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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

### AN ACT

## VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Introduced By: Representatives Costa, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 12, 2013

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Validation of 2010 amendments. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 2, 2010, may require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of the general assembly, by passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to towns by the Home Rule amendment and other applicable laws of the state of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said town of North Kingstown in its Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2. Validation of 2012 amendments. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 6, 2012, may require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North

Kingstown are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of the general assembly, by passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to towns by the Home Rule amendment and other applicable laws of the state of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said town of North Kingstown in its Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act, or application thereof to the town of North Kingstown or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act or the application of such provision to said town or other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would ratify the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North
Kingstown passed by the electors in 2010 and 2012.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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