

11—63.11(8A) Election leave. An employee who is not covered by the federal Hatch Act and who becomes a candidate for paid, partisan elective office shall, upon the employee's request, be granted leave 30 calendar days before a contested primary, special, or general election. The employee may choose to use accrued vacation or compensatory leave, or leave without pay to cover these periods.

An employee who is elected to a paid, partisan office or appointed to an elective paid, partisan office shall, upon written request to the appointing authority, be granted leave to serve in that office, except where prohibited by federal law. The use of accrued vacation or compensatory leave, or leave without pay to cover this period shall be at the discretion of the employee. The leave provided for in this rule need not exceed six years. An employee shall not be prohibited from returning to employment before the expiration of the period for which the leave was granted.