



## Rules on Political Activity for State, District of Columbia, and Local Employees

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Under the Hatch Act, state, D.C., and local employees, who work in connection with programs funded in whole or in part by federal loans or grants, **may not:**

- use their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election or nomination for office;
- directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or advise state or local officers or employees to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for partisan political purposes.

In addition, employees whose salary is entirely federally funded **may not:**

- be a candidate for public office in a partisan election.

**Caution:** Activity permitted by federal law may be restricted or prohibited by state or local law or regulation.

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