



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Thursday, February 5, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

1. The Committee may discuss and vote upon election legislation submitted by Warwick City Council to the General Assembly, as described in the attached legislative summary, during the current legislative term. The Committee will, at a future date, present a report of recommendations on this legislation to the full Board at an open meeting.
2. The Committee may discuss and vote upon campaign finance and election legislation submitted by other persons and entities to the General Assembly, as described in the attached legislative summary, during the current legislative term. The Committee will, at a future date, present a report of recommendations on this legislation to the full Board at an open meeting.

All meetings of the Board are open meetings, and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any questions concerning the agenda should be directed to Miguel J. Nunez, Executive Director, at 401-222-2345. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting who may have special needs for access or services such as hearing assistance or interpreter services, please contact the Board as soon as possible in advance of the meeting.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Miguel J. Nunez
Executive Director

2026 LEGISLATIVE STATUS - ELECTIONS

UPDATED 2/2/26 8:00 AM
 YELLOW FILL = NEW FROM LAST UPDATE
 PURPLE FILL = BOE BILL
 GREEN FILL = CAMPAIGN FINANCE-RELATED BILL

SENATE BILLS

Bill	Companion	Introduced By	Agency	Date Introduced	R.I.G.L. Sections	Summary	Referred To	Current Status
S2131		Senators Zurier, Bissailon, Burke, and Quezada		1/16/2026		This act would add early voting to the fifty (50) feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.	Senate Judiciary	01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
S2304		Senators Quezada, Thompson, Acosta, Kallman, Bissailon, Mack, Valverde, Bell, Pearson, and DiMario		1/23/2026		This act would require 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 division of statewide planning, to be utilized in the redistricting process.	Senate Judiciary	01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
S2309	H7092	Senators Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, DiPalma, and Rogers		1/23/2026		This act would reduce the number of signatures needed on nomination papers for a candidate to be a delegate to a national presidential convention to 50 voters. This act would also amend and reduce the number of days before an election for which nomination papers must be submitted before a presidential preference primary to 54 days, and would reduce the number of days by which the local board of canvassers would need to certify the signatures to the secretary of state to 50 days before the presidential preference primary.	Senate Judiciary	01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
S2334		Senators Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gu, Murray, Bissailon, and Famiglietti		1/23/2026		This act would authorize 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.	Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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S2404	H7091	Senators Mack, Acosta, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, and Bissailon		1/30/2026		This act would allow 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.	Senate Judiciary	01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
HOUSE BILLS								
H7090		Representatives McNamara, Corvese, Shekarchi, and Diaz		1/14/2026		This act would change the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the fourth Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.	House State Government & Elections	01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/05/2026)
H7091	S2404	Representatives Felix, Cruz, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Donovan, Morales, and Furtado		1/14/2026		This act would allow 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.	House State Government & Elections	01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7092	S2309	Representatives Perez, Fellela, Slater, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Felix, Hull, Hopkins, Fascia, and J. Brien		1/14/2026		This act would reduce the number of signatures needed on nomination papers for a candidate to be a delegate to a national presidential convention to 50 voters. This act would also amend and reduce the number of days before an election for which nomination papers must be submitted before a presidential preference primary to 54 days, and would reduce the number of days by which the local board of canvassers would need to certify the signatures to the secretary of state to 50 days before the presidential preference primary.	House State Government & Elections	01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/05/2026)

H7231	Representatives Edwards, Bennett, Ackerman, Solomon, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty, and Casimiro	1/21/2026	This act would prohibit members of elected city/town political party committees as well as representative/senate district committees from serving on local canvassing authorities.	House State Government & Elections	01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/05/2026)
H7232	Representatives Edwards, Kislak, Potter, Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Bennett, Ajello, Tanzi, and Cruz	1/21/2026	This act would establish fusion voting in Rhode Island, allowing candidates to appear on ballots as nominees of multiple political parties, for the same office. The act would create comprehensive procedures for: (1) Cross-endorsement nominations and candidate acceptance; (2) Ballot design requirements with accessibility standards; (3) Vote tabulation that preserves separate party-line totals, while combining votes for final results; (4) Implementation requirements for voting equipment. The act also would reduce the threshold for political party qualification, from five percent (5%) to one percent (1%) of votes in statewide elections. Sections 5 of this act would take effect on passage. Section one through four (4) of this act would take effect on January 1, 2029.	House State Government & Elections	01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7233	Representatives Fascia, Papiuskas, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Place, Furtado, and Messier	1/21/2026	This act would allow automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses, like the procedures in effect for applicants to the division of motor vehicles.	House State Government & Elections	01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7234	Representatives Place, Chippendale, Santucci, Newberry, Papiuskas, Fascia, and Hopkins	1/21/2026	This act would require that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday following Labor Day, if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day. Additionally, this act would no longer mandate, but rather allow local boards to annually conduct a voter registration drive at each high school within the city or town.	House State Government & Elections	01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

