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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: January 22, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-9 of the General Laws entitled "Budget Commissions" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-9-5.1. Reappointment of budget commission -- General assembly approval. – (a)**
4 A budget commission created pursuant to this chapter, whether now existing or hereafter
5 established, shall be appointed for a period of no longer than twenty-four (24) months, except as
6 provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

7 (b) Within six (6) months of the expiration date of a budget commission, the director of
8 revenue, if deemed necessary, shall seek reappointment and reauthorization for the budget
9 commission from the general assembly, for an additional period of twenty-four (24) months,
10 without limitation, if deemed necessary, for further reappointment and reauthorization.

11 (c) The director of revenue shall seek, within six (6) months of the effective date of this
12 section, reappointment and reauthorization from the general assembly for any budget commission
13 in existence for more than twenty-four (24) months as of the effective date of this section.

14 (d) Upon the failure of the director of revenue to meet the requirements of this section, a
15 budget commission shall immediately expire and have no further powers or duties under this
16 chapter.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that a budget commission shall be appointed for a period of no
2 longer than twenty-four (24) months, and would further require that the director of revenue seek
3 general assembly approval for the reappointment of a budget commission.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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