



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB2672

Introduced 2/21/2013, by Rep. Jim Sacia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 135/12

Amends the Local Government Employees Political Rights Act. Provides that any law enforcement officer who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly and provides a written application shall be granted a leave of absence without compensation during his or her term of office. Provides that if that law enforcement officer desires to continue his or her employment during his or her term of office, the employer shall cooperate with the officer and adopt a mutually agreeable work schedule. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

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

6 (50 ILCS 135/12)

7 Sec. 12. Elective and appointed office.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (c) A law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 2 of
22 the Illinois Police Training Act, who is elected to the General
23 Assembly shall, upon written application to his or her

1 employer, be granted a leave of absence without compensation
2 during any period of time that the officer identifies in his or
3 her application as being needed to fulfill his or her duties as
4 a member of the General Assembly. If the officer desires to
5 continue his or her employment during his or her term of office
6 as a member of the General Assembly, the employer shall
7 cooperate with the officer to adopt a work schedule that is
8 mutually agreeable to the employer and the officer.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-316, eff. 7-25-05; 95-142, eff. 8-13-07.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.