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SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

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Endorsing Municipal and Federal Candidates

You may support and endorse a candidate in a municipal or federal election. However, during a regular or special session, there are restrictions on engaging in other election campaign activities.

Before endorsing a candidate for a municipal or federal election or engaging in other election campaign activities, contact the ethics office at Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov or by phone at 907-269-0150 to make sure you are in compliance with ethics law.

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Campaign Fundraising Restrictions

Remember that AS 24.60.031(a) and (b) prohibit campaign fundraising

...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 own campaign websites during session.

Restrictions extend to local, state, and federal elections. Before participating in any fundraising activity for candidates for local, state, or federal office, contact the ethics office at Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov or 907-269-0150 for further details.

Disclaimer

Information in this newsletter is given as a general overview. Your circumstances may require more specific information and advice. Please contact the ethics office if you have any questions as to whether your intended action is in compliance with the Ethics Act AS 24.60.

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Reminder: Disclosures required for new associations

Disclosures must be filed within 30 days of the beginning of an association regardless of whether it's during session, a recess, or the interim.

Board memberships (within 30 days of the beginning of the association). *Example:* A legislator or legislative employee is elected to a condo association board on July 12, 2021.

Close economic associations (both parties must file a disclosure within 30 days of the beginning of the association). *Example:* A legislator purchases a piece of artwork worth \$250 or more from a legislative employee on August 15, 2021.

State Benefit and Loan Programs (within 30 days of the beginning of participation). *Example:* A legislator or legislative employee receives a new commercial fishing loan on May 30, 2021.

State Contracts, Leases, and Grants (within 30 days of the beginning of the association). *Example:* A legislator or legislative employee renegotiates a state contract on July 1, 2021.

If you are unsure if you need to file a disclosure, contact the Ethics Office at 907-269-0150 or 907-269-8179.

File Your Ethics Disclosures Online

1. Go to <http://intranet.akleg.gov/> and scroll down to the "File an Ethics Disclosure" section and click.
2. Go to the line that begins with "CLICK HERE."
3. Double click on the word "HERE."
4. Enter your credentials (your computer log-in, not your email address).
5. Click on the type of disclosure you want to file.
6. Complete the form using drop down menus when available. **(Provide complete information. Gifts of travel are for the purpose of obtaining information about matters of legislative concern. Include one or two sentences about how the information you obtained is a matter of legislative concern.)**
7. Check your completed disclosure for accuracy, sign, and submit.

Contact the ethics office at 907-269-0150 or 907-269-8179 for more information.

More Help Filing Your Disclosure

You can download a four-page detailed instruction handout about filing online.

Contact the ethics office at 907-269-0150 or 907-269-8179 if you need additional information.

Legislative Purpose Test

Before taking action or accepting a gift of travel, ask yourself:



- What is the legislative purpose of my action?
- Is the activity or service necessary to perform my official duties?

If not, do not take action or accept a gift of travel.

For more information, contact the ethics office at 907-269-0150.

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