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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE

Introduced By: Representatives Marcello, Newberry, and Hearn

Date Introduced: March 03, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-6-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-6 entitled "Secretary of
2 State" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-6-3. Computer ballots and sample ballots.** – (a) The secretary of state shall be
4 responsible for the arrangement, preparation, printing, and provision of all computer ballots, to be
5 used in conjunction with the optical scan voting equipment authorized pursuant to this title, and
6 sample ballots to be used at any election. The secretary of state shall deliver to the state board a
7 sufficient quantity of sample ballots to be used by the board in the preparation of voting
8 equipment for each election.

9 (b) The secretary of state shall ensure that no ballot, whether a paper ballot or a ballot that
10 shall be used in any optical scanning device or otherwise shall include any option to permit any
11 voter to vote for all candidates of one of the respective parties by means of a single mark.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that voting machines be preprogrammed to prevent a voter from
2 voting for a straight party ticket by simply checking one mark on the ballot.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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