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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1680

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1680 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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.

1 (b) A firefighter, police officer, or Sheriff's deputy may
2 be a candidate for or appointed to serve in the Illinois
3 General Assembly. A firefighter, police officer, or Sheriff's
4 deputy who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall,
5 upon written application to the employer, be granted a leave of
6 absence without compensation during his or her term of office.
7 As long as the firefighter, police officer, or Sheriff's deputy
8 is not in uniform and not on duty, he or she may solicit votes
9 and campaign funds and challenge voters for the General
10 Assembly office for which he or she is a candidate.

11 This subsection (b) shall not be deemed to authorize
12 conduct prohibited by the federal Hatch Act by employees
13 subject to that Act.

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

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."