



**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR SAME DAY REGISTRATION AND VOTING  
ADOPTED BY THE  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

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*The Rhode Island Board of Elections hereby adopts the within rules and regulations relating to voter registration pursuant to and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §17-1-3.*

*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**

This rule is adopted by the Board of Elections for the purpose of expanding on R.I.G.L. §17-1-3 in order to further the intent of the legislature in enacting the statute. This rule is necessary to allow voters to register and then cast a ballot for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States on Election Day, as same-day voter registration and voting has become impracticable in certain city and town halls due to inadequate space and parking accommodations resulting from an increase in the turnout of same day voter registrants on recent Election Days.

## **Section 2. Definitions**

“Board of Canvassers” or “Local Board” shall mean the board of canvassers in a city or town.

“Election Day” shall mean any time the polls are open for the conduct of an election, primary, or referendum.

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

## **Section 3. Same Day Registration and Voting**

If the conducting of same day voter registration and voting in a city or town hall has become impracticable due to inadequacy of the available facilities or other concerns, the board of canvassers for that city or town may submit a request to the State Board to designate an alternative facility for same day voter registration and voting. Upon approval by the State Board, the board of canvassers shall allow unregistered voters to register and vote at the designated facility, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §17-1-3.

**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 are adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2008 pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. 42-35-1, *et seq.*).

By Order of the Rhode Island Board of Elections

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John A. Daluz, Chair

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Date

Adopted at a meeting of the State Board of Elections held on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2008.

Witnessed by

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Robert Kando, Executive Director

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Date