

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

March 24, 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 Election Bills**

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 the membership of the RITCCA Elections Committee has voted to **support** the following three pieces of legislation that are being heard in committee on March 26, 2026:

**H-7358 – Improves the tabulation and publication processes for write-in votes cast.** This legislation has previously been passed by the House four times, and this year's bill includes language supported by the RI BOE and RI ACLU to remedy concerns with past years' versions. **It is considered the highest priority election bill in 2026 for local election clerks and boards of canvassers throughout Rhode Island, and essential to improve our operations.**

**H-7782– (BOE) Corrects an error in state law to ensure a consistent recount deadline.**

**H-8282 – (SOS) Establishes an accessible online nomination paper portal.**

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 legislation to improve and modernize Rhode Island elections in 2026, as local election officials face many operational challenges which these bills would help mitigate.

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