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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Felag, McKenney, and Bissaillon

Date Introduced: March 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 17-19-37 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct of

2   Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **17-19-37. ~~Tabulation of state returns — Certificate of election.~~ Tabulation of state**

4   **and federal returns – Certificate of election.**

5   The state board shall proceed to tabulate the state <u>and federal</u> election returns and declare

6   the results as provided in chapter 22 of this title, and any candidate at the election challenging the

7   result as applied to him or her may petition the board within ~~seven (7)~~ <u>nine (9)</u> days after the

8   declaration to conduct a recount of the votes cast in the candidate's election according to the

9   provisions set forth in § 17-19-37.1. After the completion of the recount, and as soon as it can do

10   so consistent with its other duties, the state board shall issue a certificate of election to the state and

11   federal candidate it determines to have been elected.

12   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1   This act would increase from seven (7) days to nine (9) days the period of time in which a

2   request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections. No certificates of

3   election may be issued, until the recount if any is completed.

4   This act would take effect upon passage.

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