



# 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-2147 (September Primary Labor Day Issues)**

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. **S-2147** propose essential operational adjustments that will streamline election administration, benefiting both local election offices and the voters they serve. The Jamestown Board of Canvassers recently met in a public session and voted unanimously to support this legislation.

**S-2147** proposes moving the 2026 September Primary Day, by one day, from Tuesday to Wednesday in years when the primary falls the day after Labor Day. This change ensures that municipalities can accommodate the required early voting period through Tuesday while holding the primary on Wednesday. By separating these dates, we can reduce the logistical challenges and voter confusion that occur when early voting locations must also serve as Primary Day precincts. This bill provides a clear, common-sense solution for the 2026 election cycle and beyond.

The House recently passed the companion bill H-7049aa with a minor floor amendment. We ask this Committee consider the amendment to ensure the bill texts match.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions regarding these bills, 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,

Keith Ford  
Deputy Town Clerk / Clerk to the Board of Canvassers  
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