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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS  
2019 AND 2020

Introduced By: Representative Rebecca M. Kislak

Date Introduced: January 12, 2021

Referred To: House Rules

1           RESOLVED, That section (12)(a) of the rules for the House of Representatives adopted  
2 by the House of Representatives at its January session A.D. 2019 entitled "House Resolution  
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2019 and 2020", be and the  
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5           (20)(a) No petition to discharge a bill or resolution from Committee shall be appropriate  
6 for presentation ~~until after the fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) legislative day and~~ until the bill or resolution shall  
7 have been in the possession of the Committee for no less than sixteen (16) legislative days. On  
8 any day after those requirements have been met, the prime sponsor of a bill or resolution may  
9 present a petition in writing to discharge the committee from further consideration of a public bill  
10 or resolution which has been referred to a committee, and by no other procedure, but only one  
11 petition may be presented for a public bill or resolution during the course of a session. The  
12 petition shall be placed in the custody of the recording clerk of the House who shall arrange  
13 some convenient place for the signatures of the members to be placed thereon in the presence of  
14 the recording clerk. The signatures required may be obtained in the normal course and it shall not  
15 be necessary that they be affixed at the clerk's desk. A signature may be withdrawn by a member  
16 at any time before the petition receives sufficient signatures to become effective, and such  
17 petitions shall become effective, and shall serve to discharge a committee from further  
18 consideration of the public bill or resolution, and shall cause said public bill or resolution to be  
19 placed upon the calendar for action, when any thirty-eight (38) representatives shall have affixed

- 1 their signatures thereto, provided, however, that if, after the bill or resolution is calendared but
- 2 before it is taken up, enough signatures are withdrawn so that the number of effective signatures
- 3 falls below thirty-eight (38), the bill or resolution shall pass off the calendar.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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- 1 This resolution would amend the house rules by removing the requirement that a bill not
- 2 be discharged until after the fiftieth legislative day.

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