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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
TENURE AND DISCIPLINE

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, and Jabour

Date Introduced: March 23, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-16-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-16 entitled "Commission
2 on Judicial Tenure and Discipline" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-16-2. Terms of the commissioners.** -- Except as otherwise provided, the members of
4 the commission shall serve for terms of three (3) years; provided, however, that the initial
5 appointments shall be so staggered that one of each class of members so appointed shall serve for
6 a term of one year, one for two (2) years, and one for three (3) years. The appointment by the
7 supreme court of the member of the judiciary at large shall be for a term of three (3) years. No
8 member shall be eligible for reappointment to another term if he or she has served more than six
9 (6) consecutive years, ~~and the terms of the members of the general assembly shall be for two (2)~~
10 ~~years, provided, that they remain members of the general assembly during their terms.~~ Vacancies
11 other than those arising through the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion
12 of the term in the same manner as vacancies due to the expiration of the term.

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

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1 This act would remove language referring to the terms of members of the general
2 assembly on the commission on judicial tenure and discipline. Said members were removed on
3 July 1, 2007.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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