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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Nesselbush, Metts, Sosnowski, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Secretary of State)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-18-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-18 entitled "Elective
2 Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-18-11. Time of closing of polls. --** Elective meetings in all cities and towns shall be
4 continuously kept open for voting until 8 p.m.; provided, that any qualified voter who ~~is within~~
5 ~~the building in which the elective meeting is being conducted and~~ is waiting in line to vote at 8
6 p.m. shall be entitled to cast his or her vote. When all persons entitled to vote have been afforded
7 a reasonable opportunity to do so, the polls shall be closed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would eliminate the requirement of having to be physically present within the
2 voting building in order to vote at eight o'clock (8:00) pm. Persons in line and outside of the
3 building at the time of closure of the voting place shall be entitled to vote.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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