

## AMENDMENTS TO FORMAL OPINIONS RENDERED BY STATE ELECTIONS BOARD

Changes in the law have made obsolete certain Elections Board opinions. Below are amendments to a number of opinions which reflect the current status of the law.

### Opinion El.Bd. 74-3

The campaign finance provisions of Wisconsin law, chapter 11, Wis. Stats., are not applicable to federal office campaigns. Such campaigns are subject to the Federal Election Campaign Act and pertinent amendments. s. 11.03, Stats.

### Opinion El.Bd. 74-5

A candidate's contributions to his own campaign are now unlimited, except as a condition of eligibility for a public financing grant under s. 11.50, Stats. The limit on such a candidate's contributions to his or her own campaign from personal funds or property owned jointly with the individual's spouse is 200% of the amount which any other individual may contribute to the candidate's campaign, as set out in s. 11.26 (1), Stats. ss. 11.26 (10), Stats.

### Opinion El.Bd. 74-19

Disbursements by a candidate for city office are now unlimited. s. 11.31, Stats.

### Opinion El.Bd. 76-6

Labor organizations which incorporated prior to January 1, 1978 are no longer prohibited by s. 11.37, Stats., from making political contributions and disbursements. s. 11.38 (2)(c), Stats.

### Opinion El.Bd. 76-9

The number of the ward or aldermanic district and the name of the municipality may now be stamped or written on the ballots after the ballots are printed. s. 5.55, Stats.

### Opinion El.Bd. 76-10

The governing body of any municipality may now provide by resolution for the appointment of special registration deputies to facilitate the administration of registration at the polling place on election day. Such deputies shall be specially appointed by the clerk for one election only to conduct elector registration. s. 6.55 (6), Stats.

Opinion El.Bd. 76-11

On a recount, ballots not containing the proper clerks' indorsements shall be set aside only when the number of ballots exceeds the number of voters shown on the registration or poll list, and then only until the two numbers agree. At the initial canvass, ballots not containing the proper indorsement should be set aside and not counted. s. 9.01 (1)(d) and s. 7.51 (2), Stats.

Opinion El.Bd. 78-8

In Op. El.Bd. 78-8, the Board proposed tentative guidelines for distinguishing between a voluntary committee's in-kind contributions and its independent expenditures, based on the degree of interaction between the voluntary committee and the supported candidate or agents of the candidate. At its meeting of October 18, 1978, the Board was unable to reach agreement and therefore will not issue guidelines.