

Political Activity

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You cannot engage in political activity, including fundraising, while on duty or acting in your official capacity as a state employee or a special state appointee for federal, state or local elections.

You also cannot solicit political contributions *at any time* from persons who have a business relationship with your agency/board/commission or from state employees that you supervise.

As a state employee or special state appointee . . .

You CAN:

- ✓ *Vote*
- ✓ *Work the polls on election day*
- ✓ *Be a candidate in an election if you follow the Code of Ethics**
- ✓ *Attend a political event on your own time*
- ✓ *Make a donation to a candidate or cause you support*
- ✓ *Hold a position as a precinct committeeman*
- ✓ *Place a political bumper sticker on your personal vehicle*
- ✓ *Assist in voter registration drives*
- ✓ *Have a yard sign at your home*

*Remember to consider the Dual Office Holding and Hatch Act restrictions.

You CANNOT:

- ⊗ *Solicit campaign contributions from state workers you supervise*
- ⊗ *Solicit campaign contributions from persons/organizations who have a business relationship with your agency*
- ⊗ *Solicit campaign contributions if you have purchasing authority for your agency*
- ⊗ *Attend a political protest or rally on state time*
- ⊗ *Allow your official title to be used in support of a political candidate*
- ⊗ *Use your state phone or computer to solicit contributions for or in support of a political candidate*
- ⊗ *Display campaign posters in your office*

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