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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S.P. 407, L.D. 1095, Bill, "An Act to Provide Equal Political Rights for Classified State Employees"

Amend the bill in section 4 by inserting at the end the following:

'5. Participation in political fund raising. An officer or employee in the classified service of this State may not:

A. Solicit, accept or receive political contributions; or

B. Organize, sell tickets to, promote or actively participate in a fund-raising activity of a candidate for partisan political office or of a political party or partisan political group.

For purposes of this subsection, a classified employee may participate in political fund-raising activity if the activity is solely within the membership of that employee's labor union.

6. Participating in political organizations. Each officer or employee in the classified service of this State retains the right to:

A. Participate in the nonpartisan activities of a civic, community, social, labor, professional or similar organization;

B. Be a member of a political party or other partisan political group and participate in its activities to the extent consistent with other state laws;

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2 C. Attend a political convention, rally, fund-raising
function or other political gathering; and

4 D. Make financial contribution to a political party,
partisan political group or to the campaign committee of a
6 candidate for partisan political office.

8 7. Candidacy for elective office. An officer or employee
in the classified service of this State may not be a candidate
10 for elective office in a partisan public election other than for
a local office. Law enforcement officers continue to be subject
12 to departmental rules regarding procedures on candidacy for
elective partisan office.'
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16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment restricts political fund raising, except that
a classified employee may participate in fund-raising activities
20 within the employee's labor union.

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