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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF
THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: April 12, 2017

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule charter of the
2 town of Coventry approved and adopted by the electors of the town of Coventry in 1976, which
3 amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 8,
4 2016, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the general assembly,
5 but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town
6 of Coventry are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of the
7 general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact
8 those provisions of the said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry which
9 require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this act, the
10 legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but nothing in this act
11 shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to cities and towns
12 by the Home Rule amendment and other applicable laws of the State of Rhode Island or those
13 rights retained by said town of Coventry in its Home Rule Charter.

14 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the town of
15 Coventry or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of
16 this act, or the application of such provision to said town or other persons or circumstances shall
17 not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of
2 Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry
3 on November 8, 2016.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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