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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Newberry

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-9.1-4.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-9.1 entitled
2 "Registration of Voters" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-9.1-4.1. Registration drives at high schools.**

4 It ~~shall~~ may be the duty of local boards to annually conduct a voter registration drive at
5 each high school within the city or town in cooperation with the administration of the schools. Each
6 principal of every public or private high school and director of each vocational school in this state
7 may be a registration agent whose authority shall be limited to receiving and accepting registrations
8 as electors from those qualified applicants who are enrolled as students within the school or are
9 employed within the school. The principal or director may designate one or more persons in the
10 school to serve as registration agents with the same authority as the principal of the school, provided
11 each designation is filed with the local board for the city or town in which the school is located.
12 Each person who is a registration agent pursuant to this section shall be sworn to the faithful
13 performance of his or her duties and shall be subject to removal as a registration agent by the local
14 board for cause shown. All registration made under this section shall be made in accordance with
15 rules and regulations established by the local board of the city or town in which the school is
16 located.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the current law so that it would no longer mandate, but rather simply
- 2 allow local boards to annually conduct a voter registration drive at each high school within the city
- 3 or town.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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