

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (THE HATCH ACT)

The following list contains examples of both permissible and prohibited activities for employees covered by the Hatch Act Amendments. To determine if you or your employees are covered by the restrictions you should contact your servicing civilian personnel specialist.

Political Do's and Don'ts for Federal Employees:

Political Do's:

May be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections

May register and vote as you/they choose

May assist in voter registration drives

May express opinions about candidates and issues

May contribute money to political organizations or attend political fund-raising functions

May attend and be active at political rallies and meetings

May join and be an active member of a political club or party

May sign nominating petitions

May campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances

May campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections

May distribute campaign literature in partisan elections

May hold office in political clubs or parties

Political Don'ts

May not use their official authority or influence to interfere with an election

May not collect political contributions unless both individuals are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee

May not knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency

May not engage in political activity while on duty

May not engage in political activity while in a government office

May not engage in political activity when wearing an official uniform

May not engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

May not solicit political contributions from the general public

May not be a candidate for public office partisan elections