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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22-1 of the General Laws entitled "Composition of Senate" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **22-1-1.1. Special voting requirements for senate redistricting.**

4 The passage of all acts which address the redistricting of the senate shall satisfy special
5 voting requirements. No amendments to § 22-1-2 entitled "Districts" or any senate redistricting
6 legislation, may be adopted unless they are supported by a majority of the members present and
7 voting in each of the two (2) chambers, and by a majority of members in each of the two (2) largest
8 member-represented political parties.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 22-2 of the General Laws entitled "Composition of House of
10 Representatives" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

11 **22-2-1.1. Special voting requirements for house of representatives redistricting.**

12 The passage of all acts which address the redistricting of the house of representatives shall
13 satisfy special voting requirements. No amendments to § 22-2-2 entitled "Districts" or any house
14 of representatives redistricting legislation, may be adopted unless they are supported by a majority
15 of the members present and voting in each of the two (2) chambers, and by a majority of members
16 in each of the two (2) largest member-represented political parties.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require for adoption of redistricting legislation an affirmative vote of a
2 majority of representatives and senators voting by each of the two (2) chambers' and by a majority
3 of representatives and senators in the largest two (2) member-represented political parties.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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