

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Conley, DiPalma, and Euer

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1 WHEREAS, The Coastal Resources Management Council is a management agency with
2 regulatory functions "whose primary responsibility is for the preservation, protection,
3 development and where possible the restoration of the coastal areas of the state, which extends
4 out to the extent of the state's jurisdiction in the territorial sea, via the authority given in state law
5 and through implementation of its integrated and comprehensive coastal management plans "; and

6 WHEREAS, A reorganization of the CRMC and its operations and management
7 procedures could provide increased efficiencies, opportunities and protection of our coastal
8 resources; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
10 consisting of fifteen (15) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House, not more
11 than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; three (3)
12 of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to
13 be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of Save
14 the Bay, or designee; one of whom shall be the Town Manager of South Kingstown, or designee;
15 one of whom shall be the Chair of the Warwick Planning Board, or designee; one of whom shall
16 be the City Manager of the City of Newport, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of
17 the R.I. Shellfisherman's Association, or designee; two (2) of whom shall be commercial
18 fishermen, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one to be appointed by the
19 President of the Senate; one of whom shall be of the Dean of the University of Rhode Island

1 Graduate School of Oceanography, or designee; and one of whom shall be the Dean of the Roger
2 Williams University Department of Biology, Marine Biology, and Environmental Science, or
3 designee.

4 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
5 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
6 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
7 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
8 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

9 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of, and provide
10 recommendations for, the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management
11 Council.

12 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
13 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President
14 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-
15 chairpersons of the commission.

16 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

17 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

18 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
19 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
20 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

21 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
22 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and results to the General
24 Assembly on or before January 2, 2020, and said commission shall expire on April 2, 2020.

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EXPLANATION
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2 purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of, and provide recommendations for, the
3 reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, and who would
4 report back to the General Assembly on or before January 2, 2020, and said commission would
5 expire on April 2, 2020.

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