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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS OF SENATORS**

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Ackerman, Blazejewski, Amore, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

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

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

"ARTICLE XVII

Election of Senators

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

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

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

19           RESOLVED, That the general assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence

1 Plantations does hereby ratify the above proposed amendment to the constitution of the United  
2 States of America; and be it further

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

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