

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1331**

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H. P. 1041

House of Representatives, March 21, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Change the Participation of Employees in the Classified  
Service in Political Campaigns.**

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5 MRSA § 679 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 679. Solicitation of political campaign contributions**

No officer or employee in the classified service of this State shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or receive or be in any manner concerned in soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription or contribution or political service, whether voluntary or involuntary, for any political purpose whatever from any officer, agent, clerk or employee of the State or from any person, except:

A. Employees in the classified service of this State may participate in the solicitation of contributions for a political party or candidate for public office provided such solicitation is not directed to or made upon any officer or other employee in the classified service of this State; and provided such solicitation is not made during such employees' state working hours or upon the property or premises of the State or by using the facilities or services of the State.

B. No officer in the classified service of this State shall directly or indirectly interfere with the participation of employees in the classified service of this State in the non-political affairs of any municipality or other political subdivision of this State provided no incompatibility or conflict of interest results.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the present law to enable employees in the classified service of the State to contribute valuable knowledge, expertise and time to the improvement of the political and government structure of the State of Maine.