

**4503.0450 JOINT PURCHASES.**

Subpart 1. **General requirement.** Principal campaign committees, political party units, and political committees and funds may jointly purchase goods or services without making or receiving a donation in kind. If each purchaser pays the vendor for their share of the fair market value of the purchase, each purchaser must report that amount to the board as an expenditure or noncampaign disbursement as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20. If a purchaser pays the vendor for the total amount of the purchase and obtains payment from another purchaser for that purchaser's share of the fair market value of the purchase, each purchaser must use the same reporting method under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivision 13.

Subp. 2. **Proportionate shares of joint purchase.** If a purchaser pays a vendor for the total amount of a joint purchase and each joint purchaser receives goods or services of equal value, each joint purchaser must pay the purchaser that paid the vendor an amount equal to the total amount paid to the vendor divided by the number of joint purchasers in order to prevent the occurrence of a donation in kind. If a purchaser pays a vendor for the total amount of a joint purchase and joint purchasers receive goods or services of differing value, each joint purchaser must pay the purchaser that paid the vendor in proportion to the value of the goods or services received in order to prevent the occurrence of a donation in kind. If a joint purchaser pays the purchaser that paid the vendor less than its proportionate share of the fair market value of the joint purchase, the difference must be reported as a donation in kind from the purchaser that paid the vendor to the joint purchaser as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20.

Subp. 3. **No impact on prohibited contributions.** Nothing in this part permits an independent expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund to make a contribution, including an approved expenditure, that is prohibited by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.121, or alters what constitutes a coordinated expenditure.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 10A.01; 10A.02; 10A.022; 10A.025*

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