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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, P Fogarty, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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2 is hereby repealed.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)~~  
6 ~~years, suitable rooms within the jurisdiction of the several divisions in which the sessions of the~~  
7 ~~court shall be held and may engage competent persons to take care of the rooms, when necessary;~~  
8 ~~and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the~~  
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  
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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).
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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