

All statements and reports required by ch. 11, Stats., to be verified may be sworn to before a town, village, city or county clerk or their respective deputies, if any. (Issued to John C. Oestreicher, February 18, 1976)

You have requested the Board's opinion whether the campaign registration statement and financial disclosure reports required by ch. 11, Stats., to be verified may be sworn to before a town, village, city or county clerk or his deputy or only before a notary public.

Section 887.01 (1), Stats., provides: "WITHIN THE STATE. An oath or affidavit required or authorized by law...may be taken before any...notary public, town clerk, village clerk, city clerk...county clerk or his deputy within the territory in which such officer is authorized to act...."

Therefore, it is the Board's opinion that all statements and reports required by ch. 11, Stats., to be verified may be sworn to before a town, village, city or county clerk or their respective deputies, if any, as well as before a notary public.