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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, and McKenney

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-8 of the General Laws entitled "Public Buildings" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-8-9.1. Senate president's portraits.**

4 The secretary of state shall cause a portrait to be painted of each president of the senate as
5 soon after the president of the senate is inducted into office, including former presidents of the
6 senate. Whenever any portrait is finished, the secretary of state shall deliver the portrait to the
7 department of administration to be hung in the senate lounge or thereabouts and the state controller
8 is hereby authorized and directed to draw the controller's order, upon the general treasurer for a
9 sum sufficient to pay for any portrait out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated
10 upon receipt of vouchers approved by the secretary of state.

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 authorize and fund the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate
2 and former presidents of the senate to be hung in the senate lounge or thereabouts.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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