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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF  
THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the  
2 City of Central Falls, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the City  
3 of Central Falls on November 6, 2012, and which one amendment added a new Section 4-105 to  
4 the Charter, providing that a Mayor shall be subject to recall provided, however that no recall  
5 shall be permitted if the Mayor has served less than six (6) months of a first term, or has less than  
6 six (6) months left to serve in office, and providing requirements for the recall petition, recall  
7 election, and filling the vacancy; a second amendment to Sections 3-200, 3-400, 6-102, and 6-109  
8 providing that regular municipal elections be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
9 even-numbered years, commencing with the even-year regular municipal election to be held in  
10 2016, so that mayoral elections will be on the same dates as national presidential elections; and a  
11 third amendment to Section 3-502 providing that if a vacancy occurs on the City Council, then  
12 the City Council may fill the vacancy with the unsuccessful candidate for the office from the last  
13 regular City election who received at least thirty percent (30%) of the votes cast for that office  
14 and if there is no eligible candidate, then there shall be a special City election to fill the vacancy,  
15 may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the general assembly, but in no  
16 other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of  
17 Central Falls are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of  
18 the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and

1 enact those provisions of the said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Central  
2 Falls which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this  
3 act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but nothing in  
4 this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to cities and  
5 towns by the Home Rule Amendment of the Rhode Island Constitution and other applicable laws  
6 of the State of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said City of Central Falls in its Home Rule  
7 Charter.

8 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the City of Central  
9 Falls or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this  
10 act, or the application of such provision to said town or other persons or circumstances shall not  
11 be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would ratify amendments to the Central Falls Home Rule Charter approved by  
2 the voters of Central Falls on November 6, 2012 which require ratification by the General  
3 Assembly in order to be effective.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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