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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL  
IMPROVEMENTS TO PROCESSING MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE TAX APPEALS

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Ottiano, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: March 25, 2014

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of twelve (12) members: two (2) of whom shall be members of the Senate, to be  
3 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be a member of a Rhode Island  
4 Chamber of Commerce, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be the  
5 President of the Rhode Island Commercial and Appraisal Board of Directors, or designee; one of  
6 whom shall be a Rhode Island Real Estate Attorney, to be appointed by the President of the  
7 Rhode Island Bar Association; two (2) of whom shall be members of The Rhode Island  
8 Association of Assessing Officers (RIAAO), to be appointed by the President of RIAAO; one of  
9 whom shall be a Rhode Island single family property owner, to be appointed by the President of  
10 the Senate; one of whom shall be a Rhode Island multifamily property owner, to be appointed by  
11 the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be a Rhode Island commercial property owner, to  
12 be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode  
13 Island Foundation, or designee; and one of whom shall be a representative from a hospital,  
14 university, or other institution in Rhode Island which pays property taxes, to be appointed by the  
15 President of the Senate.

16           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
17 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
18 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
19 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which

1 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide  
3 recommendations to accelerate the resolution of, and make improvements to, the processing of  
4 municipal real estate tax appeals.

5 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
6 the call of the Senate President and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the  
7 legislators.

8 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

9 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

10 All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,  
11 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
12 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

13 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
14 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
16 Senate no later than January 15, 2015, and said commission shall expire on March 15, 2015.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This resolution would create a twelve (12) member special legislative study commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of potential improvements to  
3 processing municipal real estate tax appeals, and who would report back to the Senate no later  
4 than January 15, 2015, and whose life would expire on March 15, 2015.

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