

PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

LOBBY 101

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TEC: CHAPTER 34 REVIEW





SB 2514 - TEC FORMS

- Effective September 1, 2025, per Tex. Gov't Code § 572.070, an employee or volunteer of a state agency or a political subdivision of this state shall report to the Texas Ethics Commission each interaction, communication, or meeting the employee or volunteer has with a person acting on behalf of a foreign adversary not later than the 30th day after the date of the interaction, communication, or meeting.
- A foreign adversary means a country: (1) identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the national security of the United States in at least one of the three most recent Annual Threat Assessments of the U.S. Intelligence Community issued pursuant to Section 108B, National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. § 3043b); or (2) designated by the governor after consultation with the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety. As of August 2025, foreign adversaries include the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), the Russian Federation (Russia), and the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea (North Korea).

REPORT OF FOREIGN ADVERSARY CONTACT **FORM RFAC**

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Please fill out this form with as much detail as possible. Although you may not know all the information requested on the foreign adversary in question, please complete the fields to the best of your ability.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____
TITLE: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
DUTIES INVOLVE OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH FOREIGN ADVERSARIES: _____

FOREIGN ADVERSARY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ ALIAS: _____
GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____
CITY AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____
CITY AND COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: _____
COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____
DUAL CITIZENSHIP: _____ LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT: _____

FOREIGN ADVERSARY CONTACT EMPLOYER INFORMATION

CURRENT EMPLOYER (COUNTRY OR COMPANY): _____
TYPE OF BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION: _____
JOB TITLE OR POSITION: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMPLOYER PHONE: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____
CURRENT EMPLOYER ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip code, country): _____
GOVERNMENT OWNED BUSINESS: _____

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CLOSE/CONTINUING CONTACT: _____
CONTACT KNOWN SINCE: _____
WAS THIS THE FIRST CONTACT: _____
IF NOT, PREVIOUS DATE(S) OF CONTACT: _____

FACT OFFER A GIFT OR ITEM OF VALUE, OR OFFER PAYMENT FOR _____
G IN A FOREIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRY: _____
UTURE CONTACT: _____ IF YES, WHEN: _____

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

Form to the TEC electronically to affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us

or mail to
Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070

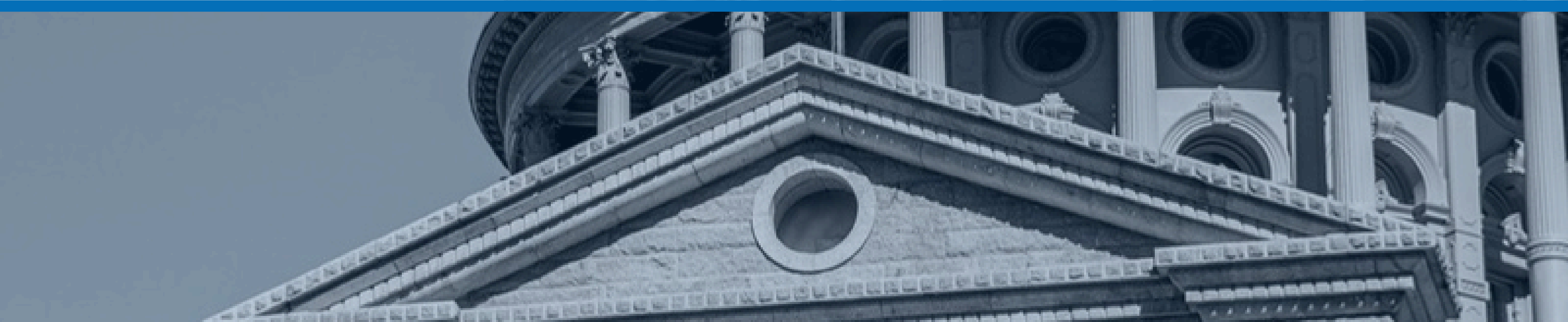
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Texas Ethics Commission
201 E. 14th Street
10th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

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LATEST ACTIONS



LEGISLATION OF INTEREST—89TH



HB 119

INTRODUCES NEW TRANSPARENCY AND RESTRICTION RULES ON LOBBYING CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF “FOREIGN ADVERSARIES”.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Registration trigger: No quarterly expenditure threshold or quarterly compensation threshold — any lobbying activity on behalf of an adversary requires registration.
- Compensation ban: Cannot accept payment (direct or indirect) for lobbying work connected to foreign adversaries.
- Client vetting: Screen clients’ corporate ownership, funding sources, and affiliations.
- Overlap risk: Some actors may be subject to both federal FARA and Texas HB 119.
- Civil penalties: Up to \$10,000 + disgorgement of compensation + AG injunctions.

IMPLICATIONS FOR LOBBYISTS:

- Expect drop-off in foreign-linked clients (especially in energy, tech, and ports).
- Increased legal costs for compliance review.
- Texas joins a trend of states enacting “mini-FARA” laws → national patchwork for lobbyists.
- May create competitive advantage for firms that invest in robust compliance/due diligence screening.

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST—89TH



HB 127

RELATING TO MEASURES TO PROTECT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES AND TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF THEFT OF TRADE SECRETS; INCREASING A CRIMINAL PENALTY.



HB 223

RELATING TO COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PROCUREMENT BY A MUNICIPALITY FOR LOBBYING, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, OR SIMILAR SERVICES.

ETHICS COMMISSION **OPINIONS**

**AMENDMENTS TO
1 TEX. ADMIN.
CODE § 20.1(17) -
RULE ADOPTED
6/12/25,
EFFECTIVE
7/3/25**

DOES THE RULE DEFINING A “PRINCIPAL PURPOSE” OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE (TEC RULE § 20.1(17)) APPLY TO A NONPROFIT CORPORATION? IF SO, WHAT THRESHOLD MUST A NONPROFIT CORPORATION REMAIN BELOW TO AVOID BECOMING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE? (AOR-707).

