

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association Support for Elections Legislation before the House State Government and Elections Committee

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the House State Gov't. & Elections Cmte.:

As Acting Chairperson of the Elections Committee of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association, I am writing to inform you the membership of the RITCCA voted unanimously at its quarterly meeting on Jan. 27, 2023 to **support** the following legislation that is now before the House State Government and Elections Committee:

- H-5383 – Clarifies that active voters are to be used in calculating the voter precinct cap number.
- H-5384 – Voter registration deadline may be advertised on municipal websites or newspapers.
- H-5387 – Authorization for election officials to apply for a DMV-issued flashing light permit.
- H-5459 – Correction to risk-limiting audit law to also apply to state office elections.
- H-5460 – Voter precinct cap increase to 3,500, and uniform polling place standards.
- H-5462 – SOS liaison on BOE, and technical corrections to various voting equipment statutes.
- H-5955 – Establishes a 3-day transmittal period for USPS-delivered mail ballot applications.
- H-5960 – Write-in candidates require declaration, and clarifies write-in tabulation protocols.
- H-6104 – Permits mail ballot drop boxes to be open starting 35 days before an election.

The RITCCA is the state's association of municipal clerks and election officials. On behalf of the Elections Committee, which has also voted unanimously to support these nine bills, we respectfully request the Honorable House of Representatives consider passage of this legislation that holds the widespread support of local election officials throughout Rhode Island.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas J. Lima
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RITCCA Elections Committee
Registrar/Director of Elections, City of Cranston

Cc: Jennifer M. West CMC, RITCCA President; Portsmouth Town Clerk
Michael Narducci, Elections Committee Vice-Chair; Manager, Woonsocket BOC