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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, Shekarchi, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 07, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-8-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8 entitled "District Court"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-8-3.1. Equitable powers as to housing matters.** -- In addition to the powers heretofore

4 exercised, the district court [and any court created by municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3\(a\)\(4\)](#)

5 is hereby empowered, in furtherance of its jurisdiction under § 8-8-3(a)(4), to grant such orders,

6 including temporary restraining orders, and preliminary and permanent injunctions as justice and

7 equity may require, [including, but not limited to, the power to order a building into receivership](#)

8 [pursuant to chapter 44 of title 34.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would grant district courts and certain municipal courts created by §8-8-3(a)(4)
2 the power to issue restraining orders and permanent injunctions in housing matters, and would
3 include the power to order a building into receivership.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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