

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

March 17, 2026

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

**RE: Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association Support for H-7303**

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

As Chairperson of the Elections Committee of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association, I am writing to inform you that both the membership of the RITCCA Elections Committee and the full Association has voted to **support** H-7303, which places a question on the ballot before the voters to consider removing the 30-day voter registration deadline from the state's Constitution.

Rhode Island has the longest voter registration deadline in the United States, which disenfranchises many voters each election cycle, but Rhode Island does have same-day registration for presidential elections only. H-7303's removal of the 30-day deadline from the Constitution will allow the General Assembly to discuss a more reasonable, voter-centric deadline that will improve election administration and preserve the right to vote for all Rhode Islanders. Doing so would result in significant election administration improvements, including reducing the backlog from the resulting 30-day holdout that prevents local election offices from processing voter registrations, and reducing the number of provisional ballots disqualified.

The RITCCA is the state's association of municipal clerks and election officials. We respectfully request the Honorable General Assembly consider passage of this important elections legislation that holds the widespread support of local election officials throughout Rhode Island.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Lima".

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