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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CREATION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE INDEPENDENT OR MUNICIPAL FIRE DISTRICT IN
COVENTRY

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: June 24, 2015

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of twenty-three (23) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House who
3 represent the Town of Coventry, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; two (2) of whom
4 shall be members of the Senate who represent the Town of Coventry, to be appointed by the
5 President of the Senate; four (4) of whom shall be the Fire Chiefs from each of the current fire
6 districts, or designees; one of whom shall be the Coventry Town Manager, or designee; two (2) of
7 whom shall be members of the Coventry Town Council, not more than one from the same
8 political party, to be appointed by the Council President; one of whom shall be a representative of
9 a Coventry Firefighters Union, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall
10 be a volunteer or call fireman, from the Western Coventry fire district, to be appointed by the
11 district board; and one of whom shall be a representative of the Hopkins Hill firefighters union, to
12 be appointed by the President of the Senate; four (4) of whom shall be representatives of the four
13 (4) Coventry fire district boards, one member from each, to be appointed by their respective
14 boards; and four (4) of whom shall be members of the general public, one each to be appointed by
15 the four (4) Coventry fire district boards.

16 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
17 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
18 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
19 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which

1 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the Town of
3 Coventry's fire districts and make recommendations for the creation and establishment of one
4 independent or municipal fire district including, but not limited to, establishing one tax rate and
5 one union contract.

6 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
7 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize.

8 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

9 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

10 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
11 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
12 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

13 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
14 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and results to the General
16 Assembly on or before March 1, 2016, and said commission shall expire on June 1, 2016.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
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COVENTRY

- 1 This resolution would create a twenty-three (23) member special legislative study
- 2 commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of creating and
- 3 establishing one independent or municipal fire district in Coventry, and who would report back to
- 4 the General Assembly no later than March 1, 2016, and whose life would expire on June 1, 2016.

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