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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Tassoni, Doyle, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-70-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-70 entitled
2 "Telecommunications" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-70-4. Licensing authority.** -- (a) There is established a board of examination and
4 licensing of telecommunications systems contractors, technicians, and installers which shall be
5 composed of seven (7) members. Five (5) members of the board shall be telecommunications
6 systems professionals who shall be qualified for licensing under the provisions of this chapter.
7 One of these members shall also hold, at the time of appointment, an electrical contractor license,
8 certificate A issued by this state. Each of the four (4) categories shall be represented by a
9 minimum of one licensed professional within that category. Each telecommunications
10 professional member of the board shall be actively engaged in either/or the design, installation,
11 alteration, service, and testing of telecommunications systems, as defined by this chapter, for ten
12 (10) consecutive years immediately prior to appointment. One member of the board shall be, at
13 the time of appointment, an electrical inspector serving a city or town in this state. One member
14 of the board shall be, at the time of appointment, a designated representative of the state building
15 code commission who is knowledgeable in codes and regulations involving telecommunications.
16 Each member of the board shall be a qualified elector of the state for three (3) consecutive years
17 prior to appointment.

18 (b) Each member of the board shall be appointed by the governor with the advise and
19 consent of the senate to serve for a term of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) years and until his or her successor

1 is appointed and qualified. Not more than one member of the board shall be directly employed
2 with or by any single business, firm, or corporation.

3 (c) Initial appointments to the board shall be made for one, two (2), three (3), four (4),
4 five (5), six (6) and seven (7) years in order to provide for the expiration of one position each
5 year.

6 (d) Vacancies occurring in the membership of the board shall be filled by the governor
7 with the advise and consent of the senate for the unexpired portion of the term. ~~A member~~
8 ~~appointed for a full term shall not be eligible for more than two (2) consecutive terms.~~

9 (e) Each member of the board shall take and subscribe to the oath of office required of
10 state officials generally.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would repeal term limits for and reduce the length of the terms of members of
2 the board of examination and licensing of telecommunications system contractors, technicians
3 and installers from seven to five years.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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