



**RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE
OF CITIES AND TOWNS**

*Distinctive Communities
Powerful Alliance*

March 18, 2025

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

RE: HOUSE BILL H-5518 – RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

Chair Shanley and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns (RILCT), I am writing to express our support for House Bill 5518. This important piece of legislation seeks to improve access to voting information by enhancing transparency and accessibility regarding early voting dates, times, and locations, as well as voter registration deadlines.

We believe that this act will significantly benefit local communities by ensuring that voters are well-informed about the critical dates and locations for early voting. Requiring local boards of canvassers to publish early voting information both in widely-read newspapers and on municipal websites will provide an effective means of reaching voters across various platforms, enhancing accessibility for all eligible residents.

Additionally, the provision allowing municipalities to post continuous online notices of voter registration deadlines, instead of relying solely on print media, will make vital information more readily available. This change will streamline the process and ensure that no voter misses the opportunity to register in a timely manner.

The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes that HB 5518 aligns with our ongoing commitment to improving civic engagement and facilitating a transparent and efficient electoral process.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and we look forward to your continued efforts in support of a more inclusive and accessible electoral process in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Randy R. Rossi
Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Members of House State Government and Elections Committee

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----