2023 -- H 5305

S T A T E   O F   R H O D E   I S L A N D

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

_____

A N   A C T

RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Donovan, Ackerman, Dawson, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Shanley, Fogarty, and McGaw

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(By request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 17-18-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-18 entitled "Elective

2   Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **17-18-15. Closing of schools.**

4   At each general election as defined in § 17-1-2(2) and, at each statewide primary as defined

5   in § 17-15-1, and at each primary for election of delegates to national conventions and for

6   presidential preference as defined in § 17-12.1, all public elementary and secondary schools

7   throughout the state shall not be in session. On the day of the general election, and the statewide

8   primary, and the presidential preference primary, the use of school buildings or premises shall be

9   restricted to use only as polling places for election purposes. Notwithstanding the previous

10   provisions, school staff development days may be held. Provided further, that the provisions of this

11   section shall not be applicable to the Block Island School, located in the town of New Shoreham,

12   and the use of the Block Island School shall not be restricted, nor shall classes need to be cancelled

13   or postponed at said school, on the day of general elections, and statewide primaries, and

14   presidential preference primaries.

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

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

A N   A C T

RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

***

1   This act would mandate that on each primary for election of national convention delegates

2   and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools

3   be closed.

4   This act would take effect upon passage.

========
LC001096
========