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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S
MINIMUM WAGE

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Cote, Sheehan, Quezada, and Jabour

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Labor

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of fifteen (15) members: seven (7) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 Senate, not more than five (5) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of
4 the Senate; seven (7) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
5 not more than five (5) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;
6 and one of whom shall be a member of the general public, to be appointed by the President of the
7 Senate.

8 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
9 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
10 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
11 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
12 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

13 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of Rhode Island
14 laws and regulations on minimum wage including, all pertinent information relating to
15 neighboring states, statistics, and financial, business, and societal impacts.

16 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
17 the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and shall organize and select
18 a chairperson.

19 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

1 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

2 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
3 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
4 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

5 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
6 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, that the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
8 General Assembly no later than March 30, 2018, and said commission shall expire on May 30,
9 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who would report back to
3 the General Assembly no later than March 30, 2018, and whose life would expire on May 30,
4 2018.

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