

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW  
RHODE ISLAND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008**

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**On the ballot:** Presidential primary candidates

**Polling place hours:** Opening times in the state vary, with most jurisdictions, including East Providence, Providence, Warwick and Pawtucket, opening at 7 a.m. All polls close at 9 p.m., except New Shoreham, where polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For a complete list of opening times, [click here](#). (Scroll to the bottom of the page.)

**Registered voters:** 665,091 (February 2008)

**Absentee and early ballots:** An [excuse is required](#) to cast an absentee ballot.

**Voter ID:** Per federal law, first-time voters who registered by mail but did not include verification with their application must show ID at polling places the first time they cast ballots.

**Voting systems:** Only paper-based systems are used in the state, including hand-counted paper ballots, optical-scan ballots and a vote-by-phone system accessible to people with disabilities. [Click here](#) for a complete list of voting system usage.

**State election links:**

[Rhode Island Board of Elections](#)

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**Recent news stories:**

[State ready for record turnout](#), WJAR-NBC10, Feb. 26, 2008

[Mayor criticizes voters' board](#), *The Providence Journal*, Feb. 21, 2008

[Canvassers update rolls for primary elections](#), *The Providence Journal*, Feb. 20, 2008

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