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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL
BEACH FIRE DISTRICT"

Introduced By: Representative Donna M. Walsh

Date Introduced: April 09, 2013

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Act passed at the January Session, 1930,
2 entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District", as amended, are
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 Section 2. At any annual or special meeting of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire
5 District, an eligible voter shall be: (a) A person of the age of majority according to the laws of the
6 state of Rhode Island, or one duly authorized representative of any lot which is not a person,
7 having (or representing owners who have assigned to such voter their voting interest in) an
8 undivided present interest in a lot, which, if by deed, has been recorded in the land evidence
9 records of the town of Charlestown, or if by will or laws of intestacy, the estate from which
10 derived shall have been finally admitted to probate by the probate court having jurisdiction
11 thereof, at least sixty (60) days prior to any meeting, or who can otherwise substantiate such
12 ownership by legal instrument duly recorded, or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the clerk of the
13 fire district, or other officer authorized by the fire district to do so.

14 (b) Any person not otherwise representing a lot, who is an elector of the town of
15 Charlestown and resides in the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District.

16 (c) As used in this act, "lot" means any lot identified by the town of Charlestown tax
17 assessor as lying within the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, as said fire district is
18 described in section 1 of this act.

1 Section 3. The annual meeting of said Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, for the
2 election of officers and the transaction of any other business, shall be holden at some convenient
3 place within the district or without the district, providing said meeting place shall be within ten
4 (10) miles of said district, on any Saturday between June 1 and September 30 in each year at
5 10:00 o'clock a.m. daylight savings time as determined by the board of governors from time to
6 time.

7 Section 4. Said qualified voters, at each annual meeting and at any other meeting, when
8 vacancies occur, may elect the following officers: a moderator, seven (7) members of a governing
9 body of the fire district known as the board of governors, a clerk, and a treasurer, whose duties
10 and powers in said district shall be such as like officers of towns in this state have in their
11 respective towns. Except for the position of moderator, each elected officer shall serve a one year
12 term or until the next annual meeting and until others be chosen in their stead. The term of the
13 moderator shall be for a single term of three (3) years and until a successor be chosen in his or her
14 stead. They may also elect fire wards, engineers, assistant engineers, and such other officers and
15 committees, and with such power as they may designate.

16 Section 5. Special meetings may be holden, which, as well as the annual meetings, shall
17 be notified in such manner as said fire district shall by by-laws prescribe, and it shall be the duty
18 of its clerk to call a special meeting upon the call of the board of governors or upon written
19 petition signed by eligible voters representing at least thirty (30) lots; but no vote, excepting upon
20 the question of adjournment, shall be taken at any special meeting upon any matter unless such
21 mention be made, and notice thereof given in the warrant issued for the calling of such meeting.

22 Section 6. Said corporation may raise money by tax on the real, tangible personal, and
23 intangible personal property within said district:

24 (1) For the purchasing and procuring of implements and apparatus for the extinguishment
25 of fire;

26 (2) For the purpose of introducing and supplying the inhabitants of said district with
27 water for fire, domestic, and manufacturing purposes;

28 (3) For the payment of such police force as it may deem necessary for the protection of
29 the property of the inhabitants of said district from fire and for the preservation of the public
30 space;

31 (4) For the purchase of land and the erection of buildings for the use of said district;

32 (5) For the building and maintaining of sidewalks in said district;

33 (6) For the collection and disposal of garbage within said district;

34 (7) For the maintenance and improvements of roads and public walks within said district;

1 (8) For the procuring of safety devices for the bathing beach of said district; and

2 (9) For the general improvement, up-building, and beautifying of any property owned by
3 the district within said district.

4 The treasurer of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District is hereby authorized to
5 borrow, upon approval of the moderator and the public works committee, a sum not to exceed
6 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) and to issue a note and/or serial notes not to exceed the
7 sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the aggregate for the purposes of
8 rehabilitating and replacing the domestic water system in the district. The principal thereof and
9 interest thereon shall be payable in any form of currency of the United States of America, which,
10 at the time of payment, is legal tender for public and private debts, and the debts secured by said
11 note and/or notes shall be obligatory on said district in the same manner and to the same extent as
12 other debts lawfully contracted by said district. The said note and/or serial notes of each issue
13 shall mature in equal or diminishing annual installments of principal at the option of the treasurer
14 and finance committee of the district, the first installment to be due not later than one year and the
15 last installment not later than twenty (20) years after the date of the said note and/or serial notes.
16 The said note and/or serial notes shall be signed by the district treasurer and countersigned by the
17 clerk of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District. The manner of sale, denominations,
18 maturities, interest rates, and other terms, conditions, and details of the note and/or serial notes
19 shall be fixed by the treasurer and the finance committee of said district.

20 Said corporation may also borrow money from time to time for the foregoing purposes
21 and issue its notes or bonds therefor which shall be binding upon said corporation in the same
22 manner as city or town notes or bonds are binding upon the city or town issuing them, but said
23 corporation shall not have outstanding at any one time notes or bonds of a face value or more than
24 one and one half percent (1½%) of the total assessed value of this taxable property within said
25 district.

26 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, said corporation may borrow a sum
27 not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of purchasing real estate.

28 The treasurer of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District is hereby authorized to
29 accept any and all donations, gifts, contributions, and grants of cash, securities, equipment,
30 supplies, merchandise, and services, conditional or otherwise, from any person, firm, association,
31 foundation, or corporation, and shall receive, utilize and dispose of the same pursuant to the
32 express terms or conditions stipulated by such donation, gift, contribution, or grant.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage, and thereupon all other acts or parts
2 of acts inconsistent herewith shall stand repealed.

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