

2021 -- H 5535

=====  
LC001353  
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

—————  
A N A C T

RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros,  
Amore, and Craven

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-11-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-11 entitled "Joint  
2 Committee on Legislative Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-11-3. Functions.**

4 (a) It shall be exclusively the responsibility of the joint committee to act upon all  
5 administrative matters affecting the operation of the general assembly, including, but not limited  
6 to:

7 (1) The preparation of the legislative payrolls;

8 (2) The preparation of requests for the annual operating budget for the general assembly;

9 (3) The control of house and senate appropriations, including expenditures of standing,  
10 select, and special committees of the general assembly, except those provided otherwise by law;

11 (4) All printing for the general assembly and its members and staff including, but not  
12 limited to, stationery, bills and journals and covers for them, daily calendars, public laws, acts of a  
13 local and private nature, and resolutions;

14 (5) The procuring of office space, supplies, equipment, and professional and technical  
15 assistants for the general assembly; and

16 (6) The exclusive responsibility for the purchase or rental of and the installation, obtaining,  
17 upkeep, and maintenance of electronic voting devices and equipment incidental to the devices, and  
18 sound systems for the house of representatives and senate chambers, including, but not limited to,

1 entering into contracts and agreements for the purchase, rental, installation, or maintenance of the  
2 equipment and procuring the necessary supplies for the systems.

3 (b) In addition, the joint committee will have exclusive authority on office space allocations  
4 and maintenance and repair in this state capitol building for all agencies of government, except the  
5 offices of the governor and the offices of the secretary of state.

6 (c) The joint committee shall annually appropriate an amount sufficient to provide  
7 mementos commemorating Rhode Island as the Ocean State to be made available free of charge to  
8 members of the general assembly to be used as mementos for dignitaries and elected officials to  
9 promote and support Rhode Island's goodwill and reputation.

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

=====  
LC001353  
=====

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

A N A C T

RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
SERVICES

\*\*\*

1           This act would require the joint committee on legislative services, to allocate funding to  
2 make Rhode Island mementos available for visiting dignitaries and for gifts to hosting out-of-state  
3 officials.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

=====  
LC001353  
=====