



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 479

November 4, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KOLSTE, JORGENSEN, BERCEAU, MILROY and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 230.40 (2) and 230.40 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 requirement that a classified service employee take a leave of absence to run
3 for office.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill removes the requirement that a person employed in the classified service who runs for a partisan political office take a leave of absence during the campaign period for that office. The bill maintains the requirement under current law that the person separate from the classified service if elected.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 230.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 230.40 (2) If a person in the classified service declares an intention to run for
6 partisan political office the person shall be placed on a leave of absence for the
7 duration of the election campaign and if is elected to a partisan political office, that

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1 person shall separate from the classified service on assuming the duties and
2 responsibilities of such office.

3 **SECTION 2.** 230.40 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 230.40 (5) Persons on leave from the classified service under ~~subs. (2)~~ and sub.
5 (4) shall not be subject to the restrictions of sub. (1), except as they apply to the
6 solicitation of assistance, subscription, or support from any person holding any
7 position in the classified service.

8 (END)