

I, Niyoka Powell, Support the Approval of the following bills:

RI House Bill: H 5137, H 5232, H 5711, H 5873

- Support H 5137: I strongly support H 5137. believe that section 1 particularly 17-1-3 regarding eligibility to vote is one that is reserved for citizens of this great country! Otherwise, why become a citizen. When one becomes a citizen, you pledge your allegiance to the United States as your primary nation, no other! When citizenship is required voters would actually pay attention and understand the importance in that vote.
- Support H 5232: I approve changing the early voting to 10 days instead of 15 days prior to an election. However, I'd like to see a same day voting without early voting, but one can dream. I also believe election day should be a national holiday during presidential year, and state holiday during state wide election years.
- Support H 5711 & H 5873: I approve the passing of this bill. I strongly believe that it should be a requirement for verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.

I, Niyoka Powell, strongly Oppose the following bills and hope you'd do the same.: H 5382, H 5515, H5517, 5709

- I Oppose: H 5382: 16 year olds need to understand the consequences of their actions. Perhaps a better solution would be a robust civic engagement program in the classroom that would ready them for when they turn 18 old. This would provide ample time for true engagement. I'd advise a mock vote in their social studies class so they can follow the consequences of their votes along with bringing back debate team.
- I Oppose: H 5515: I definitely do not believe that a candidate should have less than 30 days residency and be eligible to vote. It takes over 30 days to receive the first utility bill and approximately the same when registering for party affiliation. Within that 30 days, anyone can come into the state, vote, and leave. That's not fair election.
- I Oppose: H 5709: The only process I'd agree to is the streamlining of the process of voter roll clean-up as we continuously see deceased people signing for candidates, and students from colleges and universities, business addresses on a voter roll. Rhode Island can do better. Streamline the voter roll clean-up. Remove Rhode Island from the current ERIC, Inc. system and return to paper ballots and hand counting. Convenience is always a problem and increases mistakes not only in RI infrastructure, but greatly affects the economy and the income of working families.
- I Oppose: H 5517: There's no reason to increase the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting. That being said, since covid, it's been touted that RI's population had decreased and all of a sudden it's increased enough for us to want to increase the number of constituency per polling place?

Thank you for your time.

Niyoka Powell