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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY REGIONAL ENERGY**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Handy, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 19, 2014

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of six (6) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than  
3 two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and three (3)  
4 of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same  
5 political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

6           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
7 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
8 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
9 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which  
10 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

11           The purpose of said commission shall be to monitor and assess regional energy  
12 challenges and opportunities, including, but not limited to, energy security, reliability,  
13 environmental and economic benefits, and the costs to the State of Rhode Island and its  
14 ratepayers.

15           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
16 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President  
17 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-  
18 chairpersons of the commission.

19           Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

20           The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

1 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
2 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
3 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

4 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
5 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report any findings and recommendations to the  
7 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and said commission shall expire on June  
8 3, 2016.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY REGIONAL ENERGY

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1           This resolution would create a six (6) member special legislative commission whose  
2 purpose would be to monitor and assess regional energy challenges and opportunities including  
3 but not limited to energy security, reliability, environmental and economic benefits, and costs to  
4 the State of Rhode Island and its ratepayers, and who would report any findings to the General  
5 Assembly, and whose life would expire on June 3, 2016.

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