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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Archambault, Paolino, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 20, Chapter 1, Section 20-1-2 of Chapter 471 of the 2018 Public
2 Laws entitled "An Act Amending the Charter of North Providence", is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 [Sec. 20-1-2. Meetings.](#)

5 The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings and give written notice of regularly
6 scheduled meetings at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice shall include the dates,
7 times, and places of the meetings and shall be provided to members of the public upon request
8 and to the secretary of state at the beginning of each calendar year in accordance with chapter 46
9 of title 42, "Rhode Island Open Meetings Act."

10 The board shall give supplemental written public notice of any meeting within a
11 minimum of forty-eight (48) hours before the date. This notice shall include the date the notice
12 was posted; the date, time, and place of the meeting; and a statement specifying the nature of the
13 business to be discussed. Notwithstanding the aforementioned forty-eight (48) hour notice, ~~this~~
14 ~~supplemental notice shall be provided to the members of the board~~ members shall be notified at
15 least two (2) weeks (2) in advance of the meeting(s). A statement specifying the nature of the
16 business to be discussed shall be provided to the members of the board at least five (5) days in
17 advance of the meeting(s).

18 In the event of an emergency affecting the public safety, health, or welfare, on the written
19 recommendation of the purchasing agent, additional meetings of the board may be held provided

1 that written notice of the meeting, as provided under the Rhode Island open meetings act, as
2 amended, is given.

3 The board, at its discretion, shall hold all meetings ~~at the North Providence town hall~~
4 within the confines of municipal buildings, which are ADA approved, within the town of North
5 Providence. All meetings shall be held on weekdays at ~~6:00 p.m~~ times and dates determined by
6 the unanimous vote of the board.

7 The agenda, the time, and the location of each meeting, except an emergency meeting as
8 herein above provided, shall be on the town's website and within town hall on the public notice
9 bulletin board at least ~~one week~~ five (5) days prior to the meeting.

10 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 the purchasing board meeting agenda in the town of North
2 Providence be sent to board members at least five (5) days before the meeting. It would also
3 allow meetings to be held outside of the town hall in an ADA approved municipal building, and
4 would require a unanimous vote of the board members to set the time and dates of its meetings.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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