

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 264

Approved April 24, 1986

WHEREAS, House Bill 86-H 7343 relates to State Affairs and Government, and

WHEREAS, Said Act requires that the record of all votes taken at all meetings of public bodies be available within two (2) working days of such vote instead of within two (2) weeks of such voted, and

WHEREAS, This act would place a terrific burden on City and Town Clerks as the offices do not have the required staff to abide by this legislation,

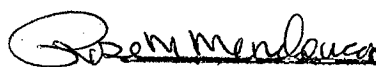
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby oppose House Bill 86-H 7343, presently pending before the House Committee on Judiciary.

IN CITY COUNCIL

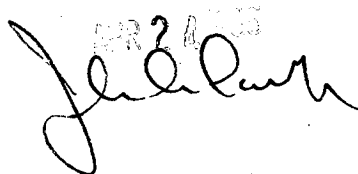
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 CLERK

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FIRST READING  
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FINANCE

Reem Mendenhall CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

Reem Mendenhall  
Clerk Chairman  
April 9, 1986

Councilwoman Brasail and Councilman Petrosinelli (By Request)

ANNA C. QUARTO, C. M. C.  
Town Clerk

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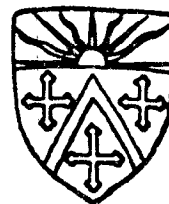
## Town of West Warwick

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN HALL

1170 MAIN STREET, WEST WARWICK, R. I. 02893

March 24, 1986



WEST WARWICK

TO: TOWN AND CITY CLERKS

### LEGISLATION ALERT

The following legislation has been proposed that affects Town & City Clerks:

**H-7951 VITAL STATISTICS FEES.** This act would increase fees for certain certificates by \$2.00 and said increase shall be paid to a special fund for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Fees now collected for certificates would seem to be adequate. This proposal would only put more of a financial burden on residents of your town seeking said certificates and would create more work for the Town or City Clerk in that we would be bookkeepers for the state. It is requested that you contact your legislators requesting the defeat of this bill.

**H-7343 OPEN MEETINGS.** This act requires that the record of all votes taken at all meetings of public bodies be available within 2 working days of such vote instead of within 2 weeks of such vote.

This would place a terrific burden on Clerks, since none of us have enough staff to do this. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS REQUESTING ITS DEFEAT.

**S-2342 TOWN & CITY CLERKS ASSOCIATION.** Exempts our association from paying sales tax. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY THE ASSOCIATION. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS URGING ITS PASSAGE.

**S-2345 PROBATE FEES.** Eliminates the maximum filing fee of \$1000 on probate estates and allows the fee to be set according to the value of the personal property. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY THE ASSOCIATION. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS REQUESTING ITS PASSAGE.

**S-2344 PROBATE - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.** This would allow public agencies holding personal property which escheats to the state to keep 5% as a service charge. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY THE ASSOCIATION. CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS URGING ITS PASSAGE

**H-7159 CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE.** Would provide that all certified candidates whose names appear on ballot in a polling place be notified of and unanimously approve any change in the location of the polling place; also provides that each eligible voter in the voting district be notified in writing of any relocation. Since not all municipalities use the same polls each time and have trouble finding polls at times and must shift their locations, this would create a major problem and work. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS URGING ITS DEFEAT.

THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING OF PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE CLERKS. IF YOU WOULD CHECK YOUR LEGISLATIVE CALENDARS RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, THERE MAY BE OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH YOU FEEL WILL AFFECT US. IF SO, PLEASE NOTIFY US. SO THAT WE CAN WORK FOR ITS PASSAGE OR DEFEAT.

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ANNA C. QUARTO, President

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1986

A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Reps. Weygand, Rossi, Lima, Benoit and DeLorenzo

Date Introduced: January 29, 1986

Referred To: House Committee on Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-46-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-46  
2 entitled "Open Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 42-46-7. Minutes. -- (a) All public bodies shall keep written  
4 minutes of all their meetings. Such minutes shall include, but need  
5 not be limited to:

6 (1) the date, time and place of the meeting;

7 (2) the members of the public body recorded as either present or  
8 absent;

9 (3) a record by individual members of any vote taken; and

10 (4) any other information relevant to the business of the public  
11 body that any member of the public body requests be included or  
12 reflected in the minutes.

13 (b) A record of all votes taken at all meetings of public bodies,  
14 listing how each member voted on each issue, shall be a public record  
15 and shall be available within two (2) weeks working days of the date

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1 of such vote. The minutes shall be public records and unofficial min-  
2 utes shall be available within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting  
3 or at the next regularly scheduled meeting, whichever is earlier,  
4 except where such disclosure would be inconsistent with sections  
5 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 or where the public body by majority vote extends  
6 the time period for the filing of said minutes and publicly states the  
7 reason.

8 (c) The minutes of a closed session shall be made available at  
9 the next regularly scheduled meeting unless the majority of the body  
10 votes to keep said minutes closed pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and  
11 42-46-5.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
AN ACT  
RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

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1 This act requires that the record of all votes taken at all  
2 meetings of public bodies be available within two (2) working  
3 days of such vote instead of within two (2) weeks of such vote.  
4 This act would take effect upon passage.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Providence

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RICHARD A. LIGHT  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TELEPHONE  
(401) 277-2371

May 9, 1986

Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Rose:

I am writing to advise you that I have received your Resolution Nos. 264, 265, and 266. A copy of these resolutions will be placed on each Senator's desk.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard A. Licht".

RICHARD A. LIGHT  
Lieutenant Governor

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