

**ETHICAL PRACTICES BOARD**

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**RE: Noncampaign disbursements**

**ADVISORY OPINION #221**

**SUMMARY**

The costs of driver services needed to enable a disabled person to conduct a campaign for public office should be reported as noncampaign disbursements.

**FACTS**

You request an advisory opinion from the Ethical Practices Board based on the following facts:

1. You are considering becoming a candidate for the state legislature.
2. You have a disability.
3. In order to conduct a campaign for the legislature, your disability requires that you pay for the services of a driver to transport you to various campaign related functions.

**ISSUE**

Should the costs of driver services for a disabled candidate be reported as noncampaign disbursements?

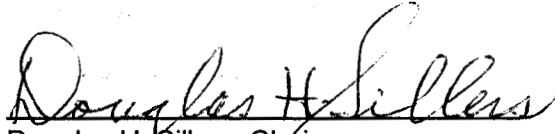
**OPINION**

Yes, the costs of such services are reported as noncampaign disbursements<sup>1</sup>.

Based on the facts you present, the costs of services to assist in conducting a campaign are noncampaign disbursements if the services are needed because of the disability.

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Douglas H. Sillers, Chair  
Ethical Practices Board

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<sup>1</sup> Minnesota Statutes § 10A.01, subd. 10c