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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 05, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-23-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-23 entitled "Election
2 Offenses" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**17-23-2. Signature of posters, fliers, and circulars.** --- No person shall intentionally~~
4 ~~write, print, post, or distribute, or cause to be written, printed, posted, or distributed, a circular,~~
5 ~~flier, or poster designed or tending to injure or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to~~
6 ~~any public office, by criticizing the candidate's personal character or political action, or designed~~
7 ~~or tending to aid, injure, or defeat any question submitted to the voters, unless there appears upon~~
8 ~~the circular, flier, or poster in a conspicuous place the name of the author and either the names of~~
9 ~~the chairperson and secretary, or of two (2) officers, of the political or other organization issuing~~
10 ~~the poster, flier, or circular, or of some voter who is responsible for it, with the voter's name and~~
11 ~~residence, and the street and numbers, if any.~~

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 repeal the requirement that all posters, fliers and circulars used in political
- 2 campaigns contain the name(s) and address(es) of the person or organization responsible for it.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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