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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Introduced By: Senators Euer, F. Lombardi, Quezada, Tikoian, Acosta, Pearson,
Sosnowski, Burke, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 17-15-3 and 17-15-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-15 entitled
2 "Primary Elections" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-15-3. Special election primaries.**

4 Party primary elections shall also be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for an
5 office or offices to be elected at any special election. In the event of a special election, the state
6 board shall fix the date or dates on which the various party primary elections shall be held; provided,
7 that all the party primary elections shall have been held by the ~~thirtieth (30th) day~~ first Tuesday
8 after the first Monday in the month preceding the date fixed for the special election; and provided,
9 further, that the date or dates fixed by the state board shall not be a religious holiday and shall be
10 held on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of any month.

11 **17-15-4. Municipal primaries other than at time of general primaries.**

12 In those cities and towns that now by law hold elections for city or town officers on a day
13 other than the Tuesday after the first Monday in November biennially in each even year, a primary
14 election for the nomination of the city or town officials shall be held and the local board shall fix
15 the date of the election; provided, that the primary election shall have been held by the ~~thirtieth~~
16 ~~(30th) day~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month preceding the date fixed for the
17 election; and provided, further, that the date fixed by the local board shall not be a religious holiday
18 and shall be held on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of any month.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month preceding the
2 special election to be available to hold the special primary.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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