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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Amore, Henries, and Cassar Date Introduced: April 01, 2022 Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and 2
- Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:
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44-5-11.6. Assessment of valuations -- Apportionment of levies. [Effective January 10,

4 2022.]

5 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 44-5-11 [repealed], beginning on December 31, 6 2000, the assessors in the several towns and cities shall conduct an update as defined in this section or shall assess all valuations and apportion the levy of all taxes legally ordered under the rules and 7 regulations, not repugnant to law, as the town meetings and city councils, respectively, shall, from 8 9 time to time, prescribe; provided, that the update or valuation is performed in accordance with the 10 following schedules:

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(1)(i) For a transition period, for cities and towns that conducted or implemented a 12 revaluation as of 1993 or in years later:

13		Update	Revaluation
14	Lincoln	2000	2003
15	South Kingstown	2000	2003
16	Smithfield	2000	2003
17	West Warwick	2000	2003
18	Johnston	2000	2003

1	Burrillville	2000		2003	
2	North Smithfield	2000		2003	
3	Central Falls	2000		2003	
4	North Kingstown	2000		2003	
5	Jamestown	2000		2003	
6	North Providence	2001		2004	
7	Cumberland	2001		2004	
8	Bristol	2004		2001	
9	Charlestown	2001		2004	
10	East Greenwich	2002		2005	
11	Cranston	2002		2005	
12	Barrington	2002		2005	
13	Warwick	2003		2006	
14	Warren	2003		2006	
15	East Providence	2003		2006	
16	(ii) Provided that the reevaluation period for the town of New Shoreham shall be extended				
17	to 2003 and the update for the town of Hopkinton may be extended to 2007 with no additional				
18	reimbursements by the state relating to the delay.				
19	(iii) The implementation date for this schedule is December 31, of the stated year.				
20	(iv) Those cities and towns not listed in this schedule shall continue the revaluation				
21	schedule pursuant to § 44-5-11 [repealed].				
22	(2)(i) For the post-transition period and in years thereafter:				
23	1	Update #1	Update #2	Revaluation	
24	Woonsocket	2002	2005	2008	
25	Pawtucket	2002	2005	2008	
26	Portsmouth	2001	2004	2007	
27	Coventry	2001	2004	2007	
28	Providence	2003	2006	2009	
29	Foster	2002	2005	2008	
30	Middletown	2002	2005	2008	
31	Little Compton	2003	2006	2009	
32	Scituate	2003	2006	2009	
33	Westerly	2003	2006	2009	

1	Glocester	2004	2007	2010
2	Richmond	2004	2007	2010
3	Bristol	2004	2007	2010
4	Tiverton	2005	2008	2011
5	Newport	2005	2008	2011
6	New Shoreham	2006	2009	2012
7	Narragansett	2005	2008	2011
8	Exeter	2005	2008	2011
9	Hopkinton	2007	2010	2013
10	Lincoln	2006	2009	2012
11	South Kingstown	2006	2009	2012
12	Smithfield	2006	2009	2012
13	West Warwick	2006	2009	2012
14	Johnston	2006	2009	2012
15	Burrillville	2006	2009	2012
16	North Smithfield	2006	2009	2012
17	Central Falls	2006	2009	2012
18	North Kingstown	2006	2009	2012
19	Jamestown	2006	2009	2012
20	North Providence	2007	2010	2013
21	Cumberland	2007	2010	2013
22	Charlestown	2007	2010	2013
23	East Greenwich	2008	2011	2014
24	Cranston	2008	2011	2014
25	Barrington	2008	2010	2014
26	Warwick	2009	2012	2015
27	Warren	2009	2012	2016
28	East Providence	2009	2012	2015

(ii) The implementation date for the schedule is December 31 of the stated year. Upon the completion of the update and revaluation according to this schedule, each city and town shall conduct a revaluation within nine (9) years of the date of the prior revaluation and shall conduct an update of real property every three (3) years from the last revaluation. Provided, that for the town of Bristol, the time for the first statistical update following the 2010 revaluation shall be extended from 2013 to 2014 and said statistical update shall be based on valuations as of December 31, 2014,

1 and the first revaluation following the December 31, 2014, and 2015 statistical revaluation shall be 2 extended from 2016 to 2019 and said revaluation shall be based on valuations as of December 31, 3 2018, and, that for the city of Woonsocket, the time of the first statistical update following the 2017 4 revaluation shall be extended from 2020 to 2021, and the statistical update shall be based on the 5 valuations as of December 31, 2021. Provided that for the city of East Providence, the revaluation period as of the December 31, 2021, assessment date shall be extended to the December 31, 2022, 6 7 assessment date, with no additional reimbursements by the state relating to the delay. 8 (iii) Cities and towns shall not change the assessment of any property based on the purchase 9 price of the property after a transfer occurs except in accordance with a townwide or citywide

10 revaluation or update schedule; provided that, this prohibition shall not apply to completed new 11 real estate construction.

12 (b) No later than February 1, 1998, the director of the department of revenue shall 13 promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this section to define the 14 requirements for the updates that shall include, but not be limited to:

15 (1) An analysis of sales;

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16 (2) A rebuilding of land value tables;

17 (3) A rebuilding of cost tables of all improvement items; and

(4) A rebuilding of depreciation schedules. Upon completion of an update, each city or
town shall provide for a hearing and/or appeal process for any aggrieved person to address any
issue that arose during the update.

21 (c) The costs incurred by the towns and cities for the first update shall be borne by the state 22 in an amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per parcel. The costs incurred by the towns and 23 cities for the second update shall be borne eighty percent (80%) by the state (in an amount not to 24 exceed sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per parcel) and twenty percent (20%) by the town or city, and in 25 the third update and thereafter, the state shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the update (not to exceed 26 twelve dollars (\$12.00) per parcel) and the town or city shall pay forty percent (40%); provided, 27 that for the second update and in all updates thereafter, that the costs incurred by any city or town 28 that is determined to be a distressed community pursuant to § 45-13-12 shall be borne eighty percent 29 (80%) by the state and twenty percent (20%) by the city or town for all updates required by this 30 section.

31 (d) The office of municipal affairs, after consultation with the League of Cities and Towns
32 and the Rhode Island Assessors' Association, shall recommend adjustments to the costs formula
33 described in subsection (c) of this section based upon existing market conditions.

(e) Any property that is either exempt from the local property tax pursuant to § 44-3-3 or

pays a city or town an amount in lieu of taxes is not required to have its values updated pursuant to this section and the property is not eligible for the reimbursement provisions of subsection (c) of this section. However, those properties that are exempt from taxation and are eligible for state appropriations in lieu of property tax under the provisions of § 45-13-5.1 are eligible for state reimbursement pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, provided, that these properties were revalued as part of that city or town's most recent property revaluation.

(f) No city or town is required to conduct an update pursuant to this section unless the state
has appropriated sufficient funds to cover the state's costs as identified in subsection (c) of this
section.

10 (g) Any city or town that fails to conduct an update or revaluation as required by this 11 section, or requests and receives an extension of the dates specified in this section, shall receive the 12 same amount of state aid under §§ 45-13-1, 45-13-5.1, and 45-13-12 in the budget year for which 13 the new values were to apply as the city or town received in state aid in the previous budget year; 14 provided, however, if the new year's entitlement is lower than the prior year's entitlement, the lower 15 amount applies, except for the town of New Shoreham for the fiscal year 2003.

(h) Any bill or resolution to extend the dates for a city or town to conduct an update or
revaluation must be approved by a two-thirds (²/₃) majority of both houses of the general assembly.
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 extend the current revaluation date in the city of East Providence from
- 2 December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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