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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- POLL OPENING TIMES

Introduced By: Representative Justin Price

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 17-18-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-18 entitled "Elective

2   Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **17-18-10. Time of opening of polls. --**   (a) Elective meetings in the cities and towns

4   named in this section shall be opened for the purpose of voting at the hours specified for each

5   particular city or town as designated in the specific time as follows:

6   (1) Barrington   Polls open at 7 a.m.

7   (2) Bristol   Polls open at 7 a.m.

8   (3) Burrillville   Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election

9   and 9 a.m. for all other elections

10   (4) Central Falls   Polls open at 7 a.m.

11   (5) Charlestown   Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election

12   and 9 a.m. for all other elections

13   (6) Coventry   Polls open at 7 a.m.

14   (7) Cranston   Polls open at 7 a.m.

15   (8) Cumberland   Polls open at 7 a.m.

16   (9) East Greenwich   Polls open at 7 a.m.

17   (10) East Providence   Polls open at 7 a.m.

18   (11) Exeter   Polls open at 7 a.m.

19   (12) Foster   Polls open at 7 a.m.

1	(13) Glocester	Polls open at 7 a.m.
2	(14) Hopkinton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
3	(15) Jamestown	Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election
4		and 8 a.m. for all other elections
5	(16) Johnston	Polls open at 7 a.m.
6	(17) Lincoln	Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
7	(18) Little Compton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
8	(19) Middletown	Polls open at 7 a.m. and 7 a.m. for Presidential Elections only
9	(20) Narragansett	Polls open at 7 a.m.
10	(21) Newport	Polls open at 7 a.m.
11	(22) New Shoreham	Polls open at 9 a.m.
12	(23) North Kingstown	Polls open at 7 a.m.
13	(24) North Providence	Polls open at 7 a.m.
14	(25) North Smithfield	Polls open at 7 a.m.
15	(26) Pawtucket	Polls open at 7 a.m.
16	(27) Portsmouth	Polls open at 7 a.m.
17	(28) Providence	Polls open at 7 a.m.
18	(29) Richmond	Polls open at 7 a.m.
19	(30) Scituate	Polls open at 7 a.m.
20	(31) Smithfield	Polls open at 7 a.m.
21	(32) South Kingstown	Polls open at 7 a.m.
22	(33) Tiverton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
23	(34) Warren	Polls open at 7 a.m.
24	(35) Warwick	Polls open at 7 a.m.
25	(36) Westerly	Polls open at 7 a.m.
26	(37) West Greenwich	Polls open at 7 a.m.
27	(38) West Warwick	Polls open at 7 a.m.
28	(39) Woonsocket	Polls open at 7 a.m.

29   (b) In all special or primary elections in the towns of Hopkinton, Westerly, Richmond,

30   and Little Compton, polls shall open at 9:00 a.m.

31   (c) In all presidential preference primaries in the town of New Shoreham, polls shall

32   open at 12:00 p.m.

33   (d) In all primary elections in all cities and towns, polls may open at 7:00 a.m.

34   Notice shall be given and posted by the local board.

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

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would remove the exemption that the town of Richmond had received, which

2   allowed its polls to open at 9 a.m., rather than 7 a.m., for special and primary elections.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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