RI State Board of Elections Office, 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston. Public invited

5. Reviewed upcoming events and established 2022 BOC meeting schedule provided in item #2c.

6. Motion made by M. Kanter to modify agenda to include review/approval of Unofficial minutes from meeting held on November 11, 2021; seconded by E. Vadney; motion carried 3-0

Motion made E. Vadney to approve unofficial minutes; seconded by M. Kanter; motion carried 3-0

7. Board members reviewed unofficial minutes from meeting held November 11, 2021

Motion made E. Vadney to approve unofficial minutes; seconded by M. Kanter; motion carried 3-0

8. Scheduled next meeting:

Tuesday February 22, 2022, 3PM, Hybrid Zoom, Town Council Chambers

Motion made by E. Vadney; seconded by M. Kanter, to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Schulz, Registrar

Portsmouth Town Hall
 Bid Opening - P22-006 Reprecincting Consulting Services
 2/4/2022 2:00pm

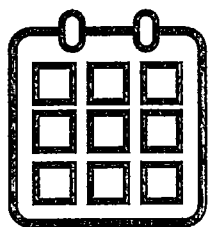
Evaluation Sheet

#	Proposing Firm	EV	MC	NZ	Total	Ave	Cost	Total ADJ	
								for Cost	Cost \$
1	Election Data Services	65	60	70	195	65	25	90	16500
2	ARCBridge Consulting & Training, In.	65	45	50	160	53.33	30	83.33	13999

Evaluator Signature

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Be A Voter



Rhode Island 2022 Election Calendar

A guide for elections officials

Primary

September 13, 2022

General Election

November 8, 2022



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Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State



Dear Local Elections Official:

As your Secretary of State, it has been an honor to work with you to improve access to the ballot box and secure the integrity of every vote. I cannot thank each of you enough for your work to deliver safe and secure elections during the pandemic.

It is imperative that Rhode Islanders continue to trust our elections process, and you play a key role in ensuring that trust. This digital guide contains all of the information and key dates you will need to administer the September primary and November general election in 2022.

The information in this guide includes:

- Filing dates for candidates
- Voter registration deadlines
- Contact information for fellow elections officials

I also encourage you to print out the flyers on the final pages of this guide to post in your offices for local voters. While this guide is offered electronically to make it easier for you to share with your colleagues, my office is happy to provide a hard copy of the guide or the Voter ID flyer upon request.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TTY 711 or elections@sos.ri.gov.

Government can and must be effective, transparent and accountable to the people it serves in order to succeed. That can only happen when we all participate. As a local elections official, I know that you work hard to make sure that Rhode Islanders who are eligible to vote can participate in our democratic process. I thank you for also working to make sure that our elections run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

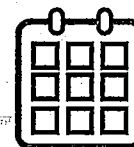
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Notes:

- › Rhode Island General Laws, [RIGL §17-1-7], provides for a uniform deadline of 4 p.m. unless another time is specified.
- › The determinations herein are a matter of interpretation and are intended solely as a guide. They do not constitute official interpretation of state law.
- › All statutory references are to Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended as of December 31, 2021.
- › The Department of State will post changes to Title 17 that affect this election calendar on our website at vote.ri.gov. There will be a link on the Elections Division page that will take you to the status of any laws affecting the dates in this guide.

Election Calendar Highlights



March 29, 30 and 31	Deadline to file disaffiliation for candidates
May 28, 29 and 30	Deadline to register to vote in order to file a Declaration of Candidacy Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy.
June 27, 28 and 29	Declaration of Candidacy filing period Declaration of Candidacy filing period. (All candidates for federal and statewide office file with the Department of State's Elections Division; all candidates for general assembly, local offices, Democratic State Committee, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is a registered voter.)
August 14	Deadline to register to vote in the party primaries
August 15	Last day for disaffiliation for primary voters
September 13	PARTY PRIMARIES
October 9	Deadline to register to vote in the general election
November 8	GENERAL ELECTION

2022 Election Calendar and Explanations

March 29, 30 and 31

Deadline to file disaffiliation - candidates

Deadline to file disaffiliation to run as a candidate. If you wish to run as a candidate and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which you wish to run, you must disaffiliate by this time. Deadline depends on date you file your Declaration of Candidacy.

