



Senate Commission - Non-Plurality Voting Methods

Rhode Island's Current Election System
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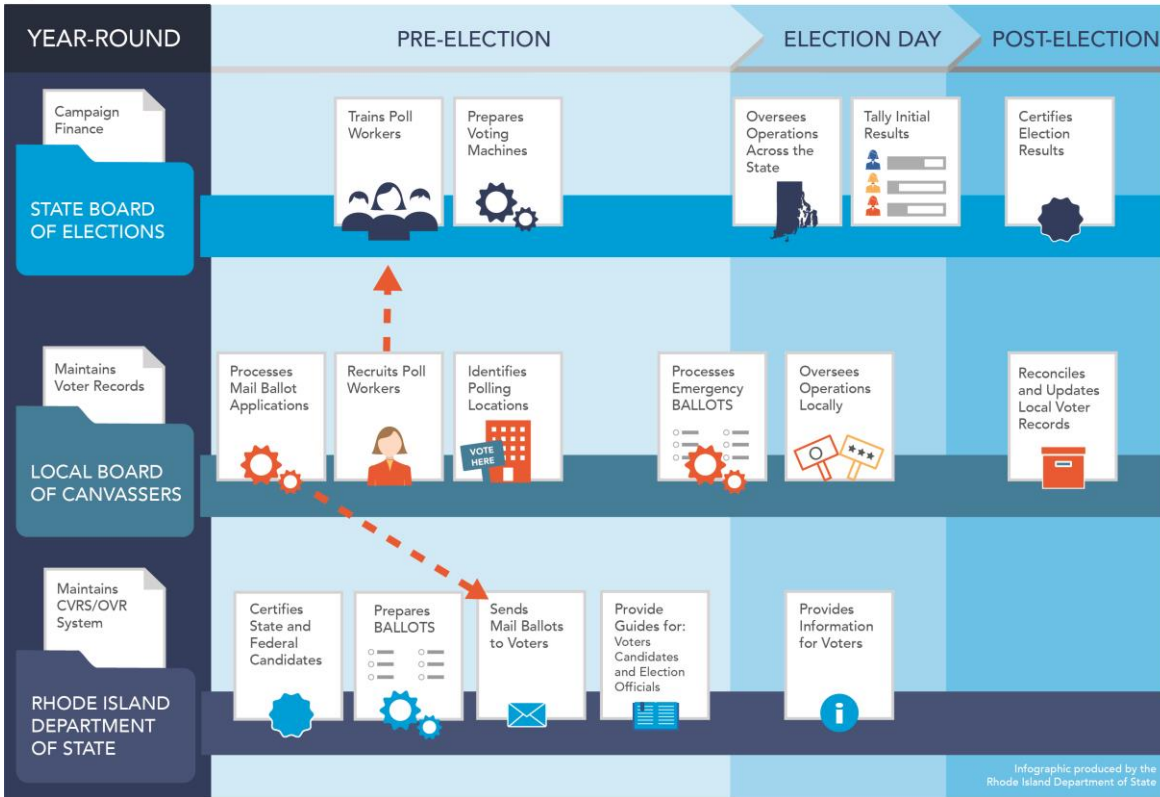


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Elections Administration in Rhode Island



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Department of State

- Manages the Central Voter Registration System (CVRS)
- Certifies federal and state candidates
- Designs all ballots
- Sends all mail ballots
- Provides information for voters, candidates, and election officials



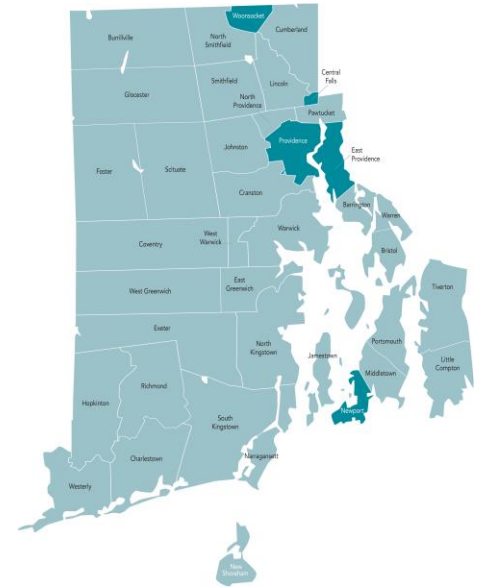
Board of Elections

- Tests voting equipment
- Distributes voting equipment and supplies to polling locations
- Provides election results
- Oversees election operations across the state
- Conducts recounts
- Conducts risk-limiting audits
- Certifies elections



Rhode Island Cities/Towns

- Hire polling officials
- Select polling locations
- Certify local candidates
- Process mail ballot applications
- Oversee elections locally
- Process voter registrations



Rhode Island's Voting Equipment

- **Election Systems & Software (ES&S)**
 - DS-200 voting machines
 - DS-850 mail ballot tabulator
 - ExpressVote ballot marking devices
- **KNOWiNK**
 - Electronic poll books



Voting Methods in Rhode Island

Mail ballot voting

- No excuse mail ballots

Early voting

- 20 days prior to Election Day at a location designated by your city/town

Election Day

- 7AM – 8PM at your assigned polling location

2020

- Mail ballot voters - 32.64%
- Early voters - 28.71%
- Election Day voters - 38.65%

2022

- Mail ballot voters - 9.49%
- Early voters - 19.85%
- Election Day voters - 70.66%



Election Results/Winners

Article IV, Section 2 of the Rhode Island Constitution

“...the person or candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.”

Rhode Island General Law 17-15-29 - Number of votes required to nominate or elect

“...the person receiving the largest number of votes, although less than a majority of all the votes cast for the candidates for a particular office, shall be declared nominated or elected.”

