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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

AN ACT

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Reilly, Messier, Hull, and Slater

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 36-4-51 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit System" is hereby repealed in its entirety:

3 <u>36-4-51. Running for elective office by classified employee. -- No classified employee</u>

or member of the personnel appeal board shall seek the nomination of or be a candidate for any

elective state office; neither shall any state elective officer be appointed a member of the

personnel appeal board or a classified employee unless he or she resigns his or her elective office.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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# **EXPLANATION**

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would eliminate the provision that prohibits classified employees or members of the personnel appeal board from seeking nomination or becoming a candidate for elective state 2 3 office. 4 This act would take effect upon passage. LC00321