

HB 200 -- Political Activities of State Employees

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This bill repeals a provision that prohibits a state employee covered under the State Merit System from being a candidate for a partisan or nonpartisan public office that is in conflict with his or her duties unless he or she resigns or obtains a leave of absence from his or her position. The bill specifies that no person may solicit financial assistance from any state employee under the State Merit System for any political party, candidate, political fund, or publication as a condition of his or her employment. Nothing in the provisions of the bill can be interpreted to prohibit a state employee from voluntarily engaging in any political activities during non-working hours.