[RIGL §17-14-1.1]

May 28, 29 and 30

Deadline to register to vote - candidates

Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Persons must be registered to vote at least 30 days before filing their Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §17-14-1.2(a)]

File declaration on:

June 27, 2022

June 28, 2022

June 29, 2022

Register to vote by:

May 28, 2022

May 29, 2022

May 30, 2022

June 27, 28 and 29

Declaration of Candidacy filing period

Dates for filing declarations to be candidates in primaries or to be independent candidates in the general election. Candidates for federal and statewide office file with the Department of State's Elections Division. Candidates for general assembly, local offices, Democratic State Committee, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is registered to vote. [RIGL §17-14-1]

June 30

Deadline to submit party nominations

For any state office for which no primary nomination has been made and any local office for which no nomination has been made by any authorized city, town, ward, or district committee or any duly authorized subcommittee, state committees of political parties may file party nominations within 24 hours of the deadline for the filing of declarations of candidacy in the same location where the individual nominated would have filed their declaration of candidacy for such office. [RIGL §17-12-2(3)]

June 30

Deadline to file district committee endorsements

District committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having district committee endorsement (senatorial and representative district committees from the City of Providence file with the Department of State's Elections Division). To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §17-12-11(b)(2)(c)]

June 30

Deadline to file City/Town/Ward committee endorsements

City, town and ward committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of local candidates having committee endorsements. To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §17-12-11]

July 1	Deadline to file state committee endorsements State committee notifies the Department of State's Elections Division of the endorsement of candidates to be voted statewide and by congressional district. To be filed not later than the second day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. State committee to file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having committee endorsement when city, town or district committees failed or neglected to do so. To be filed within 24 hours after city, town or district committees have failed to endorse. [RIGL §17-12-4]
July 6	Pick up nomination papers First day nomination papers are available. Candidates for federal and statewide office (or their designees) obtain nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division. Candidates (or their designees) for the following offices from the City of Providence obtain their nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division: senator, representative, Democratic State Committee, senatorial and representative district committees. All other general assembly, local office, Democratic State Committee, district committee and local committee candidates obtain nomination papers from local boards of canvassers where they filed their declaration of candidacy. Local board prepares within 2 business days of the final day of filing endorsements. (July 1st is final day for endorsement; July 2nd is a Saturday; July 3rd is a Sunday; July 4th is a holiday; July 5th is the first business day; July 6th is the second business day.) Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division (148 West River Street, Providence, RI) must have written authorization from the candidate. [RIGL §17-14-4(a)(c)]
July 15	Deadline to submit nomination papers All candidates (or their designees) file completed nomination papers with local boards of canvassers. To be filed on or before the 60th day before the primary. [RIGL §17-14-11]
July 18	Deadline to file objections to candidates - local offices Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for local offices. Objections to be filed with the local board of canvassers the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §17-14-13]
July 18	Deadline to file withdrawals of candidates - local offices Final date for local candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. [RIGL §17-14-15]
July 20	Deadline for decisions on objections to candidates - local offices Local boards of canvassers to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for local offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §17-14-14(b)(c)]

- July 21** **Deadline to certify nomination papers**
 Last day for local boards of canvassers to file primary and independent nomination papers for federal and state offices, and certifications for local offices with the Department of State's Elections Division. Local boards to file not later than 54 days prior to the primary. [RIGL §17-14-12]
- July 22 at 5 p.m.** **Ballot placement lottery for primary and general election**
 The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement for unendorsed federal and state party candidates on primary ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the State Library, State House. If decision rendered on objections removes a candidate involved in the lottery, candidate's name will be removed from the ballot. [RIGL §17-15-8].

 The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of recognized political parties and independent candidates for the general election ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the State Library, State House. [RIGL §17-19-9.1]
- July 22** **Deadline to file objections for candidates - federal and state offices**
 Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for all federal and state offices. Objections to be filed with the Department of State's Elections Division by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §17-14-13]
- July 22** **Deadline for withdrawals of candidates - federal and state offices**
 Final date for federal and state candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. [RIGL §17-14-15]
- July 25** **Deadline for decisions on objections to candidates - federal and state offices**
 Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for federal and state offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §17-14-14(a)(b)]
- August 1** **Deadline to submit list of poll workers - primaries**
 City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-15-13]
- August 1*** **Deadline to submit Braille or tactile mail ballot applications**
 Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled to request a Braille or a tactile primary mail ballot from their local board of canvassers. [RIGL §17-19-8.1(b)]
- August 9** **Deadline to appoint poll workers - primaries**
 Local boards of canvassers to appoint wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks at least 35 days prior to the primaries. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-15-13]

* Pending legislation could affect this deadline.

