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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE
CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

Introduced By: Representatives Hawkins, Costantino, and Biah

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the
2 town of Smithfield, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of
3 Smithfield on November 3, 2020, may require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment
4 by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home
5 Rule Charter of the town of Smithfield are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is
6 the express intention of the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify,
7 confirm, validate and enact those provisions of said amendments of the Home Rule Charter of the
8 town of Smithfield which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the
9 passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions,
10 but nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted
11 to towns by the Home Rule amendment to the Rhode Island Constitution and other applicable laws
12 of the State of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said town of Smithfield in its Home Rule
13 Charter.

14 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the town of Smithfield
15 or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act, or the
16 application of such provision to said town of Smithfield or to any person or circumstances is
17 deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act, or the application of such provision to said
18 town or other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provision

1 of this act are declared to be severable.

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

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