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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced By: Senators Hodgson, Cote, Ottiano, Lanzi, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 16, 2011

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22-11 of the General Laws entitled "Joint Committee on
2 Legislative Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **22-11-7. Record of committee proceedings.** -- Each chamber of the legislature shall
4 keep, for a period of three (3) years, an audio or video recording of debate and testimony
5 occurring in committee and shall place the recording on the general assembly's website within
6 twenty-four (24) hours of the debate and hearing. For purposes of this section "committee"
7 includes standing committees, select committees, and joint committees that are established by law
8 or the rules of the respective chamber.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require both chambers of the general assembly to keep for a period of
2 three (3) years, an audio or video recording on the general assembly's website within twenty-four
3 (24) hours of the debate and testimony occurring in committees established by the rules of the
4 respective chamber.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2012.

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