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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - NEWPORT AND BRISTOL  
COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Paiva Weed, Felag, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: May 16, 2013

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-105-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-105 entitled "Newport  
2 and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-105-2. Composition.** -- (a) (1) The Newport and Bristol County convention and  
4 visitors' bureau shall be comprised of eighteen (18) members who are residents of [the state of](#)  
5 [Rhode Island, preferably from](#) Newport and Bristol Counties.

6 (2) All members of the bureau as of September 1, 2005 shall cease to be members of the  
7 authority on September 1, 2005, and the bureau shall thereupon be reconstituted as follows:

8 (i) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Newport City Council; two (2) of whom  
9 shall be associated with the hospitality industry;

10 (ii) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Middletown Town Council; two (2) of  
11 whom shall be associated with the hospitality industry;

12 (iii) One member shall be appointed by the Jamestown Town Council who shall be  
13 associated with the hospitality industry;

14 (iv) One member shall be appointed by the Portsmouth Town Council who shall be  
15 associated with the hospitality industry;

16 (v) One member shall be appointed by the Tiverton Town Council who shall be  
17 associated with the hospitality industry;

18 (vi) One member shall be appointed by the Little Compton Town Council who shall be

1 associated with the hospitality industry;

2 (vii) One member shall be appointed by the Bristol Town Council who shall be  
3 associated with the hospitality industry;

4 (viii) One member shall be appointed by the Warren Town Council who shall be  
5 associated with the hospitality industry;

6 (ix) One member shall be appointed by the Barrington Town Council who shall be  
7 associated with the hospitality industry; and

8 (x) Those members appointed pursuant to paragraph (i) -- (ix) shall thereupon appoint  
9 five (5) members, who shall be:

10 (A) One representative of hotels of more than one hundred (100) rooms;

11 (B) One representative of hotels, inns or bed-and-breakfasts of less than one hundred  
12 (100) rooms;

13 (C) One representative of the restaurant industry;

14 (D) One representative of the attractions industry; and

15 (E) One member of the general public to serve as an at-large representative who shall be  
16 associated with the hospitality industry.

17 (3) Those persons initially appointed under paragraphs (2)(i) and (2)(ii) of this section,  
18 shall serve initial terms of one year.

19 (4) Those persons initially appointed under paragraphs (2)(iii), (2)(iv), (2)(v), (2)(vi),  
20 (2)(vii), and (2) (viii) under this section shall serve initial terms of two (2) years.

21 (5) Those persons initially appointed under paragraphs (2)(ix) and (2)(x) of this section  
22 shall serve an initial term of three (3) years.

23 (6) Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to serve terms of three (3) years.  
24 Members of the bureau shall be eligible for appointment for two (2) consecutive terms.

25 (7) No state legislator shall serve or be otherwise eligible for membership on the bureau.

26 (b) The members of the Newport and Bristol County convention and visitors' bureau  
27 shall serve without compensation ~~and shall be residents of Newport and Bristol Counties.~~

28 (c) The Newport and Bristol County convention and visitors' bureau shall meet every  
29 other month at a time to be designated by the chairperson. Special meetings of the authority may  
30 be called by the chairperson in accordance with the open meetings law. The chairperson shall be  
31 elected by the membership of the authority.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would amend the residency requirements to the Newport County Convention and  
2 Visitors' Bureau to include all residents of the state of Rhode Island with a preference given to  
3 residents from Newport and Bristol Counties.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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