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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION A.D. 1942  
ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT"

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

Date Introduced: May 02, 2025

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. An Act Passed at the January Session A.D. 1942 entitled “An Act to  
2   Incorporate the Western Coventry Fire District”, as from time to time amended, is hereby further  
3   amended to read as follows:

4           Section 13. Vote to approve district merger, consolidation, or transition to municipal fire  
5   department or consolidated fire district.

6           (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the District shall not be merged, joined, consolidated,  
7   transitioned, or otherwise made a part of a municipal fire department of the Town of Coventry, or  
8   consolidated with any other fire district without an all-day referendum and the affirmative vote of  
9   the electors of the District in support thereof, said vote to be supervised by the Board of Directors.

10          (b) The all-day referendum shall be called in the same manner as Special Meetings of the  
11   District as set forth in Section 6 hereof.

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

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- 1           This act would amend the public law incorporating the Western Coventry Fire District to
- 2   require a referendum and affirmative vote of the fire district electors prior to any merge or
- 3   consolidation of the district with any other district or with the fire department of the town of
- 4   Coventry.
- 5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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