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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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JOINT RESOLUTION

JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- REMOVING PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR ELECTION BY PLURALITY

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, F. Lombardi, Cano, and Acosta

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1           RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general  
2 assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to  
3 the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the  
4 Constitution, for their approval, and it take the place of Article IV, Section 2, by deleting all of  
5 Section 2 in Article IV, which is hereby amended, to read as follows:

6           ~~Section 2. Election by plurality.~~

7           ~~In all elections held by the people for state, city, town, ward or district officers, the~~  
8 ~~person or candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.~~

9           RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of  
10 Article IV, Section 2; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors for  
12 their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the several  
13 cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for general  
14 officers or members of the general assembly of the state; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to  
16 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said  
17 meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices  
18 to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward,  
19 or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to

1 be held as aforesaid; and be it further

2           RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be  
3 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and  
4 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,  
5 ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This Joint Resolution would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment
- 2   which would remove from the Constitution the provision of Article IV, Section 2, that provide for
- 3   election by plurality.

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