



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

#### LOBBYING PROHIBITED IN COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that lobbying activity by registered lobbyists is incompatible with the proper conduct of business during such time as when a session of the Board or any of its Committees is convened and in progress, and members of the Board are present on the floor of the Cook County Board Room.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Division 3 Lobbyists, Section 2-636 of the Cook County Code is hereby be amended as follows:

Section 2 -636:

- (a) No person shall retain or employ another to lobby for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon the result obtained or the final disposition of any matter, and no person shall accept any such employment or render any such service for contingent compensation.
- (b) No County official or County employee may solicit any personal gift from a registrant. Personal 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 filed under this division.
- (d) No County official or County employee shall receive compensation for lobbying County government other than from the County.
- (e) No registered lobbyist retained on behalf of a client seeking executive action, legislative action or administrative action on a County matter shall attempt to communicate with a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners for purposes of discussing any matter of County business 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.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.