

Chapter 15 Ethics, Outside Employment, Nepotism, and Political Activities

15.04 Political Activities

State law (s.230.40, Wis Stats) places certain restrictions on the political activities of classified state employees. While on state-time or engaged in official duties, classified employees are prohibited from soliciting or receiving political contributions, soliciting political assistance, subscription from other classified employees or engaging in any partisan political activity. A classified employee may be granted a leave of absence to participate in partisan political campaigning.

If a classified employee runs for partisan political office, he/she shall be given a leave of absence during the campaign and, if elected, shall separate from classified employment upon assuming office. A person who leaves classified service to fill an elective office shall have reinstatement eligibility for three years following termination or for one year following the end of the elective term of office, whichever is greater.

Violation of any of these statutory restrictions may be grounds for dismissal.