

2017 -- S 0392

LC001523

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

A N A C T

RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Jabour, Lombardi, Metts, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-8-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8 entitled "District Court"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-8-3.1. Equitable powers as to housing matters.**

4 (a) In addition to the powers heretofore exercised, the district court [and any court created](#)
5 [by municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3\(a\)\(4\)](#) is hereby empowered, in furtherance of its
6 jurisdiction under § 8-8-3(a)(4), to grant such orders, including temporary restraining orders, and
7 preliminary and permanent injunctions as justice and equity may require.

8 (b) [Any court created by municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3\(a\)\(4\) is hereby](#)
9 [empowered in furtherance of its jurisdiction to order a building into receivership pursuant to the](#)
10 [provisions of chapter 44 of title 34 \("abandoned property"\).](#)

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

LC001523

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - DISTRICT COURT

- 1 This act would empower certain municipal housing courts to order a building into
- 2 receivership pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44 of title 34, "abandoned property."
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC001523
=====