

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 213


EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, House Bill H-5461 would authorize cities and towns, by ordinance, to allow all their residents to vote in municipal officeholders regardless of the immigration status of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill H-5461, An Act Relating to Elections - Registration of Voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 04 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

A N A C T

RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Sanchez, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Henries, and Alzate

Date Introduced: February 08, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-9.1-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-9.1 entitled  
2 "Registration of Voters" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **17-9.1-11. Certification of citizenship.**

4           (a) Before the name of any person shall be placed on the voting list, the person shall, at the  
5 time of registration, certify or declare that the person is a citizen of the United States.

6           (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any city or town may,  
7 by ordinance, allow all residents of the municipality to vote in municipal elections for municipal  
8 officeholders regardless of the immigration status of the residents.

9           (c) The local board of canvassers, in conjunction with the secretary of state and the board  
10 of elections, shall develop the forms and instructions to implement the provisions of subsection (b)  
11 of this section as well as any rules and regulations necessary to ensure that any ballot for municipal  
12 officeholders only is kept separate and apart from ballots distributed to voters pursuant to  
13 subsection (a) of this section and counted separately for transmission to the board of elections.

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

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
A N A C T  
RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

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- 1           This act would authorize cities and towns, by ordinance, to allow all their residents to vote  
2 in municipal elections for municipal officeholders regardless of the immigration status of their  
3 residents.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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