



1415.10: Political Activity

The GA Office may be used as a polling place for political elections.

All employees of local GA Units receiving State funds whose duties pertain to determining eligibility or the amount of General Assistance to be granted, are prohibited from using, or threatening to use, the influence or authority of the position to coerce or persuade any person to follow any course of political action. In addition, during work hours employees are prohibited from engaging in any of the following political activities:

- a. Soliciting money from any person for any political purpose.
- b. Selling or distributing tickets for political meetings.
- c. Assisting at the polls on behalf of any party or party designated candidate on any election day.
- d. Initiating or circulating petitions on behalf of a candidate.
- e. Distributing campaign literature or material on behalf of any candidate.

Any employee violating these prohibitions is subject to immediate discharge according to the procedures controlling the position.

DHS may withhold payment of any further State funds for GA purposes if:

- an employee engages in political activities at the request or direction of any officer(s) of governmental units administering GA, or
- the GA Unit fails to initiate procedures for the dismissal of an employee who persists in such activities.

Payment may be withheld until such time as the GA Unit has established to the satisfaction of DHS that its actions are in full accord with these provisions.