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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **17-15-1. Date of primaries. [Effective January 1, 2020.]**

4 A primary election for the nomination of candidates for each political party shall be held
5 in each voting district in the manner provided in this chapter on the eighth Tuesday preceding
6 biennial state elections. Provided, however, that if the eighth Tuesday is the day after Labor Day,
7 then the primary election shall be held on the very next day, the Wednesday.

8 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 require that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday
2 preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor
3 Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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