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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, and Marcello

Date Introduced: February 05, 2009

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 amended to read as follows:

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. Straight party voting is hereby~~
7 ~~prohibited.~~ The voting equipment shall ~~also~~ only permit the voter ~~casting a straight party vote~~ to
8 individually vote for candidates, ~~and in doing so, the straight party vote will not be counted for~~
9 ~~that office, and the individual vote, or votes in the case where more than one candidate will be~~
10 ~~elected for an office, will override the straight party vote 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 not permit a voter to cast a vote for all candidates of one respective party
- 2 by a single mark on the ballot.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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