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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE CENTRAL
COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: June 24, 2015

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: four (4) of whom shall be from among those members of the
3 House who represent the Town of Coventry; two (2) of whom shall be from among those
4 members of the Senate who represent the Town of Coventry; two (2) of whom shall be the Fire
5 Chiefs from the Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district, or designees; two (2)
6 of whom shall be current board members, one from the Coventry fire district and one from the
7 Central Coventry fire district, to be appointed by the chair of the board of each district; one of
8 whom shall be the Coventry Town Manager, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be a member of
9 the Coventry Town Council, to be appointed by the Council President; and one of whom shall be
10 a representative of the Coventry Professional Firefighters Union, to be appointed by the President
11 of the Senate.

12 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
13 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
14 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
15 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
16 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

17 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the potential
18 consolidation of the Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district that would
19 include, but not be limited to, establishing one tax rate and one union contract.

1 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
2 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President
3 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-
4 chairpersons of the commission.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

6 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

7 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
9 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

10 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
11 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and results to the General
13 Assembly on or before January 5, 2016, and said commission shall expire on April 5, 2016.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would create a thirteen (13) member special legislative commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the potential consolidation of the
3 Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district and provide recommendations, and
4 who would report back to the General Assembly on or before January 5, 2016, and said
5 commission would expire on April 5, 2016.

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