



AEGON STATE ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLITICAL COMPLIANCE CHART

	GIFT LAW	LOBBY LAW	CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS
ARKANSAS	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Gifts to public officials and employees for the performance of official duties and responsibilities are prohibited. This includes elected officials, appointees, and employees of any office, department, commission, council, board, committee, legislative body, agency, or other establishment of the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the state, municipality, county, school district, improvement district, or any political district or subdivision thereof.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Anything \$100 or less; informational material; plaques under \$150; meals/events related to official capacity; and tickets to charitable fundraising events by nonprofit organizations.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who receive or expend \$400 or more in a calendar quarter for communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with any government official or employee with the purpose of influencing legislative action or administrative action (excluding the cost of personal travel, lodging, meals or dues). Local lobbying is covered. Procurement lobbying is covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 5 days of beginning lobbying. Renew annually by 1/15.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Quarterly, due: 4/15, 7/15, 10/15, and 1/15. Legislative lobbyists also file monthly reports during session in odd-numbered years, generally due on the 10th.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$2,000 to any candidate per election. \$5,000 to any PAC or county political party committee per calendar year. No limit on contributions to state political party committees.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Registered PACs and Small Donor PACs are limited to \$2,000 per candidate per election. \$5,000 to any PAC or county political party committee per calendar year. No limit on contributions to state political party committees.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations are not required to register or report, however independent expenditures exceeding \$500 must be disclosed in regular activity reports.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Must register with the state and file quarterly activity reports if over \$500 in contributions made in a calendar year. FEC filings will not satisfy state reporting requirements. Special activity reports for independent expenditures exceeding \$500.</p>

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CALIFORNIA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Subject to a \$420 per calendar year limit per official per calendar year to elected and appointed state and local officials, candidates for office, and certain employees. In addition, state lobbyists are subject to a \$10 limit per month on gifts they can make or arrange to designated state officials and employees.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Informational material; home hospitality; food, beverages and necessary transportation and accommodations associated with a speech given by an official; wedding gifts; and gifts to state agencies which are not earmarked to directly benefit a specified official.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> In-house employees who spend one-third or more of their time in a calendar month in direct communications with designated state officials; contract lobbyists paid or promised \$2,000 to engage in direct communication other than "administrative testimony" (public testimony on the record before state agencies) with qualifying public officials for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action in a calendar month. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 10 days of qualification. Renew biennially at end of even years.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Quarterly, due: 4/30, 7/31, 10/31 and 1/31.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> For employee lobbyists, the lobbyist's employer must register. For contract lobbyists, only the lobbying firm must register with authorization by the lobbyist employer.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$3,900 to legislative candidates; \$25,900 to Governor; and \$6,500 to other statewide candidates per election. \$6,500 per calendar year to PAC all-purpose/state candidate account and \$32,400 per calendar year to political party all-purpose/state candidate account. Separate limits exist for officeholder contributions and contributions from persons/entities with matters before CalSTRS.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Corporations and PACs have the same limitations, except that "small contributor committees" may make \$7,800 to legislative candidates, \$12,900 to statewide officials other than the governor and \$25,900 to the governor per election.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations are not required to register. However, entities making contributions totaling \$10,000 in a calendar year or more are "major donors" and must (1) file semi-annual and sometimes quarterly "major donor" reports and (2) file 24-hour late contributions reports within 16 days of an election.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> May be required to register and report on state deadlines if making state or local contributions.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Public officials who sit on appointed boards and commissions (such as retirement boards including CalPERS) are prohibited from accepting contributions of more than \$250 from corporations while they have such matters pending before the board, and for three months afterwards and must disqualify themselves from participating in any proceeding involving a license, permit, contract, or other entitlement for use for a corporation which has contributed more than \$250 to their campaign in the preceding 12 months.</p>

