



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Renay Brooks Omisore, Chairperson | Rochelle Lee, Clerk of the Board | David H. Leach, Commissioner

March 23, 2026

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

RE: Providence Board of Canvassers support of H-7782 (Changing recount from 7 to 9 days for federal and state offices)

Dear Chairman, Shanley and Hon. Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

The Providence Board of Canvassers voted unanimously to support **H-7782**, an act that Changes the recount deadline from 7 to 9 days for federal and state offices.

In 2025 the General Assembly changed the statute that changed the deadline to file a recount for local offices from 7 to 9 days. This will just place State and Federal candidates with the same 9-day deadline. This need to be changed to bring it to the 9 days to clear up a confusing loophole in the recount request deadline process to account for receipt and tabulation of overseas/military FPCA ballots that may change a close election result, streamlining the timeline and deadlines, which is a best practice for efficient elections administration and provides clarity to candidates.

If you have any questions regarding this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 401-680-5530, or via email at mnarducci@providenceri.gov. We appreciate your consideration and support for this legislation.

Michael P. Narducci

Very truly yours,
Michael P. Narducci
Administrator of Elections

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