

1 employee granted leave under this Section at his regular rate
2 of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee
3 is absent from his work. For purposes of assessing State
4 disaster response needs, requests made pursuant to this Act
5 for services out-of-state shall be coordinated by the
6 American Red Cross and the Illinois Emergency Management
7 Agency through the Illinois State Emergency Operations
8 Center. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency may consult
9 with the Department of Central Management Services on leave
10 issues that could impact the operations of State agencies
11 under the Governor's jurisdiction. Leave under this Act shall
12 not be unreasonably denied granted-only for services related
13 to a disaster occurring within the United States or its
14 territories State-of-Illinois.

15 (Source: P.A. 87-638.)".