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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH, AND SUBMIT THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (CHANGE THE NAME OF THE  
STATE)

Introduced By: Representatives Almeida, Williams, and Diaz

Date Introduced: February 04, 2009

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general  
2 assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to  
3 the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the  
4 constitution for their approval and that it take the place of the Title and the Preamble to the  
5 constitution and Article III, Section 3, which are hereby amended to read as follows:

6                                           CONSTITUTION

7                                           OF THE

8                                           STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

9                                           PREAMBLE

10           We, the people of this State which state shall henceforth be known as the state of Rhode  
11 Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long  
12 permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to  
13 transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this  
14 Constitution of government.

15                                           ARTICLE III

16                                           OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

17           Section 3. Oath of general officers. - - All general officers shall take the following  
18 engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the  
19 electors of this state of Rhode Island, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to

1 be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United  
2 States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to  
3 the best of your abilities, according to law: So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and  
4 give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]

5 RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the State, the place  
6 of the Title and the Preamble to the constitution, and of Article III, Section 3, of the constitution;

7 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment contained in this  
8 resolution shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next statewide  
9 general election to be held in November, 2010. The voting places in the several cities and towns  
10 shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for the members of the  
11 general assembly and such other officials as may be up for election; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to  
13 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said  
14 meetings of the electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to be  
15 issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or  
16 district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward or district clerks to the  
17 electors in the town, ward or district meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the town, ward and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be  
19 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward and  
20 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,  
21 ward and district meetings for the election of members of the general assembly and such other  
22 officials as may be up for election.

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