

## Lame duck travel

### A Guide to Wisconsin's Law

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 September primary.

***A legislator defeated in the primary election***

— may not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel after the September 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.

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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 September 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 board or the chairperson's designee if such determination has been issued.*