By definition, two or more persons must act in concert with a principal purpose of making political expenditures or accepting political contributions to form a political committee. If a group of persons form a nonprofit corporation that has as a principal purpose accepting political contributions or making political expenditures, the corporation is a political committee. To determine whether a group has a principal purpose of making political expenditures, the TEC will consider all the facts and circumstances concerning the group’s actual and planned activities related to making political expenditures.

**EAO 614 ADOPTED AT
COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024**



ETHICS COMMISSION **OPINIONS**

EA0 620 (2025)

WHETHER THE USE OF A CORPORATE AIRCRAFT MAY BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND AN EVENT AT WHICH THE LEGISLATORS WILL ADDRESS AN AUDIENCE AND LEARN ABOUT ISSUES FACING A WEST TEXAS BORDER CITY. (AOR-720).

The requestor or the requestor's corporation may grant the use of the aircraft to the legislators as long as it is used to transport the legislators to a conference or similar event where they provide a service, as long as the service is not merely perfunctory. However, the provision of the aircraft appears to be a lobby expenditure that will likely trigger lobby registration and reporting obligations for the person providing the use of the aircraft.

EA0 622 (2025)

WHETHER A PART-TIME LEGISLATIVE STAFF MEMBER MAY ACCEPT OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTING A REGISTERED LOBBYIST. (AOR-722)

A legislative staff member may not accept outside employment assisting a registered lobbyist because such a dual role would put the legislative employee in a situation where he may reasonably be required or induced to disclose confidential information or where his official independence and judgement may be reasonably expected to be impaired.

ETHICS COMPLIANCE AREAS

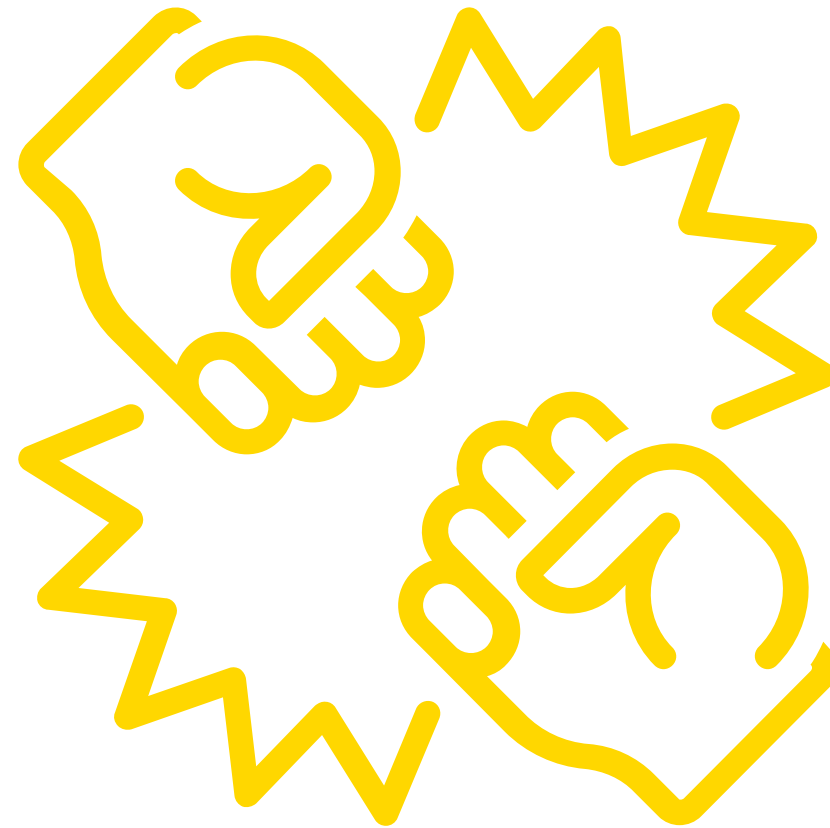
REGISTRATION



EXPENDITURES



CONFLICTS



PENALTIES





REGISTRATION





WHEN TO REGISTER

§ 305.003 PERSONS REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Makes expenditures over a certain amount **(more than \$970 for 2025 and \$990 for 2026 in a calendar quarter)** involving a state official or employee to communicate to influence legislation or administrative action.

Is compensated more than a certain amount **(more than \$1,930 in 2025 and \$1,990 for 2026 in a calendar quarter)** to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action on behalf of the person by whom he is compensated or reimbursed, whether or not the person receives any compensation for the communication in addition to the salary for that regular employment.



REGISTRATION TRIGGERS

If you meet one of the two thresholds and you directly communicate you must register.

Once you trigger registration by crossing either the compensation or the expenditure threshold and communicate, you have **5 days to register**.

If you have already registered, you then must add new clients or new subject matters by the next reporting deadline or within **5 days** if during a regular legislative session (legislation passed in 2011).





REGISTRATION TYPES

REGISTRATION - ANNUAL OR MONTHLY

Modified (Annual). You may select "MODIFIED" reporting ONLY IF you do not intend to exceed \$2,220 (2025) / \$2,290 (2026) during the calendar year in lobby expenditures attributable to officers or employees of the legislative or executive branch or to the immediate family of officers or employees of the legislative or executive branch for the following purposes: transportation, lodging, food, beverages, entertainment, mass media communications, gifts, awards, mementos, or the attendance of officers or employees of the legislative or executive branch of state government at political fund raisers or charity events.

