

75-4338. Employee organizations; use of organization dues for partisan or political purposes prohibited. (a) It shall be a prohibited practice for any professional employees' organization, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5413, and amendments thereto, or public employee organization, as defined in K.S.A. 75-4322, and amendments thereto, to use any dues, fees, money or other assessments deducted from a member's paycheck for the purpose of engaging in partisan or political purposes as defined in subsection (d). A professional employees' organization or public employee organization may not require any contribution to a candidate, personal campaign committee, political action committee, registered political party, or political fund as a condition of membership or participation in the professional employees' organization or public employee organization.

(b) (1) A professional employees' organization or a public employee organization wishing to make expenditures for partisan or political purposes shall establish a political fund.

(2) Each professional employees' organization or public employee organization that establishes a political fund shall:

(A) Maintain the political fund as a separate, segregated account apart from any account containing money received by a professional employees' organization or a public employee organization as union dues;

(B) ensure that each contribution to the political fund is voluntary; and

(C) establish the political fund as a political action committee.

(3) (A) A professional employees' organization or a public employee organization may only make expenditures for partisan or political purposes from a political fund established in accordance with this section.

(B) A professional employees' organization or a public employee organization may not expend union dues for partisan or political purposes or transfer union dues to a political fund.

(c) (1) Nothing in this section precludes a professional employees' organization or a public employee organization from making expenditures of union dues to communicate directly with its own members about political candidates or political issues.

(2) Nothing in this section precludes a professional employees' organization or public employee organization from making expenditures of union dues either for the establishment of a political fund or to solicit contributions from its members to a political fund.

(d) (1) "Partisan or political purposes" means an act done with the intent or in a way to influence or tend to influence, directly or indirectly, any person to refrain from voting or to vote for or against any candidate for public office at any caucus, political convention, primary, or election.

(2) "Political fund" means a separate segregated fund established by a professional employees' organization or a public employee organization for partisan and political purposes that meets the requirements of this section.

(3) "Union dues" means dues, fees, money, or other assessments required as a condition of membership or participation in a professional employees' organization or a public employee organization.

(e) This section as it relates to public employee organizations shall be supplemental to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4333, and amendments thereto, and shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4334, and amendments thereto.

(f) This section as it relates to professional employees' organizations shall be supplemental to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5430, and amendments thereto, and shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5430a, and amendments thereto.

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