

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 272

Approved April 26, 1985

WHEREAS, House Bill 85-H 5730, presently pending before the House Committee on Judiciary, relates to Conduct of Election and Voting Machines, and Supplies, and

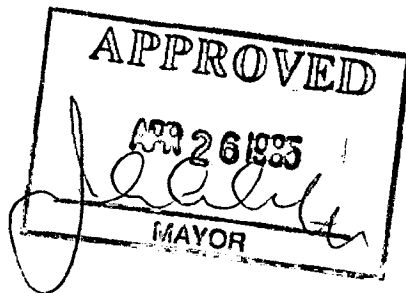
WHEREAS, This Act provides that polling places shall be accessible to the handicapped and elderly and if a nonconforming polling place is unavailable, the board of elections must provide to the Board of Canvassers an alternative voting method for such handicapped or elderly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby endorses House Bill 85 - H 5730.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rose M. Mendonca

THE COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk Chairman

April 10, 1985

Council President Easton

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1985

A N A C T

RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTION, AND
VOTING MACHINES, AND SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Representatives Batastini, Friedemann

Date Introduced: February 26, 1985

Referred To: House Committee on Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 17-19-3.1 and 17-19-3.2 of the General Laws
2 in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Machines,
3 and Supplies" are hereby amended to read as follows:

4 17-19-3.1. Polling places to be accessible to physically
5 handicapped and elderly. -- Whenever practicable at no additional
6 cost, every polling place shall be situated in a building architectur-
7 ally and structurally suited for ready access by the handicapped and
8 elderly.

9 17-19-3.2. Handicapped and elderly persons. -- By September 1,
10 1986, every polling place shall be situated in a building which can be
11 entered and exited by handicapped and elderly persons. "Handicapped
12 persons" as used in this section are persons confined to a wheelchair.
13 "Elderly Person" as used in this section are persons at least sixty
14 (60) years of age. The state board of elections is empowered to

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you think of
this bill?*

1 grant, upon the application of the board of canvassers, an exception
2 permitting it to maintain a polling place in a nonconforming building.
3 Such an exception shall only be granted when the board of canvassers
4 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board of elections that there
5 is no public building within the voting district which meets the re-
6 quirements of this section or which can be brought into compliance by
7 a reasonable expenditure of funds.

8 Provided, further, that if a nonconforming building is unavail-
9 able, the board of elections shall provide to the board of canvassers
10 an alternative method for such handicapped or elderly persons to cast
11 a ballot.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1986.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
AN ACT
RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTION, AND
VOTING MACHINES, AND SUPPLIES

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2 the handicapped and elderly. If a nonconforming polling place is
3 unavailable, the board of election must provide to the board of
4 canvassers an alternative voting method for such handicapped or
5 elderly.

6 This act would take effect on September 1, 1986.

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