

What can churches *really* do?



Churches Can Legally...

- Support or oppose legislation*
- Teach on moral issues and civic involvement
- Participate in distributing nonpartisan voter guides
- Encourage members to voice their opinions in favor or opposition of certain legislation**
- Educate on the political process and social and legislative issues.
- Discuss biblical instruction pertaining to moral and cultural issues such as abortion, same sex marriage, etc.
- Provide church facilities for political candidates (if all candidates are allowed or invited)
- Engage in voter registration activities that avoid promoting any one candidate of a particular political party

*A church, or any other 501(c)3 organization, may without limitation support or oppose legislation that directly affects the organizational structure and operation.

**Churches and other 501(c)3 organizations may support or oppose legislation so long as such activity comprises an insubstantial part of the overall operation (5%-20% - ADF). 501(c)4 organizations may support or oppose legislation without limitation.

Churches Should Avoid...

- Endorsing or opposing political candidates
- Contributing to Political Action Committees or political candidates
- Campaigning and fundraising for candidates
- Granting use of name to support a political candidate
- Supporting or opposing judicial candidates

CUPA has provided this list with the approval of the Alliance for Defending Freedom. This is to serve as a guideline to empower churches to engage the civil realm.