

**FYI: Reprinted below is the section from the JUNE 2008 ETHICS NEWSLETTER, THE ADVISOR, concerning legislative newsletters during a campaign year.**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS  
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**LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS DURING AN  
ELECTION YEAR**

AS 24.60.030(c) prohibits a legislator who is candidate for election the use of state funds to print or distribute a legislative newsletter to individuals eligible to vote for the candidate during the 60 days before an election.

**The last day for the Legislative Print Shop to print newsletters for legislators who are candidates is June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

- Please be sure to have your newsletter to the Print Shop well ahead of the June 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to allow adequate time for Print Shop staff to print and collate the newsletter.

**After June 26<sup>th</sup>, legislative newsletters may be printed and distributed using personal funds, office allowance account funds (which are not considered state funds) or POET account funds.**

Legislators who are not candidates may use the Print Shop to print legislative newsletters after the June 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The use of email to send out newsletters is not prohibited at any time.

**IMPORTANT:** Many offices have called asking what is the cut off date for mailing a legislative newsletter prior to an election. The Legislative Ethics Act does not stipulate a date. However, the closer to Election Day a **legislative newsletter mailing or email** is sent, the greater the appearance the mailing or email could be considered a political campaign mailing. We recommend no later than one month prior to an election but that is a personal decision each legislator must make.

Keep in mind legislative mailings may not contain any campaign related material.