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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Introduced By: Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-10-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-10 entitled "Canvassing  
2 the Lists of Qualified Electors" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **17-10-16. Challenge lists.**

4           The ~~local~~ state board shall prepare electronic lists ~~and annex a "challenge list" to each of~~  
5 ~~these canvassed and certified voting lists. The challenge list shall consist of the names and~~  
6 ~~addresses of all persons who are determined to be ineligible to vote in the ensuing election at any~~  
7 ~~time after the final list of eligible voters has been certified by the local board. The challenge list~~  
8 ~~shall also contain the names and addresses of all persons who have been furnished mail ballots.~~  
9 ~~The challenge list shall also contain the names and addresses of all persons who, after the final list~~  
10 ~~of voters eligible to participate in the election have been certified, become ineligible to vote for~~  
11 ~~failure to comply with § 17-9.1-25. Provided, that the state board, by regulation, may authorize~~  
12 ~~local boards to code the certified list~~ to be provided to voting district wardens to indicate the  
13 ineligibility of a voter or the status of a voter as a mail ballot voter, or the status of a voter as an  
14 inactive voter who has become ineligible to vote for failure to comply with § 17-9.1-25.  
15 Notwithstanding if an electronic list is unavailable from the state board, the local board shall  
16 provide to voting district wardens a paper list containing the same information. Copies of ~~the~~  
17 ~~challenge~~ these lists shall be furnished upon request to political party workers ~~at each polling place~~  
18 at the office of the local board.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that inactive voters and mail ballot voters be indicated as such on  
2 the e-pollbooks.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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