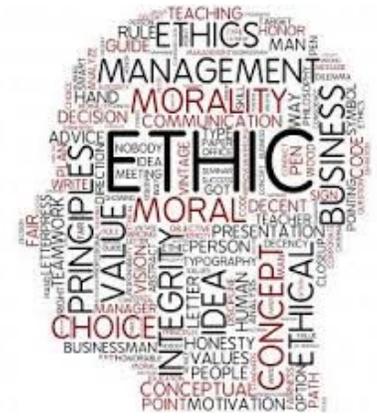


THE ADVISOR



SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

JANUARY 2020

Campaign Fund Raising Prohibition

AS 24.60.031(a) and (b)

...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. . .

Check for and remove donation language and payment buttons from your campaign websites during session.

See more information on page 2 and contact the Ethics Office for further details at 907-269-0150 or Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov

New Employees Only:

2020 Legislative Ethics Training

All new legislative employees and staff who did not take legislative ethics training in 2019 are required to complete the training in 2020.

NEW EMPLOYEES HAVE 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF HIRE to complete the training or face a possible ethics complaint.

Two training sessions are scheduled for Monday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. **You must attend one of the training sessions.**

Sign up sheets will be on the table when you arrive. Make sure you sign in as proof of your attendance.

File your annual ethics disclosures now

The annual disclosure filing period began January 1 and ends February 20, 2020. See page 2 for more information about disclosure filing.

Committee Members

Joyce M. Anderson, Chair

H. Conner Thomas

Skip Cook

Deb Fancher

Lee Holmes

Sen John Coghill

Sen Tom Begich

Rep Louise Stutes

Rep DeLena Johnson

Staff

Jerry D. Anderson,

Administrator

269-0150

Jacqui Yeagle,

Admin Assistant

269-8179

In This Issue

- ◆ Disclosure Filing
- ◆ Campaign Fundraising restrictions
- ◆ Ethics Training
- ◆ Gift Rules
- ◆ Contact the Ethics Office

Deadline: February 20, 2020

All legislators, legislative employees, and public members of the Ethics Committee are required to file annual disclosures for all associations within 30 days after the first day of session (Deadline February 20, 2020).

Terminating your employment? You must submit any outstanding disclosures no later than 90 days following your last day of employment.

File your disclosure online. It's easy!

Go to <http://intranet.akleg.gov/> and click on "File an Ethics Disclosure."

1. Enter your credentials (your computer log-in).
2. Click on the type of disclosure you want to file.
3. Complete the form using drop down menus when available.
 - Remember to provide complete information about the donor and a description of the topics discussed, forums attended, or other pertinent information.
4. Check your completed disclosure for accuracy.
5. Submit. So easy!



Fundraising restrictions during regular and special session

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)

Remember the Two Gift Rules!

RULE #1: May not solicit, accept or receive gifts totaling \$250 or more in a calendar year from the same person.

Exceptions to Rule #1

Hospitality at a residence within the state or at a social event or meal (No Disclosure)

Discounts generally available to the public or benefits the state (No Disclosure)

Culturally shared food (No Disclosure)

Travel and hospitality primarily for the purpose of obtaining information on matter of legislative concern (Disclosure Required/60 days)

Gifts from an immediate family member-Wide Definition (No Disclosure)

Gifts not associated with the recipient's legislative status (Confidential Disclosure/30 days)

Welcome to Juneau gifts or discounts during session (No Disclosure)

Legal services for legislative matter (Disclosure Required/30 days)

Gift of transportation from a legislator or a legislative employee to a legislator or legislative employee (No Disclosure)

Charitable contribution or ticket to a sanctioned charity event (Disclosure Required/60 days)

RULE #2: May not solicit, accept or receive a gift from a lobbyist.

Exceptions to Rule #2

Food and non-alcoholic beverage for immediate consumption with a value of \$15 or less OR if the food and beverage is provided as part of an event open to all legislators or legislative employees. (No Disclosure)

A contribution, ticket, or ticket-related gift to a sanctioned charitable event with an annual cumulative total value of less than \$250 from an individual lobbyist. (No Disclosure)

A gift unconnected with legislative status and is from immediate family member. (Lobbyist Spouse, No Disclosure)

A gift delivered on premises of a state facility and accepted on be-half of a recognized non-political charitable organization. (No Disclosure)

A compassionate gift (Preapproval and Disclosure Required/30 days)

DISCLAIMER: Information provided is a general overview. Your circumstances may require specific information and advice. **Contact Ethics Committee Administrator Jerry Anderson (The Ethics Guy) at 907-269-0150 or 907-201-0125 to make sure your intended action complies with the Ethics Act AS 24.60.**

Revised 20180814

Contact the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Mailing Address:

PO Box 90251
Anchorage, AK 99509-0251

Physical Location:

Anchorage Legislative Office Building
1500 W Benson Blvd Suite 220
Anchorage, AK 99503

PH: 907-269-0150

FAX: 907-269-0152

Email: Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov

Website: <http://ethics.akleg.gov/>