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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF
JAMESTOWN

Introduced By: Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: January 22, 2021

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the home rule charter of the Town
2 of Jamestown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of
3 Jamestown on November 3, 2020, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment
4 by the General Assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the home
5 rule charter of the Town of Jamestown are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated, and enacted. It is
6 the express intention of the General Assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify,
7 confirm, validate, and enact those provisions of the said amendments to the home rule charter of
8 the Town of Jamestown that require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment and, by the
9 passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate, and enact said provisions.
10 Nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to
11 towns by the home rule amendment and other applicable laws of the state of Rhode Island or those
12 rights retained by said Town of Jamestown in its home rule charter.

13 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof, to the Town of
14 Jamestown or to any person or circumstances, is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of
15 this act, or the application of such provision, to aid town or other persons or circumstances, shall
16 not be affected thereby and, to this end, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would ratify the town of Jamestown Home Rule Charter amendment to Section
2 219 of the charter adopted at a November 3, 2020 referendum, concerning the process and
3 procedures by which voter initiative can be activated.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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