August 10	Deadline to submit local questions Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State's Elections Division a copy of each question to be submitted to the electors of the city or town. To be done not later than the 90th day before the election. [RIGL §17-19-7]
August 13	Deadline to post canvass notice - primaries Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than August 13th in order for canvass to be conducted by August 23rd. [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]
August 14	Deadline to register to vote - primaries Final date for voter registration for primaries. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the primary. [RIGL §§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3]
August 15	Deadline to file disaffiliation - primary voters Deadline for voters to disaffiliate (if necessary) in order to vote in a different party's primary. If you wish to disaffiliate you must do so at least 30 days prior to the primary. Unaffiliated voters may vote in any party's primary. [RIGL §17-9.1-24(a)]
August 19	Deadline to post preliminary voter lists Local boards of canvassers to prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the primaries. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the primary. In accordance with RIGL §17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards of canvassers cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period. [RIGL §17-10-3(a)]
Within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting list	Deadline to file affidavit of names erroneously included or omitted from voter list Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists. [RIGL §17-13-2]
August 23	Deadline to submit mail ballot applications - primaries Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to primaries. [RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)]
August 23	Deadline to canvass voter lists Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to primaries (20th day is August 24th – must be done before this date). [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]
August 24*	Emergency voting period begins Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from August 24th through September 12th at 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(a)(b)]
August 24	Deadline to post final voting lists - primaries Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for primaries. [RIGL §§17-10-5(a), 17-10-14]

* Pending legislation could affect this item.

August 26	Deadline to certify mail ballot applications Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division (not later than 18 days prior to the primaries, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first). [RIGL §17-20-10(c)]
September 2	Post notice - primaries Local boards of canvassers to post notice of primaries in each voting district. To be done at least 8 days prior to primaries. Local boards of canvassers may substitute posting of notices by publication in the newspaper (September 5th is Labor Day). [RIGL §17-15-17]
September 6	Appointment of party officials - primaries Local boards of canvassers to appoint watchers, checkers and runners for primaries. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town party committees at least 10 days prior to the primaries (September 3rd is a Saturday, September 4th is a Sunday and September 5th is Labor Day). [RIGL §17-15-13(c)]
September 12 at 4 p.m.	Emergency voting period ends Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-20-2.2(b)]
September 13	Party Primaries [RIGL §§17-15-1]
September 13 at 8 p.m.	Deadline to receive mail ballots Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921 or in an authorized drop box not later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]
September 14	Tabulation of returns Local boards of canvassers to meet and tabulate city and town primary returns as the case may be, and announce results. Certificates of nomination or election not to be issued until expiration of period for requesting a recount, and if a recount is requested, following decision thereon. [RIGL §17-15-30(a)]
September 14 by 4 p.m.	Deadline to submit recount requests Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes cast at a specific voting location or locations, or for filing other protests concerning the primary. Must be filed not later than the day following the primaries. [RIGL §17-15-34]
September 16	Deadline to receive military and overseas mail ballots Final date for receipt of military and overseas mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921 not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]
September 16	Deadline to fill vacancies Final date for filling vacancies caused whenever a nominee of a recognized political party removes themselves from the jurisdiction of the district or as a candidate for the office for which the nominee seeks election. In the event of death, the vacancy can be filled at anytime. Vacancies must be filled at the same location where the individual would have filed their declaration of candidacy. [RIGL §17-15-38(a)]

September 16	Local candidates certification Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State's Elections Division the names of candidates for each local office and the party name under which they were nominated, and the names of all qualified independent candidates for each local office. To be done not later than the third day following the date of the primaries. [RIGL §17-19-7]
September 26	Deadline to submit list of poll workers - General Election City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13]
September 26*	Deadline to submit Braille or tactile mail ballot applications Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired or disabled to request a Braille or a tactile general election mail ballot from their local board of canvassers. [RIGL §17-19-8.1(b)]
October 4	Deadline to appoint poll workers - General Election Local boards of canvassers to appoint poll workers for the general election. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town committees at least 35 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13]
October 8	Deadline to post canvass notice Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than October 8th in order for canvass to be conducted by October 18th. [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]
October 9	Deadline to register to vote - General Election Final date for voter registration for the general election. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3]
October 14	Deadline to post preliminary voter list Local boards of canvassers must prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the general election. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the general election. In accordance with RIGL §17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards of canvassers cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period. [RIGL §17-10-3(a)]
Within 5 days of posting preliminary voting list	Deadline to file affidavit of names erroneously included or omitted from voter list Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists. [RIGL §§17-10-5, 17-13-2]
October 14	Party conventions State conventions for political parties in Rhode Island shall be held not later than October 14th. [RIGL §17-12-13]

* Pending legislation could affect this deadline.

