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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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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, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

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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