AN ACT concerning local government.

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

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

(50 ILCS 135/12 new)

- Sec. 12. Elective and appointed office. A member of any fire department or fire protection district may:
  - (1) be a candidate for elective public office and serve in that public office if elected;
  - (2) be appointed to any public office and serve in that public office if appointed; and
  - (3) as long as the member is not in uniform and not on duty, solicit votes and campaign funds and challenge voters for the public office for which the member is a candidate.

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