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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Lombardi, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8-16.1 of the General Laws entitled "Judicial Selection" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **8-16.1-8. Replacement judges.**

4 Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary, whenever a judge from  
5 the superior court, family court, district court, traffic tribunal, workers' compensation court or  
6 municipal court who is a person of color leaves the bench, for whatever reason, their replacement  
7 must be a person of color, so as not to diminish the number of judges of color in that court.

8 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 require that when a judge of color on a state or municipal court leaves the  
2 bench, they would be replaced by a person of color.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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