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Sec. 2-632. Ppersons not required to register.

This division is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to the following:

(1) ~~Ppersons~~ who own, publish, or are employed by a newspaper or other regularly published periodical, or who own or are employed by a radio station, television station, or other bona fide news medium which in the ordinary course of business disseminates news, editorial or other comment, or paid advertisements for the purpose of influencing any County ~~m~~Matter. This exemption shall not be applicable to such an individual insofar as they receive additional ~~e~~Compensation or expenses from some source other than the bona fide news medium for the purpose of influencing any County ~~m~~Matter. This exemption does not apply to newspapers and periodicals owned by or published by trade associations and ~~for~~ profit corporations engaged primarily in endeavors other than the dissemination of news.

(2) ~~Ppersons~~ providing professional services in the drafting of ordinances, resolutions or bills or in advising and rendering opinions to clients as to the construction and effect of proposed or pending legislation, ordinances or resolutions where such professional services are not otherwise, directly or indirectly, connected with ~~legislative action a~~ County Matter.

(3) Elected officials and employees of other units of government acting in their official capacity.

(4) ~~Ppersons~~ who, by reason of their special skills or knowledge of any County mMatter pending before the Board, are requested in writing by a Commissioner or the President to discuss such County mMatter before the Board, regardless of whether or not such ~~P~~persons receive ~~e~~Compensation for so appearing. This exemption shall only be applicable to the extent that such ~~P~~persons appear in the foregoing capacity. To the extent that such ~~P~~persons also engage in activities with respect to which this division otherwise requires them to register, they shall so register with respect to

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(5) Any full-time employee of a bona fide church or religious organization who represents that organization solely for the purpose of protecting the right of the members thereof to practice the religious doctrines of such church or religious organization.

(6) ~~P~~persons seeking to do business with Cook County, ~~who are not Lobbyists as defined in Section 2-622,~~ whose ~~lobbying activities~~ contacts with County **Officials, County Appointees and/or County e**Employees are limited to Occasional Sales-Related Inquiries or Solicitations, the submission of bids, or responses to requests for proposals or requests for qualifications, and who make no ~~e~~Expenditures which would otherwise be reportable under [Section 2-634](#)

(7) ~~P~~persons representing clients before County agencies which conduct adversarial, assessment or quasi-judicial hearings and the decisions of which may ultimately be appealed to the Circuit Court of Cook County or the Board, representing clients in court proceedings and in anticipation of court proceedings, and representing clients at internal disciplinary hearings. This exemption shall only be applicable to the extent that such ~~P~~persons appear in the foregoing capacity. To the extent that such ~~P~~persons also engage in activities with respect to which this division otherwise requires them to register, they shall so register with respect to those activities.

(8) ~~P~~persons who are negotiating the terms of a collective bargaining agreement or other contract. This exemption shall only be applicable to the extent of such activity. To the extent that such ~~P~~persons also engage in activities with respect to which this division otherwise requires them to register, they shall so register with respect to those activities.

(9) ~~P~~persons, **including employees, officers, or directors** ~~H~~lobbying on behalf of a **not-for-profit** neighborhood, community or civic organization who receive no ~~e~~Compensation **for Lobbying** and who make no ~~e~~Expenditures to or for the benefit of a County ~~o~~Official or County **e**Employee in connection with such ~~H~~lobbying. This exemption shall only be applicable to the extent that such ~~P~~persons appear in the foregoing capacity. To the extent that such ~~P~~persons also engage in activities with respect to which this division otherwise requires them to register, they shall so register with respect to those activities.

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(11) ~~P~~persons providing recommendations for other ~~P~~persons seeking employment with the County. This exemption shall only be applicable to the extent that such ~~P~~persons are involved in such activities. To the extent that such ~~P~~persons also engage in activities with respect to which this division otherwise requires them to register, they shall so register with respect to those activities.

