

1 AN ACT concerning the General Assembly.

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

4 Section 5. The General Assembly Staff Assistants Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 160/2) (from Ch. 63, par. 132)

7 Sec. 2. Staff assistants; assignments.

8 (a) During the period the General Assembly is in
9 session, the staff assistants shall be assigned by the
10 legislative leadership of the respective parties to perform
11 research and render other assistance to the members of that
12 party on such committees as may be designated.

13 (b) During the period when the General Assembly is not
14 in session, the staff assistants shall perform such services
15 as may be assigned by the President and Minority Leader of
16 the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House
17 of Representatives party-leadership.

18 (c) At no time shall any member of the General Assembly,
19 any staff of the General Assembly, or any employee of the
20 General Assembly assign a staff assistant, as part of that
21 staff assistant's employment by the State of Illinois, to any
22 of the following duties:

23 (1) Preparing for, organizing, or participating in
24 any political meeting, political rally, political
25 demonstration, or other political event.

26 (2) Soliciting the purchase of, selling,
27 distributing, or receiving payment for tickets for any
28 political fundraiser, political meeting, or other
29 political event.

30 (3) Soliciting, planning the solicitation of, or
31 preparing any document or report regarding any thing of

1 value intended as a campaign contribution.

2 (4) Planning, conducting, or participating in a
3 public opinion poll to the extent it relates to a
4 candidate for political office or a referendum question.

5 (5) Surveying or gathering information from
6 potential or actual voters in an election to determine
7 probable vote outcome.

8 (6) Assisting at the polls on election day on
9 behalf of any political party or party-designated
10 candidate or for or against any referendum question.

11 (7) Soliciting votes or helping in a partisan
12 effort to get voters to the polls.

13 (8) Initiating, circulating, preparing, or filing
14 any petition on behalf of a candidate for political
15 office or in relation to a political issue or referendum
16 question.

17 (9) Making contributions of money or any thing of
18 value on behalf of any candidate for office or for or
19 against any political issue or referendum question.

20 (10) Distributing, preparing for distribution, or
21 mailing campaign literature, campaign signs, or other
22 campaign material on behalf of any candidate for office
23 or for or against any referendum question.

24 (11) Becoming a candidate for or campaigning for
25 any elective office or campaigning for or against any
26 referendum question.

27 (12) Managing the campaign of a candidate for
28 public office.

29 (13) Serving as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to
30 a political party convention.

31 (14) Participating in any recount or challenge to
32 the outcome of any election or referendum, except to the
33 extent that under subsection (d) of Section 6 of Article
34 IV of the Illinois Constitution each house of the General

1 Assembly shall judge the elections, returns, and
2 qualifications of its members.

3 (15) Participating in any other partisan political
4 activity that is not primarily related to the
5 governmental functions of the General Assembly.

6 A staff assistant shall not be required during any time
7 off that is compensated by the State (such as vacation,
8 personal, sick, or compensatory time off) to participate in
9 any of the activities restricted by this subsection, but may
10 participate in any of those activities during time off if it
11 is on a completely voluntary basis.

12 A staff assistant shall not be awarded any compensatory
13 time off if it is the intention or expectation of the person
14 awarding that time off that it be used by the staff assistant
15 to participate in any of the activities restricted by this
16 subsection.

17 A staff assistant shall not be required at any time to
18 participate in any of the activities restricted by this
19 subsection in return for that staff assistant being awarded
20 any additional compensation or employee benefit, in the form
21 of a bonus or otherwise.

22 A staff assistant shall not be awarded any additional
23 compensation or employee benefit, in the form of a bonus or
24 otherwise, if it is the intention or expectation of the
25 person awarding the additional compensation or employee
26 benefit that, in return, the staff assistant will participate
27 in any of the activities restricted by this subsection.

28 A person is guilty of a Class 1 felony if that person
29 intentionally violates any provision of this subsection with
30 respect to a staff assistant under that person's supervision
31 or control.

32 In addition to any other penalty that may apply, whether
33 criminal or civil, (i) a member of the General Assembly who
34 intentionally violates any provision of this subsection is

1 subject to discipline or expulsion as provided in subsection
2 (d) of Section 6 of Article 4 of the Illinois Constitution,
3 in any applicable law, or in any applicable rule of the
4 Senate or House of Representatives; and (ii) a staff member
5 or an employee of the General Assembly who intentionally
6 violates any provision of this subsection is subject to
7 discipline or discharge, as may be appropriate.

8 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 280.)

9 Section 10. The General Assembly Operations Act is
10 amended by changing Sections 4 and 5 as follows:

11 (25 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 63, par. 23.4)

12 Sec. 4. Senate Operations Commission. There is created
13 a Senate Operations Commission to consist of the following:
14 The President of the Senate, 3 Assistant Majority Leaders,
15 the Minority Leader, one Assistant Minority Leader, and one
16 member of the Senate appointed by the President of the
17 Senate. The Senate Operations Commission shall have the
18 following powers and duties: Commission shall have
19 responsibility for the operation of the Senate in relation to
20 the Senate Chambers, Senate offices, committee rooms and all
21 other rooms and physical facilities used by the Senate, all
22 equipment, furniture, and supplies used by the Senate. The
23 Commission shall have the authority to hire all professional
24 staff and employees necessary for the proper operation of the
25 Senate and authority to receive and expend appropriations for
26 the purposes set forth in this Act whether the General
27 Assembly be in session or not. All of the restrictions,
28 limitations, and penalties that apply with respect to staff
29 assistants under subsection (c) of Section 2 of the General
30 Assembly Staff Assistants Act also apply with respect to
31 professional staff and employees hired under this Section.

32 The Secretary of the Senate shall serve as Secretary and

1 Administrative Officer of the Commission. Pursuant to the
2 policies and direction of the Commission, he shall have
3 direct supervision of all equipment, furniture, and supplies
4 used by the Senate.

5 (Source: P.A. 78-7.)

6 (25 ILCS 10/5) (from Ch. 63, par. 23.5)

7 Sec. 5. Speaker of the House; operations, employees, and
8 expenditures. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
9 shall have responsibility for the operation of the House in
10 relation to the House Chambers, House offices, committee
11 rooms and all other rooms and physical facilities used by the
12 House, all equipment, furniture, and supplies used by the
13 House. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall have
14 the authority to hire all professional staff and employees
15 necessary for the proper operation of the House. All of the
16 restrictions, limitations, and penalties that apply with
17 respect to staff assistants under subsection (c) of Section 2
18 of the General Assembly Staff Assistants Act also apply with
19 respect to professional staff and employees hired under this
20 Section. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
21 have the authority to receive and expend appropriations for
22 the purposes set forth in this Act whether the General
23 Assembly be in session or not.

24 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 1214.)

25 Section 95. Severability. If any provision of this Act
26 or its application to any person or circumstance is held
27 invalid, the invalidity of that provision or application does
28 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that
29 can be given effect without the invalid provision or
30 application.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.