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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: Senators E O`Neill, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 24, 2012

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article Two, Chapter One, Section six (2-1-6) of Chapter 2608 of the
2 Public Laws, 1950, entitled “An act incorporating the town of North Providence” is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2-1-6. Meetings.

5 (a) At least one (1) regular meeting shall be held commencing at [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 notifies 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 [pursuant to the Rhode Island open meetings act](#)

1 [\(R.I.G.L. Section 42-46-1 et seq.\)](#) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time scheduled for
2 the start of such meeting. Such notice shall state the place, time, date and purpose of the meeting
3 and reason for removal from the council chamber. All meetings of committees of the council shall
4 be open to the public.

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

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

17 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 make certain changes to the town charter of the town of North Providence
- 2 with respect to meetings of the town council and notices of same.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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