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COLORADO	<p><u>General Rule:</u> No gift of substantial value may be made to state and local appointed officials and employees if a reasonable person would know that the gift is a reward for official action. "Substantial value" is not specifically defined in statute.</p> <p>Note: In 2006, voters approved a constitutional amendment that banned lobbyists from providing gifts of any value to state or local government officials or employees, and limiting gifts from non-lobbyists to \$50. While these gift rules took effect on 12/31/06, a state court judge issued a preliminary injunction on 5/31/07 suspending these new gift rules pending a full trial. Until final resolution of this litigation, the prior gift rule, summarized above, is in effect.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Occasional gifts of insignificant value; most items of perishable or nonpermanent value, including meals, lodging, and tickets to events.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who receive compensation to communicate directly, or soliciting others to communicate, with a covered official for the purpose of aiding in or influencing the drafting, introduction, sponsorship, amendment, passage, defeat, approval, or veto by any covered official on a bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, or appointment, pending or proposed for consideration by either house of the legislature, or any other matter pending or proposed; and drafting, consideration, amendment, adoption, or defeat of any rule, standard, or rate of any state agency having rule-making authority. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register before engaging in lobbying. Renew annually by 7/15.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Monthly, due: 15th of each month. Annual cumulative report, due: 7/15.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited to state candidates and political parties. Also prohibited to local candidates, unless local jurisdiction is a "Home Rule" jurisdiction with its own campaign finance system. Permitted up to \$525 per 2-year house election cycle to "political committees."</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> \$525 to Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General per election cycle. \$200 to Senate, House and Board of Education candidates per election cycle. \$525 to PACs per 2-year cycle. Federal PACs must segregate funds in a separate bank account to ensure compliance with state limits.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations may be required to file reports if making independent expenditures. Specified non-bid government contractors must register with the state.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs may file FEC reports in lieu of state reports if FEC reports conform to state requirements.</p>

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CONNECTICUT	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Certain regulated donors, including lobbyists and lobbyist employers, certain companies seeking to do business with the state, and pre-qualified contractors, are prohibited from making gifts to public officials or candidates, or a member of any such person's staff or immediate family.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Plaques and awards worth less than \$100; any gift valued under \$10 with an aggregate year limit of \$50 from a single source; meals less than \$50 in the aggregate per year when donor present or at certain legislative receptions; and tickets to charitable/civic event.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons spending or receiving \$2,000 or more in a calendar year communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with any official or staff in the legislative or executive branch of government or in a quasi-public agency, for purpose of influencing any legislative or administrative action. Procurement lobbying is covered. However, communications by a representative of a vendor or an employee of a registered client lobbyist do not constitute lobby communications when the representative or employee acts as a salesperson and does not otherwise engage in lobbying regarding any administrative action or legislative action. Exception does not extend to senior executives or legislative activity by salespersons.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register once trigger is met. Renew by 1/15 of odd-numbered years.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Annually, due: 1/10. Also file monthly reports, due the 10th of each month, during the legislative session and quarterly thereafter, if unreimbursed expenditures are made.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Same as lobbyist registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Three regular reports, due: 4/10, 7/10, and 1/10. Monthly reports during the legislative session may also be triggered if more than \$100 is spent on legislative lobbying activities.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> Prohibited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Prohibited.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations must file disclosure statements if over \$1,000 in expenditures is made to support or oppose ballot questions. State contractors have special disclosure obligations.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> State law may make use of federal PAC to make state or local contributions impractical or impossible.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> "Principals" of a company with a state contract valued at \$50,000 or more – or \$100,000 or more for a series of contracts over a fiscal year – are prohibited from making contributions to certain Connecticut candidates, political parties and committees. Additionally, principals of investment services firms are prohibited from making or soliciting contributions to an exploratory or candidate committee for the office of State Treasurer during the term of office of the State Treasurer who pays compensation, expenses, or fees or issues a contract to such firm.</p>

