

4503.0900 NONCAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Additional definitions.** In addition to those listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, the following expenses are noncampaign disbursements:

- A. transportation, meals, and lodging paid to attend a campaign school;
- B. costs of campaigning incurred by a person with a disability, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 363A.03, subdivision 12, and which are made necessary by the disability;
- C. the cost to an incumbent or a winning candidate of providing services to residents in the district after the general election in an election year for the office held;
- D. payment of advances of credit in a year after the year in which the advance was reported as an expenditure;
- E. payment of fines assessed by the board;
- F. costs of running a transition office for a winning gubernatorial candidate during the first six months after election; and
- G. costs to maintain a bank account that is required by law, including service fees, the cost of ordering checks, and check processing fees.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 21 SR 1779]

Subp. 2a. **Expenses incurred by leaders of a legislative caucus.** Expenses incurred by a legislative caucus leader in carrying out their leadership responsibilities may be paid by their principal campaign committee and classified as a noncampaign disbursement for expenses incurred by leaders of a legislative caucus. These expenses must be incurred for the operation of the caucus and include but are not limited to expenses related to operating a website, social media accounts, a telephone system, similar means of communication, travel expenses, and legal expenses.

Subp. 2b. **Signage and supplies for office holders.** Expenses incurred by an office holder for signage outside their official office and for basic office supplies purchased to aid the office holder in performing the tasks of their office may be paid by their principal campaign committee and classified as a noncampaign disbursement for expenses for serving in public office. These expenses may include signage, stationery, or other means of communication that identify the office holder as a member of a legislative caucus.

Subp. 2c. **Equipment purchases.** The cost of durable equipment purchased by a principal campaign committee, including but not limited to computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices, must be classified as a campaign expenditure unless the equipment is purchased to replace equipment that was lost, stolen, or damaged to such a degree that it no longer serves its intended purpose, or the equipment will be used solely:

- A. by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer in the executive branch to provide services for constituents during the period from the beginning of the term of office to adjournment sine die of the legislature in the election year for the office held;

- B. by a winning candidate to provide services to residents in the district in accordance with subpart 1;
- C. for campaigning by a person with a disability in accordance with subpart 1;
- D. for running a transition office in accordance with subpart 1; or
- E. as home security hardware.

Subp. 3. **Reporting purpose of noncampaign disbursements.** Itemization of an expense which is classified as a noncampaign disbursement must include sufficient information to justify the classification.

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

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