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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 222
BY BRADLEY and BUKTA

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning pay and benefit rights of fire fighters under
2 civil service who are elected as officers in certain
3 professional fire fighter organizations, and providing an
4 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 400.17, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A member of a bargaining unit
4 composed of fire department personnel of a city who is elected
5 or appointed as an officer of a statewide organization or
6 local association composed of fire department personnel shall
7 be granted leave by the city, in an amount not to exceed
8 twenty-four days per calendar year, to perform duties required
9 by the organization or association without loss of pay or
10 benefits subject to the requirements of this paragraph. The
11 member shall not be required to make up hours for time spent
12 performing duties required by the organization or association.
13 The member shall be required to notify the city of the
14 member's election or appointment as an officer in such an
15 organization or association and to arrange for a time trade
16 with another qualified fire department member.

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

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that a fire department member subject to
21 civil service shall be permitted to become an officer of a
22 statewide or local organization or association composed of
23 fire department personnel without loss of pay or benefits.
24 The bill limits to 24 the number of days of leave a fire
25 department member can take in a calendar year to perform
26 duties as such an officer. The bill requires the member to
27 notify the city of the member's election or appointment and to
28 arrange with other qualified fire department members to trade
29 time to permit the member to perform the duties of the
30 member's office. The bill prohibits a city from requiring the
31 member to make up work hours based on hours missed working for
32 the organization or association.

33 This bill takes effect upon enactment.

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