


SUBJECT CANDIDATE FOR OR APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE	POLICY NUMBER 3.04	
POLICY MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Office of General Counsel		
PURPOSE/SCOPE: To establish policy for members obtaining approval to become a candidate for, or be appointed to, public office.		

I. AUTHORITY

5 U.S.C. s. 1501-1508, Political Activity of Certain State and Local Employees, Hatch Act

Section 99.012, Florida Statutes, Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office

Section 110.233(4), Florida Statutes, Political activities and unlawful acts prohibited

Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, Additional procedures for particular cases

Rule 60L-36.002, Florida Administrative Code, Political Activities

Governor’s Executive Order 11-03 and Code of Ethics, Effective January 4, 2011

II. RELATED POLICIES

MP 5.03, Dual Employment

FHP Policy 3.03, Code of Conduct, Regulations (paragraph 33)

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Hatch Act - Federal law which prohibits state or local officers or employees from running for a partisan public office without resigning their position if their principal employment is in connection with an activity which is completely funded by loans or grants from the federal government.

B. Local Public Office - Elected office in a local government unit, such as a county, municipality or district.

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IV. POLICY

A member who desires to be a candidate or appointee for public office must receive written authorization from the Executive Director before filing an application or engaging in any campaign related activity, including fundraising.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Director (or designee), in coordination with the Office of General Counsel, will review and consider requests by members who seek to become a candidate for, or be appointed to, public office.

VI. PROCEDURES

See Office of General Counsel's Candidate For or Appointment to Public Office Procedures Manual.