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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Cote, Kettle, and E O'Neill

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-9.1-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-9.1 entitled  
2 "Registration of Voters" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-9.1-23. Party designation.** -- (a) Whenever any person registers to vote, that person  
4 may designate his or her party affiliation, or that person may designate that he or she is not  
5 affiliated with any political party. The information shall be recorded on a form prescribed by the  
6 state board of elections.

7 (b) Any person who is already registered to vote and wishes to designate his or her party  
8 affiliation may do so by voluntarily presenting himself or herself to that person's local board of  
9 canvassers and designating his or her party affiliation and certifying to the fact on the form  
10 furnished for that purpose.

11 ~~(c) Whenever any person participates in a party primary, that act shall serve as~~  
12 ~~identifying the person as being affiliated with the party in whose primary that person has~~  
13 ~~participated and the local board shall record the affiliation on the appropriate form. For the~~  
14 ~~purposes of this section, "participating in a party primary" does not include the circulation or~~  
15 ~~signing of nomination papers.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without  
2 becoming an affiliated party voter.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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