2025

\$2,220



2026

\$2,290



REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS

STATUTORY

- Bona fide media
- Public testimony only
- Attendance at event paid by business, union or corporation
- Communication on behalf of political party (if activity less than \$11,120 for 2025 and \$11,440 for 2026 in a calendar year)

Doesn't apply to those already registered

RULE 34.5

- Requesting an interpretive advisory opinion
- Preparing or submitting a legally required document
- Achieving/demonstrating legal compliance
- Responding to a specific request for information
- Communicating with agency attorney re litigation or an adjudicative proceeding





REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS

40 HOURS

- If a person spends **40 hours or less of compensated time in a calendar quarter** communicating (or preparing to communicate) with a member of the executive or legislative branch, **that person is not required to register as a lobbyist.**
- A person's 40 hours includes preparatory time: research, strategy sessions, meetings to discuss legislation.
- 8 hours max per day and must communicate.
- This allows a person to spend a week at the Capitol at the beginning of session, and a week towards the end.





2025 LOBBY REGISTRATION FORM

LOBBY REGISTRATION FOR 2025 (For use through December 31, 2025)		FORM REG COVER SHEET PG 1	
The Form REG Instruction Guide explains how to fill out this form.		1 Number of Schedules filed: A _____ B _____	
		Filer ID _____	
		OFFICE USE ONLY	
2 REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED	(SEE INSTRUCTION GUIDE TO DETERMINE YOUR FEE) <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 Non-Profit (Proof required. See Instructions)	Date Received _____	
3 REPORTING SCHEDULE	<input type="checkbox"/> MODIFIED (ANNUAL) <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR (MONTHLY)	Date Hand-delivered or Date Postmarked _____	
4 REGISTRANT NAME		Receipt # _____	Amount \$ _____
5 IS THE REGISTRANT AN ENTITY?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date Processed _____	
6 REGISTRANT'S NORMAL BUSINESS		Date Imaged _____	
7 REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX: _____ APT / SUITE #: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____		
8 REGISTRANT'S MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX: _____ APT / SUITE #: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> same as business address listed above		
9 BUSINESS PHONE	AREA CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ EXTENSION: _____ ()		
10 IS THE REGISTRANT A LOBBY FIRM EMPLOYEE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES NAME OF FIRM _____ ADDRESS OF FIRM _____ PHONE NO. OF FIRM _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
11 PERSON(S) PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM POLITICAL FUNDS	NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY _____ ADDRESS / PO BOX: _____ APT / SUITE #: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages		
CHANGES IN INFORMATION. If any of the information provided in this registration changes (other than information requested on PART 3(a) or 3(b) of SCHEDULE A), you must file a LOBBY REGISTRATION AMENDMENT (FORM AREG) showing the changed information by the 10th day of the month following the month the information changed (unless you report the changed information on a timely filed monthly activities report (FORM LA)).			





2025 LOBBY REGISTRATION FORM

COVER SHEET PG 2		FORM REG
REGISTRANT NAME:		PAGE #
12 FARA REGISTRATION	(SEE THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT ("FARA") OF 1938 (22 U.S.C. §§ 611 ET SEQ.) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.) <div><input type="checkbox"/> I AM CURRENTLY REGISTERED AND MY FARA REGISTRATION NUMBER IS: _____</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> I AM CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER FARA BUT AM NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> I AM NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER FARA AND AM NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER FARA.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER EXPLANATION: _____</div>	
13 SUBJECT MATTER CATEGORIES		
<div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 1 abortion</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 2 aeronautics</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 3 aging</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 4 agriculture</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 5 alcoholic beverage regulation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 6 alcoholism & drug abuse</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 7 aliens</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 8 amusements, games, sports</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 9 animals</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 10 arts & humanities</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 11 business & commerce</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 12 cemeteries</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 13 charitable & nonprofit organizations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 14 city government</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 15 civil remedies & liabilities</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 16 coastal affairs & beaches</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 17 common carriers</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 18 communications & press</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 19 consumer protection</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 20 corporations & associations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 21 corrections</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 22 county government</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 23 courts</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 24 crime</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 25 criminal procedures</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 26 day care</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 27 disaster preparedness & relief</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 28 economic & industrial development</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 29 education</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 30 elections</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 31 energy</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 32 environment</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 33 ethics</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 34 family issues</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 35 fees & other non-tax revenue</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 36 financial institutions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 37 fire fighters & police</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 38 gambling</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 39 handicapped persons</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 40 health & health care</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 41 highways & roads</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 42 historic preservation & museums</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 43 hospitals</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 44 housing</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 45 human services</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 46 insurance</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 47 labor</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 48 law enforcement</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 49 lawyers</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 50 libraries</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 51 malpractice-health care providers</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 52 mental health & cognition</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 53 military & veterans</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 54 mines & mineral resources</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 55 minors</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 56 nursing homes</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 57 occupational regulation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 58 oil & gas</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 59 open records & open meetings</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 60 parks & wildlife</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 61 political subdivisions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 62 probate</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 63 product liability</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 64 property interests</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 65 public lands</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 66 purchasing</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 67 redistricting</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 68 religion</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 69 retirement systems</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 70 safety</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 71 special districts & authorities</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 72 state agencies, boards & commissions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 73 state employees, officers & symbols</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 74 state finances</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 75 taxation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 76 tort reform</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 77 tourism</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 78 transportation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 79 utilities</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 80 vehicles & traffic</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 81 water</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 82 weapons</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 83 women's issues</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> 84 OTHER _____</div></div></div>		



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2025 LOBBY REGISTRATION FORM

