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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne

Date Introduced: February 01, 2017

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-22-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-22 entitled "Local  
2 Planning Board or Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-22-3. Membership -- Continuation of present membership.**

4 (a) A planning board or commission consists of no less than five (5) members, and  
5 appointments are made for terms of a length that the terms of no more than one third (1/3) of the  
6 members of the board or commission expire each year. Any vacancy occurring in the membership  
7 of a planning board or commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of  
8 the unexpired term. Any member of a planning board or commission may be removed from office  
9 by the appointing authority for due cause, following a public hearing.

10 (b) Vacancies to the planning board or commission occurring after May 4, 1972, shall be  
11 filled in the manner prescribed in this section, except as provided in § 45-22-1 in cities or towns  
12 operating under a home rule charter.

13 (c) The Hopkinton town council has the right to appoint two (2) alternate members to the  
14 Hopkinton planning board and the Exeter town council may appoint two (2) alternate members to  
15 the Exeter planning board and the Richmond town council has the right to appoint two (2)  
16 alternate members to the Richmond planning board- and the Barrington town council has the  
17 right to appoint two (2) alternate members to the Barrington planning board.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit the Barrington town council to appoint two (2) alternate members  
2 to the planning board.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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