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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Metts, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: April 28, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(by request)

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-](#)

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

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

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

8 [receivership pursuant to § 34-44-1 et seq.](#)

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 municipal courts created by § 8-8-3(a)(4), the power to issue
2 restraining orders and permanent injunctions in housing matters, and would include the power to
3 order a building into receivership.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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