

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

February 3, 2026

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 Crmte.:

The membership of the RITCCA voted at its quarterly meeting on Oct. 3, 2025 to **support H-7377**, which improves election security by clarifying local board of canvassers appointments.

This legislation clarifies multiple documented ambiguities in the board appointment process and helps ensure continuity of operations for critical election processes, including requiring the state Board of Elections and Secretary of State to maintain current emergency contact information on file for all 39 local board of canvassers chairpersons, chief local election officials, and an alternate designated contact. The bill also codifies in law various best-practice cybersecurity controls already in place by policy, by ensuring only authorized personnel can access the Central Voter Registration System, and personnel who no longer require access are removed in a timely and consistent fashion.

We thank the House of Representatives for passing this legislation in the 2025 session, and acknowledge the state Board of Elections and RI League of Cities and Towns are both on record as formally supporting this bill once again in 2026.

The RITCCA is the state's association of municipal clerks and election officials. 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
Chairperson
RITCCA Elections Committee
Registrar/Director of Elections, City of Cranston Canvassing Authority

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