1 AN ACT concerning government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 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 <u>(a)</u> A member of any fire department or fire protection
- 9 district may:
- 10 (1) be a candidate for elective public office and serve
- in that public office if elected;
- 12 (2) be appointed to any public office and serve in that
- public office if appointed; and
- 14 (3) as long as the member is not in uniform and not on
- 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 (Source: P.A. 94-316, eff. 7-25-05.)
- 22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

becoming law. 1