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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - NOTARIES PUBLIC AND
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-30-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-30 entitled "Notaries
2 Public and Justices of the Peace" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-30-5. Application for appointment.** -- (a) Any ~~qualified elector~~ individual of this
4 ~~state~~ desiring to be appointed a notary public, or a justice of the peace, shall make written
5 application to the governor over his or her own signature, ~~stating that he or she is a qualified~~
6 ~~elector who is an actual resident of the state of Rhode Island.~~

7 ~~(b) Qualification as an elector of the state at the time of making application is to be~~
8 ~~certified to by a member of the board of canvassers and registration, in cities having such boards,~~
9 ~~or by the city or town clerk of the city or town in which the applicant claims a right to vote, and~~
10 ~~except for members of the bar of this state, the member of the board of canvassers and~~
11 ~~registration or the city or town clerk shall satisfy himself or herself that the~~ The applicant for
12 appointment to the office of notary public or justice of the peace ~~can~~ must speak, read, and write
13 the English language and ~~has~~ have sufficient knowledge of the powers and duties pertaining to
14 that office.

15 ~~(e)~~(b) A member of the Rhode Island bar, and certified public accountants under § 5-3.1-
16 5, shall, regardless of residence, be appointed a notary public upon application and presentment
17 of a certified copy of his or her certificate of admission to the bar or certificate of public
18 accountancy.

1 ~~(d)~~(c) Any such person making written application to be appointed a notary public or
2 justice of the peace shall, at the time of application, pay to the secretary of state the sum of eighty
3 dollars (\$80.00).

4 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 eliminate the requirement that a notary public be a resident of Rhode
- 2 Island.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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