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DELAWARE	<p><u>General Rule:</u> State employees, state officers and honorary state officials are prohibited from accepting gifts under circumstances where acceptance would impair independent judgment, give preferential treatment to any person, result in the making of a governmental decision outside official channels, or give the appearance of impropriety. There are no other specific gift limits.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> No specific exceptions.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who promote, advocate, influence or oppose any matter before the General Assembly by direct communication or any matter pending before a state agency by direct communication with that state agency and (1) receive compensation for such activity; or (2) are authorized to act in a representative capacity who has as a substantial purpose the influencing of legislative or administrative action; or (3) expend any funds during the calendar year for lobbying expenditures. Procurement lobbying is covered. However, employees of a corporation are exempt from registration if their contacts with the state are within the standard RFP process.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Generally, register required before lobbying. A lobbyist who qualifies because expenditures are made for lobbying activities may register within 5 days of qualifying. Renewal not required.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Quarterly, due: 4/20, 7/20, 10/20, and 1/20.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, but must authorize lobbyist's registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No, but any gift activity must appear on lobbyist's report.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> \$1,200 per election period to Governor and other statewide offices. \$600 per election period to state senator, representative and local offices. \$20,000 per election period to political parties. Primary and general are separate election periods.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> PACs are subject to the same limits as corporations; however the primary and general elections are <u>combined</u> into the same election period.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> No corporate filing requirements for the making of contributions.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs are not required to register or file reports with the state if all state activity appears on reports filed with the FEC.</p>

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Lobbyists and lobbyist employers are prohibited from giving and public officials and employees are prohibited from accepting gifts that exceed \$100 in value in the aggregate in the calendar year. District of Columbia officials and employees are prohibited from accepting either directly or indirectly any gift from persons or entities that do or seek to do business with the District, who are regulated by the District or have an interest that may be favorably affected by the performance or non-performance of the covered official/employee's official duties.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Exceptions to the rule on gifts from interested persons include food and refreshments of nominal value, trinkets and like items of nominal value, and voluntary gifts of nominal value or a cash donation in a nominal amount, which is presented on a special occasion such as marriage, illness or retirement.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Contract lobbyists (not part of a lobbying firm) who receive compensation of \$250 or more or lobbyist employers who expend \$250 or more in any three-consecutive month period for communicating directly with any official in the legislative or executive branch of government with the purpose of influencing any legislative action or administrative decision. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Contract lobbyists must register within 15 days of qualifying. Renew required annually by 1/15. In-house lobbyists are not required to register.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Semi-annually, due: 7/10 and 1/10.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Within 15 days of qualifying.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> \$2,000 to mayor, Shadow Senator or Representative, \$1,500 to the chairperson of the city council, \$1,000 to council at large candidates, \$500 to Ward Council Member, \$500 to President of the Board of Education, \$500 to Board of Education- At-Large Member, \$200 to members of Board of Education elected from a school district, \$200 to an official of a political party, and \$25 for a member of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Contributions to political committees are limited to \$5,000 from any one source in any one election.</p> <p>Aggregate contribution limit of \$8,500 to candidates in connection with a particular office and PACs, per election cycle.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Same limits as corporations.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> No corporate filing requirements for making of contributions.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs are <u>not</u> required to register with the Office of Campaign Finance or to file any official Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. However, the Office of Campaign Finance staff has opined that federal PACs should send copies of their FEC reports with District of Columbia contributions to the OCF.</p>