(12) ~~P~~persons who are owners, directors, officers or full-time employees of a business, which ~~P~~person's ~~H~~lobbying activities are limited to fewer than two County ~~m~~Matters per calendar year which would otherwise require registration under [Section 2-631](#) and who make no ~~e~~Expenditures which would otherwise be reportable under [Section 2-634](#)

Sec. 2-633. - Information required of registrants.

(a) Within 30 days of engaging in any activity, which requires such ~~P~~person to register, and subsequently between January 1 and January 20 of each year, every ~~P~~person required to register under Section 2-631 shall ~~f~~File in the office of the Clerk a written statement, subscribed under oath, containing the following information:

- (1) The registrant's name, permanent address and temporary address (if any) while ~~H~~lobbying.
- (2) The registrant's business affiliation and business address, or, if none, the statement that the registrant is a sole proprietor.

- (3) With respect to each Person on behalf of which the registrant acts as a Illobbyist:
- The name, business address, permanent address and nature of the business of the Person;
 - Whether the relationship is expected to involve eCompensation or eExpenditures or both; and
 - A brief description of the County mMatter in reference to which such service is to be rendered.
- (4) The name, business address, and permanent address of each Person employed by the registrant to perform such Illobbying services or who appears on behalf of the registrant.
- (5) A picture of the registrant.
- (6) Registrants shall pay an annual, nonrefundable, nontransferable filing fee as set out in Section 32-1, per entity and a separate fee per exclusive Illobbyist, payable to the Clerk upon filing.
- (b) The separate fee, per exclusive Illobbyist, as set forth in Subsection (a)(6) of this section, shall be waived for employees of nonprofit organizations that are exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, provided such organizations Illobby only with their own employees and the employees who Illobby work a minimum of 1,000 hours per year for the organization.
- (c) In the event any substantial change or addition occurs with respect to the information required by this division to be contained in the registration statement, including the addition or subtraction of a client, an amendment to the statement shall be filed with the Clerk within 14 days.
- (d) All reports filed pursuant to this section and Section 2-634 shall be filed electronically and under oath, according to rules and regulations to be established by the Clerk, as of the date such rules and regulations are promulgated. Reports filed electronically shall be timely if filed by 11:59 p.m. on the established due date. The Clerk shall post the filed reports on the Clerk's website within three business days from the established due date.
- ~~(e) In addition to other penalties provided in this division, any person filing a late registration under this section shall be assessed a late filing fee as set out in Section 32-1 per day the registration is late, payable to the Clerk upon filing. Any person filing a late registration after January 31 shall also be subject to a penalty of \$150.00 per day, to be levied as set forth in Section 2-637~~
- ~~(f)~~ (e) Within 48 hours of being retained, hired or employed by any Person to Illobby on that Person's behalf, a registrant shall amend the report filed pursuant to this section to include the information required under (a)(3) of this section, as to the Person newly retaining the registrant. The Clerk shall post the filed amended reports on the Clerk's website within three business days from the established due date.

Sec. 2-634. Reports.

- (a) Every Person so registering shall, so long as the Person's activity continues, file with the Clerk between January 1 and January 20 and between July 1 and July 20, two reports under oath: a Illobbying eExpenditure rReport and a Illobbying aActivity rReport.
- (1) The Illobbying eExpenditure rReport shall state all expenses Expenditures made by the Person to or for the benefit of a County eOfficials or County eEmployee, notwithstanding whether Illobbying was occurring at the time of the eExpenditure, during the previous six months. The report shall show in detail the County eOfficials or County eEmployee to whom or for whose benefit such eExpenditure were made. Expenditures made by the registrant shall include eExpenditure s made by the registrant's employer and/or contractor for whom the registrant is performing Illobbying services unless the employer or contractor independently registers and reports pursuant to Section 2-631(3). If the registrant Illobbies for more than one Person, they shall identify which eExpenditures were made on behalf of each such Person. Any eExpenditure over \$100.00 shall disclose not only the amount of the eExpenditure and to whom or for whose benefit such eExpenditure was made, but also disclose the date of the eExpenditure, the use and purpose for which the eExpenditure was made, and the County mMatter

in connection with which the eExpenditure was made. If the registrant made no such eExpenditures during the reporting periods herein described, the registrant shall fFile and state herein that the registrant had no such eExpenditures.

