

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio, Picard, Murray, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 10, 2022

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-7-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-7 entitled "Labor Relations  
2 Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-7-4. Labor relations board -- Creation -- Appointment, qualifications, terms, and**  
4 **removal of members.**

5 (a) There is created in the department of labor and training a board to be known as the  
6 Rhode Island state labor relations board which shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall  
7 be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Each member of  
8 the board at the time of appointment shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
9 state of Rhode Island, and shall be a qualified elector in the state. Three (3) members of the board  
10 shall be representatives of labor, three (3) members shall represent management, including at least  
11 one representative of local government and one member shall be a representative of the public  
12 generally.

13 (b) ~~No member of the board during this period of service shall hold any other public office.~~

14 (c) The members of the board shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years each, except that  
15 any individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member  
16 whom the newly appointed member succeeds.

17 (d) The governor shall designate one member to serve as chairperson of the board.

18 (e) Any member of the board may be removed by the governor for inefficiency, neglect of  
19 duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office, and for no other cause, after being given a copy of the

1 charges and an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or by counsel.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would eliminate the requirement that a member of the labor relations board not be
- 2 a holder of any other public office.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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