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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS

Introduced By: Representative William San Bento

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-20-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail  
2    Ballots" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~**17-20-25. Return of unused ballots.** -- Every voter who has received a mail ballot and  
4    has not cast it shall nevertheless return the unvoted ballot and its uncertified enclosing envelope  
5    to the state board or local board with a statement that the voter is not using the mail ballot, before  
6    nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. on election day.~~

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to all elections and  
8    unused ballots occurring on and after the effective date.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would repeal the section of the general laws that makes it mandatory for every  
2 voter who received a mail ballot, but did not cast his/her vote, to return the unvoted ballot and its  
3 uncertified enclosing envelope to the state board or local board before nine o'clock (9:00) pm on  
4 election day.

5           This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to all elections and unused  
6 ballots occurring on and after the effective date of this act.

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