

**75-2953. Use of authority or official influence to compel state officer or employee to apply for or become member of organization, pay or promise to pay assessment or contribution or take part in political activity; penalty for violation; officer or employee in classified service to resign prior to taking oath for state elective office.** (a) No officer, agent, clerk or employee of this state shall directly or indirectly use their authority or official influence to compel any officer or employee in the unclassified and the classified services to apply for membership in or become a member of any organization, or to pay or promise to pay any assessment, subscription or contribution, or to take part in any political activity. Any person who violates any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished accordingly. If any officer or employee in the classified service is found guilty of violating any provision of this section, such officer or employee shall be automatically separated from the service.

(b) Any officer or employee in the state classified service shall resign from the service prior to taking the oath of office for a state elective office.

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