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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Kislak, Cotter, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 10, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(Secretary of State)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-3-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-3 entitled "Organization  
2 of General Assembly" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-3-12. ~~Legislative manual~~ Government directory.**

4 The secretary of state shall ~~prepare in each odd numbered year a legislative manual~~  
5 maintain an up-to-date online directory of government officials for the use of the general ~~assembly~~  
6 public, containing the congressional delegation, general officers, general assembly members, rolls  
7 of general assembly membership, the committees, the rules and orders, judiciary information,  
8 municipal government information, state agency information and any other matter that the secretary  
9 may think proper. ~~The number of manuals to be printed and bound will be determined by the~~  
10 ~~secretary of state. Ten (10) copies shall be distributed to each of the senators and representatives of~~  
11 ~~the general assembly; forty (40) copies shall be placed at the disposal of the governor; and the~~  
12 ~~remainder shall be placed in the hands of the secretary of state. There shall be appropriated in each~~  
13 ~~odd numbered year, an amount sufficient to cover the cost of printing and binding of the manual.~~  
14 The secretary of state shall also provide a printed government directory referencing the online  
15 directory information to be printed and bound in a number to be determined by the secretary of  
16 state for distribution and historical preservation purposes only. Entities included in the online  
17 directory will be responsible for submitting up-to-date information. Users of the online directory  
18 shall have access to all directory information and be provided with historical search capabilities so

1 [that the entire history of the online directory is made available to the public.](#)

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

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1           This act would require the secretary of state to maintain, and provide to the public, an  
2 online directory of government officials, a limited number of printed government directories, and  
3 would eliminate the legislative manual used by the secretary of state to record rolls of general  
4 assembly membership, committee memberships and rules.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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