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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators Sosnowski, Miller, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiPalma, and Ruggerio

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 17-2 of the General Laws entitled "General State Officers" is hereby
- 2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>17-2-7. Gubernatorial qualifications.</u>
- No person shall be eligible to seek election to the office of governor unless they have
- 5 resided within the limits of the state at least five (5) years next preceding any election for that office.
- 6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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#### **EXPLANATION**

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require any person seeking the office of governor to live in Rhode Island for five (5) years prior to the election for that office.

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