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RHODE ISLAND BILL TEXT

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

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

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION
OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION (ELECTIONS)

Introduced By: Representative Joseph S. Almeida

Date Introduced June 09, 2005

Referred To: House Judiciary

TEXT:

RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the Constitution for their approval and that it take the place of Article II, Section 1 which is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Persons entitled to vote. - Every citizen of the United State of the age of eighteen years or over who has had residence and home in this state for thirty days next preceding the time of voting, who has resided thirty days in the town or city from which such citizen desires to vote, and whose name shall be registered at least thirty days next preceding the time of voting as provided by law, shall have the right to vote for all offices to be elected and on all questions submitted to the electors, except that no person who has been lawfully adjudicated to be non compos mentis shall be permitted to vote. No felon **person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction** shall be permitted to vote until completion of such felon's sentence, served or suspended, and of parole or probation regardless of a nolo contendere plea. **person is discharged from the facility**. Upon such completion **discharge**, such person's right to vote shall be restored. The general assembly may provide by law for shorter state and local residence requirements to vote for electors for president and vice president of the United States.

RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of [Section 1, Article II of the Constitution](#);

It is further RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for general officers of the state; and be further RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to be published as a part of the resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held as aforesaid shall be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town, ward, and district meetings for the elections of general officers of the state.