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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS -- FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Roberts, and Nardolillo

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-46 of the General Laws entitled "Open Meetings" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **42-46-6.1. Local fire district meeting notices.** – (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of §
4 42-46-6, all local fire districts shall provide notice of their meetings at least fourteen (14) days
5 before the scheduled meeting and then followed by an additional notice seven (7) days before the
6 meeting, except for the annual budget meeting which must be noticed sixty (60) days, thirty (30)
7 days, fourteen (14) days, and seven (7) days before the annual budget meeting, in the following
8 manner:

9 (1) Print and digital local newspaper;

10 (2) Posting on large display board at each fire district station;

11 (3) By posting on the fire district's secretary of state website;

12 (4) By posting on the website of any municipality that has members of the local fire
13 district that is holding the meeting; and

14 (5) By posting on the website of the local fire district that is holding the meeting.

15 (b) All fire district annual meeting dates shall be listed on all fire tax bills sent to the
16 district's members.

17 **42-46-7.1. Local fire district websites.** – All local fire districts shall post all meeting
18 notices, all current contracts that the fire district entered into, all meeting minutes, and a list of all
19 current employees and their job titles on the fire district's websites.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish additional ways by which local fire districts would be required to
2 notify their members. The act would also provide new requirements as to the time for giving
3 notice.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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