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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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# AN ACT

### RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Knight, and Cassar <u>Date Introduced:</u> January 04, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 45-4 of the General Laws entitled "Election and Qualification of Officers" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

45-4-20. Combination of voting districts for 2019 special town council election in the

4 town of Barrington.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary and solely
 for purposes of a 2019 special town council election, only the Barrington board of canvassers
 shall combine all town council districts into one voting district.

(b) Once the voting districts are combined, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the local board shall advertise this one time only combination of districts, in a newspaper of general circulation in the town, no less than seven (7) days prior to the special election.

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 authorize the town of Barrington to fill a vacancy on the Barrington town 2 council by combining all town council voting districts into one district for a special election in 3 2019. The combining of voting districts must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation 4 in the town, no less than seven (7) days prior to the special election. This act would take effect upon passage. 5 LC000303