

351—3.5(68A) Nonlegitimate Iowa election campaign fund expenses; documentation; return of funds.

3.5(1) *Prohibited during primary election.* Funds accumulated in the Iowa election campaign fund shall not be used to expressly advocate the nomination, election, or defeat of any candidate during the primary election. This prohibition also applies when two or more candidates from the same party seek office in a special election.

3.5(2) *Limitation on types of expenditures.* The Iowa election campaign fund may only be used to purchase services or items set out in this rule or as otherwise permitted by the board.

3.5(3) *Documentation by political parties.* The chair of each political party receiving funds from the Iowa election campaign fund shall provide invoices and canceled checks or cash receipts for all expenditures related to such funds. The funds shall be maintained in a separate account. Upon completion of each general election cycle, the board shall conduct an audit of the expenditure records maintained by each political party receiving funds from the Iowa election campaign fund. Party records relating to expenditures from the Iowa election campaign fund shall be maintained by the party for a period of five years.

3.5(4) *Return of funds.* If the board determines that any part of the funds have been used for improper expenses, the board may order the political party or candidate to return all or any part of the total funds paid to that political party for that election. When such funds are returned, the funds shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement sections 68A.605 and 68A.606.