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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senator Mark P. McKenney

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-22-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-22 entitled "Local
2 Planning Board or Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-22-3. Membership -- Continuation of present membership.**

4 (a) A planning board or commission consists of no less than five (5) members, and
5 appointments are made for terms of a length that the terms of no more than one third (1/3) of the
6 members of the board or commission expire each year. Any vacancy occurring in the membership
7 of a planning board or commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of
8 the unexpired term. Any member of a planning board or commission may be removed from office
9 by the appointing authority for due cause, following a public hearing.

10 (b) Vacancies to the planning board or commission occurring after May 4, 1972, shall be
11 filled in the manner prescribed in this section, except as provided in § 45-22-1 in cities or towns
12 operating under a home rule charter.

13 (c) The ~~Hopkinton town council~~ appointing authority of any city or town has the right to
14 appoint two (2) alternate members to the ~~Hopkinton~~ planning board of such city or town in the
15 same manner as the appointment of regular members of the planning board ~~and the Exeter town~~
16 ~~council may appoint two (2) alternate members to the Exeter planning board and the Richmond~~
17 ~~town council has the right to appoint two (2) alternate members to the Richmond planning board~~
18 ~~and the Barrington town council has the right to appoint two (2) alternate members to the Barrington~~
19 ~~planning board.~~

1 (d) The mayor of Johnston shall have the right to appoint two (2) alternate members to the
2 Johnston planning board.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow any proper local appointing authority of any city or town to appoint
2 alternate members to their planning board.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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