



Prohibition on accepting contributions during the legislative session

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

General prohibition – candidates

Candidates and their principal campaign committees are prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions during a regular legislative session from political committees, political funds, associations not registered with the Board, and registered lobbyists. Except as noted in the next sentence, this prohibition applies to all candidates registered with the Board, not just to incumbent legislators and constitutional officers. This prohibition does not apply to judicial candidates, special election candidates, or local candidates.

General prohibition – legislative party units

The general prohibition on soliciting or accepting contributions during a regular legislative session from the sources specified in the above paragraph also applies to the four political party units that are comprised of a party's organization within a house of the legislature. This prohibition does not apply to other party units.

Solicitation from special sources

Candidates and legislative party units may not solicit contributions from the sources listed in the top paragraph even if the contributions are to be made after the legislative session ends.

Restriction on solicitation by all party units

All party units, including those organized at the state and local level, are prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions during a regular legislative session from the sources listed in the top paragraph if the solicitation takes place at, or as part of, an event hosted by a candidate for legislative or constitutional office.

Who you can accept contributions from during the session?

Candidates and legislative party units may accept contributions during the session from party units and from individuals who are not lobbyists, and party units may accept contributions from candidates.

When does the prohibition apply?

The prohibition applies during the entire first day through the entire last day of the session.

When does the prohibition end?

The prohibition ends at 12:01:01 AM on the day following the day of adjournment of the regular legislative session.

What if I accidentally accept a prohibited contribution during the session?

Campaign finance statutes provide that a treasurer may return a contribution within 90 days after it is deposited and thus cure a violation. If you accidentally accept a prohibited sessional contribution and return it within 90 days of deposit, the potential violation will be cured.