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Cleaning up Rhode Island's voter rolls:

Republican Bill mandating Funeral directors to file written notification with the Secretary of State and with local Board of Canvassers passes House

State House, Providence, RI – A Rhode Island House bill, sponsored by Republican Deputy Minority Whip Sherry Roberts, mandates funeral directors to file written notification of the name, date of birth and address of the deceased in their care to the Rhode Island Secretary of State and to the decedent's local Board of Canvassers. The amended bill passed unanimously on the House floor and is now headed to the Senate for final approval. The legislation, which systemizes an effort to maintain accurate rolls of registered voters in Rhode Island, is co-sponsored by Deputy Minority Leader Robert Quattrocchi, Representative George Nardone, Senior Deputy Minority Leader Justin Price and Minority Whip Michael Chippendale.

"This is a good government bill," said Roberts. "Although there is an informal process currently in place between funeral directors and the Secretary of State, enacting this into law ensures an expedient and accurate process of removing a decedent from the voter rolls in their local city or town. I am grateful to the Speaker for bringing my legislation to the floor for a vote. This protocol should lay to rest at least one-long standing concern of alleged Election Day abuse."

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