

AN ACT concerning government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act is amended by changing Section 12 as follows:

(50 ILCS 135/12)

Sec. 12. Elective and appointed office.

(a) A member of any fire department or fire protection district may:

(1) be a candidate for elective public office and serve in that public office if elected;

(2) be appointed to any public office and serve in that public office if appointed; and

(3) as long as the member is not in uniform and not on duty, solicit votes and campaign funds and challenge voters for the public office for which the member is a candidate.

(b) A firefighter who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall, upon written application to the employer, be granted a leave of absence without compensation during his or her term of office.

(Source: P.A. 94-316, eff. 7-25-05.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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becoming law.