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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Tassoni, McBurney, and Connors

Date Introduced: February 26, 2008

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-11 of the General Laws entitled "Voting Districts and Officials"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **17-11-12.1. High school election officials.** - Notwithstanding any other general law to
4 the contrary, and in order to provide for a greater awareness of the elections process, the rights
5 and responsibilities of voters and the importance of participating in the electoral process, as well
6 as to provide additional workers, an elections official may appoint not more than five (5) students
7 per ward, and/or precinct to work as supervisors/moderators to serve under the direct supervision
8 of ward, and/or precinct board members designated by the elections official. A student may be
9 appointed, notwithstanding lack of eligibility to vote, subject to the approval of the educational
10 institution in which the student is enrolled, if the student possesses the following qualifications:

11 (1) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the election to which he or she is
12 serving as a member of a ward, and/or precinct board.

13 (2) Is a United States citizen or will be a citizen at the time of the election to which he or
14 she is serving as a member of a ward, and/or precinct board.

15 (3) Is a student in good standing attending a public or private secondary educational
16 institution.

17 (4) Is a junior or senior and has a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

18 (c) A student appointed pursuant to this section may not be used to tally votes.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow an election official to appoint not more than 5 students as
2 supervisors/moderators per ward and/or precinct to serve under the direct supervision of the ward
3 and/or precinct board members.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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