

**Town Sergeant
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Write-in

State Questions

1. STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL

Approval of an act authorizing state-operated casino gaming at "Twin River-Tiverton" in the Town of Tiverton

Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution

Shall an act be approved which would authorize a facility owned by Twin River-Tiverton, LLC, located in the Town of Tiverton at the intersection of William S. Canning Boulevard and Stafford Road, to be licensed as a pari-mutuel facility and offer state-operated video-lottery games and state-operated casino gaming, such as table games?

Approve
 Reject

2. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Restoration of ethics commission jurisdiction over General Assembly members

Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution

Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Ethics commission - Code of ethics. - The general assembly shall establish an independent non-partisan ethics commission which shall adopt a code of ethics including, but not limited to, provisions on conflicts of interest, confidential information, use of position, contracts with government agencies and financial disclosure. The assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members appointed shall be required for the adoption for every rule or regulation. All elected and appointed officials and employees of state and local government, of boards, commissions and agencies shall be subject to the code of ethics. The ethics commission shall have the authority to investigate alleged violations of the code of ethics, including acts otherwise protected by Article VI, Section 5, and to impose penalties, as provided by law; and the Any sanction issued against any party by the ethics commission shall be appealable to the judicial branch as provided by law. The commission shall have the power to remove from office officials who are not otherwise subject to impeachment, or expulsion as provided by Article VI, Section 7.

Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Immunities of general assembly members. - The persons of all members of the general assembly shall be exempt from arrest and their estates from attachment in any civil action, during the session of the general assembly, and two days before the commencement and two days after the termination thereof, and all process served contrary hereto shall be void. For any speech in debate in either house, no member shall be questioned in any other place, except by the ethics commission as set forth in Article III, Section 8.

Approval of the amendments to Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth above will restore the jurisdiction of the ethics commission over members of the General Assembly.

Approve
 Reject

State Questions

**Questions 3 - 7
(Chapter 142 - Public Laws 2016)**

Shall the action of the General Assembly, by an act passed at the January 2016 session, authorizing the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes of the state for the capital projects and in the amount with respect to each such project listed below (Questions 3 - 7) be approved, and the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes authorized in accordance with the provisions of said act?

3. VETERANS HOME BONDS - \$27,000,000

For the construction of a new Veterans Home and renovations of existing facilities.

Approve
 Reject

4. LEVERAGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO CREATE 21ST CENTURY JOBS BONDS - \$45,500,000

To make capital investments in higher education-related projects, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) University of Rhode Island College of Engineering \$25,500,000
- (b) University of Rhode Island Affiliated Innovation Campus Program \$20,000,000

Approve
 Reject

5. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS - \$70,000,000

For port infrastructure projects, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Port of Davisville Infrastructure at Quonset \$50,000,000
- (b) Port of Providence Infrastructure \$20,000,000

Approve
 Reject

6. GREEN ECONOMY BONDS - \$35,000,000

For environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Historic State Park Development Program \$4,000,000
- (b) State Land Acquisition Program \$4,000,000
- (c) State Bikeway Development Program \$10,000,000
- (d) Brownfield Remediation and Economic Development \$5,000,000
- (e) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program \$3,000,000
- (f) Local Recreation Development Matching Grant Program \$5,000,000
- (g) Local Land Acquisition Matching Grant Program \$4,000,000

Approve
 Reject

7. HOUSING OPPORTUNITY BONDS - \$50,000,000

For affordable housing, urban revitalization, and blight remediation, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Affordable Housing Development \$40,000,000
- (b) Urban Revitalization and Blight Remediation \$10,000,000

Approve
 Reject

Local Questions

**8. TIVERTON CASINO
(Chapters 005 & 006 - Public Laws of 2016)**

Shall an act be approved which would authorize a facility owned by Twin River-Tiverton, LLC, located in the Town of Tiverton at the intersection of William S. Canning Boulevard and Stafford Road, to be licensed as a pari-mutuel facility and offer state-operated video-lottery games and state-operated casino gaming, such as table games?

Approve
 Reject

**9. \$15,438,230 BOND TO REPLACE TIVERTON MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ROOF AND HVAC
(Chapters 243 & 289 - Public Laws of 2016)**

Shall an act, passed at the 2016 session of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Tiverton to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$15,438,230 to finance replacement of roofs and HVAC systems at the Tiverton Middle School and the Tiverton High School' be approved?

Approve
 Reject

**QUESTIONS 10 - 11
AMENDMENTS TO TIVERTON HOME RULE CHARTER
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 1, 2016)**

10. Article X, Section 1010 – Wastewater Management Commission

Shall the Town Charter be amended to remove all references to the now defunct Wastewater Management Commission?

Approve
 Reject

11. Article X, Section 1007(a) – Personnel Board Duties and Responsibilities

Shall Section 1007(a) of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to give the Personnel Board discretion to develop a method for advertising vacant municipal positions and discretion in recommending the number of applicants for a vacant position to the Town Administrator?

Approve
 Reject