- October 18** **Deadline to submit mail ballot applications - General Election**
Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)]
- October 18** **Deadline to canvass voter lists**
Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to the general election (20th day is October 19th - must be done before this date). [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]
- October 19*** **Emergency voting period begins**
Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from October 19th through November 7th at 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(a)(b)]
- October 21** **Deadline to post final voting lists - General Election**
Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for the general election. [RIGL §17-10-14]
- October 21** **Deadline to certify mail ballot applications**
Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division (not later than 18 days prior to the general election, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first). [RIGL §17-20-10(c)]
- November 1** **Deadline to post warrants**
Final day for city and town clerks to issue and post warrants notifying of the general election. To be issued and posted at least 7 days prior to Election Day. [RIGL §17-18-3]
- November 7 at 4 p.m.** **Emergency voting period ends**
Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(b)]
- November 8** **Election Day**
[RIGL §17-18-5]
- November 8 at 8 p.m.** **Deadline to receive mail ballots**
Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for the general election. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921 or in an authorized drop box not later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]
- November 15 at 4 p.m.** **Deadline to receive military and overseas mail ballots**
Final date for receipt of military and overseas mail ballots by Board of Elections for the general election. Must be received by Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921, not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]

* Pending legislation could affect this item.

November 15

Recount requests

Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes. Petition to be filed within 7 days after the election.

[RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-19-36, 17-19-37]

January, 2023

Deadline for party committees to meet and organize

City, town and district committees to meet and organize. [RIGL §17-12-9(a)]

**Within 10 days of
of organization**

Deadline for party committees to file

City, town and district committees, within 10 days of organization, file lists of officers and members with the Department of State's Elections Division and local boards of canvassers. [RIGL §17-12-9(c)]

2022 Campaign Finance Calendar

Note: "NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION"

Any candidate for public office, as defined in §17-25-3, is required to file a "Notice of Organization" with the Board of Elections prior to receiving any contributions or expending any money in the furtherance or aid of his/her candidacy or at the time of filing their declaration of candidacy, whichever occurs first. (Note: Persons who have a "Notice" on file with the Board of Elections and who regularly file reports with the Board are required to file an amended "Notice" whenever there is a change to information therein contained.)

For further information regarding campaign finance requirements, contact:

State Board of Elections

2000 Plainfield Pike

Cranston, RI 02921

Phone: 401-222-2345 - Fax: 401-222-4424

Email: campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov - Website: www.elections.ri.gov

January 31 (not later than) POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES – TREASURER

Designation of a campaign treasurer by each state and municipal committee of a political party. [§17-25-9]

March 1

ANNUAL REPORTS

Each state and municipal committee of a political party must file an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all contributions received and expenditures made during the previous calendar year. [§17-25-7(b)]

May 2

(For reporting period January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties, and political action committees. [§17-25-11]

August 1

(For reporting period April 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates*, political parties, and political action committees.

* New candidates who file their initial "Notice of Organization" during the declaration period need not file this report. The first report of contributions received and expenditures incurred shall be due as follows:

› IF A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and August 15, 2022, shall be due on August 16, 2022.

› IF NOT A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and October 10, 2022, shall be due on October 11, 2022.

[§17-25-11]

August 16

(For reporting period July 1, 2022 thru August 15, 2022)

PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

On-going candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 28 days prior to the party primaries.

[§17-25-11(a)(2)]

September 6	(For reporting period August 16, 2022 thru September 5, 2022) PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS All candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 7 days prior to the party primaries. <u>[§17-25-11(a)(2)]</u>
October 11	PRE-ELECTION REPORTS Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 28 days prior to the election. If the candidate, political party or political action committee: › PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIMARY (Does not include unsuccessful primary candidates - See October 11, 2022) the reporting period is September 6, 2022 thru October 10, 2022. › DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is date of declarations for new candidates and July 1, 2022 for on-going campaigns thru October 10, 2022. <u>[§17-25-11(a)(2)]</u>
October 11	(For reporting period September 6, 2022 thru October 10, 2022) POST-PRIMARY REPORTS – UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY CANDIDATES All unsuccessful primary candidates must file reports 28 days after the primary. <u>[§17-25-11(a)(3)]</u>
October 31	(For reporting period July 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022) QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS Reports are due from candidates, political parties and political action committees that are not participating in the September primary or November election. <u>[§17-25-11]</u>
November 1	(For reporting period October 11, 2022 thru October 31, 2022) PRE-ELECTION REPORTS Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 7 days prior to the election. <u>[§17-25-11(a)(2)]</u>
December 6	(For reporting period November 1, 2022 thru December 5, 2022) POST-ELECTION REPORTS Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that participated in the election must file reports 28 days after the election. <u>[§17-25-11(a)(3)]</u>
January 31, 2023	QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS Reports are due from all candidates, political parties, and political action committees. If the candidate, political party or political action committee: › PARTICIPATED IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION the reporting period is December 6, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. › WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is October 11, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. › DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY OR ELECTION the reporting period is October 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. <u>[§17-25-11]</u>

