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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Schadone, San Bento, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 05, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2-1-6 in Chapter 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 237 of the Public Laws
2 of 1973 entitled “An Act to Incorporate the Town of North Providence”, as amended, is hereby
3 further amended to read as follows:

4 2-1-6 Meetings.

5 (a) At least one regular meeting shall be held commencing at ~~7:30~~ 7:00 p.m. on the first
6 Tuesday of each month and if such day is a legal holiday by the laws of the state, or an election
7 day, the meeting shall be held on the following day, except that the first regular meeting in
8 January of each odd numbered year shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

9 (b) Special meetings may be held at such other times as the council may deem necessary
10 to transact business of the town. The mayor, council president or four (4) members of the council
11 may call a special meeting provided the person or persons calling such special meeting notify or
12 cause the town clerk to notify all council members by letter delivered by a messenger via
13 electronic transmission or by registered or certified mail to the residence of each council member
14 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the holding of such meeting stating its place, time, date and
15 purpose. Only such stated business shall be transacted at such meeting unless all members are
16 present and consent to act upon other business.

17 (c) All regular and special meetings shall be held in the council chamber of the town hall
18 and be open to the public. In the event a regular or special meeting is to be held elsewhere, notice
19 shall be given to the residents of the town ~~by advertising the same in a newspaper of general~~

1 ~~circulation and circulated within the town~~ pursuant to the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act
2 (RIGL Chapter 42-46) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time scheduled for the start of
3 such meeting. Such notice shall state the place, time, date and purpose of the meeting and reason
4 for removal from the council chamber. All meetings of committees of the council shall be open to
5 the public.

6 (d) An emergency meeting shall be held when called by the mayor, president of the
7 council or four (4) council members by giving each council member notice thereof at his place of
8 residence by telephone, by letter delivered by messenger or by telegram. Such notice shall state
9 the place, time, date and purpose of the meeting. An emergency for which such a meeting may be
10 held shall be one where immediate action is required to preserve and protect the property, public
11 welfare, peace, health or safety of the people in the town and adequate prior action could not have
12 been taken in relation thereto under normal circumstances. The preamble of any resolution or
13 ordinance passed at such meeting shall state the nature of the emergency and such resolution or
14 ordinance or any other action taken at such meeting shall be limited to matters directly relating to
15 the stated emergency.

16 (e) A quorum of four (4) members shall be necessary before the council may transact any
17 business but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

18 (f) Executive meetings of the council and of committees thereof may be held only for the
19 consideration of personnel matters where publicity relating thereto would not be in the public
20 interest or would be unjustly injurious to the person or persons involved, or matters concerning
21 the purchase or sale of town property wherein advance public information as to final action to be
22 taken thereon would be detrimental to the interests of the town. Prior to holding such executive
23 meeting a vote shall be taken in an open meeting on the matter with at least a general statement as
24 to the subject to be discussed in the closed executive meeting and after the meeting is decided,
25 information shall be given as to the nature of the action taken and a vote shall be taken thereon in
26 an open meeting.

27 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 the North Providence Town Charter by changing town council
2 meetings to 7:00 pm, allowing for notices of meetings to be sent via electronic transmission and
3 also requiring that notices of all regular and special meetings to be given pursuant to the Rhode
4 Island Open Meetings Act (chapter 42-46).

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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