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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT,
AND SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, and Caldwell

Date Introduced: February 15, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(By request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-19-49 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct of
2 Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-19-49. Political literature and influence.**

4 No poster, paper, circular, or other document designed or tending to aid, injure, or defeat
5 any candidate for public office or any political party on any question submitted to the voters shall
6 be distributed or displayed within the voting place or within ~~fifty (50)~~ one hundred (100) feet of
7 the entrance or entrances to the building in which voting is conducted at any primary or election.
8 Neither shall any election official display on his or her person within the voting place any political
9 party button, badge, or other device tending to aid, injure, or defeat the candidacy of any person for
10 public office or any question submitted to the voters or to intimidate or influence the voters.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would amend from fifty (50) feet to one hundred (100) feet the distance which
- 2 must be maintained by people at polling location entrances.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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