

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Additional Restrictions for Selected State Employees

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS EMPLOYEES

W. Va. Code § 17-2A-5

“No person may be appointed as commissioner or employed in any other capacity or employment by the commission or commissioner when he is a candidate for or holds any public office or is a member of any political party committee. In the event the commissioner or any employee of the commission or commissioner becomes a candidate for or holds any public office or becomes a member of any political party committee, his office as commissioner or position as employee, as the case may be, shall be immediately vacated.”

To the extent that this law prohibits activities permitted under W. Va. Code § 29-6-20,

W. Va. Code § 17-2A-5 prevails.

ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS

Committee Treasurers, Treasurers and Financial Agents (W. Va. Code § 3-8-3, § 3-8-4)

Solicitation of Political Contributions, Coercion of Employees, Promise of Employment (W. Va. Code § 3-8-12)

Political Activities Prohibited - Classified State Employees (W. Va. Code § 29-6-20)

Federally Funded State Employees (5 U. S. C., Chapter 15)

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Violation of any of the various State and federal statutes can result in fine, imprisonment, dismissal, and/or exclusion from employment with the State in any capacity for at least one year.

For clarification or additional information concerning political activities of State employees, contact:

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