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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Introduced By: Representatives Nunes, Tomasso, Costa, and Marcello

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-16-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-16 entitled "Kent  
2 County Water District" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-16-4. Composition of board.** -- (a) The board shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ nine (9)  
4 members, one member to be appointed by the town councils respectively of East Greenwich,  
5 West Warwick, ~~and~~ Coventry, West Greenwich, Scituate, and North Kingstown, and one member  
6 by the city council of the city of Warwick and Cranston, and one additional member shall be  
7 appointed by the council of the above named town or city having the greatest number of  
8 inhabitants as shown by the United States census in effect when the appointment shall be made,  
9 who are customers of the water authority. The successor and successors of the original ~~fifth~~ ninth  
10 member shall be elected by the other members of the authority in the same manner, meaning that  
11 the ~~fifth~~ ninth member shall always be chosen from the town or city having the greatest number  
12 of water takers of the authority at the time or times of the successive elections. The successors of  
13 the other members shall be appointed in the same manner as described above. A majority of the  
14 governing body appointing a member may remove the member for willful misconduct.

15 (b) Each member shall serve for a term of ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) years, except that all  
16 vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. A member shall hold  
17 office until his or her successor has been duly appointed and has qualified. Each member of the  
18 authority shall take an oath to administer the duties of his or her office faithfully and impartially,

1 and the oath shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

2 (c) ~~Three (3)~~ Five (5) members of the authority shall constitute a quorum and the vote of  
3 ~~three (3)~~ five (5) members shall be necessary for any action taken by the authority. No vacancy in  
4 the membership of the authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and  
5 perform all the duties of the authority.

6 (d) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the board by reason of the death, resignation,  
7 or removal for willful misconduct of a member, the governing body of the town or city, which  
8 appointed the member, shall appoint a new member for the unexpired term.

9 (e) In the month of January, the board shall make an annual report to the town councils  
10 of East Greenwich, West Warwick ~~and~~ Coventry, West Greenwich, Scituate, and North  
11 Kingstown and to the city council of Warwick and Cranston of its activities for the preceding  
12 fiscal year. Each report shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement covering its  
13 operations during the year. The authority shall cause an annual audit of the books, records, and  
14 accounts of the authority to be made.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would expand membership of the Kent County water district board to nine (9)
- 2 members, adding members from West Greenwich, Scituate, North Kingstown and Cranston.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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