Qualifications for Elective Office

Office	Age	State Residence	U.S. Citizen	Years in Term	# of Terms
President*	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	2
Vice President*	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	no limit
Presidential Elector*	18	30 days	yes	n/a	no limit
U.S. Senator*	30	yes	9 years	6	no limit
U.S. Representative	25	yes	7 years	2	no limit
Governor	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Lt. Governor	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Secretary of State	18	30 days	yes	4	2
General Treasurer	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Attorney General	18	30 days	yes	4	2
State Senator	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit
State Representative	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit

*Not on ballot in 2022

Polling Place Hours

Opening Times of Polls

CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.	CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.
Barrington	7 a.m.	Newport	7 a.m.
Bristol	7 a.m.	New Shoreham	9 a.m.*
Burrillville	7 a.m.	North Kingstown	7 a.m.
Central Falls	7 a.m.	North Providence	7 a.m.
Charlestown	7 a.m.	North Smithfield	7 a.m.
Coventry	7 a.m.	Pawtucket	7 a.m.
Cranston	7 a.m.	Portsmouth	7 a.m.
Cumberland	7 a.m.	Providence	7 a.m.
East Greenwich	7 a.m.	Richmond	7 a.m.
East Providence	7 a.m.	Scituate	7 a.m.
Exeter	7 a.m.	Smithfield	7 a.m.
Foster	7 a.m.	South Kingstown	7 a.m.
Glocester	7 a.m.	Tiverton	7 a.m.
Hopkinton	7 a.m.	Warren	7 a.m.
Jamestown	7 a.m.	Warwick	7 a.m.
Johnston	7 a.m.	Westerly	7 a.m.
Lincoln	7 a.m.	West Greenwich	7 a.m.
Little Compton	7 a.m.	West Warwick	7 a.m.
Middletown	7 a.m.	Woonsocket	7 a.m.
Narragansett	7 a.m.		

* Polls in the Town of New Shoreham shall open at 9 a.m.

Closing Times of Polls

The polls in all cities and towns in Rhode Island will remain open for voting until 8 p.m.

Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast his or her vote before the polls close.

State Elections and Political Party Offices Contact Information

› Department of State

Elections Division

148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904 222-2340

› State Board of Elections

2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921 222-2345

› Rhode Island Democratic Party

200 Metro Center Blvd., Suite 2, Warwick, RI 02886 272-3367

› Rhode Island Republican Party

1800 Post Rd., Suite 17-I, Warwick, RI 02886 732-8282

Department of State's Website

The following information concerning the 2022 election cycle will be found at: vote.ri.gov

- › Election Calendar - English & Spanish
- › How to Run for Office Guide - English & Spanish - Available soon
- › Declaration of Candidacy Form
- › Political Party Endorsement Form
- › Qualified Federal and State Candidates: Starting June 27, 2022, daily updates of federal and state candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Qualified Local Candidates: Starting June 27, 2022, daily updates of local candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Sample ballots
- › Find your polling place
- › Mail Ballot Applications - Available soon
- › Voter Referenda Handbook - Available September, 2022

Local Boards of Canvassers Contact Information

*Any mailing MUST be addressed to the attention of "Board of Canvassers".

Barrington Town Hall
283 County Rd. 02806
247-1900 x1

Bristol Town Hall
10 Court St. 02809
253-7000 x132

Burrillville Town Hall
105 Harrisville Main St.
Harrisville 02830
568-4300

Central Falls City Hall
580 Broad St. 02863
727-7400

Charlestown Town Hall
4540 South County Trl. 02813
364-1200

Coventry Town Hall
1670 Flat River Rd. 02816
822-9151

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave. 02910
780-3121

Cumberland Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02864
475-9040

East Greenwich Town Hall
125 Main St.
P.O. Box 111 02818
886-8603

East Providence City Hall
145 Taunton Ave. 02914
435-7502

Exeter Town Hall
675 Ten Rod Rd. 02822
294-2287

Foster Town Hall
181 Howard Hill Rd. 02825
392-9200

Glocester Town Hall
1145 Putnam Pike
P.O. Box B, Chepachet 02814
568-6206 x0

Hopkinton Town Hall
1 Town House Rd. 02833
377-7777 x1

Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave. 02835
423-9801

Johnston Town Hall
1385 Hartford Ave. 02919
553-8856

Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Rd.
P.O. Box 100 02865
333-1140

