

Wisconsin Ethics Commission

For Legislators

Lame Duck Travel

State law limits out of state travel for legislators retiring from the legislature.

A legislator choosing not to seek reelection,

— *may not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel after the partisan primary.*

A legislator defeated in the primary election

— *may not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel after the partisan primary.*

A legislator defeated in the general election

— *may not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel after the general election.*

Questions about the application of this statutory limitation should be directed to the chief clerk of the appropriate house of the legislature.

Section 13.123 (3) (b) 1., *Wisconsin Statutes*, provides, in pertinent part:

13.123 (3)(b)1. . . . *no member of the legislature may be reimbursed for attendance at any meeting held outside this state, other than a meeting of the legislature, a legislative committee, committee of the joint legislative council or a statutory body of which the person is a duly constituted member, after the chief clerk of the member's house determines one of the following:*

- a. *After the day of the partisan primary, that the member either has not filed nomination papers for reelection or election to another legislative seat or has sought a party nomination for a legislative seat but it is generally acknowledged that the member has not won nomination.*
 - b. *After the day of the general election, that it is generally acknowledged that the member has not been elected to a legislative seat for the succeeding session.*
2. *In making the determination under [subd. 1.](#), the chief clerk is bound by the determination of the chairperson of the elections commission or the chairperson's designee if such determination has been issued.*

This is a guide. For authoritative information consult Wisconsin Statutes.