Elections and Voting

Poll Worker Information

The Board of Canvassers’ Office is always looking for election workers to help conduct fair and accurate elections. If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please consider becoming an election worker.

Under Rhode Island law, in order to serve as a poll worker you must:

- Be registered to vote in Rhode Island
- Be able to read the Rhode Island Constitution in English
- Be able to write your own name
- You cannot serve as a poll worker if you are a convicted felon
- You cannot serve as poll worker in a primary if you are employed by the city/town in which you want to work. This rule is not applicable to the General Election.
- You will be paid (pay varies by position assigned)
- You must attend a training class that may exceed 3 hours. You must be available to work the day of the election, from 6 a.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. You cannot leave your assigned polling place for any reason; this includes voting, lunch, or dinner breaks. If you desire to vote and are not assigned to work in your voting precinct, you must cast a mail ballot at the Board of Canvassers' office up until 4 p.m. the day before the election.

High School Students
You may be eligible to work at the polls if you are at least 16 years old, a junior or senior, have at least a 2.5 GPA, and receive permission from school officials. Contact your Board of Canvassers for more information.

You can apply to be a poll worker by completing a poll worker application and submit it to your local Board of Canvassers.

For additional information, please contract the Town Clerk or Board of Canvasser’s Clerk at 401-728-2400. Both offices are located on the first floor of the Cumberland Town Hall, 45 Broad Street, Cumberland RI.