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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Crowley, Lombardi, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-4-51 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit
2 System" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **36-4-51. Running for elective office by classified employee.** -- No ~~classified employee~~
4 ~~or~~ member of the personnel appeal board shall seek the nomination of or be a candidate for any
5 elective state office; neither shall any state elective officer be appointed a member of the
6 personnel appeal board or a classified employee unless he or she resigns his or her elective office.
7 A classified employee may seek the nomination of or be a candidate for any state elective office;
8 provided, however, that if said classified employee is elected, they must resign or terminate their
9 classified employee position with the state of Rhode Island prior to assuming or holding any state
10 elective office.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that classified employees may seek the nomination for state office
- 2 but if elected, they must resign the position prior to holding office. It would also provide that
- 3 members of the personnel appeal board shall not seek nomination of state office.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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