I. AUTHORITY

The Commissioner of Corrections adopts this policy pursuant to the authority contained in 34-A M.R.S.A. Section 1403.

II. APPLICABILITY

Entire Maine Department of Corrections

III. POLICY

The Department of Corrections encourages all employees to exercise their political rights and responsibilities as citizens of the State of Maine and the United States of America. Employees should be aware, however, that as public servants, certain legal limitations on the exercise of these rights pertain based on the possible misuse of the employee’s position or authority, or the possible misuse of State property or facilities. Therefore, employees who wish to engage in political activity are specifically instructed to familiarize themselves with these limitations so as not to violate them.

IV. CONTENTS

Policy Only

V. ATTACHMENTS

None

VI. PROCEDURES

Procedures are dictated by Civil Service Bulletions which are available, upon request, from all Departmental Personnel staff. Requests for clarification or additional information should be directed to Departmental Personnel staff.
VII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

ACA:

ACI - 4-4024  There is a written policy regarding campaigning, lobbying, and political practices. This policy conforms to governmental statutes and regulations and is known and available to all employees.

4-ACRS-7E-13  The facility conforms with governmental statutes and regulations relating to campaigning, lobbying, and political practices.

4-JCF-6G-06  Campaigning, lobbying, and political practices conform to governmental statutes and regulations, which are made known and available to all employees.