



Rules on Political Activity for State, District of Columbia, and Local Employees

Under the Hatch Act, state, D.C., and local employees, who work in connection with programs funded in whole or in part by federal loans or grants, **may not:**

- use their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election or nomination for office;
- directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or advise state or local officers or employees to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for partisan political purposes.

In addition, employees whose salary is entirely federally funded **may not:**

- be a candidate for public office in a partisan election.

Caution: Activity permitted by federal law may be restricted or prohibited by state or local law or regulation.

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