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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMPOSITION OF FIRE
DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS

Introduced By: Representative David J. Place

Date Introduced: February 11, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 160

4 COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF

5 COMMISSIONERS

6 **42-160-1. Fire districts.**

7 Any individual receiving a pension from the state of Rhode Island shall be allowed to serve
8 in any capacity on fire district boards or commissions. No compensation of one thousand dollars
9 (\$1,000) or less or hours worked for said compensation shall be reported to any agency of the state
10 except for the purposes of taxation.

11 **42-160-2. Block Island utility district.**

12 The Block Island utility district created by chapter 67 of title 45 shall allow any individual
13 receiving a pension from the state of Rhode Island to serve in any capacity on its board of utility
14 commissioners. No compensation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less or hours worked for said
15 compensation shall be reported to any agency of the state except for the purposes of taxation.

16 **42-160-3. Pascoag utility district.**

17 The Pascoag utility district created by chapter 58 of title 45 shall allow any individual
18 receiving a pension from the state of Rhode Island to serve in any capacity on its board of utility

1 [commissioners. No compensation of one thousand dollars \(\\$1,000\) or less or hours worked for said](#)
2 [compensation shall be reported to any agency of the state except for the purposes of taxation.](#)

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

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1 This act would allow any individual receiving a pension from the state of Rhode Island to
2 serve on fire district boards, the Block Island utility board, and the Pascoag utility district board.
3 Additionally, no compensation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less or hours worked would be
4 reported to any state agency, except for tax purposes.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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