

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Freese:

1. The proposed changes to s. 7.33, stats., by this draft expressly permit a local government employer to grant a local government employee time off for service as an election official without loss of pay, fringe benefits, or seniority. Under current law, local government employers are already permitted to do this. However, they must first bargain the matter in good faith with any collective bargaining representative of the affected employees. Current law does not address the issue of whether a local government employee may receive two paychecks for the period that the employee serves as an election official. The effect of this draft, as applied to local government employees, is to relieve local government employers from the requirement to bargain in good faith before implementing the leave policy specified in s. 7.33, stats., and to require a deduction from the regular paychecks of employees in the same amount that the employees receive for service as election officials. Please let us know if this is not in accord with your intent.

2. Please note that, if the use of punch card voting systems is to be eliminated, there are several references in the statutes to the use of these ballots that should be deleted. Thus, to fully effect your intent, it may be necessary to enact a bill that eliminates the use of punch card voting systems rather than to simply allow the elections board to do so under current procedures. If you would like to have a bill drafted to this effect or would like to discuss this issue, please feel free to call.

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