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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR REMOTE
PROCEDURES

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Ciccone, Zurier, Mack, Bissaillon, and Miller

Date Introduced: May 02, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 34 of the General Laws entitled "PROPERTY" is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 50

4 PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR REMOTE PROCEDURES

5 **34-50-1. Public auctions of real state.**

6 (a) Public auctions by any city or town of real state or an interest therein for any reason or
7 purpose, including, but not limited to, tax sales shall only be done in person at the time and place
8 specified in the legal advertisement, and in accordance with Rhode Island statutes that govern said
9 sales.

10 (b) No public auction of real state or an interest therein shall be done by electronic or
11 remote procedures unless authorized by court order of the Rhode Island superior court after hearing
12 thereon and a finding that an in-person auction is not feasible under the circumstances of the
13 specific case.

14 (c) The purpose of this section is to bring greater public scrutiny to the public auction sales
15 of real estate in Rhode Island.

16 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 require public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest
- 2 therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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