

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Local Governmental Employees Political  
5 Rights Act is amended by adding Section 12 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 135/12 new)

7 Sec. 12. Elective and appointed office. A member of any  
8 fire department or fire protection district may:

9 (1) be a candidate for elective public office and serve  
10 in that public office if elected;

11 (2) be appointed to any public office and serve in that  
12 public office if appointed; and

13 (3) as long as the member is not in uniform and not on  
14 duty, solicit votes and campaign funds and challenge voters  
15 for the public office for which the member is a candidate.

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