

The Short Session and the Long Campaign: Ethics for All Seasons



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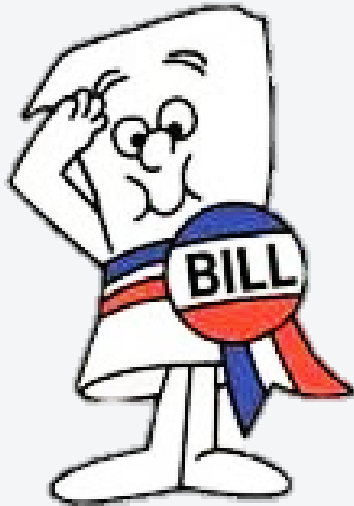
As a Legislator You Wear Many Hats . . .



Now You Have One More. . .Candidate!



Legislating and Campaigning Don't Mix



Basic Principles to Guide You



- **Public** dollars can only be used for a **public** purpose
- **Legislative office** resources are **public** resources and cannot be used for **campaign** purposes
- **Legislative Assistants** and other **legislative staff** are part of your legislative office resources
- **Legislative employees** are also covered under LEC Principles and Guidelines (“**P&Gs**”)

What Do You Think?



Group 1
Legislative Resources



Group 2
Stationery & Postage



Group 3
Campaign Finance - Lobbyist



Group 4
Campaign Finance - Legislator



When To Ask For Help



- Remember to ask **BEFORE** you take an action you think may be questionable!
- It is **NOT** better to ask for forgiveness than permission!
- There are **NO** dumb questions – the only dumb question is the one you **DON'T** ask!



Where To Go For Help



- State Ethics Commission

- Phone: 919-715-2071
- Email: ethics.commission@doa.nc.gov
- Website: www.ethicscommission.nc.gov

- Legislative Ethics Committee

- Ethics Staff Phone: 919-301-1991
- Website:
<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=35>

THANK YOU!



- State Board of Elections
(919) 733-7173
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