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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley, Chair
House State Government and Elections
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: BILL NUMBER H-5384 – RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING
EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

Chair Shanley and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, I write in support of House Bill 5384, which would extend the period for requesting a recount of votes cast from seven (7) days to nine (9) days. This legislation is a commonsense adjustment that benefits municipalities by ensuring a more comprehensive and transparent electoral process.

Extending the timeframe for recount requests provides local election officials with additional flexibility to verify results and address any concerns raised by candidates or the public. Given the increasing complexity of elections and the need for accuracy and public confidence in electoral outcomes, allowing two additional days for recount requests ensures that all stakeholders have adequate time to review and respond to election results appropriately.

Additionally, House Bill 5384 maintains the integrity of the electoral process by preventing certificates of election from being issued until any pending recounts are completed. This safeguard ensures that final election results reflect the will of the voters and provides municipalities with clearer procedural guidelines when managing elections and transitions of office.

The League appreciates the General Assembly's ongoing commitment to supporting fair and transparent elections.

We respectfully urge passage of House Bill 5384 and look forward to working with you to ensure Rhode Island's elections continue to operate efficiently and fairly.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Members of House State Government and Elections Committee