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**DATE:** December 9, 2016

**TO:** Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

**SUBJECT:** Campaigning in Election of Classified Employee Member of State Civil Service Commission

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**NOTE: PLEASE POST THIS GENERAL CIRCULAR IN A LOCATION GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE BY ALL EMPLOYEES.**

The purpose of this general circular is to provide information regarding political activity relative to the 2017 State Civil Service Commissioner election. Specifically, the restrictions of Article X of the Louisiana Constitution prohibiting political activity by classified employees do not apply to this election. State employees and candidates may campaign in this election.

Candidates and those assisting candidates who desire to campaign during working hours must obtain approved leave from their appointing authority. Access to state employees on state premises may be done only after obtaining approval from the proper official.

Please be reminded that Article X specifically prohibits any person from using his or her position to coerce or punish the political activity of a classified employee.

Sincerely,

s/Byron P. Decoteau, Jr.  
Director