

RESOLUTION

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND

Re: Legislation Which Would Require Better Maintenance Of Voter Registration Files

WHEREAS, fair elections require the maintenance of accurate voter registration files;

WHEREAS, Bill H-5664 has been introduced in the 2011 session of the General Assembly by Representative Peter F. Martin;

WHEREAS, Bill H-5664 would require all Rhode Island institutions of higher education to transmit to the Secretary of State on an annual basis a database containing the names and current addresses of students who have graduated that year;

WHEREAS, Bill H-5664 would further require the Secretary of State to send a letter to each graduating student requesting verification as to whether such student intends to continue to reside in Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, if passed, Bill H-5664 would help maintain the accuracy of voter registration files in this State;

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield would be favorably impacted by the passage of Bill H-5664 since Bryant University is located within the borders of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Smithfield hereby endorses and supports passage of Bill H-5664 and urges its legislative delegation to work for its enactment in the current session of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Senator Tassoni, Representative Petrarca and Representative Winfield, as well as to the Bill's sponsor, Representative Martin.

Date Adopted: April 5, 2011

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Smithfield

Dianne L. Ady, Town Clerk

By the Smithfield Town Council


Michael J. Flynn, President