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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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ESTABLISHING THE SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: May 24, 2012

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 13 of the 2001 Public Laws entitled "An Act
2 Establishing the Smithfield Land Trust" is hereby amended as follows:

3 SECTION 4. The trust shall be administered by seven (7) regular trustees appointed by
4 the town council each. ~~The trustees who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms~~
5 ~~of two (2) for one (1), two (2) for two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) years respectively.~~
6 ~~Thereafter trustees shall be appointed as aforesaid~~ for a term of office of five (5) years except that
7 all vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. In addition, there shall
8 be two (2) alternate trustees, designated first alternate and second alternate by the town council,
9 who shall be appointed by the town council for one year terms and who may participate in all
10 meetings and serve on committees. As described herein, alternate trustees may vote on an issue
11 when less than four (4) regular trustees are present and able to vote on that issue. If only three (3)
12 regular trustees are present and able to vote on an issue, the first alternate may vote, if present and
13 able, and if not present and able, then the second alternate may vote on the issue. If only two (2)
14 regular trustees are present and able to vote on an issue, then both the first alternate and the
15 second alternate may vote on that issue. In addition to the seven (7) regular trustees and two (2)
16 alternate trustees appointed by the town council, the current chairperson or member designee of
17 the Smithfield Conservation Commission and Smithfield Planning Board shall also be nonvoting,
18 ex officio trustees. Trustees shall be electors of the town of Smithfield, shall serve without
19 compensation and shall hold office until their successors have been named. No trustee may be an

1 elected officer or salaried employee of the town of Smithfield. All trustees shall be subject to the
2 Rhode Island code of ethics in government, contained in chapter 14 of title 36 of the general laws.

3 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 add two (2) alternate trustees to administer the Smithfield Land Trust.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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