Little Compton Town Hall
40 Commons
P.O. Box 226 02837
635-4400

Middletown Town Hall
350 East Main Rd. 02842
849-5540

Narragansett Town Hall
25 Fifth Ave. 02882
782-0625

Newport City Hall
43 Broadway 02840
845-5384

New Shoreham Town Hall
16 Old Town Rd.
P.O. Box 220 02807
466-3200

North Kingstown Town Hall
100 Fairway Dr. 02852
268-1553

North Providence Town Hall
2000 Smith St. 02911
232-0900 x1230

North Smithfield Town Hall
83 Greene St. 02896
767-2200 x504

Pawtucket City Hall
137 Roosevelt Ave. 02860
722-1637

Portsmouth Town Hall
2200 East Main Rd. 02871
683-3157

Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance St. Room 102 02903
680-5525

Richmond Town Hall
5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.
Wyoming 02898
539-9000 x9

Scituate Town Hall
195 Danielson Pike
P.O. Box 328, N. Scituate 02857
647-2822

Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike 02917
233-1000 x112

South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High St.
Wakefield 02879
789-9331 x1231

Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Rd. 02878
625-6703

Warren Town Hall
514 Main St. 02885
245-7340 x4

Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Rd. 02886
738-2010

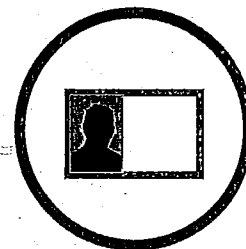
West Greenwich Town Hall
280 Victory Hwy. 02817
392-3800 x100

West Warwick Town Hall
1170 Main St. 02893
822-9201

Westerly Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02891
348-2503

Woonsocket City Hall
169 Main St.
P.O. Box B 02895
767-9223

Bring a valid photo ID to the polls



Poll workers will ask you to show a Photo ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the integrity of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

What is an acceptable Photo ID?

IDs must be valid and not have expired more than six (6) months prior to voting, but they do not need to have your current address.

Acceptable Photo IDs include:

- › RI driver's license/permit
- › U.S. passport
- › ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government
- › ID card issued by an educational institution in the U.S.
- › U.S. military ID card
- › ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
- › Government issued medical card
- › RI Voter ID card

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Mail ballots will not require Voter ID.

Don't have a valid photo ID? Get a free Voter ID.

Find out what documents you need to get a voter ID at vote.ri.gov

Contact us:

✉ elections@sos.ri.gov

📞 401.222.2340

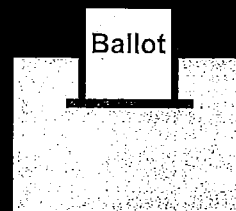
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Register to Vote



AUGUST

14

Deadline to
register to vote
in the Primary

PARTY PRIMARIES

SEPTEMBER

13

OCTOBER

9

Deadline to
register to vote in
the General Election

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER

8

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Legislative Status Report

Condition: {Session Year: 2022} {Category: Elections}

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Legislative Data Systems Room 1

2/17/2022

State House, Providence, Rhode Island

8:58 AM

Senate Bill No. 2007

BY Euer, Coyne, Quezada, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Miller, Archambault, Pearson, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE -- LET RI VOTE ACT

(Allows voting by mail without needing an excuse/improves voter roll cleanup/allows applying for mail ballots through online system/allows nursing home residents to receive mail ballot applications automatically/codifies mail ballot drop box requirements.)

{LC3182/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2090

BY Lawson, Euer, Cano, Burke, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Gallo, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.)

{LC3408/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2091

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED

ELECTORS (Replaces the requirement that the notice for the final canvass be posted in a newspaper and instead this act would require the notice for the final canvass to be published on the official website maintained by the city or town.)

{LC3930/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2097

BY Mack, Zurier, Kallman, Anderson, Acosta, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the state voter identification law.)

{LC3644/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2099

BY Archambault, Burke, Ruggerio, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Allows voters to endorse nomination of candidacy documents by mail, email, or facsimile and deliver to the candidate or board of canvassers in-person, via mail, email or facsimile.)

{LC3559/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2114

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Allows local boards of canvassers discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of senatorial, representative district meetings/voting district meetings for the purposes of election/publication in a newspaper local circulation.)

