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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Crowley, Metts, Tassoni, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-2-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-2 entitled "School  
2 Committees and Superintendents" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-2-5. Composition of city or town school committees -- Election and terms of**  
4 **members -- Vacancies. --** The school committee of each city or town shall consist of three (3)  
5 residents of the city or town, or of any number as at the present time constitute the committee. In  
6 cities or towns having annual elections of city or town officers the committee shall be divided as  
7 equally as may be into three (3) classes whose several terms of office shall expire at the end of  
8 three (3) years from the dates of their respective elections. In cities or towns having biennial  
9 elections the committee shall be divided as equally as may be into two (2) classes whose several  
10 terms of office shall expire at the end of four (4) years from the dates of their respective elections.  
11 As the office of each class shall become vacant, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the  
12 city or town at its regular city or town meeting for the election of state or city or town officers, or  
13 by the city or town council at its next meeting after this. In case of a vacancy by death,  
14 resignation, or otherwise than as is provided in this section, the vacancy shall be filled by the city  
15 or town council until the next regular city or town meeting for the election of state or city or town  
16 officers, when it shall be filled for the unexpired term as is provided in this section. ~~This section~~  
17 ~~shall not apply to the cities of Providence, Central Falls, or Woonsocket.~~

18 SECTION 2. The term of any appointed school committee members shall expire upon the  
19 swearing in of the elected school committee members.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would provide that all school committee members would be elected.
- 2 This act would take effect on January 1, 2013.

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