

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 238

EFFECTIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ *Approved* May 28, 2006

CITY COUNCIL
FIRST READING
MAY 18 2006

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Oppose Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2006-H 7280, Relating to Statutes and Statutory Construction - Publication and Distribution of Acts.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18 2006
READ AND PASSED
[Signature]
PRES.
[Signature]
CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's Signature:

[Signature]
Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 20, 2006
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION

CLERK

APR 20 2006
MAY 2 2006
THE COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION
Recommends Approval

as amended

Clare Restuta
MAY 2 2006 CLERK

Council President Lombardi (By Request)



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JEAN M. FECTEAU
TOWN CLERK/PROBATE CLERK

April 5, 2006

TO: City & Town Clerks
FROM: Jean M. Fecteau, Town Clerk
RE: House Bill #7280

At the March 16, 2006 Town Council Meeting, it was unanimously voted to send a letter to our legislators as well as the other 38 cities and towns in opposition to House Bill #7280 "An Act Relating to Statutes and Statutory Construction - Publication and Distribution of Acts".

This Act would eliminate the requirement that the joint committee on legislative services be required to distribute state laws to certain specified individuals, libraries, government departments or agencies. If this Bill were to pass, it would put a great hardship on all our local municipalities.

We would appreciate your continued support and hope that you will oppose House Bill #7280 as it is not in any city or town's best interest.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Fecteau
for the Gloucester Town Council

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

A N A C T

**RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION – PUBLICATION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF ACTS**

Introduced By: Representative Gordon D. Fox

Date Introduced: February 15, 2006

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 43-2-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 43-2 entitled "Publication
2 and Distribution of Acts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **43-2-5. Distribution of copies of proceedings.** — The joint committee on legislative
4 services shall, as soon as possible after publication of the general laws, public laws, acts of a local
5 and private nature, and resolutions as provided in section 22-11-3.3, transmit bound or electronic
6 copies to ~~each of the following~~ officers, libraries, or societies as deemed appropriate by the joint
7 committee on legislative services. The bound or electronic copies shall be transmitted by the
8 recipients to their successors in office.

9 (a) One copy each to the governor, lieutenant governor, justices of the supreme, superior,
10 family and district courts, general treasurer, state controller, the director of each state department,
11 administrator of the division of public utilities and carriers, tax administrator, director of business
12 regulation, ~~the several town and city clerks, the several boards of canvassers and registration, the~~
13 ~~several probate courts where the clerk of the court is other than the city or town clerk, the several~~
14 ~~clerks or administrators of the supreme, superior, family and district courts, reporter of opinions~~
15 ~~of the supreme court, the several sheriffs, adjutant general, state judge advocate general, the~~
16 ~~division of occupational safety, the library of any accredited institution of higher education in the~~
17 ~~state of Rhode Island, Redwood Library and Athenaeum, the People's Library, Newport,~~
18 ~~Providence Athenaeum, Providence Public Library, Pawtucket Free Public Library, any other~~

1 incorporated library in the state or any library in the state receiving state aid that may apply for a
2 copy, the social law library at Boston, Massachusetts, the New York Public Library, in New
3 York, the library of the Worcester County Bar Association, Massachusetts, the library of the
4 Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, the library at Cornell University, New York, the law
5 schools at Cambridge and Boston in Massachusetts, at New York and at Albany in New York, at
6 New Haven in Connecticut, the library of the University of West Virginia, in West Virginia, the
7 bar library in Chicago, in Illinois, the library of the law school of Georgetown University in
8 Washington, D.C., the state libraries of the several states, the senate committees on judiciary,
9 finance and commerce, housing and municipal government, the house of representatives
10 committees on judiciary, finance and corporations, the legislative council and the house of
11 representatives, finance committee advisory staff, each member of the general assembly, the
12 associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States assigned to the First Circuit, each
13 district judge of the United States for the District of Rhode Island, the United States district
14 attorney for the District of Rhode Island, the United States Marshal, the referee in bankruptcy for
15 the District of Rhode Island, and the clerk of the United States District Court:tes assigned to the
16 First Circuit, each district judge of the United States for the District of Rhode Island, the United
17 States district attorney for the District of Rhode Island, the United States Marshal, the referee in
18 bankruptcy for the District of Rhode Island, and the clerk of the United States District Court;