H7238	Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, and Sanchez	1/21/2026			This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would create four (4) year terms for general assembly members and impose term limits of three (3) full four (4) year terms on said members commencing with the 2028 election.	House State Government & Elections	01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7380	Representatives J. Brien, Corvese, Lima, Chippendale, Hopkins, and Newberry	1/28/2026			This act would prohibit the use of ranked choice voting in all local, state and federal public office elections	House State Government & Elections	01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7434	Representatives Giraldo, Kazarian, Fogarty, Speakman, Alzate, Diaz, Stewart, and Cruz	1/30/2026			This act would prohibit ICE employees, agents or officials from being within two hundred feet (200') of any polling place during voting.	House Judiciary	01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
H7450	Representatives Fogarty, Casimiro, Cruz, Tanzi, Alzate, Stewart, Kazarian, Speakman, McEntee, and Spears	1/30/2026			This act would amend various sections of law relating to campaign contributions and expenditures, including prohibitions on self-dealing with committee funds and would prohibit donations made in fictitious names. This act would also provide that for purposes of the limitations on contributions, all contributions made by political committees established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same person or the same group of persons shall be considered to have been made by a single political committee.	House State Government & Elections	01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
H7451	Representatives J. Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, and Baginski	1/30/2026			This act would require the mail ballots applications to include the Rhode Island driving license or state identification number, if unexpired or expired no more than six (6) months prior to the election, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number.	House State Government & Elections	01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND
R.I.G.L. §17-8-5 TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF WARWICK IN THE LIST OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AND
COMPENSATION OF LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, R.I.G.L. § 17-8-5 provides for the powers and duties of local canvassing authorities, including the general appointment and employment of persons within the limits of funds available to it pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, R.I.G.L. § 17-8-5 (a)(4) also provides that the employment and compensation is subject to council approval in Cranston, Woonsocket, and Coventry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warwick desires that the General Assembly amend RIGL 17-8-5(a)(4) to include the City of Warwick in the list of municipal councils authorized to approve the employment and compensation of local canvassing authorities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact legislation amending R.I.G.L. § 17-8-5 as follows:

"It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17-8-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-8 entitled "Local

Canvassing Authorities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 17-8-5. Local boards — Powers and duties — Quorum.

1 (a) Each canvassing authority shall have and exercise the functions, powers, and
2 duties provided for local boards by this title or by any law not inconsistent with this title.

3 It shall:

4 (1) Select one of its members as presiding officer and another as clerk of the board;
5 provided, that nothing in this title shall be deemed to affect the powers and duties of the
6 town clerk who shall be ex officio the clerk of the respective town canvassing authorities;
7 and provided, further, that in the cities of Pawtucket, Central Falls, Newport, Woonsocket,
8 Cranston, and Warwick, the clerk shall be designated at the time of his or her election or
9 appointment;

10 (2) Have and discharge all of the functions, powers, and duties of the town council
11 concerning nominations, elections, registration of voters and canvassing rights, the
12 preparing and correcting of voting lists, and other related matters, which powers are
13 transferred to the local board;

14 (3) Make or furnish all returns or other things required by law to be made or
15 furnished to or by city clerks, boards of canvassers, and district clerks, relative to any
16 matter within the purview of this title;

17 (4) Appoint and employ all its necessary clerical and technical assistants and fix
18 the compensation of each person appointed, within the limits of funds available to it
19 pursuant to law; provided, that in the cities of Cranston, Warwick, and Woonsocket and
20 the town of Coventry the employment and compensation shall be subject to the approval of
21 the respective city or town councils.

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(b) A quorum of a local board for the purpose of receiving registrations shall be comprised of one member of the board, and for all other purposes a quorum shall be comprised of two (2) members.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage .”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to the City’s Representatives and Senators in the Rhode Island General Assembly, and the Chairs and Clerks of the House Municipal Government & Housing and Senate Housing & Municipal Government Committees.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SINAPI
COUNCILMAN FOLEY
COUNCILMAN RIX
COUNCILMAN NAPPA
COUNCILMAN DELUISE
COUNCILMAN MUTO
COUNCILMAN KIRBY

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL