

1 AN ACT relating to political activity of the Kentucky State Police.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 16.170 is amended to read as follows:

4 *(1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:*

5 *(a) "Political activities" includes but is not be limited to:*

6 *1. Registering to vote and exercising the right to vote;*

7 *2. Soliciting votes or endorsements on behalf of a political candidate or*  
8 *political campaign;*

9 *3. Expressing opinions, either publicly or privately, on political subjects*  
10 *and candidates;*

11 *4. Displaying political signs, pictures, stickers, badges, or buttons;*

12 *5. Participating in the activities of, or contributing financially to, a*  
13 *political party, political group, candidate, campaign, or any*  
14 *organization that supports a political candidate or campaign;*

15 *6. Attending or participating in a political convention, caucus, rally, or*  
16 *other political gathering;*

17 *7. Initiating, circulating, or signing a petition in favor of or opposition to*  
18 *a candidate, public question, or a particular political position or*  
19 *opinion;*

20 *8. Engaging in fundraising activities for any political party, political*  
21 *organization, political group, candidate, or campaign;*

22 *9. Acting as a recorder, watcher, challenger, or similar officer at the*  
23 *polls on behalf of a political party, political organization, political*  
24 *group, candidate, or campaign; and*

25 *10. Becoming a political candidate; and*

26 *(b) "Political group," "political organization," and "political party" have the*  
27 *same meaning as in KRS 118.015.*

1 (2) Nothing in this section or other provision of law shall prohibit an ~~officer of~~  
 2 the department or individual employed as a Trooper R Class or CVE R Class from  
 3 participating in political activities while off duty, out of uniform, and off the  
 4 premises of his or her usual place of employment.

5 (3) While engaging in any political activity under this section, an officer of the  
 6 department or individual employed as a Trooper R Class or CVE R Class shall  
 7 not:

8 (a) Wear a uniform or any part of a uniform that would identify him or her as  
 9 an officer or trooper;

10 (b) Use any equipment or property of the department;

11 (c) Display or otherwise attempt to cause others to believe the officer or  
 12 individual is carrying a firearm, star, badge, or other indication of law  
 13 enforcement authority;

14 (d) Promote himself or herself as an officer of the department or Trooper R  
 15 Class, CVE R Class, or ISP officer representing the interests of the  
 16 department;

17 (e) Solicit contributions from department employees or other persons during  
 18 regular working hours or, if a candidate, ask any subordinate to be a  
 19 campaign volunteer or contribute to the campaign; or

20 (f) Solicit or receive any political contribution of any kind while on state  
 21 property, unless the property is rented or leased by a private individual or  
 22 corporate entity~~[shall, directly or indirectly, give, solicit or receive, or be in~~

23 ~~any manner concerned in giving, soliciting or receiving, any assessment,~~  
 24 ~~subscription or contribution for any political party or political purpose~~  
 25 ~~whatever. No officer or individual employed as a Trooper R Class or CVE R~~  
 26 ~~Class shall, orally or by letter, solicit or be in any manner concerned in~~  
 27 ~~soliciting any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party~~

1           ~~or purpose whatever from any person holding a position in the department. No~~  
2           ~~officer of the department or individual employed as a Trooper R Class or~~  
3           ~~CVE R Class shall take any part in political management or affairs or in~~  
4           ~~political campaigns further than to cast his vote and to express privately his~~  
5           ~~opinion].~~

6           **(4)** *Any* violation of **this section**~~[the provisions hereof]~~ shall be grounds for removal.

7           ➔Section 2. KRS 16.195 is amended to read as follows:

8           For officers governed by KRS 16.186 to 16.195, the following subjects shall be administered  
9           in the same manner as provided for state police officers governed by KRS 16.010 to 16.185:

- 10          (1) Prohibition against requesting or requiring victim of alleged sexual offense to  
11             submit to polygraph or other examination, as provided by KRS 16.062;
- 12          (2) Organization of the department, as provided by KRS 16.040(1);
- 13          (3) Additional duties of the department, as provided by KRS 16.065;
- 14          (4) Uniforms, equipment, and facilities, as provided by KRS 16.070;
- 15          (5) Automobile liability insurance, as provided by KRS 16.075;
- 16          (6) Bonds of employees, as provided by KRS 16.080;
- 17          (7) Training school, as provided by KRS 16.090;
- 18          (8) Officers required to take educational course on AIDS, as provided by KRS 16.095;
- 19          (9) Travel expenses and per diem allowances, as provided by KRS 16.100;
- 20          (10) Fees or rewards, as provided by KRS 16.110;
- 21          (11) Disabled officer on hazardous duty may elect to be retained on payroll, as provided  
22             by KRS 16.165.
- 23          (12) Election of benefits by disabled officer, as provided by KRS 16.167.
- 24          (13) **Restrictions on** political activity~~[forbidden]~~, as provided by KRS 16.170; and
- 25          (14) Indemnification of state police officer sued for act or omission in line of duty who  
26             suffers financial loss, as provided by KRS 16.185.