{LC3929/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2115

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Allows audio recordings to be taken of local boards of canvassers' proceedings and be maintained as a permanent record of the board.)

{LC3928/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2118

BY Archambault, Coyne, Burke, Felag, Raptakis, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)

{LC3575/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2119

BY Coyne, Euer, McCaffrey, F Lombardi, Ciccone, Burke, Kallman, Archambault, Miller, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.)

{LC3243/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2123

BY DiMario, Murray, Euer, Valverde, Lawson, Cano, Zurier, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)

{LC3948/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Resolution No. 2131

BY Picard

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Requires submission to voters in 2022 election constitutional amendment requiring governor/lieutenant governor to run as a team in elections commencing in 2026.)

{LC3677/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2151

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that for all primaries, the candidates' names would be listed on the ballot, in an order chosen by lot, under the direction of the secretary of state.)

{LC3258/1}

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2215

BY Burke, Archambault, Valverde, DiMario, Coyne, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Cano, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee to seek elected office provided that they resign their position upon being elected.)

{LC4079/1}

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Resolution No. 2216

BY DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Pearson, Murray, Burke, Coyne, Kallman, Cano, Valverde

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE (This joint resolution would authorize the submission to the electors of a constitutional amendment that would allow eligible citizens to register to vote removing the requirement that the registration be completed thirty (30) days before an election.)

{LC4005/1}

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Resolution No. 2232

BY Zurier, DiMario, Kallman, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL OFFICER PRIMARIES (This resolution creates a seven (7) member commission to study ranked choice voting for General Assembly and General Officer primaries, and would report back to the President of the Senate on or before February 1, 2023, and would expire on July 1, 2023.)

{LC4276/1}

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2253

BY F Lombardi, Ciccone, Picard, Miller, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).)

{LC4461/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2254

BY Raptakis, F Lombardi, Sosnowski, Archambault, Anderson, Lombardo, Burke, DiPalma, Mendes, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter.)

{LC4134/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2255

BY Zurier, Kallman, McCaffrey, Coyne, Miller, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Establishes an instant runoff form of ranked choice voting, limited to general assembly primary elections, when there are three (3) or more candidates.)

{LC4475/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2256

BY Raptakis, Sosnowski, Archambault, Anderson, F Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Removes the requirement that unopposed candidates who file valid declarations of candidacy need to file nominating signatures for certification.)

{LC4493/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2257

BY Quezada, Archambault, Cano, Euer, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Such information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state, to be utilized for redistricting.)

{LC3700/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)
02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2258

BY Raptakis, DiPalma, Murray, Archambault, F Lombardi, DiMario, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES -- DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PRIMARY VOTES (Sets earlier deadline from June to April for filing declaration of candidacy and nomination papers.)

{LC4133/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2350

BY Raptakis, Archambault, Anderson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES - MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBMITTED NOMINATION SIGNATURES (Limits the number of signatures that a candidate may submit for certification, to seventy-five (75) if fifty (50) signatures are required and to one hundred twenty-five (125) when one hundred (100) signatures are required.)

{LC4492/1}

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2353

BY Calkin, Bell, Anderson, Mack, Mendes, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS - EXPENDITURES REPORTS (Requires all campaign schedules of contributions submitted to the board of elections expressly indicate whether the contributor is a registered lobbyist.)

{LC4643/1}

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2354

BY Raptakis, Burke, F Lombardi, Lombardo, Paolino, de la Cruz, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Prohibits the mailing of any mail ballots or mail ballot applications to any voters who did not request them.)

{LC4732/1}

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2356

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, F Lombardi, Coyne, Archambault, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICES (Requires a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of secretary of state, attorney general or general treasurer if more than one year is left in the term of office.)

{LC4337/1}

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 6601

BY Ajello, Tanzi, Felix, Batista, Handy, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Knight, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Same as 21H-5600--Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)

{LC3461/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/27/2022)

01/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. **6622**

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Same as 21H-6465 -- Changes the process of nominating candidates for the general election, by replacing the political party primary with a primary general election.)

{LC3167/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/21/2022 **Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** (01/27/2022)

01/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. **6642**

BY C Lima, McLaughlin, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides planning board approval votes require majority of members present at time of vote/quorum of zoning review board would authorize voting members including alternatives.)

{LC3428/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/11/2022 **Scheduled for consideration** (02/17/2022)

House Bill No. **6656**

BY O'Brien, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Same as 21H-6004 Sub A as amended --Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)

{LC3490/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. **6661**

BY Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES (Same as 21H-5284 -- Requires that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.)

