

HB 1805 -- POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES

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This bill changes the laws regarding political participation by state employees under the State Merit System. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Prohibits an employee under the State Merit System from soliciting any financial assistance or subscription for any political party, candidate, political fund, or publication or for any other political purpose as a condition of employment;
- (2) Specifies that these provisions cannot be construed to prohibit an employee from voluntarily engaging in any political activity during non-working hours including, but not limited to, weekends, evenings, leave time, vacation time, or state or federal holidays; and
- (3) Repeals the provisions prohibiting an employee from being a candidate for any partisan or non-partisan public office in conflict with his or her duties unless the person resigns or obtains a leave of absence from his or her position.