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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Noret, Jackson, Roberts, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 29, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **45-4-20. Combination of voting precincts for special school committee election the**  
4 **town of Coventry.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, the  
6 Coventry board of canvassers shall combine school committee voting precincts for a special  
7 election in 2019 to fill a vacancy on the Coventry School Committee. The precincts shall be  
8 combined so that there shall be two (2) voting precincts. Voting shall take place at Summit  
9 Baptist Church and Maple Root Baptist Church.

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

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the town of Coventry to combine voting precincts for a special  
2 election for the school committee in 2019. Once the precincts are combined, the canvassers would  
3 advertise such combination at least seven (7) days prior to the election.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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