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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski,
DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, and LaMountain

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Secretary of State)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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2 SECTION 1. Section 17-9.1-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-9.1 entitled
3 "Registration of Voters" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **17-9.1-23. Party designation.**

5 (a) Whenever any person registers to vote, that person may designate his or her party
6 affiliation, or that person may designate that he or she is not affiliated with any political party. The
7 information shall be recorded on a form prescribed by the state board of elections.

8 (b) Any person who is already registered to vote and wishes to designate his or her party
9 affiliation may do so by submitting to that person's local board of canvassers a form provided by
10 the state board designating his or her party affiliation and certifying to the fact on the form furnished
11 for that purpose.

12 ~~(c) Whenever any person participates in a party primary, that act shall serve as identifying~~
13 ~~the person as being affiliated with the party in whose primary that person has participated and the~~
14 ~~local board shall record the affiliation on the appropriate form. For the purposes of this section,~~
15 ~~"participating in a party primary" does not include the circulation or signing of nomination papers.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without
- 2 becoming an affiliated party voter.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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