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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS
2021 AND 2022

Introduced By: Representatives Brien, Phillips, Azzinaro, Newberry, and Rea

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, That section (45)(d) of the rules for the House of Representatives adopted
2 by the House of Representatives at its January session A.D. 2021 entitled "House Resolution
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2021 and 2022", be and the
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 (d) Notwithstanding 45(c):

6 (1) Any Caucus organized around a political party affiliation is limited solely to those
7 House members who belong to said party, provided that any member elected to the House as an
8 Independent may caucus with any party, but not more than one party, ~~and not before submitting~~
9 ~~written communication to the House announcing such intention.~~ The party for which the
10 Independent member wishes to caucus with shall not be obligated to accept the Independent into
11 the caucus, ~~and if permission is so denied, shall communicate that decision to the House clerk~~
12 ~~within seven (7) days of the Independent member's notification to the House.~~ The Speaker shall
13 make such determination for the majority party caucus, and the Minority Leader shall make such
14 decision for the minority party caucus. The Independent then may seek admission to any other
15 party for purposes of joining a caucus.

16 (2) Any Caucus organized around a county and/or municipal affiliation is limited solely
17 to those House members who represent said county and or municipality.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would amend Section (45)(d) of the House Rules regarding caucuses
- 2 organized around a political party affiliation and membership thereto.

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