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### STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

### AN ACT

## RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY-PARTIES

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Costa, Guthrie, Gallison, and Jacquard

Date Introduced: February 15, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 92-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-2 entitled "Parties" is
- 2 hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 **9-2-18. Acceleration of actions when party 65 or older. --** Any civil action in which a
- 4 plaintiff or a defendant has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, and is not a corporation,
- 5 partnership, association, or other such entity, shall be accelerated to trial at the request of the any
- 6 party to the action. This section shall not be construed so as to preclude reasonable discovery.
- 7 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 authorize any party to an action where a party is sixty-five (65) years of age or older to request acceleration of the action to trial.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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