



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB5070

Introduced 1/29/2010, by Rep. Patrick J. Verschoore

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 135/12

Amends the Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act. Adds that a member of a police department or a sheriff's department may be elected or appointed to public office and may serve in public office. Provides that if the member is not in uniform and not on duty, the member may solicit votes and campaign funds and challenge voters for public office. Adds that a police officer or sheriff's deputy who is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall, upon written application to the employer, be granted a leave of absence without compensation during his or her term of office.

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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 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, police department, or sheriff's department 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, police officer, or sheriff's deputy who  
18 is elected to the Illinois General Assembly shall, upon written  
19 application to the employer, be granted a leave of absence  
20 without compensation during his or her term of office.

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