

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of S.P. 67, L.D. 173)  
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S.P. 438

In Senate, March 24, 1983

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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

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AN ACT Pertaining to Political Rights of  
State Employees.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
follows:

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §14, as enacted by PL 1975, c.  
597, is amended to read:

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§14. Participation in political affairs

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

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

7 Any officer or employee of the classified service  
8 of this State may make contributions to a political  
9 party, organization or candidate but shall not  
10 solicit any assessment, subscription or contribution  
11 from any person for any political purpose in connec-  
12 tion with any election for federal, state or county  
13 office.

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

22 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §679-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL  
23 1975, c. 309, §2, is repealed.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This new draft permits classified state employees  
26 to run for political offices in municipalities  
27 through partisan elections. This new draft does not  
28 permit state employees to run for state political  
29 office in partisan elections unless the state employ-  
30 ees resign from state employment.

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