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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Kislak, Cotter, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 10, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(Secretary of State)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-3-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-3 entitled "Organization
2 of General Assembly" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-3-12. ~~Legislative manual~~ Government directory.**

4 The secretary of state shall ~~prepare in each odd-numbered year a legislative manual~~
5 maintain an up-to-date online directory of government officials for the use of the general ~~assembly~~
6 public, containing the congressional delegation, general officers, general assembly members, rolls
7 of general assembly membership, the committees, the rules and orders, judiciary information,
8 municipal government information, state agency information and any other matter that the secretary
9 may think proper. ~~The number of manuals to be printed and bound will be determined by the~~
10 ~~secretary of state. Ten (10) copies shall be distributed to each of the senators and representatives of~~
11 ~~the general assembly; forty (40) copies shall be placed at the disposal of the governor; and the~~
12 ~~remainder shall be placed in the hands of the secretary of state. There shall be appropriated in each~~
13 ~~odd-numbered year, an amount sufficient to cover the cost of printing and binding of the manual.~~
14 The secretary of state shall also provide a printed government directory referencing the online
15 directory information to be printed and bound in a number to be determined by the secretary of
16 state for distribution and historical preservation purposes only. Entities included in the online
17 directory will be responsible for submitting up-to-date information. Users of the online directory
18 shall have access to all directory information and be provided with historical search capabilities so

1 [that the entire history of the online directory is made available to the public.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the secretary of state to maintain, and provide to the public, an
2 online directory of government officials, a limited number of printed government directories, and
3 would eliminate the legislative manual used by the secretary of state to record rolls of general
4 assembly membership, committee memberships and rules.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2024.

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