EMPLOYER / CLIENT PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION		FORM REG SCHEDULE A PG 1	
Use the Form REG Instruction Guide for assistance in filling out Schedule A Part 1.		1 PAGE #	
2 REGISTRANT NAME			
3 EMPLOYER / CLIENT NAME			
4 EMPLOYER /CLIENT MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS /PO BOX:	APT / SUITE #:	CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE
PART 2 – COMPENSATION			
1 LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR LOBBYING	<div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN \$ 22,240</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 22,240 - \$ 55,609.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 55,610 - \$ 111,219.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 111,220 - \$ 222,439.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 222,440 - \$ 333,599.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 333,600 - \$ 444,879.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 444,880 - \$ 556,099.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 556,100 - \$ 667,319.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 667,320 - \$ 778,539.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 778,540 - \$ 889,759.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 889,760 - \$ 1,000,979.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000,980 - \$ 1,112,199.99</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$ 1,112,200 (Exact Amount \$ _____)</div> <div>OR Exact Amount \$ _____</div>		
2 TYPE OF COMPENSATION BEING REPORTED	<div><input type="checkbox"/> PAID</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> EARNED (but not received)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> PROSPECTIVE</div>		
3 INDIVIDUAL REPORTING COMPENSATION AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ENTITY	<div><input type="checkbox"/> YES NAME OF ENTITY _____ ADDRESS OF ENTITY _____ PHONE NO. OF ENTITY _____</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NO</div>		
PART 3 – ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION			
1 IS THE EMPLOYER / CLIENT AN ENTITY OR AN INDIVIDUAL?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> ENTITY</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Complete PART 4 of Schedule A)</div>		
2 IS THE EMPLOYER / CLIENT A CORPORATION?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> YES</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Complete PART 3(a) of Schedule A)</div>		
3 ARE THE SHARES OF THE CORPORATION PUBLICLY TRADED?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete PART 4 of Schedule A)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Complete PART 3(b) of Schedule A)</div>		
4 IS THE CLIENT A STATE AGENCY THAT PAYS YOU A SALES COMMISSION OR SUCH FEE ?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete PART 5 of Schedule A)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NO</div>		





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EMPLOYER / CLIENT PART 3(a) – UNINCORPORATED ENTITY					FORM REG SCHEDULE A PG 2	
Complete PART 3(a) only if the employer/client covered by Schedule A is an unincorporated entity.					PAGE #	
REGISTRANT NAME			EMPLOYER / CLIENT NAME			
1 ENTITY MEMBERSHIP		NUMBER OF MEMBERS				
2 NAME(S) OF PERSON(S) WHO DETERMINE LOBBY POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
3 DESCRIPTION OF POLICY-MAKING METHODS <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages		DESCRIBE METHODS OF ENTITY DECISION-MAKING RELATING TO LOBBYING				
4 CONTRIBUTORS PERSON(S) CONTRIBUTING MORE THAN \$250 PER YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
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		LAST:	SUFFIX:	FIRST:	TITLE	
GO TO SCHEDULE A, PART 4						





2025 LOBBY REGISTRATION FORM

EMPLOYER / CLIENT PART 3(b) – CORPORATION NOT PUBLICLY TRADED		FORM REG SCHEDULE A PG 3	
Complete PART 3(b) only if the employer/client covered by Schedule A is a corporation whose shares are not publicly traded.		PAGE #	
REGISTRANT NAME		EMPLOYER / CLIENT NAME	
1 CORPORATE SHAREHOLDERS	NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS		
2 CORPORATE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages	LAST: SUFFIX: FIRST: TITLE		
	ADDRESS / PO BOX: APT / SUITE #: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE		
	LAST: SUFFIX: FIRST: TITLE		
	ADDRESS / PO BOX: APT / SUITE #: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE		
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3 CORPORATE OWNERSHIP/ HOLDINGS PERSONS OWNING 10% OR MORE SHARES <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages	LAST: SUFFIX: FIRST: TITLE		
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GO TO SCHEDULE A, PART 4			





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EMPLOYER / CLIENT PART 4 – LOBBYING SUBJECT MATTER

FORM REG
SCHEDULE A PG 4

Use the Form REG Instruction Guide for assistance in filling out Schedule A Part 4.

PAGE #

REGISTRANT NAME

EMPLOYER/ CLIENT NAME

1 SUBJECT MATTER

☐ ALL MATTERS MARKED ON COVER SHEET

SUBJECT MATTER CATEGORIES

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> 29 education | <input type="checkbox"/> 57 occupational regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 elections | <input type="checkbox"/> 58 oil & gas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 aging | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 energy | <input type="checkbox"/> 59 open records & open meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> 32 environment | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 parks & wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 alcoholic beverage regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> 33 ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> 61 political subdivisions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 alcoholism & drug abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> 34 family issues | <input type="checkbox"/> 62 probate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 aliens | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 fees & other non-tax revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> 63 product liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 amusements, games, sports | <input type="checkbox"/> 36 financial institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> 64 property interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 animals | <input type="checkbox"/> 37 fire fighters & police | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 public lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 arts & humanities | <input type="checkbox"/> 38 gambling | <input type="checkbox"/> 66 purchasing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 business & commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> 39 handicapped persons | <input type="checkbox"/> 67 redistricting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 cemeteries | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 health & health care | <input type="checkbox"/> 68 religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 charitable & nonprofit organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 highways & roads | <input type="checkbox"/> 69 retirement systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14 city government | <input type="checkbox"/> 42 historic preservation & museums | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 civil remedies & liabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> 43 hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> 71 special districts & authorities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 coastal affairs & beaches | <input type="checkbox"/> 44 housing | <input type="checkbox"/> 72 state agencies, boards & commissions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17 common carriers | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 human services | <input type="checkbox"/> 73 state employees, officers & symbols |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 communications & press | <input type="checkbox"/> 46 insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> 74 state finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19 consumer protection | <input type="checkbox"/> 47 labor | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 corporations & associations | <input type="checkbox"/> 48 law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> 76 tort reform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21 corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> 49 lawyers | <input type="checkbox"/> 77 tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22 county government | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> 78 transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23 courts | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 malpractice-health care providers | <input type="checkbox"/> 79 utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 crime | <input type="checkbox"/> 52 mental health & cognition | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 vehicles & traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 criminal procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> 53 military & veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> 81 water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 day care | <input type="checkbox"/> 54 mines & mineral resources | <input type="checkbox"/> 82 weapons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27 disaster preparedness & relief | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 minors | <input type="checkbox"/> 83 women's issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 28 economic & industrial development | <input type="checkbox"/> 56 nursing homes | <input type="checkbox"/> 84 OTHER _____ |

