

SB2538



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/6

from Ch. 63, par. 176

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Requires that expenditures incurred for any registered lobbyist hosting fundraisers for a candidate for elected office or a Political Action Committee be reported, including all donations made, the name of the person who made the donation, and the amount of the donation.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by
5 changing Section 6 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/6) (from Ch. 63, par. 176)

7 Sec. 6. Reports.

8 (a) Lobbyist reports. Except as otherwise provided in this
9 Section, every lobbyist registered under this Act who is
10 solely employed by a lobbying entity shall file an
11 affirmation, verified under oath pursuant to Section 1-109 of
12 the Code of Civil Procedure, with the Secretary of State
13 attesting to the accuracy of any reports filed pursuant to
14 subsection (b) as those reports pertain to work performed by
15 the lobbyist. Any lobbyist registered under this Act who is
16 not solely employed by a lobbying entity shall personally file
17 reports required of lobbying entities pursuant to subsection
18 (b). A lobbyist may, if authorized so to do by a lobbying
19 entity by whom he or she is employed or retained, file lobbying
20 entity reports pursuant to subsection (b) provided that the
21 lobbying entity may delegate the filing of the lobbying entity
22 report to only one lobbyist in any reporting period.

23 (b) Lobbying entity reports. Every lobbying entity

1 registered under this Act shall report expenditures related to
2 lobbying. The report shall itemize each individual expenditure
3 or transaction and shall include the name of the official on
4 whose behalf the expenditure was made, the name of the client
5 if the expenditure was made on behalf of a client, the total
6 amount of the expenditure, a description of the expenditure,
7 the vendor or purveyor to whom the expenditure was made
8 (including the address or location of the expenditure), the
9 date on which the expenditure occurred and the subject matter
10 of the lobbying activity, if any. For those expenditures made
11 on behalf of a client, if the client is a client registrant,
12 the report shall also include the name and address of the
13 client or clients of the client registrant or the official or
14 officials on whose behalf the expenditure ultimately was made.
15 Each expenditure required to be reported shall include all
16 expenses made for or on behalf of an official or his or her
17 immediate family member living with the official.

18 (b-1) The report shall include any change or addition to
19 the client list information, required in Section 5 for
20 registration, since the last report, including the names and
21 addresses of all clients who retained the lobbying entity
22 together with an itemized description for each client of the
23 following: (1) lobbying regarding executive action, including
24 the name of any executive agency lobbied and the subject
25 matter; (2) lobbying regarding legislative action, including
26 the General Assembly and any other agencies lobbied and the

1 subject matter; and (3) lobbying regarding administrative
2 action, including the agency lobbied and the subject matter.
3 Registrants who made no reportable expenditures during a
4 reporting period shall file a report stating that no
5 expenditures were incurred.

6 (b-2) Expenditures attributable to lobbying officials
7 shall be listed and reported according to the following
8 categories:

9 (1) Travel and lodging on behalf of others, including,
10 but not limited to, all travel and living accommodations
11 made for or on behalf of State officials during sessions
12 of the General Assembly.

13 (2) Meals, beverages and other entertainment.

14 (3) Gifts (indicating which, if any, are on the basis
15 of personal friendship).

16 (4) Honoraria.

17 (5) Any other thing or service of value not listed
18 under categories (1) through (4), setting forth a
19 description of the expenditure. The category travel and
20 lodging includes, but is not limited to, all travel and
21 living accommodations made for or on behalf of State
22 officials in the State capital during sessions of the
23 General Assembly.

24 (b-3) Expenditures incurred for hosting receptions,
25 benefits and other large gatherings held for purposes of
26 goodwill or otherwise to influence executive, legislative or

1 administrative action to which there are 25 or more State
2 officials invited shall be reported listing only the total
3 amount of the expenditure, the date of the event, and the
4 estimated number of officials in attendance.

5 (b-5) Expenditures incurred for any registered lobbyist
6 hosting fundraisers for a candidate for elected office or a
7 Political Action Committee shall be reported, including all
8 donations made, the name of the person who made the donation,
9 and the amount of the donation.

10 (b-7) Matters excluded from reports. The following items
11 need not be included in the report:

12 (1) Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the
13 registrant who is a member of a legislative or State study
14 commission or committee while attending and participating
15 in meetings and hearings of such commission or committee.

16 (2) Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the
17 registrant for personal sustenance, lodging, travel,
18 office expenses and clerical or support staff.

19 (3) Salaries, fees, and other compensation paid to the
20 registrant for the purposes of lobbying.

21 (4) Any contributions required to be reported under
22 Article 9 of the Election Code.

23 (5) Expenditures made by a registrant on behalf of an
24 official that are returned or reimbursed prior to the
25 deadline for submission of the report.

26 (c) A registrant who terminates employment or duties which

1 required him to register under this Act shall give the
2 Secretary of State, within 30 days after the date of such
3 termination, written notice of such termination and shall
4 include therewith a report of the expenditures described
5 herein, covering the period of time since the filing of his
6 last report to the date of termination of employment. Such
7 notice and report shall be final and relieve such registrant
8 of further reporting under this Act, unless and until he later
9 takes employment or assumes duties requiring him to again
10 register under this Act.

11 (d) Failure to file any such report within the time
12 designated or the reporting of incomplete information shall
13 constitute a violation of this Act.

14 A registrant shall preserve for a period of 2 years all
15 receipts and records used in preparing reports under this Act.

16 (e) Within 30 days after a filing deadline or as provided
17 by rule, the lobbyist shall notify each official on whose
18 behalf an expenditure has been reported. Notification shall
19 include the name of the registrant, the total amount of the
20 expenditure, a description of the expenditure, the date on
21 which the expenditure occurred, and the subject matter of the
22 lobbying activity.

23 (f) A report for the period beginning January 1, 2010 and
24 ending on June 30, 2010 shall be filed no later than July 15,
25 2010, and a report for the period beginning July 1, 2010 and
26 ending on December 31, 2010 shall be filed no later than

1 January 15, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, reports shall be
2 filed semi-monthly as follows: (i) for the period beginning
3 the first day of the month through the 15th day of the month,
4 the report shall be filed no later than the 20th day of the
5 month and (ii) for the period beginning on the 16th day of the
6 month through the last day of the month, the report shall be
7 filed no later than the 5th day of the following month. A
8 report filed under this Act is due in the Office of the
9 Secretary of State no later than the close of business on the
10 date on which it is required to be filed.

11 (g) All reports filed under this Act shall be filed in a
12 format or on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-459, eff. 1-1-14.)