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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1041, L.D. 1331, Bill, "AN ACT to Change the Participation of Employees in the Classified Service in Political Campaigns."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT to Guarantee to all State Employees the Right to Participate in the Non-partisan Affairs of Municipalities.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'5 MRSA §14 is enacted to read:

§14. Participation in nonpartisan affairs

No officer or employee of this State shall directly or indirectly interfere with the participation of any employee of this State in the nonpartisan affairs of any municipality or other political subdivision of this State provided that no conflict of interest results.

For the purpose of this section, a "conflict of interest" shall mean a situation in which an employee's participation in the affairs of a municipality results in financial gain to him or members of his family other than any regular compensation paid to him as an officer of that municipality.

Any officer or employee of the classified service of this State may make contributions to a political party, organization or candidate but shall not solicit any assessment, subscription or contribution from any person for any

political purpose in connection with any election for federal, state or county office.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any employee of this State, whether or not in the classified service, from donating his or her own funds, or time, or services to a political cause provided such donation of time or services is not made during such employee's state working hours or upon the property or premises of the State or by using the facilities or services of the State.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the limitations upon a state employee's participation in nonpartisan political affairs and in certain political causes.

Reported by the Conference Committee.

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