2 DOCKET NOS.
OR OTHER
DESIGNATION

- ☐ not applicable
☐ additional pages

DESIGNATION

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EMPLOYER / CLIENT PART 5 – STATE AGENCY AS A CLIENT		FORM REG SCHEDULE A PG 5
Complete PART 5 only if the employer/client is a state agency.		1 PAGE #
2 REGISTRANT NAME		
3 EMPLOYER / CLIENT NAME		
4 SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION (DESCRIBE THE SUBJECT MATTER FOR WHICH YOU ARE PAID A SALES COMMISSION)		
5 AMOUNT OF SALES COMMISSION / FEE \$	6 ESTIMATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SALES COMMISSION (IF EXACT AMOUNT NOT KNOWN) \$	
7 METHOD UNDER WHICH SALES COMMISSION IS COMPUTED (IF EXACT AMOUNT NOT KNOWN)		
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2025 LOBBY REGISTRATION FORM

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EXPENDITURES





CONTRIBUTION MORATORIUM

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM:

- Statewide officeholders, including officeholders-elect, but excluding judicial officeholders;
- Members of the legislature, including members-elect;
- Specific-purpose committees that support, oppose, or assist a statewide officeholder or member of the legislature; and
- Legislative caucuses.

However, a statewide officeholder or member of the legislature who is defeated in General Election is not subject to the moratorium, nor is a specific-purpose political committee that supports or assists only such an officeholder or member.

DECEMBER 12, 2026

Last day to accept contributions before the 90th Texas Legislative Session.

JUNE 21, 2027

First day to accept contributions after the 90th Texas Legislative Session.

FOR JUDGES

March 3, 2027 is the last day to accept contributions for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.





CONTRIBUTION MORATORIUM

CAUCUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to a caucus are subject to the moratorium. This means don't give a check to a caucus and don't buy lunch for a caucus during the session.

HOW DO I KNOW IF IT IS A CAUCUS?

Most caucuses register with the Ethics Commission.

WHAT IS A CAUCUS?

(e) In this section, "legislative caucus" means an organization that is composed exclusively of members of the legislature, that elects or appoints officers and recognizes identified legislators as members of the organization, and that exists for research and other support of policy development and interests that the membership hold in common. The term includes an entity established by or for a legislative caucus to conduct research, education, or any other caucus activity. An organization whose only non-legislator members are the lieutenant governor or the governor remains a "legislative caucus" for purposes of this section.





CAMPAIGN VS LOBBY

INDUSTRY EVENT

This type of event includes a “meet and greet” where corporate officers/employees are invited to meet with a legislator to discuss legislative initiatives and issues of importance to the industry.

- Company has coordinated the event with the legislator’s state staff.
- The public official’s speech or presentation is limited to legislative updates or a discussion of issues impacting the industry.
- Invitees are not asked/encouraged to bring political contributions.
- Invitees are limited to corporate employees/officers.
- Corporation controls public official's message.

This event type may be paid with corporate funds and reported as a lobby expenditure.

CAMPAIGN EVENT

This type of event has the practical effect of promoting a candidate’s electoral efforts.

- The legislator is seeking re-election and has an opponent in either the primary or general election, and the corporation has not invited the other candidates.
- The company has coordinated the event with the legislator’s campaign.
- The legislator’s campaign has played any part in promoting the event.
- Invitees are encouraged to bring contributions for the legislator’s campaign.
- Invitees are not limited to company employees/officers.

This event type must be paid with PAC non-corporate funds and reported as an in-kind contribution to the legislator’s campaign.





ACTIVITY REPORTS

EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

- **Transportation & Lodging***
- **Food & Beverages*+**
- **Entertainment***
- **Gifts+**
- **Awards & Mementos**
- **Mass Media Communications**
- **Political Fundraisers/Charity Events***

*Presence is required

+Food or beverages with a value of \$110 or less intended as a gift for a member of the legislative or executive branch and delivered by first-class United States mail or by common or contract carrier outside the Capitol Complex is considered to be and reported as a gift





