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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006**

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Ajello, Jacquard, Story, and McNamara

Date Introduced: January 31, 2006

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 17-23 of the General Laws entitled "Election Offenses" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:  
3           **17-23-14.1. Close-captioned political advertising.** – [Television stations are required to](#)  
4 [provide close-captioning for all televised political advertisements.](#)  
5           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 television stations to provide close-captioning in their political  
2 advertisements.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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