

**LEAVE TO HOLD ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE**

An employee shall have the right to seek and hold elective public office as authorized by the Constitution and statutes of the United States and Washington State.

If the public office so held by an employee requires rendering of service during the school year, leave of absence as necessary, but not to exceed one (1) year, shall be granted by the Board. Said leave of absence shall be renewable annually.

Application for said leave of absence shall be made to coincide with the employee's filing for election to a public office.

An employee returning from a leave granted under this policy shall be placed in the position last held or in a similar position. In the event such a position is not available, said employee shall be placed in the first available position for which the employee is qualified.



*LEGAL REFERENCES*                      *RCW 28A.58.100*                      *Directors--Bylaws*



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