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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S
STORMWATER REGULATIONS**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Ackerman, McNamara, Giarrusso, and Baldelli-Hunt

Date Introduced: April 30, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of five (5) members: one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives,
3 to be appointed by the Speaker; one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, to be appointed by
4 the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
5 Environmental Management, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island
6 Builder's Association, or designee; one of whom shall be an engineer knowledgeable in storm
7 water regulatory functions, to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Coastal Resources
8 Management Council; and one of whom shall be a member who shall serve in an ex officio
9 capacity, to be appointed by the Governor.

10 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
11 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
12 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
13 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
14 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

15 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of Rhode
16 Island's stormwater regulations and requirements and their impact on our waters, including
17 surface water, groundwater, and coastal areas, as well as development and redevelopment
18 implications and practices in order to assess and make recommendations on further and future
19 statute and policy needs.

1 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
2 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President
3 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-
4 chairpersons of the commission.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

6 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

7 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
9 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

10 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
11 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and results to the General
13 Assembly on or before April 15, 2014, and said commission shall expire on June 15, 2014.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S
STORMWATER REGULATIONS

1 This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative commission whose
2 purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of Rhode Island's stormwater regulations and
3 requirements, and who would report back to the General Assembly on or before April 15, 2014,
4 and said commission would expire on June 15, 2014.

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