

CHAPTER 1033**LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL CANDIDATES —
SHERIFFS AND CIVIL SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES***S.F. 2215*

AN ACT striking a mandatory leave of absence for a civil service officer or employee, or a deputy sheriff who is a candidate for partisan public office, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 341A.18, unnumbered paragraph 8, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

An officer or employee subject to civil service and a chief deputy sheriff or second deputy sheriff, who becomes a candidate for a partisan elective office for remuneration, ~~unless running unopposed upon request~~, shall automatically be given a leave of absence without pay, commencing thirty days before the date of the primary election and continuing until the person is eliminated as a candidate or wins the primary, and commencing thirty days before the date of the general election and continuing until the person is eliminated as a candidate or wins the general election, and during the leave period shall not perform any duties connected with the office or position so held. The officer or employee subject to civil service, or chief deputy sheriff or second deputy sheriff, may, however, use accumulated paid vacation time for part or all of ~~the any~~ leave of absence ~~required~~ under this section. The county shall continue to provide health benefit coverages, and may continue to provide other fringe benefits, to any officer or employee subject to civil service, or to any chief deputy sheriff or second deputy sheriff during any leave of absence ~~required~~ under this section.

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

Approved March 31, 2000

CHAPTER 1034**DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE HEARINGS — EXCEPTIONS***H.F. 2168*

AN ACT relating to the exceptions to the requirement of holding a hearing in a dissolution of marriage action.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 598.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (4), Code 1999, is amended by striking the subparagraph.

Sec. 2. Section 598.8, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), Code 1999, is amended by striking the subparagraph.

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