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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22-11 of the General Laws entitled "Joint Committee on Legislative
2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **22-11-3.6. Revision of statutes -- Rhode Island name change.**

4 [The law revision director is authorized and empowered to amend statutes for the purpose](#)
5 [of renaming the state as "The State of Rhode Island", in accordance with the statewide referendum](#)
6 [to amend the state constitution approved on November 3, 2020.](#)

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 43-3 of the General Laws entitled "Construction and Effect of
8 Statutes" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

9 **43-3-33. Use of appropriate state name.**

10 [When the secretary of state produces a document to instruct the public on the tenets or](#)
11 [purpose of a statute, the secretary of state shall ensure that the name of the state appears as "The](#)
12 [State of Rhode Island", in accordance with the statewide referendum to amend the state constitution](#)
13 [approved on November 3, 2020.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide for amendments to statutes by the director of law revision to comply
2 with the state name change approved by way of statewide referendum amending the state
3 constitution in November, 2020.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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