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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT,  
AND SUPPLIES

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. Section 17-19-23.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct  
2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is repealed in its entirety.  
3           ~~**17-19-23.3. Trainee election officials -- High school students.** -- Notwithstanding any  
4 other requirements of this chapter, a student enrolled in a high school in the state of Rhode Island,  
5 who is a United States citizen, who has attained the age of sixteen (16), is eligible to be appointed  
6 as a trainee election official in the municipality in which the student resides to perform duties  
7 under the direction of or in assistance to a qualified election official, as may be determined by the  
8 local board of canvassers, but may not be assigned to the polling place in lieu of a regularly  
9 trained and certified election official. The student shall be appointed without party affiliation and  
10 shall submit to the secretary of state: (a) a certificate by parent or guardian authorizing the  
11 appointment and allowing the student to be excused from school; and (b) a certificate, signed by  
12 the principal of the student's high school, certifying that the student is performing at an academic  
13 level deemed acceptable by said principal. The student must further meet any qualifications set  
14 forth by the secretary of state. The secretary of state may promulgate rules and regulations  
15 necessary to effectuate this section. The trainee may be compensated by the municipality for his  
16 or her service at the same rate fixed for election officials generally.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would repeal the section, granting certain high school students eligibility to be
- 2 appointed as a trainee election official in the municipality in which the student resides.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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