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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS

Introduced By: Representatives C Lima, Henries, and Cardillo

Date Introduced: January 22, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-2 of the General Laws entitled "General State Officers" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **17-2-4.1. Vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.**

4 If the office of the lieutenant governor shall become vacant or shall have become vacant
5 by reason of death, resignation or otherwise with eighteen (18) months or more remaining in the
6 four (4) year term of office, the secretary of state shall hold a special election to fill said vacancy.

7 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 the secretary of state to conduct a special election to fill a vacancy
2 in the office of the lieutenant governor whenever eighteen (18) months or more remain in the four
3 (4) year term of office.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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