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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POWER OF OFFICERS TO  
ADMINISTER OATHS

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, and Zurier

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-2-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-2 entitled "Power of  
2 Officers to Administer Oaths" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **36-2-1. Officers with statewide power.**

4 The following persons may administer oaths anywhere within the state: the governor,  
5 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, assistant attorneys general, general  
6 treasurer, [active magistrates and](#) active and retired justices of the supreme, superior, family, ~~and~~  
7 district [and workers' compensation](#) courts, each member of the general assembly after he or she has  
8 filed his or her signature with the secretary of state, commissioners appointed by other states to  
9 take acknowledgments of deeds and depositions within this state, and notaries public.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would add active magistrates and retired and active justices of the workers'  
2    compensation court to those public officers and employees authorized to administer oaths within  
3    the State of Rhode Island.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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