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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, and Bennett

Date Introduced: April 07, 2021

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 22-1 of the General Laws entitled "Composition of Senate" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **22-1-1.1. Special voting requirements for senate redistricting.**

4           The passage of all acts which address the redistricting of the senate shall satisfy special  
5 voting requirements. No amendments to § 22-1-2 entitled "Districts" or any senate redistricting  
6 legislation, may be adopted unless they are supported by a majority of the members present and  
7 voting in each of the two (2) chambers, and by a majority of members in each of the two (2) largest  
8 member-represented political parties.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 22-2 of the General Laws entitled "Composition of House of  
10 Representatives" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

11           **22-2-1.1. Special voting requirements for house of representatives redistricting.**

12           The passage of all acts which address the redistricting of the house of representatives shall  
13 satisfy special voting requirements. No amendments to § 22-2-2 entitled "Districts" or any house  
14 of representatives redistricting legislation, may be adopted unless they are supported by a majority  
15 of the members present and voting in each of the two (2) chambers, and by a majority of members  
16 in each of the two (2) largest member-represented political parties.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require for adoption of redistricting legislation an affirmative vote of a  
2 majority of representatives and senators voting by each of the two (2) chambers' and by a majority  
3 of representatives and senators in the largest two (2) member-represented political parties.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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