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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 Craven, Handy, Serpa, O'Brien, and McKiernan

Date Introduced: March 19, 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. Annual random audits.** -- [\(a\) Effective January 1, 2016, the board of](#)
5 [elections shall annually audit at least five percent \(5%\) of all campaign accounts containing funds](#)
6 [received and expended by a candidate, office holder, or treasurer, subject to the provisions of this](#)
7 [chapter. The board of elections shall select campaign accounts for auditing on a random basis.](#)

8 [\(b\) The board of elections shall continue to have authority to conduct such other audits as](#)
9 [the board deems appropriate.](#)

10 [\(c\) Applicability to political action committees. The provisions of this section shall apply](#)
11 [to political action committees as well as to individual candidates and office holders.](#)

12 [\(d\) Effective date. The provisions of this section shall take effect on January 1, 2016.](#)

13 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 the board of elections to annually conduct random audits of five
- 2 percent (5%) of all campaign accounts.
- 3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2016.

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