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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND
EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Introduced By: Representatives Hearn, Marcello, Serpa, Fellela, and Nunes

Date Introduced: March 18, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-25 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Campaign
2 Contributions and Expenditures Reporting" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 **17-25-11.2. Requirements for appointment of a treasurer or deputy treasurer -**
5 **Examination and certification of accounts. -- (a) Appointment of treasurer or deputy treasurer.**
6 **Whenever a campaign account containing campaign funds received and expended by a candidate,**
7 **office holder, or treasurer, subject to the provisions of this chapter, receives or expends at least**
8 **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in any year, the account shall require the appointment of a**
9 **treasurer or deputy treasurer, who shall be a person other than the candidate. For such accounts, a**
10 **candidate may remain as either a treasurer or deputy treasurer on his or her campaign account;**
11 **provided, the treasurer or deputy treasurer who is not the candidate shall examine all campaign**
12 **account records and shall certify to the substantial accuracy of the campaign finance report at the**
13 **time of filing with the board of elections, on a form to be prepared by the board of elections.**

14 **(b) Applicability to political action committees. The provisions of this section as to**
15 **examination and certification shall be applicable to political action committees.**

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require appointment of a treasurer or deputy treasurer other than the
2 candidate, once a campaign account reaches or expends at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in
3 any year. This act would also require the treasurer or deputy treasurer to examine and certify the
4 substantial accuracy of campaign finance reports filed with the board of elections. The
5 examination and certification provisions would also apply to political action committees.

6 This act would take effect on January 1, 2016.

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