ACTIVITY REPORTS

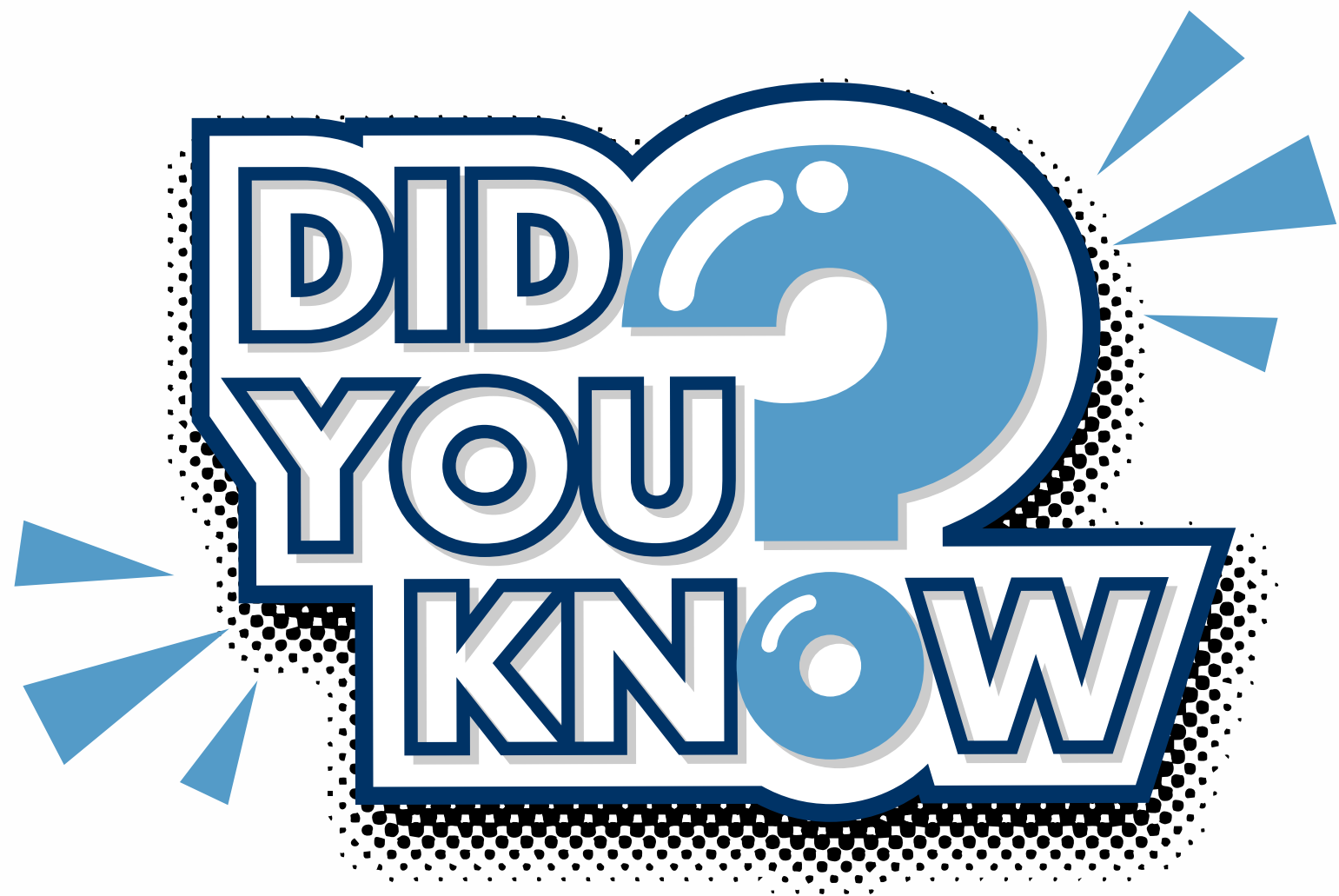
RECIPIENT CATEGORIES

- State Senators
- State Representatives
- Other elected or appointed official
- Legislative branch employees
- Executive agency employees
- Immediate family of legislative / executive branch member
- Events to which all legislators are invited
- Guests





ACTIVITY REPORTS



- River Authorities and Universities are covered by the lobby law as executive agencies making those officials and employees reportable. (EAO 101)
- Immediate family on a lobby activity report is defined as only spouse or dependent child.
 - Any other family – non-dependent child, mom, dad, cousin, uncle, etc. – are reportable as guests.





ACTIVITY REPORTS

EAO: 119
1993

WHAT TO INCLUDE

The other expenses--for supplies, printing, meeting room rental, name badges, flowers, and food--would be reportable under "food and beverages" since they would be incurred in connection with the preparation or presentation of the meal.





ACTIVITY REPORTS

EA0: 136
1993

WHAT TO INCLUDE

The Ethics Commission has stated that expenditures incurred in connection with the preparation or presentation of a meal are to be reported under "food and beverages." Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 119 (1993). Thus if a registrant rented space to provide a meal to communicate with legislators, the rental would be reported as an expenditure under "food and beverages." A registrant who provides a meal in his home is not, however, required to report the value of the use of his home. See Gov't Code §305.002(5) (defining "expenditure"). The registrant would be required to report any specific expenditures made to prepare his home for the meal.





ACTIVITY REPORTS

RULE 34.9

WHAT **NOT** TO INCLUDE

§34.9. Taxes and Tips
Taxes and tips are not included in determining the amount of an expenditure for purposes of Government Code, Chapter 305, and this chapter.





EXPENDITURES

SPLITTING EXPENDITURES

A registrant may split an expenditure with another registrant and not lose the exceptions found in the Penal Code for bribery and gifts.

Do not split with a non-registrant.

A reportable member may pay you back as long as less than \$200 and by the next time you need to report. **Reimburse In full.**

“Buy-downs” are prohibited.





EXPENDITURES

DETAILED REPORTING

If expenditure exceeds
\$132.60 must report:

Recipient's name

Location and date of expenditure

Amount of expenditure by category or exact
amount

*Gift/Award/Memento: Must detail report if
over \$110 in value and include description





EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS

STATE OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE CAN'T SOLICIT OR ACCEPT CERTAIN THINGS FROM REGISTERED LOBBYIST, INCLUDING:

- A loan or a gift of cash (including gift cards since they can be converted to cash)
- Transportation or lodging (unless related to a seminar or conference in which the employee is substantively involved)
- Entertainment totaling more than \$500 per calendar year
- Gifts totaling more than \$500 per calendar year
- Award or memento that exceeds \$500
- Lobbyists must be present at certain expenditures

If you plan to make an expenditure for state agency officials or staff, be sure to check the rules of each different agency. Some prohibit their employees from receiving benefits.





