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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY CONVENTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Corvese, and Morgan

Date Introduced: February 09, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-12-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-12 entitled "Party
2 Committees and Conventions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-12-13. State conventions.**

4 There shall be held not later than October 14 of every even year a state convention for
5 each political party. The nominees of a party for senator and for representatives in congress, for
6 the five (5) general offices, and for membership in the general assembly shall be delegates to the
7 state convention of that party. In presidential election years, these conventions shall select the
8 party nominees for presidential electors and their names shall be placed on the ballot for the
9 forthcoming election. ~~The state convention shall be for the purpose of adopting a platform for its
10 party and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the convention.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would remove the requirement that each political party convene every two (2)
- 2 years to adopt a platform.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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