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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to summarize the Idaho Statute of the limitations on the types of political activities in which board members and employees may engage.

Legal Authority

Idaho Code 18-1351 thru 1358 - Statutes governing bribery and corruption; threats and improper influence in official or political matters; compensation for past official actions; threats against public officials; gifts to public servants; selling political endorsement or influence.

Idaho Code 40-318 - Limitation on political activities conducted by the Board or Department employees.

Idaho Code 40-503 - Statute stating that the Director and the Chief Engineer may not hold a position in any political organization.

Idaho Code 67-5311 - Limitation on political activities for all classified employees.

Idaho Code 74-401 through 74-406 - Ethics in Government Act of 2015.

United States Code 5-1502 - Specifies a state or local officer or employee's political activities.


General Provisions

Idaho Law expressly prohibits state officials and employees from using their government positions to influence or interfere with elections, or to coerce other employees to contribute to political organizations or candidates. However, officials and employees retain most of the privileges available to all other citizens participating in the political process.

The Director shall issue guidelines for Department employees specifying the kinds of political activities that are legal and those that are illegal.

Approved by the Board on:

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Jerry Whitehead
Board Chairman