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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTION OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-23-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-23 entitled "Election  
2 Offenses" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~17-23-2. Signature of posters, fliers, and circulars. --- No person shall intentionally~~  
4 ~~write, print, post, or distribute, or cause to be written, printed, posted, or distributed, a circular,~~  
5 ~~flier, or poster designed or tending to injure or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to~~  
6 ~~any public office, by criticizing the candidate's personal character or political action, or designed~~  
7 ~~or tending to aid, injure, or defeat any question submitted to the voters, unless there appears upon~~  
8 ~~the circular, flier, or poster in a conspicuous place the name of the author and either the names of~~  
9 ~~the chairperson and secretary, or of two (2) officers, of the political or other organization issuing~~  
10 ~~the poster, flier, or circular, or of some voter who is responsible for it, with the voter's name and~~  
11 ~~residence, and the street and numbers, if any.~~

12           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 repeal the section of the general laws which provides disclosure  
2 requirements pertaining to the author of certain political posters, fliers, and circulars, consistent  
3 with the United States Supreme Court decision.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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