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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ELECTRONIC VOTING

Introduced By: Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-3-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-3 entitled "Organization
2 of General Assembly" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-3-18. Electronic voting.**

4 [\(a\)](#) For the purpose of receiving and recording the vote of members of the general
5 assembly pursuant to the rules of the senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee
6 on legislative services shall provide for the senate and house of representatives an electronic
7 device or devices for the use by the members of the general assembly in casting and recording
8 votes.

9 [\(b\) The joint committee on legislative services shall make the record of the vote available](#)
10 [to the public electronically not later than thirty \(30\) minutes following the casting of said vote,](#)
11 [and shall similarly provide the record of said vote electronically to the secretary of state.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the joint committee on legislative services to make the record of
2 the votes of the general assembly available to the public and the secretary of state electronically
3 within thirty (30) minutes of the casting of said vote.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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