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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION/VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES --  
PARTY LEVERS

Introduced By: Representatives Story, Coaty, Ehrhardt, Savage, and McManus

Date Introduced: January 15, 2008

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-19-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct  
2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

3           ~~**17-19-15. Party levers.** -- In the preparation of the voting equipment for use in any  
4 election, excluding a primary election, the board of elections shall confirm that the voting  
5 equipment is programmed to permit any voter to vote for all candidates of one of the respective  
6 parties by means of a single mark on the computer ballot. The voting equipment shall also permit  
7 the voter casting a straight party vote to individually vote for candidates, and in doing so, the  
8 straight party vote will not be counted for that office, and the individual vote, or votes in the case  
9 where more than one candidate will be elected for an office, will override the straight party vote  
10 for that office.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would delete from the general laws the obsolete provision which authorizes the
- 2 use of party levers or mechanisms in elections.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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