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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Archambault, Ciccone, and Walaska <u>Date Introduced:</u> February 27, 2014 <u>Referred To:</u> Senate Judiciary

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(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-8-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8 entitled "District Court"

2 is hereby repealed.

3 8-8-14. Rental of courtrooms. -- Upon request by the chief judge, the chief of the 4 division of public buildings, with the approval of the director of administration, is hereby 5 authorized to hire, for the use of the state, from time to time and for terms not exceeding three (3) years, suitable rooms within the jurisdiction of the several divisions in which the sessions of the 6 7 court shall be held and may engage competent persons to take care of the rooms, when necessary; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the 8 9 general treasurer from time to time to pay for the rental of the rooms or for the care thereof out of 10 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon properly authenticated vouchers 11 approved by the chief and director making and approving the contracts. 12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### EXPLANATION

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would eliminate the responsibility of the division of public buildings, and the

2 department of administration to acquire suitable courtrooms for the sessions of the district court.

3 The judiciary would be responsible for procuring the space pursuant to §8-15-4(3).

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This act would take effect upon passage.

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