



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB1894

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Paul Faraci

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/2-102 new

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that a member of the General Assembly, his or her spouse, and any immediate family member living with that member of the General Assembly shall not, for compensation: (1) act as a lobbyist or otherwise act in a capacity that would require that person to register as a lobbyist; or (2) communicate with any official of the executive or legislative branch of State government or any official of any unit of local government or school district for the ultimate purpose of influencing any executive, legislative, or administrative action. Provides that any person who violates the provisions commits a Class A misdemeanor and, if a member of the General Assembly, shall forfeit his or her office. Defines terms. Repeals current provisions banning members of the General Assembly from lobbying. Effective immediately.

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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 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 2-102 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/2-102 new)

7 Sec. 2-102. Prohibition on lobbying.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
9 on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
10 103rd General Assembly, a member of the General Assembly, his  
11 or her spouse, and any immediate family member living with  
12 that member of the General Assembly shall not, for  
13 compensation:

14 (1) act as a lobbyist or otherwise act in a capacity  
15 that would require that person to register as a lobbyist  
16 under the Lobbyist Registration Act or any lobbyist  
17 registration ordinance adopted by a unit of local  
18 government or school district; or

19 (2) communicate with any official of the executive or  
20 legislative branch of State government or any official of  
21 any unit of local government or school district for the  
22 ultimate purpose of influencing any executive,  
23 legislative, or administrative action.

1       (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section  
2       commits a Class A misdemeanor and, if a member of the General  
3       Assembly, shall forfeit his or her office.

4       (c) As used in this Section:

5       "Lobbyist" means an individual who, by acting directly,  
6       does any of the following:

7           (1) receives compensation to encourage the passage,  
8           defeat, approval, veto, or modification of legislation, a  
9           rule, or an executive order by the members of the General  
10          Assembly, a State agency, or any statewide or local  
11          elected official or governing body;

12          (2) is a designated representative of an organization  
13          which has as one of its purposes the encouragement of the  
14          passage, defeat, approval, veto, or modification of  
15          legislation, a rule, or an executive order before the  
16          General Assembly, a State agency, or any statewide or  
17          local elected official or governing body; or

18          (3) represents the position of a federal, State, or  
19          local government body or agency, in which the person  
20          serves or is employed as the designated representative,  
21          for purposes of encouraging the passage, defeat, approval,  
22          veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an  
23          executive order by members of the General Assembly, a  
24          State agency, or any statewide or local elected official  
25          or governing body.

26          "Lobbyist" does not include an individual who is a member,

1 director, trustee, officer, or committee member of a business,  
2 trade, labor, farm, professional, religious, education, or  
3 charitable association, foundation, or organization who is not  
4 paid compensation and is not otherwise specifically designated  
5 as a lobbyist under this Act.

6 "Official of any unit of local government or school  
7 district" means any elected or appointed official of a unit of  
8 local government or school district.

9 "Official of the executive or legislative branch of State  
10 government" has the meaning provided in subsection (c) of  
11 Section 2 of the Lobbyist Registration Act.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.