

**351—1.2(68B) Requirements for requesting board advisory opinions.**

**1.2(1)** *Who may request opinion.* Any person subject to the board's jurisdiction may request a board advisory opinion, including a local official or local employee seeking an opinion on the application of the ethics laws in Iowa Code chapter 68B. A governmental entity not under the board's jurisdiction may request a board advisory opinion on an issue subject to the board's jurisdiction. A person requesting an opinion on the application of the ethics and lobbying laws in Iowa Code chapter 68B as applied to the legislative branch of state government shall be referred to the senate and house ethics committees. An authorized agent may seek an opinion on behalf of any person. The board will not issue an opinion to an unauthorized third party. The board may on its own motion issue opinions without receiving a formal request.

**1.2(2)** *Form of request.* The request for an opinion shall be in writing and shall describe the specific transaction, conduct, or activity that the requesting person plans to undertake or is presently undertaking. Requests shall be sent to the board as provided in subrule 1.3(1).

**1.2(3)** *Jurisdiction.* The board will issue opinions pertaining only to Iowa Code chapter 68A, Iowa Code chapter 68B, Iowa Code section 8.7, or rules adopted thereunder.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.32A(12).

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