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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - AMERICAN AND ITALIAN
CULTURAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, and Algiere

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-71-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-71 entitled "American
2 and Italian Cultural Exchange Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-71-1. Commission established.** -- There shall be an American and Italian cultural
4 exchange commission to consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall be American citizens
5 descended from Italian ancestry and residents of the state; three (3) of whom shall be appointed
6 by the speaker of the house of representatives; three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the
7 ~~lieutenant governor~~ president of the senate; and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the
8 governor. The commission shall establish, maintain, and develop cultural ties between Italians
9 and Italian-Americans; foster a special interest in the historical and cultural background of both
10 groups, as well as in the economic, political, social, and artistic life of the countries involved; and
11 shall help establish or promote Italian language programs in the schools of the state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would substitute the president of the senate in place of the lieutenant governor
2 for appointment powers of three (3) members of the American and Italian cultural exchange
3 commission.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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