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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 6
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a leave of absence from regular employment for
2 a person elected to municipal or county office and providing
3 an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 55.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 A person who is elected to a municipal, county, state, or
4 federal office shall, upon written application to the employer
5 of that person, be granted a leave of absence from regular
6 employment to serve in that office except where prohibited by
7 the federal law. However, a person elected to a municipal or
8 county office shall have the option of making written
9 application to the employer of that person for a leave of
10 absence from regular employment only for such time as
11 necessary to attend the meetings required by that office and
12 to otherwise perform the duties of office and such leave shall
13 be granted. The leave of absence may be granted without pay
14 and shall be granted without loss of net credited service and
15 benefits earned. This section shall not be construed to
16 require an employer to pay pension, health, or other benefits
17 during the leave of absence to an employee taking a leave of
18 absence under this section.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill allows a person elected to municipal or county
23 office to request a leave of absence from regular employment
24 only for such time as necessary to attend the meetings
25 required by that office and to otherwise perform the duties of
26 that office.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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