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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING BOOTH

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Cunha, Shanley, Barros, and Coughlin

Date Introduced: February 09, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-19-53 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct
2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-19-53. Voter accompanied by children within voting booth.**

4 Nothing contained in the general laws of Rhode Island shall prevent a voter from being
5 accompanied by a child or children who are under the age of ~~thirteen (13)~~ eighteen (18) years
6 while the voter is within the voting booth area, provided that the child or children are under the
7 voter's care and supervision.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would raise the age of children that can accompany a voter in the voter booth,
- 2 from under the age of thirteen (13) years to under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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