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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Jacquard, Shekarchi, Casimiro, and Ajello

Date Introduced: March 24, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-15-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-15 entitled "Primary
2 Elections" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-15-14. Qualifications of primary officials -- Affidavit.**

4 (a) Each warden or moderator and each primary supervisor appointed under the
5 provisions of §§ 17-15-13 and 17-15-16 shall be able to read the Constitution of the state in the
6 English language, and to write his or her name, and shall, whenever possible, be a voter of the
7 senatorial district, representative district, or town, ward, or voting district from which he or she is
8 appointed.

9 (b) No person shall be appointed to serve as a primary official who has been convicted,
10 found guilty, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or placed on a deferred or suspended sentence or
11 on probation for any crime which involved moral turpitude or a violation of any of the election,
12 caucus, or primary laws of this or any other state.

13 (c) ~~No person shall be appointed to serve as a primary official who is an officer or~~
14 ~~employee of the United States, of this state, or of any city or town of this state, but no person~~
15 ~~shall be disqualified solely because that person is a notary public or a teacher.~~ No person serving
16 as a primary official may serve in such capacity in the city or town in which they are a municipal
17 employee.

18 (d) No person who is seeking nomination or election at any primary election shall act as a
19 primary official at that primary.

1 (e) Every primary official shall make an affidavit before the proper local board or some
2 member of the board to the effect that that official is not disqualified by reason of the provisions
3 of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow a person appointed as a primary official to be an employee of the
- 2 United States, of this state, or of any city or town of this state.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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