



# Town of Jamestown

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The Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: Jamestown Board of Canvassers Support for S-2132 (Voter Registration Deadline Amendment)**

Dear Chairman LaMountain and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Jamestown Board of Canvassers to request the Senate Judiciary Committee's support for **S-2132**. This bill would provide the General Assembly the flexibility to modify the 30-day voter registration deadline by removing it from the Rhode Island Constitution. This legislation is broadly supported by the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association, the Rhode Island Board of Elections, and the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office.

Rhode Island currently has one of the longest voter registration deadlines in the country, despite already having same-day registration for presidential elections. Removing the 30-day constitutional deadline will allow for discussions on a more reasonable timeframe that will not only improve election administration but also preserve the rights of all Rhode Island voters.

Currently, residents who miss the 30-day deadline but appear at a polling location must cast a provisional ballot. Because those who register after the deadline are not processed until after the election has taken place, these provisional ballots are ultimately disqualified by the Board of Canvassers. With the Central Voter Registration System and modern technology, the ability to process registrations and updates can be completed much faster than in the past.

The Jamestown Board of Canvassers unanimously supports this legislation, which asks voters to consider repealing the 30-day deadline in favor of a more beneficial timeframe.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions regarding this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 401-423-9801 or via email at [kford@jamestownri.net](mailto:kford@jamestownri.net).

Very truly yours,

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CC: Kenneth Newman, Chair, Jamestown Board of Canvassers