WHEREAS, The house of representatives of the United States and the United States
senate, by the constitutional vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each house concurring therein, did enact at
the sixty-second congress of the United States of America in 1912 an amendment of the
constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Said amendment was submitted to the states for ratification and said
amendment to the constitution of the United States of America is in the following words, to wit:

"ARTICLE XVII

Election of Senators

The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state elected
by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors in each
state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state
legislatures.

When vacancies occur in the representation of any state in the senate, the executive
authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; provided, that the
legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointment until
the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any senator
chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution." Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the general assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations does hereby ratify the above proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the secretary of state of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to the President of the United States, the majority leader of the senate of the United States, and the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States.

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