



THE ADVISOR

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Legislative Ethics Training

If you are a new or returning legislative employee and have not completed ethics training in 2017, you have 30 days from your date of hire to do so.

Please contact Janice Stewart at 269-8179 or janice.stewart@akleg.gov for more information.



"It doesn't *matter* that you never got caught!"

Disclosure Reminder!

The following types of associations must be filed within 30 days of the beginning of the association—even during a special session and in the interim!

- Membership on a Board
- Close Economic Association
- State Contracts, Leases, & Grants \$5,000+
- State Benefit & Loan Program
- Representation for Compensation



Online filing is easy!



Go to <http://intranet.akleg.gov/> and click on "File an Ethics Disclosure". Enter your credentials (same as computer log-in). Click on the type of disclosure you want to file, fill out using drop down menus when appropriate, check for accuracy and submit. Easy!

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A Thought:

The Legislative Ethics Act has as an inspirational goal to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

CAMPAIGN DO'S AND DON'TS

DURING A SPECIAL SESSION MAY I . . . ?

Yes, You May...

- Spend Campaign Funds
- Use a photo or electronic file, produced with state resources, for campaign purposes
- *Legislative employees only:* Include your name on a fundraiser for a federal candidate.
- *Legislative employees only:* Attend fundraiser for a federal candidate
- Attend a political party event
- Donate money at a political party event
- *Legislative employees only:* Participate in activities including party fundraisers.
- Fill out candidate questionnaires
- Endorse a local municipal candidate
- Endorse an electrical co-op board candidate or local utility board candidate
- Run for local municipal office (but not on state time)

No, You May Not...

- Solicit, accept, or receive campaign funds
- *Legislators Only:* Donate an item for auction at a political event
- *Legislative employees only:* File a "Letter of Intent", or "Affidavit of Candidacy" for state office. You must resign your position prior to filing.
- Solicit campaign contributions for a municipal candidate, electrical co-op board candidate or utility board candidate
- Use a legislative Facebook page for soliciting campaign funds or for other campaign activities



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AT ANYTIME, MAY I . . . ?

Yes, You May...

- Use your constituent database for personal and campaign purposes (AO 04-01)
- Add names from a campaign mailing list to a constituent mailing list (current district only)
- Use campaign photos for legislative communications with all campaign references removed
- Wear a name tag with your title when campaigning, but no state funds involved.
- Have campaign bumper stickers on a vehicle parked in an LIO parking lot

No, You May Not...

- Combine a State-funded trip with campaign activities.
- Travel on the office allowance account and attend political party meetings on that trip
- Present a legislative citation at your own fundraiser
- Hand out Legislative business cards while campaigning

SPECIAL SESSION—SPECIAL RULES

Sec. 24.60.031. Restrictions on fund raising.

- (a) A legislative employee may not
- (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution for a campaign for state or municipal office; however, a legislative employee may, except in the capital city or in the municipality in which the legislature is convened in special session if the legislature is convened in a municipality other than the capital city, solicit or accept a contribution, promise, or pledge for a campaign for state or municipal office that occurs during the 90 days immediately preceding the election for that office; or
 - (2) accept money from an event held on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session if a substantial purpose of the event is to raise money on behalf of the legislative employee for political purposes; however, this paragraph does not prohibit a legislative employee from accepting money from an event held in a place other than the capital city or a municipality in which the legislature is convened in special session if the legislature is convened in a municipality other than the capital city during the 90 days immediately preceding an election for state or municipal public office in which the legislative employee is a candidate.
- (b) A legislator may not
- (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution
 - (A) for the legislator's own campaign for state or municipal public office, unless the solicitation, acceptance, promise, or pledge occurs in a place other than the capital city or a municipality in which the legislature is convened in special session if the legislature is convened in a municipality other than the capital city during the 90 days immediately preceding the election in which the legislator is a candidate;
 - (B) for another candidate in an election for municipal, state, or federal office;
 - (C) to influence a state ballot proposition or question; or
 - (D) for a political party;
 - (2) accept money from an event held on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session if a substantial purpose of the event is to raise money on behalf of the legislator's campaign for state or municipal public office; however, this paragraph does not prohibit a legislator from accepting money from an event held in a place other than the capital city or a municipality in which the legislature is convened in special session if the legislature is convened in a municipality other than the capital city during the 90 days immediately preceding a state or municipal election in which the legislator is a candidate; or
 - (3) in a campaign for state or municipal office, expend money that was raised on a day when either house of the legislature was in a legislative session by or on behalf of a legislator under a declaration of candidacy or a general letter of intent to become a candidate for public office; however, this paragraph does not apply to money raised in a place other than the capital city or a municipality in which the legislature is convened in special session if the legislature is convened in a municipality other than the capital city during the 90 days immediately preceding an election in which the legislator is a candidate.
- (c) In this section, "contribution" has the meaning given in AS 15.13.400. (§ 4 ch 127 SLA 1992; am § 27 ch 48 SLA 1996; am § 19 ch 74 SLA 1998; am §§ 2, 3 ch 106 SLA 2008)

