



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB1919

Introduced 2/23/2007, by Rep. Mike Bost

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 135/12

Amends the Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act. Provides that a firefighter who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall be granted leave by the employer, without loss of pay or benefits and without being required to make up for lost time, for work hours devoted to performing the responsibilities as a legislator; provided that the elected officer has arranged for a firefighter from the same municipality who is qualified to perform the absent firefighter's duties to work for those hours, or, a firefighter who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall, upon written application to the employer, be granted a leave of absence without pay. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 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.

17 (b) A firefighter who is elected to the Illinois General  
18 Assembly shall be granted leave by the employer, without loss  
19 of pay or benefits and without being required to make up for  
20 lost time, for work hours devoted to performing the  
21 responsibilities as a legislator; provided that the elected  
22 officer has arranged for a firefighter from the same  
23 municipality who is qualified to perform the absent

1 firefighter's duties to work for those hours, or, a firefighter  
2 who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall, upon  
3 written application to the employer, be granted a leave of  
4 absence without pay.

5 (Source: P.A. 94-316, eff. 7-25-05.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.