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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - TERMS OF OFFICE

Introduced By: Representatives Palangio, Winfield, O'Brien, San Bento, and DeSimone

Date Introduced: May 23, 2013

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-1 of the General Laws entitled "General Provisions" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **17-1-11. Local terms of office. --** Commencing on January 1, 2017, notwithstanding any
4 charter, ordinance, public or general law provision to the contrary, all terms of office for all city
5 and town elected officials shall be four (4) years, unless the governing body of a municipality
6 votes not to follow the mandatory four (4) year term for its local elected officials.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create a uniform term of office for all local elected officials of four (4)
- 2 years, unless a city or town or governing body votes not to follow the mandatory four (4) year
- 3 term for its local elected officials.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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