

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1059

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 67-5311, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-
VISE A CERTAIN LIMITATION ON STATE EMPLOYEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-5311, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

67-5311. LIMITATION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY. (1) No classified employee
of a state department covered by this act shall:

(a) Use his official authority or influence for the purpose of inter-
fering with an election to or a nomination for office, or affecting the
result thereof;

(b) Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or
direct any other such officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute
any part of his salary or compensation or anything else of value to any
party, committee, organization, agency, or person for political pur-
poses; or

(c) Be a candidate and hold elective office in any state or federal par-
tisan election.

(2) All such employees shall retain the right to:

(a) Register and vote in any election;

(b) Express an opinion as an individual privately and publicly on po-
litical subjects and candidates;

(c) Display a political picture, sticker, badge, or button;

(d) Participate in the nonpartisan activities of a civic, community,
social, labor, or professional organization, or of a similar organiza-
tion;

(e) Be a member of a political party or other political organization and
participate in its activities;

(f) Attend a political convention, rally, fund-raising function, or
other political gathering;

(g) Sign a political petition as an individual;

(h) Make a financial contribution to a political party or organization;

(i) Take an active part, in support of a candidate, in an election;

(j) Be politically active in connection with a question which is not
specifically identified with a political party, such as a constitu-
tional amendment, referendum, approval of a municipal ordinance or any
other question or issue of a similar character;

(k) Serve as an election judge or clerk, or in a similar position to per-
form nonpartisan duties as prescribed by state or local law;

(l) Be a candidate and hold elective office in any nonpartisan elec-
tion;

(m) Take an active part in political organization management; and

1 (n) Otherwise participate fully in public affairs, except as prohib-
2 ited by law, in a manner which does not materially compromise the neu-
3 trality, efficiency, or integrity of the employee's administration of
4 state functions.