PROHIBITIONS TO PONDER

PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGES UNLESS IT MEETS THE “GIFT” EXCEPTION - AND, NO TRANSPORTATION OR LODGING CAN BE PROVIDED UNLESS:

- (3) necessary expenditures for transportation and lodging when the purpose of the travel is to explore matters directly related to the duties of a member of the legislative or executive branch, such as fact-finding trips, including attendance at informational conferences or an event described by Subdivision (4), but not including attendance at merely ceremonial events or pleasure trips;
- (4) necessary expenditures for transportation, lodging, food and beverages, and entertainment provided in connection with a conference, seminar, educational program, or similar event in which the member renders services, such as addressing an audience or engaging in a seminar, to the extent that those services are more than merely perfunctory;
- (5) an incidental expenditure for transportation as determined by commission rule.





REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

KEEP ANY RECORDS NECESSARY TO THE REPORTS FOR:

- at least four years after the date the report is filed for lobby reports;
- at least two years after the date the report is due for campaign finance reports.

No such rule yet for lobby reporting, but Commission adopted what is important to keep for political reporting (a safe harbor) and it includes items such as bank statements, cancelled checks, invoices and receipts. Remember to not only keep documentation for expenditures that you make directly but also keep track of multiple sponsor events. For lobbying, invite all members when feasible so that calculating a cost per person is not required.

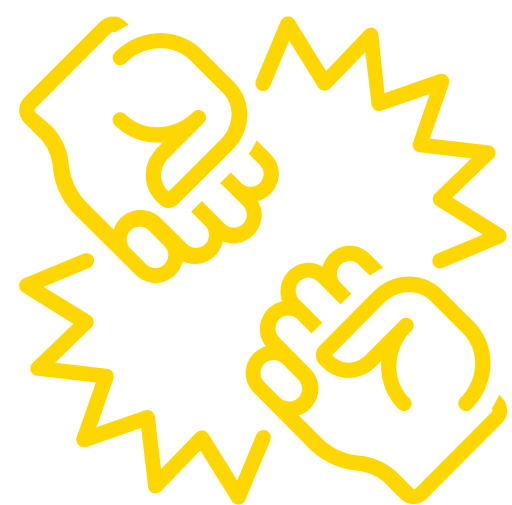




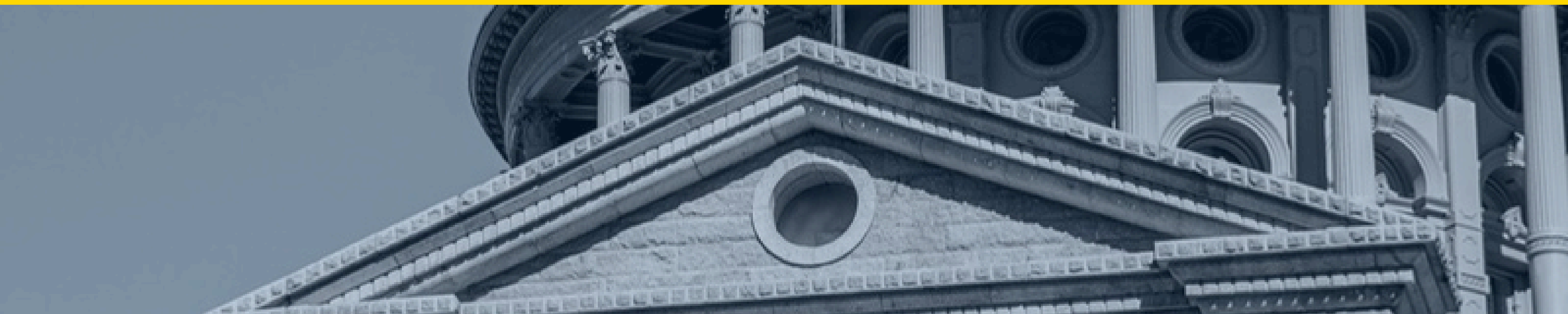
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FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$132.60 per day	N/A	Y	Y
ENTERTAINMENT	\$132.60 per day	\$500 per year	Y	Y
GIFTS	\$110 value	\$500 per year	Y	N
TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING	\$132.60 per day	N/A	Y	Y
AWARDS AND MOMENTOS	\$110 value	\$500 per award or memento	Y	N
POLITICAL FUNDRAISER OR CHARITY EVENT	Any amount is detailed	N/A	N/Y	Y
EVENTS TO WHICH ALL LEGISLATORS ARE INVITED	N/A	N/A	Y	Y





CONFLICTS





CONFLICTS

GOV'T CODE 305.028

Registrant cannot represent a person in a lobby matter if the representation involves a substantially related matter in which that person's interests are materially and directly adverse to:

Another lobby client;

Registrant's employer; or

Another client of a person associated with the registrant.

Representation is also prohibited if it would be adversely limited by registrant's responsibilities to the interests of another client, the registrant, or the registrant's employer.





CONFLICTS

REPRESENTING “CONFLICTED” CLIENTS IS PERMITTED IN 2 CIRCUMSTANCES:

REGISTRANT:

1. Believes that neither client will be materially affected,
2. Within 2 business days provides written notice to each client, and
3. Within 10 days provides written notice to TEC (which remains confidential).

IN A SCENARIO WHERE ONE CLIENT MAY BE MATERIALLY AFFECTED

Registrant:

1. Notifies each client and the TEC;
and
2. Secures consent from each client for the dual representation.

This differs slightly from TDRPC 1.06 (which is arguably stricter), but lawyer/lobbyists must navigate both rules. Bottom line: non-lawyer lobbyists have more discretion to represent conflicting clients.





CONFLICTS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - TEC & TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - **DIFFERENCES**

- Lobby law allows for conflicted representation if both clients consent.
- Under TDRPC, consent will not cure representation that is reasonably likely to harm one client.
- Lobby law requires notice to be written and a statement filed with the tribunal (TEC).
- TDRPC does not require that the notice to client be in writing.





