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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT  
CANDIDATES

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Alzate, Casimiro, and Bennett

Date Introduced: January 25, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(By request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-14-1.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-14 entitled "Nomination  
2 of Party and Independent Candidates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~17-14-1.2. Candidate required to be a qualified voter in the election~~ Candidate  
4 required to be a qualified voter in the election - Residency requirement.

5 (a)(1) No person shall be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy as an independent  
6 candidate nor shall a person be eligible to be a candidate or be eligible to be voted for unless the  
7 person shall, at the time of filing the declaration, be qualified to vote in the election within the  
8 district for the office which that person seeks.

9 (2) No person shall be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy as an independent  
10 candidate nor shall a person be eligible to be a candidate or eligible to be voted for relating to the  
11 state offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general or treasurer unless  
12 the person shall, at the time of filing the declaration, be a resident of the State of Rhode Island for  
13 five (5) years.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, individuals residing in state senate  
15 districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16 and 17 may file a declaration of candidacy for state senator  
16 and/or senatorial district committee member for those senate districts for the 2004 election pursuant  
17 to § 17-14-1, provided they were registered to vote in the election for that district on or before June  
18 16, 2004.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would require that a candidate for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor,  
2 secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer be a resident of the state for a period of five (5)  
3 years prior to the filing of a declaration of candidacy.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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