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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Craven, and Caldwell

Date Introduced: May 23, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-4-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-4 entitled "Federal
2 Elective Officers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-4-11. Meeting of electors — Vacancies.**

4 Presidential electors elected pursuant to this chapter shall meet in the state house in the city
5 of Providence on the first ~~Monday~~Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December after their
6 election, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon of that day, and if there is any vacancy in the office of
7 electors, occasioned by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend, or other cause, the electors present
8 shall immediately proceed to fill, by roll call and by a plurality of votes, the vacancy in the electoral
9 college; and when the electors appear, or the vacancy is filled as provided in this section, they shall
10 proceed to perform the duties required of electors by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

11 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 change the meeting of presidential electors from the first Monday after the
- 2 second Wednesday in December after their election to the first Tuesday.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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