



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

**WRIT OF ELECTION**

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**RHODE ISLAND, DISTRICT 1**

TO: Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore

Diane C. Mederos, Chairwoman of the State of Rhode Island Board of Elections

Robert B. Rapoza, Executive Director of the State of Rhode Island Board of Elections

Barrington Town Clerk; Bristol Town Clerk; Central Falls City Clerk; Cumberland Town Clerk; East Providence City Clerk; Jamestown Town Clerk; Lincoln Town Clerk; Little Compton Town Clerk; Middletown Town Clerk; Newport City Clerk; North Providence Town Clerk; North Smithfield Town Clerk; Pawtucket City Clerk; Portsmouth Town Clerk; Providence City Clerk; Smithfield Town Clerk; Tiverton Town Clerk; Warren Town Clerk; and Woonsocket City Clerk

**WHEREAS**, Congressman David N. Cicilline, serving in the United States House of Representatives as the Representative for Rhode Island's First Congressional District, resigned his elected office effective June 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Cicilline's resignation has created a vacancy in Rhode Island's First Congressional District; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution, article I, section 2, clause 4 and Rhode Island General Laws, section 17-4-8, require the Governor to issue a writ of election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives when such vacancy happens; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution, article I, section 4, clause 1 and the United States Code, title 2, chapter 1, section 8(a) provide that the time, place, and manner of holding an election to fill a vacancy for a Representative is prescribed by the laws and regulations of each respective State; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws, section 17-4-8, requires that the date of any special election be the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of any month and otherwise comply with the provisions of law that relate to special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States House of Representatives for either district; and

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**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws, section 17-15-3, requires that party primary elections be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the special election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act requires states to transmit validly-requested absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters, as set forth in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), no later than 45 days before a federal election, when the request has been received by that date; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the requirements of the MOVE Act, the deadline for candidates to submit declarations of candidacy shall be during June 29 and 30, 2023, the sixty-seventh (67th) and sixty-eighth (68th) days preceding the party primary for this special election; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the requirements of the MOVE Act, the deadline for candidates to submit nomination papers shall be on July 14, 2023, the fifty-third (53rd) day preceding the party primary for this special election; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the requirements of the MOVE Act, the deadline for filing the nomination papers with the office of the Secretary of State shall be on July 18, 2023, the forty-ninth (49th) day preceding the party primary for this special election; and

**WHEREAS**, candidates shall have through May 31, 2023, thirty (30) days before the deadline for filing the declaration of candidacy to determine party affiliation.

**THEREFORE**, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the United States and the State of Rhode Island, by this Writ of Election do hereby order and direct the Secretary of State, the Board of Elections, and the clerks of the several cities and towns within Rhode Island's First Congressional District to hold a special election to fill the vacancy in the United States House of Representatives for the Representative for Rhode Island's First Congressional District, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, and I further order, in agreement with the Board of Elections, that a primary election for nominating candidates to fill the aforementioned vacancy, be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in accord with the provisions set forth herein and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Issued on this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.

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**Governor Daniel J. McKee**