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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 66.0501 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** the eligibility of
2 employees of cities, villages, towns, and counties to be candidates for elective
3 public office.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
5 66.0501 (5) EMPLOYEES MAY BE CANDIDATES. (a) In this subsection:
6 1. "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.
7 2. "Public employee" means any individual employed by a political subdivision,
8 other than an individual to whom s. 164.06 applies and other than an individual to
9 whom 5 USC 1502 (a) (3) applies.
10 (b) No political subdivision may prohibit a public employee from being a
11 candidate for any elective public office, if that individual is otherwise qualified to be

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1 a candidate. No public employee may be required, as a condition of being a candidate
2 for any elective public office, to take a leave of absence during his or her candidacy.
3 This subsection does not affect the authority of a political subdivision to regulate the
4 conduct of a public employee while the public employee is on duty or otherwise acting
5 in an official capacity.

6 (END)