

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

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

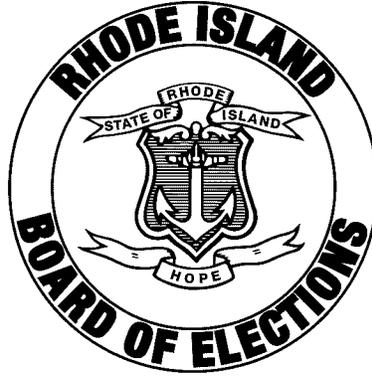
Pursuant to the provisions of Title 17 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Rhode Island Board of Elections hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt the following; **Rules and Regulations for Election Training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

These rules and regulations are proposed for adoption by the Board of Elections for the purpose of providing guidance and policy to the local boards of canvassers on upcoming elections.

The proposed Rules and Regulations are available for public inspection online at the Rhode Island Secretary of States rules and regulations database (www.sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/), via the Board of Elections website (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 proposed regulations by 06/18/2013 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 06/18/2013 at 3:30 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 ELECTION TRAINING SEMINARS**

Adopted

06/18/2013

PROPOSED

**Promulgated by order of
The Rhode Island State Board of Elections
Frank J. Rego, Chairman**

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ELECTION TRAINING SEMINARS ADOPTED BY THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Rhode Island Board of Elections hereby adopts the rules and regulations relating to Election Training Seminars pursuant to and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws 17-7.

Said rules and regulations are adopted 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

These rules and regulations are adopted by the Rhode Island Board of Elections to ensure the compliance and execution of R.I.G.L. 17-7-5(1).

Section 2. Definitions

Board of canvassers or local board shall mean the board of canvassers in a city or town.

Board of Elections or State Board shall mean the Rhode Island Board of Elections.

Election Seminar shall mean a training session conducted by the State Board of Elections that provides the local board of canvassers with guidance and policy on upcoming Elections.

Section 3. Purpose of Seminars

Rhode Island General Law 17-7-5(1) states that the State Board of Elections has “general supervision of the administration of the election law by the local boards.” The State Board conducts election seminars for the local boards of canvassers that review state and federal election law, and the policies, procedures and practices of elections in Rhode Island. The seminars are designed to promote the uniformity of elections statewide and ensure fair and efficient elections that conform to best election practices

Section 4. Attendance of Seminars

Each city must assign at least 2 (two) employees, and each town must assign at least 1 (one) employee, to attend each seminar. The assigned employee is in addition to any Board of Canvasser member to be in attendance. The Board may require the attendance of additional municipal employees with prior notice

Section 5. Penalty for Non Compliance

Any local board that fails to send a representative to attend the States Election Seminar shall be subject to the penalties in R.I.G.L. 17-26.

Section 6. 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 18th day of June, 2013 pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. 42-35-1, et sq.).

By Order of the Rhode Island Board of Elections

Frank J. Rego, Chairman

Date

Witnessed by

Robert Kando, Executive Director

Date