

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 180

EFFECTIVE: ~~Approved~~X March 30, 1981

WHEREAS, The Providence Home Rule Charter provides that at its first meeting in September, 1981, this City Council shall elect a Committee on Ward Boundaries of five members, three of whom shall be elected by the majority party and two of whom shall be elected by the members of the City Council who are not members of the majority party; and

WHEREAS, Said Charter provides that that Committee shall draw up a plan for establishing ward boundary lines based on the 1980 federal decennial census for presentation to the City Council for adoption or amendment; and

WHEREAS, Said procedure is to be completed by March 1, 1982, and

WHEREAS, The Providence Board of Canvassers will need said plan in December 1981 in order to have adequate time to complete all of the work necessary to be ready for the 1982 electoral process which commences in June, 1982; and

WHEREAS, The 1980 census information is or will shortly be available and appropriate State officials have commenced work on preparation of new Representative and Senatorial districts; and

WHEREAS, There are many reasons in favor of early commencement of the extensive work necessary to prepare such new ward boundaries and a preliminary or interim committee could do much prior to September, 1981 to expedite this important process prior to establishment of the Committee on Ward Boundaries pursuant to said Charter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Democratic members of the City Council meet and elect three Providence qualified electors who may but need not be members of the City Council to a Preliminary Committee on Ward Boundaries and the Republican and Independent members of the City Council meet and elect two Providence qualified electors (who may but need not be members of the City Council) to said Preliminary Committee, such elections to be completed within 20 days after adoption of this Resolution by the City Council;

2. That the Preliminary Committee organize within 30 days after adoption of this Resolution by the City Council by electing a chairperson from among their members and commence, with the assistance of the Providence Board of Canvassers, such preliminary work as the Preliminary Committee and said Board may deem appropriate to permit the Committee on Ward Boundaries to expedite its work with the goal of completing its plan prior to December, 1981;

3. Any member of the Preliminary Committee may, but need not be, elected a member of the Committee on Ward Boundaries;

4. All employees and officers of the State of Rhode Island who are working on redistricting of State Senatorial and Representative Districts are requested to cooperate with the Preliminary Committee and the Board of Canvassers to facilitate the expeditious drawing of new ward boundaries in accordance with the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and applicable law.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fagnoli*  
PRES.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's  
signature March 30, 1981.

*Rose M. Mendonca*