

**351—8.13 (68B) Contested case proceeding.**

**8.13(1) Request.** If an executive branch lobbyist or an executive branch lobbyist client accepts administrative resolution of a matter through the payment of an assessed civil penalty, the matter shall be closed. If the person chooses to contest the board's decision to deny a request or grant a partial waiver of an assessed civil penalty, the person shall make a written request for a contested case proceeding within 30 days of being notified of the board's decision.

**8.13(2) Procedure.** Upon timely receipt of a request for a contested case proceeding, the board shall provide for the issuance of a statement of charges and notice of hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 68B.32C and the board's rules. The burden shall be on the board's legal counsel to prove that a violation occurred.

**8.13(3) Failure to request a contested case proceeding.** The failure to request a contested case proceeding to appeal the board's decision on a waiver request is the failure to exhaust administrative remedies for purposes of seeking judicial review in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A and Iowa Code section 68B.33.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 68B.32A(5), 68B.32A(9), and 68B.33.

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