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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 26, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-11.7 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-11.7. Permanent legislative oversight commission.** -- (a) (1) There is created a
4 permanent legislative commission on property taxation. The commission consists of the following
5 members:

6 ~~(i) Chairperson of the house finance committee, or designee;~~

7 ~~(ii) Chairperson of the senate finance committee, or designee;~~

8 ~~(iii) Chief budget analyst of the office of municipal affairs, or designee;~~

9 (i) Director of administration, or designee;

10 ~~(iv)~~(ii) The president of the league of cities and towns;

11 ~~(v)~~(iii) The executive director of the Rhode Island public expenditures council, or
12 designee; and

13 ~~(vi)~~(iv) Three (3) members of the Rhode Island Assessors' Association.

14 ~~(vii)~~(v) Director of the property valuation within the department of revenue.

15 (2) The commission at its first meeting shall elect a chairperson from its membership.

16 (b) The purpose of the commission is to work in conjunction with Rhode Island
17 department of administration, department of revenue and the RIAAO representatives, to study
18 and evaluate property tax related issues including, but not limited to:

19 (1) Revaluation process and statistical study after a revaluation;

1 (2) Exemptions and classifications;
2 (3) Uniform depreciation rates; and
3 (4) Any other issues which the commission determines are relevant to the issue of
4 property taxation.

5 (c) The members shall receive no compensation for their services. All departments and
6 agencies of the state shall furnish advice and information, documentary or otherwise to the
7 commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the
8 purposes of the commission.

9 (d) The commission shall meet no less than three (3) times per year and shall report its
10 findings and recommendations to the general assembly on an annual basis.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would change the composition of the permanent legislative oversight
2 commission, which would include as a member, the director of administration, or designee.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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