

## § 734.406

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### **§ 734.406 Participation in political activities while on duty, in uniform, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, or using a Federal vehicle; prohibition.**

(a) An employee covered under this subpart may not participate in political activities:

- (1) While he or she is on duty;
- (2) While he or she is wearing a uniform, badge, or insignia that identifies the employing agency or instrumentality or the position of the employee;
- (3) While he or she is in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties by an individual employed or holding office in the Government of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof; or
- (4) While using a Government-owned or leased vehicle or while using a privately owned vehicle in the discharge of official duties.

*Example 1:* An employee who uses his or her privately owned vehicle on a recurrent basis for official business may place a bumper sticker on the vehicle, as long as he or she covers the bumper sticker while the vehicle is being used for official duties.

*Example 2:* An employee who uses his or her privately owned vehicle on official business, must cover any partisan political bumper sticker while the vehicle is being used for official duties, if the vehicle is clearly identified as being on official business.

*Example 3:* An employee or career SES employee who uses his or her privately owned vehicle only on an occasional basis to drive to another Federal agency for a meeting, or to take a training course, if not required to cover a partisan political bumper sticker on his or her vehicle.

*Example 4:* An employee may not place a partisan political bumper sticker on any Government owned or Government leased vehicle.

*Example 5:* An employee may place a bumper sticker on his or her privately owned vehicle and park the vehicle in a parking lot of an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government or in a non-Federal facility for which the employee receives a subsidy from his or her employing agency or instrumentality.

*Example 6:* An employee, or noncareer SES employee who is subject to subpart D of this part 734, may not wear partisan political buttons or display partisan political pictures, signs, stickers, or badges while he or she is on duty or at his or her place of work.

*Example 7:* An employee who contributes financially to a political action committee

through a voluntary allotment made under § 550.311(b) of this title may not complete the direct deposit forms while he or she is on duty, in a “room or building” defined in § 734.101, or in a Federally owned or leased vehicle.

*Example 8:* An employee who contributes financially to a political action committee may not personally deliver his or her completed direct deposit form, or the completed direct deposit form of another employee, to the payroll employees who would process or administer such forms. However, the employee may mail his or her direct deposit form to his or her agency payroll office.

(b) [Reserved]

[59 FR 48769, Sept. 23, 1994, as amended at 61 FR 35102, July 5, 1996]

### **§ 734.407 Use of official authority; prohibition.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

### **§ 734.408 Participation in political management and political campaigning; prohibitions.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not take an active part in political management or in a political campaign, except as permitted by subpart D of this part.

[61 FR 35102, July 5, 1996]

### **§ 734.409 Participation in political organizations; prohibitions.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not:

- (a) Serve as an officer of a political party, a member of a national, State, or local committee of a political party, an officer or member of a committee of a partisan political group, or be a candidate for any of these positions;
- (b) Organize or reorganize a political party organization or partisan political group;
- (c) Serve as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to a political party convention; and
- (d) Address a convention, caucus, rally, or similar gathering of a political party or partisan political group in support of or in opposition to a candidate for partisan political office or political party office, if such address is done in concert with such a candidate,

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political party, or partisan political group.

### **§ 734.410 Participation in political fundraising; prohibitions.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not:

(a) Solicit, accept, or receive political contributions; or

(b) Organize, sell tickets to, promote, or actively participate in a fundraising activity of a candidate for partisan political office or of a political party, or partisan political group.

### **§ 734.411 Participation in political campaigning; prohibitions.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not:

(a) Take an active part in managing the political campaign of a candidate for partisan political office or a candidate for political party office;

(b) Campaign for partisan political office;

(c) Canvass for votes in support of or in opposition to a candidate for partisan political office or a candidate for political party office, if such canvassing is done in concert with such a candidate, or of a political party, or partisan political group;

(d) Endorse or oppose a candidate for partisan political office or a candidate for political party office in a political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature, or similar material if such endorsement or opposition is done in concert with such a candidate, political party, or partisan political group;

(e) Initiate or circulate a partisan nominating petition.

### **§ 734.412 Participation in elections; prohibitions.**

An employee covered under this subpart may not:

(a) Be a candidate for partisan political office;

(b) Act as recorder, watcher, challenger, or similar officer at polling places in concert with a political party, partisan political group, or a candidate for partisan political office;

(c) Drive voters to polling places in concert with a political party, partisan

political group, or a candidate for partisan political office.

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### **§ 734.413 Employees of the Federal Election Commission; prohibitions.**

(a) An employee of the Federal Election Commission may not request or receive from, or give to, an employee, a Member of Congress, or an officer of a uniformed service a political contribution.

(b) This section does not cover employee of the Federal Election Commission who are appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

## **Subpart E—Special Provisions for Certain Presidential Appointees and Employees Paid from the Appropriation for the Executive Office of the President**

### **§ 734.501 Permitted and prohibited activities.**

Except as otherwise specified in this part 734, employees who are appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate are subject to the provisions of subparts B and C of this part.

### **§ 734.502 Participation in political activity while on duty, in uniform, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, or using a Federal vehicle.**

(a) This section applies to an employee:

(1) The duties and responsibilities of whose position continue outside normal duty hours and while away from the normal duty post; and

(2) Who is—

(i) An employee paid from an appropriation for the Executive Office of President; or

(ii) An employee appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate whose position is located within the United States, who determines policies to be pursued by the United States in relations with foreign powers or in the nationwide administration of Federal laws;