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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 23-27.3-107.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled  
2 "State Building Code" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-107.1. Local building official -- Appointment.**

4 (a) The appropriate local authority shall appoint an officer to administer the code. The  
5 officer shall be known as the building official. Two (2) ~~or more~~ communities may combine in the  
6 appointment of a building official for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter,  
7 including officials serving in such capacity on January 1, 1977, shall serve at the pleasure of the  
8 appointing authority, except that such incumbent officials shall not be required to meet the  
9 official provisions for local building officials set forth in this chapter.

10 (b) A municipality shall not require a local building official to perform duties not set  
11 forth in the building code when any building code duties are pending and can or should be  
12 addressed.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that only two (2) communities may combine in the appointment  
2 of a building official and prohibits a municipality from requiring building officials to perform  
3 duties not in the building code when building code duties are pending.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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