

Federal Laws and Association Activities

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party or candidate—Ownership entirely dissociated from editorial control and managerial activities limited entirely to business management would not be regarded as being within this provision.

Becoming a candidate for nomination or election to office, Federal, State, or local, which is to be filled in an election in which party candidates are involved.

Distributing campaign literature or material.

Initiating or circulating political petitions, including nomination petitions.

Assuming political leadership or becoming prominently identified with any political movement, party, or faction, or with the success or failure of any candidate for election to public office."

"GENERAL STATEMENTS AS TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED AS PERMISSIBLE ON THE PART OF ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE-QUOTED STATUTES—

Voting—The direct language of the law specifically provides that all such persons retain the right to vote as they may choose.

Expression of Opinions—The right to express political opinions is reserved to all such persons. *Note*—This reservation is subject to

the prohibition that such persons may not take any active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Contributions—It is lawful for any officer or employee to make a voluntary contribution to a regularly constituted political organization, provided such contributions are not made in a Federal building or to some other officer or employee within the scope of the above-quoted statutes.

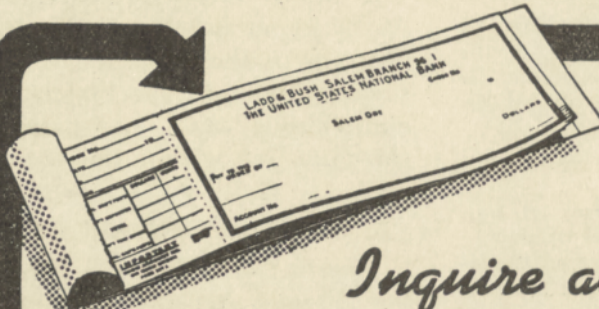
Political Pictures—It is lawful for any officer or employee to display a political picture in his home if he so desires.

Badges, Buttons, and Stickers—While it is not unlawful for an officer or employee to wear a political badge or button or to display a political sticker on his private automobile (except where forbidden by local ordinance) it is felt that it is inappropriate for any public servant to make a partisan display of any kind while on duty, conducting the public business."

The United States Civil Service Commission has also ruled that—

"Activity which is prohibited in the case of an employee acting independently is also prohibited in the case of an employee acting in cooperation with others. Political activity in fact regardless of the methods or means

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