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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STREAMLINING NEW  
BUSINESS STARTUP PROCESSES**

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Edwards, Abney, Marshall, and Gallison

Date Introduced: January 22, 2016

Referred To: House Small Business

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House, not more  
3 than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker; three (3) of whom  
4 shall be members of the Senate, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be  
5 appointed by the President of the Senate; three (3) of whom shall be representatives of the Rhode  
6 Island small business community to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; two (2) of whom  
7 shall be representatives of the Rhode Island corporate community to be appointed by the Senate  
8 President; and two (2) of whom shall be members of the general public, one to be appointed by  
9 each of the commission co-chairs.

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

15           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the costs,  
16 fees and procedures associated with starting a business in Rhode Island and provide  
17 recommendations on ways to streamline the process.

18           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
19 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President

1 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-  
2 chairpersons of the commission.

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

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

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and results to the General  
11 Assembly on or before March 1, 2017, and said commission shall expire on June 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STREAMLINING NEW  
BUSINESS STARTUP PROCESSES

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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 and provide recommendations to  
3 streamline new business startup processes in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the  
4 General Assembly on or before March 1, 2017, and said commission would expire on June 1,  
5 2017.

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