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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS

Introduced By: Senators Bell, Lawson, Mack, Tikoian, Gallo, Ruggerio, Ujifusa,  
Ciccone, Felag, and Urso

Date Introduced: February 13, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3           **17-2-1. General officers enumerated — Election and terms.**

4           The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, and general  
5 treasurer shall be known as general officers. They shall be elected at a general election,  
6 quadrennially, in accordance with the provisions of this title, and shall hold their respective offices  
7 for four (4) years beginning on the first Tuesday of January next succeeding their election and until  
8 the election and qualification of their respective successors. No person shall be elected to the same  
9 general office more than twice, and no person who has held a general office for more than two (2)  
10 years of a term to which some other person was elected shall be elected to the same general office  
11 more than once. No person who is ineligible to be elected governor shall be elected lieutenant  
12 governor.

13           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 provide that for the general officers of the state, no person could be elected  
2 to the same general office more than twice, and no person who has held a general office for more  
3 than two (2) years of a term to which some other person was elected could be elected to the same  
4 general office more than once. This act would further provide that a person who was ineligible to  
5 be elected governor could not be elected lieutenant governor.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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