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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators Crowley, McCaffrey, and DeVall <u>Date Introduced:</u> February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The title of Chapter 17-15 of the General Laws entitled "Primary Elections" 2 is hereby amended to read as follows: **CHAPTER 17-15** 3 4 **Primary Elections** 5 **CHAPTER 17-15** PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS 6 7 SECTION 2. Section 17-15-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-15 entitled "Primary Elections" is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 9 17-15-5. Combination of voting districts. -- Local boards, with the approval of the 10 board of elections, shall have the power to combine two (2) or more voting districts within the same ward, and senatorial or representative district, when the absence of local contests within the 11 12 combined voting districts makes this combination possible, and the combined district shall be 13 treated as a voting district. 14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would amend the title of chapter 17-15 to include general elections and allow local boards, with the approval of the board of elections, to combine two (2) or more voting districts and the combined district shall be treated as a voting district.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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