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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Crowley, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: March 20, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1 RESOLVED, that the Rules of the Senate as adopted on March 30th, 2017 as Senate
2 Resolution 531 Substitute A, as amended, be and they are hereby amended as follows to wit:

3 By deleting therefrom Rule 6.10 as it presently appears, to wit:

4 ~~**6.10 Discharge from Committee.**~~

5 ~~No bill shall be taken or called from any such committee, or the committee discharged~~
6 ~~from the consideration thereof, except:~~

7 ~~Any senator may present a petition, in writing, to discharge a committee from further~~
8 ~~consideration of a bill which has been in the possession of the committee for thirty (30)~~
9 ~~legislative days without having been considered, but only one petition on a particular bill may be~~
10 ~~presented during the course of a session. Prior to presenting the petition, the senator must~~
11 ~~introduce a resolution of intent to discharge such committee. Such resolution of intent shall~~
12 ~~contain the bill number and the committee to be discharged. The presiding officer shall cause the~~
13 ~~resolution of intent to be printed in the journal of the senate. The petition shall be placed in the~~
14 ~~custody of the presiding officer who shall arrange some convenient place for the signatures of the~~
15 ~~senators to be placed thereon in the presence of the reading clerk during the hours in which the~~
16 ~~senate is in session. A signature may be withdrawn by a senator at any time before the petition~~
17 ~~shall become effective. On the first day of each week, there shall be printed in the journal of the~~
18 ~~senate the petitions pending under these rules, together with the signatures thereto; provided,~~
19 ~~however, that as soon as a majority of all the senators elected to the senate shall have affixed their~~
20 ~~signatures to any such petition to discharge a committee under this rule, the presiding officer shall~~

1 ~~cause notice thereof to be given to chair and clerk of the committee to which such bill was~~
2 ~~referred, and such notice shall, thereupon, automatically discharge the committee from further~~
3 ~~consideration of the bill and the bill shall be placed upon the calendar in accordance with section~~
4 ~~7.6 hereof. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to change the deadline for~~
5 ~~consideration as specified in section 6.9.~~

6 **6.10 Discharge from Committee.**

7 A majority of members elected to the Senate can direct a written communication to the
8 Presiding Officer requesting that any bill, joint resolution or other business that has been referred
9 to a standing committee, except those assigned to the finance committee, be reported to the full
10 Senate for a floor vote by the members.

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