{LC3546/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/21/2022 **Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** (01/27/2022)

01/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. **6668**

(Secretary of State)

BY Ruggiero, Donovan, Abney, Hull, Morales, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, McGaw, Shanley, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE (Same as 21H-6042 -- Authorizes the secretary of state and board of elections to conduct an extensive cybersecurity assessment of our election systems and facilities and to establish a cybersecurity review board.)

{LC3427/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. **7033**

BY Solomon, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires all candidates for office to file the same number of campaign finance reports, all due at the same times, whether or not they have or had a contested primary election.)

{LC3533/1}

01/10/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/21/2022 **Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** (01/27/2022)

01/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. **7100**

BY Kazarian, Amore, Fogarty, Alzate, Shanley, Williams, Felix, Giraldo, Kislak, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE -- LET RI VOTE ACT

(Allows voting by mail without needing an excuse/improves voter roll cleanup/allows applying for mail ballots through online system/allows nursing home residents to receive mail ballot applications automatically/codifies mail ballot drop box requirements.)

{LC3657/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. **7213**

BY Diaz, Noret, Slater, Batista, Amore, Morales, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee to seek elected office provided that they resign their position upon being elected.)

{LC3852/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

01/28/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/01/2022)

02/01/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. **7214**

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi

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

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Creates a new additional post-election risk-limiting audit of voted mail ballots, focusing on voter signature verification.)

{LC4131/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. **7225**

BY Biah, Kazarian, Amore, Cassar, Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Diaz, Henries, Morales

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE (This joint resolution would authorize the submission to the electors of a constitutional amendment that would allow eligible citizens to register to vote removing the requirement that the registration be completed thirty (30) days before an election.)

{LC4046/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. **7253**

BY McGaw, Morales, Cassar, Henries, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that for all primaries, the candidates' names would be listed on the ballot, in an order chosen by lot, under the direction of the secretary of state.)

{LC3897/1}

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. **7362**

BY Quattrocchi, Roberts, Nardone, Filippi, Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS - GENERAL ELECTION DAY (Adds general election days to the list of holidays, in order to allow registered voters to cast their votes.)

{LC4114/1}

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7377

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS (Authorizes elected school committees if a majority of qualified electors of the said city of Providence vote in a special elections before July 1, 2026.)

{LC4307/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7421

BY Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED

ELECTORS (Allows audio recordings to be taken at the local boards of canvassers' proceedings and be maintained as a permanent record of the board.)

{LC4523/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7422

BY Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Allows local board of canvasser's discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of senatorial district meetings, representative district meetings, and voting district meetings with publication in newspaper of local circulation.)

{LC4524/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7423

BY Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED

ELECTORS (Replaces requirement that the notice for the final canvass and correction of voter registration files be posted in a newspaper with the requirement that the notice for the final canvass to be published on the official website maintained by the city/town.)

{LC4526/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7428

BY Shanley, Noret, Amore, Craven, Batista, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.)

{LC3933/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7429

BY Baginski, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).)

{LC4525/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7472

BY Kislak, Morales, Cortvriend, Hull, Batista, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS--GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES--RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Establishes an instant runoff form of ranked choice voting limited to general assembly primary elections, with three (3) or more candidates.)

{LC3788/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7515

BY Tobon, Barros, Edwards, Kennedy, Williams, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the division of motor vehicles in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities.)

{LC4699/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

Redistricting Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2162 SUB A as amended

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Felag, Quezada, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Sets forth the boundaries of the voting districts for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also sets forth the territory for the First and Second Congressional Districts in Rhode Island.)

{LC4405/A/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/08/2022)

02/08/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/08/2022 Scheduled for consideration (02/10/2022)

02/09/2022 Proposed Substitute

02/10/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

02/10/2022 Placed on Senate Calendar (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 Senate passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

02/15/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 House passed Sub A as amended in concurrence

02/15/2022 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 7323 SUB A as amended

BY Phillips, Newberry, Kazarian, Corvese, Diaz, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Sets forth the boundaries of the voting districts for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also sets forth the territory for the First and Second Congressional Districts in Rhode Island.)

{LC4397/A/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/02/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/07/2022)

02/07/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/08/2022)

02/08/2022 Scheduled for consideration (02/10/2022)

02/09/2022 Proposed Substitute

02/10/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

02/11/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/15/2022)

02/15/2022 House passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

02/15/2022 Senate passed Sub A as amended in concurrence

02/15/2022 Transmitted to Governor