(2) The Lobbying aActivity rReport shall include all lobbying Lobbying contacts made with County officials, County Appointees or County employees. For each such contact, the report shall list the date of the contact, the County Official, County Appointees or County Employee with whom the Iobbying contact was made, the entity on whose behalf the Iobbying contact was made, the location of the Lobbying contact, the subject matter of the Iobbying contact, including any County contact, involved in the contact. If the Iobbyist has a relationship by birth or marriage with the County official, County Appointee or County employee Iobbyed, such relationship shall be stated. If the registrant made no such Iobbying contacts during the reporting periods herein described, the registrant shall fFile and state herein that the registrant had no such contacts.

(b) Individual eExpenditures which aggregate \$100.00 or less otherwise required to be reported under (a)(1) of this section may be reported in aggregate amounts without detail, provided that any gift solicited by a County official, County Appointee or County employee must be reported in detail as set forth above, additionally listing the recipient of such gift.

(c) Reports required under (a)(1) of this section shall include for each client the following aggregate expenses Expenditures attributable to Iobbying activities, to be identified as such: advertising and publications; lodging and travel that are not reported by another registrant; educational or advocacy expenses; honoraria; meals, beverages, and entertainment expenses; political eContributions; and gift.

(d) With respect to each client of the registrant, the registrant shall report the following in the Iobbying expenditure rReport:

(1) The name, business and permanent address and nature of business of the client and any other business entities on whose behalf Iobbying was performed for the same eCompensation.

(2) A statement of the amount of eCompensation.

(3) The name of each person Iobbyed and a brief description of the County matter involved.

(e) A registrant who terminates employment or duties which required registration under this division shall give the Clerk, within 30 days after the date of such termination, written notice of such termination and shall include therewith a ~~report of the lobbying expenditures~~ Lobbying Activity Report and a Lobbying Expenditure Report described herein, covering the period of time since the filing of the registrant's last report to the date of termination of employment, and a report of the Iobbying activity described herein, covering the period of time since the filing of the registrant's last report to the date of termination of employment. The Clerk shall post the filed reports on the Clerk's website within three business days from the established due date. Such notices and reports shall be final and relieve such registrant of further reporting under this division unless and until the person later takes employment or assumes duties that require to again register under this division.

(f) Failure without just cause to file any such report within the time designated herein or the knowing reporting of false or incomplete information shall constitute a violation of this division. In addition to other penalties provided in this division, any person filing a late report under this section shall be assessed a late filing fee as set out in Section 32-1 per day the report is late, payable to the Clerk upon filing. ~~Any person filing a late report after January 31 (for reports due by January 20) or after July 31 (for reports due by July 20) shall also be subject to a penalty of \$150.00 per day, to be levied as set forth in See 2-637.~~ Any registrant who is required to file a report hereunder may effect one 30-day extension of time for filing the report by filing with the Clerk, not less than ten days before the date on which the statement is due, a declaration of intention to defer the filing of the report. The filing of such declaration shall suspend application of the penalty provisions contained herein for the duration of the extension. Failure to file by the extended date shall constitute a violation of this division and shall subject the registrant to the penalty described herein.

Sec. 2-635. - Duties of Clerk.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Clerk to provide appropriate forms for the registration and reporting of information required by this division and to keep such registrations and reports on file in the Clerk's office for ten years from the date of ~~f~~Filing. The Clerk shall also maintain a listing of registered ~~I~~Lobbyists. Such records and listing shall be considered public information and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(b) The Clerk shall administer this division. The Clerk shall review all forms that are ~~f~~Filed for completeness **and potential violations including late Filed reports**. The Clerk shall report all violations and suspected violations of this division to the ~~State's Attorney of Cook County~~ **Cook County Board of Ethics and any other appropriate law enforcement agency**.

Sec. 2-636. - Restricted activities.

