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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, and Loughlin

Date Introduced: April 07, 2010

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-2-1.1. Authorization of towns, cities and districts to postpone their budgets and**
4 **financial town meetings for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.** – (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
5 the general or public laws or rule or local charter or ordinance to the contrary, every city or town
6 council in the State of Rhode Island is hereby authorized to postpone their FY 2010 and 2011
7 budget decisions, including their financial town meetings, for up to ninety (90) days.

8 (b) For the years 2010 and 2011 only, every state or local law, statute, regulation,
9 ordinance or other rule that requires related action shall be extended for ninety (90) days from the
10 date that the law, statute, regulation, ordinance or other rule would otherwise require.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow cities and towns to postpone their budget decisions and would
2 extend the period of time that any law, statute or ordinance requiring action on such budget
3 decisions for a period of ninety (90) days for the years of 2010 and 2011 only.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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