

ADVISORY OPINION 1975-61

Salary Expenditure Allocations In Simultaneous Candidacies

This advisory opinion is rendered under 2 U.S.C. §437f, in response to a request for an advisory opinion submitted by Robert N. Thomson, Counsel, Bentsen in '76, and published in the September 18, 1975, Federal Register (40 FR 43167). Interested parties were given an opportunity to submit written comments pertaining to the request, but none were received.

The requesting party seeks an advisory opinion indicating whether there are specific accounting methods which must be used to make a fair salary allocation where one individual may be performing tasks for a candidate who is simultaneously seeking nomination for the offices of U.S. Senator and President.

The Commission is of the opinion that the two separate campaign committees may adopt any accounting method which will yield an allocation which reflects the actual billable time spent by the individual on each of the campaigns.

This advisory opinion is issued on an interim basis pending final promulgation by the Commission of rules and regulations or policy statements of general applicability.