

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas State University System

SRSU Policy: Political and Legislative Influence by Employees

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The following excerpt from the General Appropriations Act, State Legislature, applies to all Sul Ross State University employees.

- A. None of the monies appropriated by Articles I, II, III, and IV of this Act, regardless of their source or character, shall be used for influencing the outcome of any election, or the passage or defeat of any legislative measure. This prohibition shall not be construed to prevent any official or employee of the state from furnishing to any member of the Legislature or committee upon request, or to any other state official or employee or to any citizen information in the hands of the employee or official not considered under law to be confidential information. Any action taken against an employee or official for supplying such information shall subject the person initiating the action to immediate dismissal from state employment.
- B. No funds under the control of any state agency or institution, including but not limited to state appropriated funds, may be used directly or indirectly to hire employees or in any way fund or support candidates for the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government of the State of Texas or the government of the United States.
- C. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be expended in payment of the full or partial salary of any state employee who is also the paid lobbyist of any individual, firm, association, or corporation.
- D. No employee of any state agency shall use any state-owned automobile except on official business of the state, and such employees are expressly prohibited from using such automobile in connection with any political campaign or any personal or recreational activity.
- E. None of the monies appropriated by this Act shall be paid to any official or employee who violates any of the provisions of this section.