

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Rhode Island Board of Elections**

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

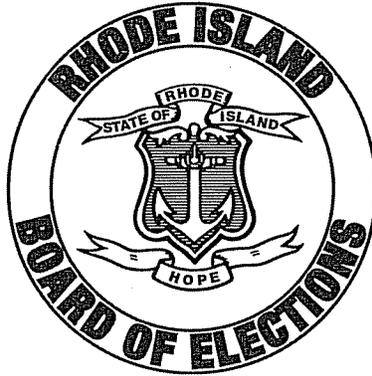
Pursuant to the provisions of Title 17 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Rhode Island Board of Elections hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt the following; Rules and Regulations for Declaration of Candidacy – Multiple Declarations.

The purpose of this adoption is to clarify and expand upon R.I.G.L. 17-14-1 et seq.

The proposed Rules and Regulations are available for public inspection online at www.elections.ri.gov, in person at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, 50 Branch Ave. Providence, R.I. 02904, requested by email at GMcBurney@elections.ri.gov or by calling Gregory McBurney at 401-222-1914.

In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the adopted regulations by 4/21/2010 to Robert Kando, Rhode Island Board of Elections, 50 Branch Ave. Providence, R.I. 02904, 401-222-2345, Feedback@elections.ri.gov. A public hearing to consider the proposed adoption shall be held on 4/21/2010 at 4:00 p.m. at 50 Branch Ave. Providence, R.I. 02904 at which time and place all persons interested will be heard. The room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling 401-222-2345.



**RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – MULTIPLE DECLARATIONS**

PROPOSED

**Promulgated by order of
The Rhode Island State Board of Elections
John A. Daluz, Chairman**

**RULES & REGULATIONS FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY –
MULTIPLE DECLARATIONS ADOPTED BY THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD
OF ELECTIONS**

The Rhode Island Board of Elections hereby adopts rules and regulations relating to declarations of candidacy pursuant to and in accordance with sections 17-14-1 et seq. of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended.

Said rules and regulations are proposed pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-35 et seq.) and are available for public inspection at the offices of the Rhode Island Board of Elections, 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Section 1. Purpose

The within rules and regulations are proposed by the Board of Elections in order to clarify the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 17-14-1 et seq.

Section 2. Definitions

Declaration of Candidacy shall mean the procedures set forth in R.I.G.L. § 17-14-1 et seq.

Section 3. Multiple Declarations of Candidacy

Each person filing a declaration for either a state or local office shall be eligible to declare for no more than one state or local office pursuant R.I.G.L. 17-14-1 et seq. If a voter files a declaration of candidacy for more than one state or local office during the declaration period, the last declaration filed shall negate any previous filings.

Declaration papers prepared by the Secretary of States Office will contain language stating that the person declaring for office acknowledges by signing the declaration of candidacy, that their signature and filing of the declaration paper negates any and all previous declarations of candidacy filed during the current declaration period for state or local office.

The Local Boards of Canvassers will acknowledge receipt of the declaration paper received by the person declaring for candidacy by time stamping or recording the date and time the declaration for office.

Section 4. Implementation

The Board of Elections may promulgate procedures and forms necessary to implement the within rules and regulations required under the Rhode Island General Laws.

These rules and regulations were adopted at a meeting of the State Board of Elections held on the _____ day of _____ 2010 pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. 42-35-1, *et seq.*).

By Order of the Rhode Island Board of Elections

John A. Daluz, Chairman

Date

Witnessed by

Robert Kando, Executive Director

Date