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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT,
AND SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Cano, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-19-30 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct
2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-19-30. Voters who register by making a mark rather than signature.**

4 Any voter who has registered by making his or her mark rather than his or her signature,
5 or who shall be physically unable to sign his or her name at the time of offering himself or herself
6 to vote, shall identify himself or herself ~~by correctly answering any questions put to him or her by~~
7 ~~the supervisors that may test the voter's knowledge of the information recorded on the voter's~~
8 ~~registration card. In that case, the bipartisan pair of supervisors shall complete a ballot application~~
9 ~~for the voter and shall make and annex to this ballot application an affidavit that they identified~~
10 ~~the voter in the manner authorized by this section.~~ with proof of identity as required under § 17-
11 19-24.2. They shall permit the voter to affix the voter's mark ~~to the application~~ on the electronic
12 pollbook in their presence and shall record their approval on the ~~application~~ electronic pollbook
13 as in other cases.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow voters making a mark rather than signature to vote with proof of
2 identity by affirming their mark to the electronic pollbook without need for an affidavit by
3 election supervisors.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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