19 ~~(b) Four (4) copies to the Secretary of State of the United States;~~

20 ~~(c) Two (2) copies each to the state library, the state law library, the secretary of state,~~
21 ~~the attorney general, the public defender, the Legal Aid Society of Rhode Island, the Rhode~~
22 ~~Island Historical Society, the Newport Historical Society, and the Warden's Court at New~~
23 ~~Shoreham.~~

24 ~~(d) (b) The secretary of state shall keep two (2) copies for the use of his or her office.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION – PUBLICATION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF ACTS

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Jodi P. LaCroix, CMC
Town Clerk
Clerk of Probate Court
Clerk to the Board of Canvassers



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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

May 17, 2006

TO: City and Town Clerks
FROM: Jodi P. LaCroix, CMC, Town Clerk
RE: House Bill 7280

At the May 15, 2006 Town Council meeting, it was unanimously voted to send the attached Resolution to our legislators as well as our sister communities in opposition to House Bill 7280 "An Act Relating to Statutes and Statutory Construction – Publication and Distribution of Acts".

This Act would eliminate the requirement that the joint committee on legislative services be required to distribute State laws to certain specified individuals, libraries, government departments or agencies. Obviously, if this Bill passes, it would put a hardship on those of us that do not purchase the supplementals.

The Town Council would appreciate your support and hope that you will oppose this Bill.

**RESOLUTION
LAW UPDATE DISTRIBUTION**

WHEREAS, the joint commission on legislative services has distributed annotated, bound copies of Rhode Island General Laws to the Town and City Clerks, specified government departments, agencies, libraries and others; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Laws are a basic tool of government, used by every division of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the bound volumes distributed by the Joint Commission on Legislative Services include annotations needed to understand and appropriately apply the laws, such as compiler's notes, history, cross-references and other resources; and

WHEREAS, the individual Cities, Towns, libraries, government departments, agencies and individuals have not budgeted for the cost of purchasing Rhode Island Public Laws, and annual supplements for the Rhode Island General Laws, and will not benefit by any volume discount that the State may be able to leverage, which loss of discount will simply increase the cost to taxpayers throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, replacing the bound, annotated General Laws with a service such as Lexis-Nexis is not only costly, but limits availability to specific work stations; and

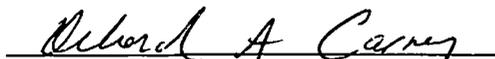
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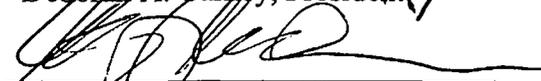
WHEREAS, the bound, annotated copies of the Rhode Island General Laws at Town Hall and libraries are a public resource available to and used frequently by Charlestown's citizens to educate themselves regarding their rights and obligations; and

WHEREAS, widespread distribution of the annotated General Laws of Rhode Island is a benefit to the State and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that enactment of H-7280 is against the best interests of Charlestown, all other Town and City Governments in Rhode Island, and the citizens of Rhode Island, and we respectfully urge you to defeat the proposal.

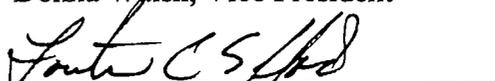
Taken under our hands this 15th day of May, 2006


Deborah A. Carney, President.


Gregory J. Avedisian


Katharine H. Waterman


Donna Walsh, Vice President


Forrester C. Safford

ATTEST:


Jodi P. LaCroix, CMC Town Clerk



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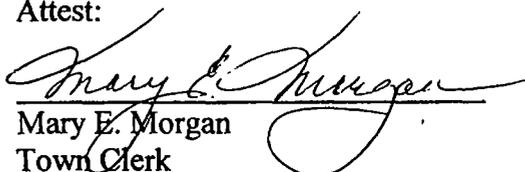
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

**GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF
RICHMOND, THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE A.D. 2006.**

Attest:


Mary E. Morgan
Town Clerk

