

STATE OF MARYLAND

Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services



PATUXENT INSTITUTION

DIRECTIVES

PID NO. 50 - 3

DATE: September 1, 1991

SUBJECT: Personnel

TITLE: Political Activity

I. REFERENCE: 5 USC Sec. 1501 - 1508

II. APPLICABLE TO: All Employees

III. PURPOSE: To provide guidance concerning political activity to employees.

IV. PROCEDURE:

A. The Federal Law, with some exceptions, prohibits political activity ~~on the part of~~ State employees whose principal job is in connection with an activity which is financed in whole or in part by Federal loans or grants (Sections 1501 - 1508 of Title 5, USC).

(1) Employees may:

- (a) Register and vote.
- (b) Assist in voter registration drives.
- (c) Contribute to a political organization or attend a political fund raising function.
- (d) Wear or display political badges or stickers.
- (e) Attend political rallies and meetings.
- (f) Join a political club or party.
- (g) Sign nominating petitions.
- (h) Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances, etc.
- (i) Engage in political activity if you are employed by an education research institution.

(2) Employees may not:

- (a) Campaign for partisan candidates or political parties.
- (b) Work to register voters of one party only.
- (c) Make campaign speeches or engage in other activity to elect a partisan candidate.
- (d) Be a candidate or work in a campaign of any candidate represents a national or State political party.

- (e) Collect contributions or sell tickets to political fund raising functions.
- (f) Distribute campaign material in a partisan election.
- (g) Organize or manage political rallies or meetings.
- (h) Hold office in a political club or party.
- (i) Circulate nominating petitions.
- (j) Campaign for or against a candidate or slate of candidates in a partisan election.

VI. RECISIONS: PIR 50 - 3, dated January 28, 1980


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