

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Secretary of State Merit Employment Code is
5 amended by changing Section 12 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 310/12) (from Ch. 124, par. 112)

7 Sec. 12.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), employees

9 ~~Employees~~ of the Office of the Secretary of State - election to
10 public office - leave of absence - re-entry of service. Any
11 person holding a position in the Office of the Secretary of
12 State, who is elected to public office, shall, upon request, be
13 granted a leave of absence, without pay, from such position.
14 The leave of absence shall continue so long as he or she
15 remains an elected officer or for a period of 5 years,
16 whichever is shorter. ~~and for a period of 30 calendar days~~
17 ~~thereafter.~~

18 If such person files a written request with the Director of
19 Personnel to re-enter active service with the Office of the
20 Secretary of State within the such 30 day period following the
21 termination of his or her leave of absence he or she may ~~shall~~
22 be reinstated to his or her former position or a position of
23 comparable duties, responsibilities, and pay. The Office of the

1 Secretary of State shall, by mail, notify an employee on leave
2 of absence under this Section on the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly of the leave of
4 absence change.

5 (b) Employees on leave of absence under this Section on the
6 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
7 Assembly are subject to the following conditions:

8 (1) An employee whose leave of absence has not exceeded
9 5 years shall be subject to the requirements of subsection
10 (a) of this Section.

11 (2) An employee whose leave of absence has exceeded 5
12 years shall not be barred from re-entering active service
13 by the 5 year limit under subsection (a) of this Section if
14 the employee files a written request to re-enter active
15 service as required under subsection (a) of this Section
16 within 30 days of the date that the Secretary of State
17 mailed the notice to the employee as required under
18 subsection (a) of this Section. The Secretary of State may
19 reinstate the employee as provided in subsection (a) of
20 this Section.

21 (Source: P.A. 80-13.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.