

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2025-H5315, AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, TO ALLOW FOR THE TEMPORARY SERVICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AFTER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown recognizes the vital role that election officials play in ensuring the integrity and smooth operation of the electoral process in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS experienced election officials, having gained invaluable knowledge and expertise over years of service, are often critical to ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, transparent, and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS certain qualified election officials who have retired may still be capable and willing to serve temporarily in the capacity of election officials during critical times, but are currently restricted by existing law from doing so; and

WHEREAS House Bill 2025-H5315, an amendment to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, would allow retired election officials to temporarily serve in election-related duties without forfeiting their pension benefits, which would help to address potential staffing shortages and improve the overall efficiency of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the Town Council believes that the passage of House Bill 2025-H5315 would enhance the ability of local communities, including the Town of Charlestown, to better respond to election-related needs, especially during busy election cycles, without compromising the integrity of public service or retirement benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN hereby expresses its support for the passage of House Bill 2025-H5315, an amendment to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, to allow for the temporary service of election officials after retirement and urges the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to adopt this legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charlestown Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Rhode Island General Assembly and to any other relevant authorities or agencies to ensure that the Town's position in support of this bill is communicated to lawmakers. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown on this 10th day of March 2025.

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