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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 36-4-51 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit

2   System" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **36-4-51. Running for elective office by classified employee.**

4   (a) No classified employee or member of the personnel appeal board shall seek the

5   nomination of or be a candidate for any elective state office; neither shall any state elective

6   officer be appointed a member of the personnel appeal board or a classified employee unless he

7   or she resigns his or her elective office.

8   (b) A classified employee, whose position is not fully funded through federal loans and/or

9   grants, may seek the nomination of or be a candidate for elective state office in the state of Rhode

10   Island. Provided, however, if said classified employee is elected to state office, the employee

11   must resign or terminate their classified employee position prior to assuming or holding any state

12   elective office in the state of Rhode Island.

13   (c) A state elective officer may be appointed a classified employee or a member of the

14   personnel appeal board, but only after resigning their elective office.

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

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would allow a classified employee, whose position is not fully funded through

2   federal loans and/or grants to seek the nomination of or to be a candidate for elective state office.

3   This act would also provide that if the employee is elected, they must resign their position prior to

4   assuming or holding elective office.

5   This act would take effect upon passage.

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