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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, McCaffrey, and DeVall

Date Introduced: 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 "Elections" is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 ~~CHAPTER 17-15~~

4 ~~Primary Elections~~

5 CHAPTER 17-15

6 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

7 SECTION 2. Section 17-15-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-15 entitled "Primary  
8 Elections" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **17-15-12. Ballot when contest exists.** -- Whenever there is a contest within any voting  
10 district, a primary election shall be held in the voting district and the names of all candidates ~~for~~  
11 ~~state office and the names of only those candidates for local office that are~~ contesting a particular  
12 ~~local~~ office or offices shall appear on the ballots.

13 SECTION 3. 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 general elections to the title of chapter 17-15 and allow the local  
2 board of canvassers to combine precincts during primary and general elections without regard to  
3 general assembly districts in those instances when there is no contest in a general assembly  
4 district.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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