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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOT

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 17-20-29 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail
2 Ballots" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~17-20-29. Mail applicant not permitted to vote at polls. ---~~ **Mail applicant permitted**
4 **to vote a provisional ballot.** -- (a) No person, or one claiming to be that person, whose name has
5 been marked upon any voting list, provided for official use at any election, with the mark as
6 provided by § 17-20-10, shall be permitted to vote in person at the election; provided, that the
7 person may re-establish his or her right to vote in person by presenting himself or herself at that
8 person's local board ~~on or~~ before election day and surrendering his or her mail ballot. Upon that
9 surrender the person's name shall be restored to the voting list. Any person whose name has been
10 marked on the voting list as applying for a mail ballot ~~may also~~ shall be permitted to ~~vote in~~
11 ~~person if that person executes and delivers to the local board an affidavit stating that the person~~
12 ~~did not receive the mail ballot, or that the mail ballot was lost or destroyed~~ cast a provisional
13 ballot in accordance with § 17-19-24.1.

14 (b) Each local board shall, immediately after the close of the polls, certify and deliver to
15 the state board the names and addresses of all persons restored to the voting list, together with the
16 affidavits and surrendered ballots received pursuant to this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow a voter who has applied for a mail ballot to cast a provisional ballot.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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