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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Corvese, Lombardi, O'Brien, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 46-25-6 and 46-25-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-25  
2 entitled "Narragansett Bay Commission" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **46-25-6. Composition of commission -- Appointment of members.** -- (a) The  
4 commission shall consist of ~~twenty-three (23)~~ nineteen (19) members to be appointed in the  
5 following manner: ten (10) members shall be appointed by the governor from the public as herein  
6 provided. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Providence; one  
7 member each shall be appointed by the mayor of the town of North Providence, the mayor of the  
8 town of Johnston, mayor of the city of Pawtucket, mayor of the town of Cumberland, town  
9 administrator of the town of Lincoln, mayor of the city of Central Falls, and mayor of the city of  
10 East Providence. ~~Two (2) members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the~~  
11 ~~speaker, and two (2) members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate.~~

12           (b) The appointments to the commission shall be made as follows:

13           (1) The governor shall appoint two (2) members of the commission to serve until the first  
14 day of April, 1981, two (2) members to serve until the first day of April, 1982, four (4) members  
15 to serve until the first day of April, 1983, one member to serve until the first day of April 1993,  
16 one member to serve until the first day of April 1994, and all to serve until their successors are  
17 appointed and qualified. In the month of March in each year thereafter, the governor, with the  
18 advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint successors to the members of the commission  
19 whose term is expiring in that year, each member so appointed to hold office for a three (3) year

1 period commencing on the first day of April in the year of appointment and continuing until the  
2 first day of April in the third year after his or her appointment and until his or her successor is  
3 appointed and qualified. Any vacancy for a public member, which may occur in the commission,  
4 shall be filled by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5 (2) The mayor of the city of Providence shall appoint one member of the commission to  
6 serve until the first day of April, 1982, and one member to serve until the first day of April, 1983,  
7 and all to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The mayor of the town of North  
8 Providence and the mayor of the town of Johnston each shall appoint a member to serve until the  
9 first day of April, 1981, each member so appointed shall serve until his or her successor is  
10 appointed and qualified. The Mayor of the city of Pawtucket shall appoint one member of the  
11 commission to serve until the first day of April, 1993, and such member so appointed shall serve  
12 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The town administrator of the town of  
13 Lincoln and the mayor of the city of Central Falls shall each appoint one member of the  
14 commission to serve until the first day of April, 1994, and each member so appointed shall serve  
15 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The mayors of the town of Cumberland and  
16 the city of East Providence shall each appoint one member of the commission to serve until the  
17 first day of April, 1995, and each member so appointed shall serve until his or her successor is  
18 appointed and qualified. In the month of March in each year thereafter, the respective mayors and  
19 town administrator shall appoint a successor to the member of the commission whose term is  
20 expiring, each member so appointed to hold office for a three (3) year period, commencing on the  
21 first day of April in the year of appointment and continuing until the first day of April in the third  
22 year after his or her appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The  
23 legislative members so appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president  
24 of the senate shall hold office for a three (3) year period and until their successor is appointed and  
25 qualified. Any vacancy which may occur in the commission shall be filled by the appointing  
26 authority who originally appointed the member, and the appointment shall be for the remainder of  
27 the unexpired term.

28 (3) Members of the commission shall be eligible for reappointment.

29 **46-25-7. Officers of the commission -- Quorum and vote required.** -- Forthwith, after  
30 May 16, 1980, and annually in the month of April thereafter, the commission shall elect one of its  
31 members as chairperson, and one of its members as vice chairperson. ~~Twelve (12)~~ [A simple](#)  
32 [majority of the](#) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy in the  
33 membership of the commission shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and  
34 perform all of the duties of the commission.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would reduce the number of Narragansett Bay Commission members from  
2 twenty-three (23) down to nineteen (19). It would also reduce the number required for a quorum  
3 to a simple majority.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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