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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

## JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW REGULATIONS

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Raptakis, de la Cruz, and Paolino

Date Introduced: March 18, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1	RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2	assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed
3	to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4	Constitution for their approval and that it adds a section to Article VI which is hereby amended,
5	effective January 1, 2020, to read as follows:
6	ARTICLE VI
7	OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWER
8	Section 23. Each substantive regulation promulgated by a state department or agency
9	shall be submitted to the general assembly for its approval or disapproval within one year from its
10	date of promulgation, and in the absence of such approval shall be null and void and of no effect.
11	RESOLVED, That this amendment shall, in the Constitution of the state, add a section to
12	Article VI of the Constitution, effective January 1, 2023; and be it further
13	RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
14	for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
15	several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
16	general officers of the state; and be it further
17	RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall cause the said proposition of amendment
18	to be published as a part of the resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the

said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or

- 1 notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town,
- 2 ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district
- 3 meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall be
- 5 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
- 6 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
- 7 ward, and district meetings for the elections of general officers of the state.

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