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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

AN ACT

VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-1 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Lawson, and Coyne

Date Introduced: June 20, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, the voters of the city of East Providence approved an

amendment to Section 2-1 of the Home Rule Charter of the city of East Providence, establishing

four (4) year terms for members of the City Council.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

5 SECTION 1. To the extent any amendment to Section 2-1 of the Home Rule Charter of

the city of East Providence, which charter was approved and adopted by the electors of the city of

East Providence in September 1954, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or

8 enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, such amendment to Section 2-1 of

9 the Home Rule Charter of the city of East Providence is hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and

10 enacted. It is the express intention of the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give

effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said amendment to Section 2-

12 1 of the Home Rule Charter of the city of East Providence which require ratification,

confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this act, the legislature does hereby

ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provision, but nothing in this act shall be construed to

abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to cities and towns by the Home Rule

amendment and other applicable laws of the state of Rhode Island, those rights retained by said

city of East Providence in its Home Rule Charter or to abrogate or impair the effectiveness or

validity of any resolutions, ordinances or votes heretofore taken by the city of East Providence.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the city of
East Providence or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the
remainder of this act, or the application of such provision to said city or other persons or
circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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to be severable.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-1 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

This act ratifies and confirms the amendment to Section 2-1 of the Home Rule Charter of
the city of East Providence establishing four (4) year terms for members of the city council
passed by the voters of the city of East Providence on November 6, 2012.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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