

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

March 25, 2024

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

**RE: Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association Support for Elections Legislation
before the House State Government and Elections Committee**

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the House State Gov't. & Elections Cmte.:

As Chairperson of the Elections Committee of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association, I am writing to inform you the membership of the RITCCA voted **unanimously** at its quarterly meeting on Jan. 26, 2024 to **support** the following legislation that is now before the House State Government and Elections Committee:

- **H-7756**, BOE 3-day mail ballot transmission and sign with an X reform
- **H-7849**, BOE 35-day drop box / 20 days for non-statewide/federal elections
- **H-7662**, SOS automatic disaffiliation for unaffiliated voters / allow disaffiliations at early voting / authorizes election officials to communicate these policy changes to voters
- **H-7664**, SOS August primary / updates to process for forged signatures, review, and challenges / candidate declaration moved to May starting in 2026
- **H-7474**, SOS registration deadline constitutional amendment ballot question

The RITCCA is the state's association of municipal clerks and election officials. On behalf of the Elections Committee, which has also voted unanimously to support these five bills, we respectfully request the Honorable House of Representatives consider passage of this legislation that holds the widespread support of local election officials throughout Rhode Island.

We likewise thank the House for its past support of similar versions of H-7756, H-7849, and H-7662, which passed the full House of Representatives in the 2023 session.

Very truly yours,

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