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SENATE FILE 260

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain leaves of absence for local civil  
2 service employees and providing for the Act's applicability.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 260 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 341A.18, Code 2003, is amended by  
2 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A person holding a position  
4 subject to civil service who is elected to a city or county  
5 office in law enforcement or public safety shall, upon written  
6 application of the employer of that person, be granted a leave  
7 of absence from regular employment to serve in that office for  
8 a period of time not to exceed ten years.

9 Sec. 2. Section 400.29, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
10 the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A person holding a position subject to  
12 civil service who is elected to a city or county office in law  
13 enforcement or public safety shall, upon written application  
14 of the employer of that person, be granted a leave of absence  
15 from regular employment to serve in that office for a period  
16 of time not to exceed ten years.

17 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to persons  
18 elected on or after the effective date of this Act.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that a city or county civil service  
21 employee who is elected to a city or county office in law  
22 enforcement or public safety shall be granted a leave of  
23 absence of not more than 10 years to serve in that elective  
24 office.

25 County civil service employees are deputy sheriffs, with  
26 some exceptions. City civil service employees are permanent  
27 full-time police officers and fire fighters in cities with a  
28 population of more than 8,000. In cities with a population of  
29 more than 15,000, civil service employees are appointive  
30 permanent full-time employees, with some exceptions.

31 Current law generally allows a leave of absence of no more  
32 than six years for service in elective office.

33 The bill applies to persons elected on or after the  
34 effective date of the bill.

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