(a) No ~~P~~person shall retain or employ another to ~~I~~Lobby for ~~e~~Compensation contingent in whole or in part upon the result obtained or the final disposition of any matter, and no ~~P~~person shall accept any such employment or render any such service for contingent ~~e~~Compensation.

(b) No County ~~e~~Official, **County Appointee** or County ~~e~~Employee may solicit any personal ~~g~~Gift from a registrant. Personal ~~g~~Gifts do not include contributions required to be reported under Article 9 of the Election Code or under Federal election law, or contributions solicited for bona fide humanitarian, civic, charitable or religious organizations, events or efforts.

(c) No registrant shall knowingly make a false statement in any report required to be ~~f~~Filed under this division.

(d) No County ~~e~~Official or County ~~e~~Employee shall receive ~~e~~Compensation for ~~I~~Lobbying County government other than from the County.

(e) No registered ~~I~~Lobbyist retained on behalf of a client seeking ~~executive action, legislative action or administrative action~~ on a County ~~m~~Matter shall attempt to communicate with a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners for purposes of discussing ~~any matter of County business~~ **a County Matter** in the Cook County Board Room, commonly known as Room 569 of the County Building, while said member is present on the floor of the Cook County Board Room and during such time as an active session of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, or any committee thereof, is convened and in progress.

Sec. 2-637. Enforcement, penalties and procedures.

(a) Any ~~P~~person ~~found by a court to be guilty of f~~Filing a late registration or report after January 31 (in the case of reports due after by January 20) or after July 31 (in the case of reports due by July 20) shall be assessed a fine of \$100.00 per day late. **The Clerk shall collect the fine from any Person Filing a late registration or report.**

(b) In addition to the penalties provided for in Subsection (a) of this section, any ~~P~~person ~~convicted of any violation of violating~~ any ~~provision~~ subsection of this division **other than Section 2-637(a)** shall be fined \$250.00 per occurrence by the ~~Cook County Clerk~~ **Board of Ethics** and ~~is shall be~~ prohibited for a period of three years from ~~the date of the conviction from~~ engaging, directly or indirectly, in any ~~I~~Lobbying activities. **The Cook County Clerk shall create procedures for the imposition and collection of any fines.**

(c) **The determination as to the imposition of penalties under this Section shall be made pursuant to Chapter 2, Article IX, Administrative Hearings. The Executive Director of the Board of Ethics shall have the authority to issue notices of violation to enforce provisions of this division, as applicable, and institute enforcement proceedings under Chapter 2, Article IX. Persons Filing a late report or registration may contest that violation pursuant to this section. The Cook County Clerk shall publicly display notice of any violations of this section.**

Sec. 2-638. - Right to petition County ~~e~~Officials.

Nothing in this division shall be construed to infringe in any way the right of a citizen to lawfully petition a

Commissioner or any other County ~~o~~Official as guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the State.

Sec. 2-639. - Venue.

Any violation of this division may be prosecuted in the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Chapter 2, Article IX, of the Cook County Code in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the State's Attorney of Cook County.

Sec. 2-640. Lobbyist Ethics Education Seminar.

Each Lobbyist shall attend an online ethics education seminar offered on a regular basis by the Cook County Clerk and the Board of Ethics within 120 days of registering as a Lobbyist pursuant to Section 2-633. The seminar shall educate ~~P~~Persons as to their duties and responsibilities under this article.

Sec. 2-641. Prohibition from ~~L~~Lobbying activities.

The President of the Cook County Board, the Assessor, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the County Clerk, the Board of Review, the Recorder of Deeds, the Sheriff, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, the Treasurer and any Cook County Commissioner are hereby prohibited, while serving in such elected or appointed position, from ~~L~~Lobbying (as defined under Chapter 2, Section 2-622 of Article I of the County Code) ~~or having any direct affiliation with any Lobbying Enterprise.~~

Sec. 2-642. Duty to Display Lobbyist Registration Identification.

All registered Lobbyists shall display Lobbyist registration identification while engaging in all Lobbyist activities on County premises. The Cook County Clerk shall issue the Lobbyist registration identification to Lobbyists.

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