CONFLICTS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - TEC & TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - **FORMER CLIENTS**

- The disciplinary rules govern conflicts with former clients, whereas the lobby law does not.
- Therefore, non-lawyer lobbyists enjoy an advantage with regard to advocating against former clients.



Rule 1.09. Without prior consent, a lawyer who has represented a client in a matter shall not represent another in a matter adverse to the client matter:

- If the representation is likely to involve a violation of confidentiality; OR
- If it is the same or a substantially related matter.





PENALTIES





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FINES

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RECORDKEEPING IS CRITICAL





LOCAL LOBBYING



**Local governments
may have adopted
their own lobby
regulations.**

TEXAS LOCAL LOBBY REGULATIONS

- Several cities in Texas have own lobby laws — Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Lubbock, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Galveston and Austin. Note also that vendors now have multiple reporting requirements with local jurisdictions as a result of their contracts.
- Five Texas counties have lobby laws: Dallas and Harris, which are voluntary registrations, and Chambers, El Paso, and Montgomery, which were granted statutory authority to adopt an ethics ordinance. (Local Government Code Chapter 161)





OTHER ISSUES



ETHICS QUESTIONS

WHEN REGISTERING, ONE OFTEN HAS TO INCLUDE BOARD MEMBERS FOR AN ENTITY AND SOMETIMES THOSE CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. OFTEN ONE MAY NOT KNOW. WHAT IS REASONABLE IN TERMS OF HOW OFTEN REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE RE-CHECKED AND WHO IS LIABLE FOR INFORMATION THAT HAS CHANGED AND NEEDS UPDATING?



- The information must be correct at the time of registration.
- So make sure to get the correct information from your client in writing so that you have records of why you registered the way you did.
- Information on Schedule A pages 2 or 3 – such as officers and board members - is not the type of information that must be updated throughout the year as it changes.

ETHICS QUESTIONS ASSISTANTS

- If you employ, retain, or direct a person who assists you in lobbying, you must report information about the assistant and the subject matters the assistant works on.
- An assistant may be someone who is also registered as a lobbyist.
- You do not have to register someone as an assistant if you are both registered for the client for which they assist you.
- The term “assistant” includes any person who provides administrative or research assistance to a lobbyist, but does not include a person who provides only clerical or secretarial help.
- The fact that a person is named as an assistant to a lobbyist does not relieve the assistant from the obligation to register as a lobbyist if the assistant is otherwise required to register.



ETHICS QUESTIONS

AN UNNAMED CAUCUS IS RAISING MONEY BEFORE THE MORATORIUM BEGINS FOR A PARTY TO BE HELD BEFORE THE MORATORIUM STARTS. YOU DECIDE TO CONTRIBUTE. HOWEVER, THE CAUCUS DECIDES TO POSTPONE THE EVENT UNTIL AFTER THE SESSION STARTS TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT. THE CAUCUS WILL STILL RAISE THE MONEY BEFORE THE MORATORIUM BEGINS AND THEN GIVE YOU TICKETS TO THE EVENT, BUT NOW THE EVENT WILL OCCUR DURING THE SESSION.

- You wonder if this is still okay...



ETHICS QUESTIONS

YOU TAKE ON A NEW CLIENT AND HE WANTS TO DELETE PREVIOUS CLIENTS AND YOU (AS THE PERSON PREPARING THE REPORT) NOTICE ERRORS. DO YOU CORRECT THE ERRORS BEFORE YOU DELETE CLIENTS?



- You should always correct your errors.
- Then you do not have to worry about a sworn complaint.
- Remember, if it is a lobby activity report, a lobby expenditure not reported in accordance with the lobby law can potentially be a Class A misdemeanor or a felony under the bribery section of the Penal Code.

ETHICS QUESTIONS

**A LOBBYIST REGISTERED AS A SUBCONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER LOBBYIST.
EXAMPLE: BETTY WHITE HIRES JOHN SMITH, A REGISTERED LOBBYIST, TO HELP
WITH HER CLIENTS. DOES JOHN REGISTER FOR BETTY WHITE OR EACH OF BETTY'S
CLIENTS HE WILL HELP WITH?**



- The registration would include the clients about which John will communicate and he will list Betty White on the cover sheet as a lobbyist employer.
- Once you are registered, this is what goes on your lobby registration:
 - the full name and address of each person:
 - who reimburses, retains, or employs the registrant to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action; and
 - on whose behalf the registrant has communicated directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action.

ETHICS QUESTIONS

DURING THE SESSION, LOCAL AND FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS SOMETIMES ATTEND SWEARING IN CEREMONIES. A REMINDER THAT IF THE MEMBER OR SOMEONE REPORTABLE INVITED THE LOCAL OR FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDER TO A DINNER OR SOME EVENT, THE LOBBYIST SHOULD INCLUDE THAT PERSON AS A REPORTABLE GUEST ON THEIR LOBBY REPORT.



- If the lobbyist reports it, then the local officeholder doesn't have to report it on his/her PFS (if that is applicable), but there may be some other local reporting that applies.
- If a federal officeholder attends, then what do people need to consider about federal reporting.



TAKEAWAYS TO REMEMBER

- File on time. Every time.
- Get current information and file accurate registrations and reports.
- Pay attention – you are swearing that to the best of your knowledge the document you are filing is true and correct and includes all information to be reported by you under the lobby law.
- Deal with any conflict of interest. Every time you file you are swearing that to the best of your knowledge, you have complied with the conflicts provisions in the lobby law.
- Recordkeeping is key!
- Keep track of your expenditures that have an annual limit.
- Keep track of your expenditures that have a daily threshold over which you have to report by name.
- Be present when required!
- Don't pay for caucus events during the moratorium.



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