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FLORIDA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Lobbyists and lobbyist employers are prohibited from making, directly or indirectly, and Legislative and Executive Branch officials and employees are prohibited from knowingly accepting any expenditure. Other gift donors covered by separate limits and disclosure rules. Typically, gifts from companies and individuals other than lobbyists and lobbyist employers must be limited to \$100 per gift, pre-approved honorarium event expenses and gifts to agencies.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Legislators are permitted to accept floral arrangements or other celebratory items that are displayed in chambers the opening day of a regular session.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons influencing or seeking to influence legislative or executive action (including state contracts). "Engendering goodwill" is also a form of lobbying. Employees qualify as executive branch lobbyists <u>only</u> if "principally employed" for governmental affairs and lobbying. State regulators have not adopted a strict "percentage rule" for what amount of activity is "significant," although an employee should register if one of his or her most significant duties is to represent the employer before the state or work with state officials. Procurement lobbying is covered unless it is to procure contracts of \$15,000 or less.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register before engaging in lobbying. Renew annually by 12/31.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Lobbying firms must file regular reports, due: 5/15, 8/14, 11/14, and 2/15. Filings not required of in-house lobbyists.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, but must provide written authorization for lobbyists.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$500 per election to statewide, legislative and local candidates and PACs. State Treasurer may accept no more than \$100 from insurers, Commissioner of Agriculture may accept no more than \$100 from agriculture interests, State Comptroller may accept no more than \$100 from financial institutions and State Senior Staff and Cabinet officers may accept no more than \$100 from bond underwriters. Contributions to "committees of continuous existence" (CCEs) and political parties not limited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Same limits as corporations.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations generally not required to register or file activity reports. However, corporations making independent expenditures may trigger a reporting obligation.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Whenever contributions exceed \$500 in a calendar year to state or local candidates, must register as an in-state PAC and file quarterly reports, due: 4/10, 7/10, 10/10 and 1/10.</p>

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GEORGIA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> It is unlawful for a person to give and for any person acting for or on behalf of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof to accept a "thing of value" that could reasonably be believed to influence the performance of an official action. Gifts of \$25 or more to employees of the Governor's office, heads of state agencies appointed by the Governor, and employees of state departments, boards, bureaus, agencies, commissions and councils, except for those headed by elected officials other than the Governor are prohibited. Honoraria limit of \$101 for certain state elected and appointed officials other than statewide public officials and elected local officials. Honorarium to all officers and employees under the jurisdiction of the Governor's Office is prohibited.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Promotional items distributed to the public; award, plaque, etc. for public service recognition; meals where all officials are invited; and meals associated with normal business/social functions (may require pre-approval by agency).</p> <p><u>Vendor Gift Disclosure Report:</u> State vendors who make gifts to state public employees exceeding an aggregate of \$250 during any calendar year shall file a Vendor Gift Disclosure Report by 2/1 of the following year. "Gifts" is defined broadly to include "anything of value"; the gift exceptions do not apply.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who receive compensation for lobbying or make annual lobbying expenditures of more than \$250 to attempt to influence (1) the General Assembly or Governor concerning legislation ("state"), (2) a public officer or state agency concerning the selection of a vendor ("vendor"), (3) any state agency concerning any rule or regulation ("state agency"), or (4) a local official concerning any local ordinance or resolution ("local").</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register prior to lobbying. Renew annually by 12/31.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Legislative lobbyists file monthly during session, due: 5th of the month. Executive Branch lobbyists (state agency and vendor) file semi-annually, due: 8/5 and 1/5. Local lobbyists file three reports, due: 5/5, 9/5 and 1/5.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, but must authorize lobbyist's registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$6,100 to statewide candidates, \$2,400 to legislative candidates per primary and general elections. \$3,600 to statewide, \$1,200 to legislative candidates in special/run-off elections. "Regulated" corporations are prohibited from contributing to officials regulating them. Public utilities also prohibited from making contributions to Public Service Commission.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Same limits as corporations.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations contributing \$25,000 or more in Georgia in a calendar year must register and file regular activity reports.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> In-state registration and reporting required if \$25,000 or more in Georgia contributions made in a calendar year.</p>

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HAWAII	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Public officials and state employees prohibited from accepting a gift from any source when it may be reasonably inferred that the gift is intended to influence the legislator or employee in his or her official capacity. A gift made to the immediate family member of a public official or state employee is subject to the same restrictions.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Hawaii gift law does not provide for any gift exceptions.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who spend more than 5 hours in any month or more than \$750 during a reporting period communicating directly or through an agent with legislative or executive branch officials for the purposes of influencing their actions. Includes "goodwill lobbying," which includes "getting to know" meetings and other efforts to develop a relationship or otherwise establish rapport with legislators. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 5 days of initiating lobbying activity. Renew in odd-numbered years, within 10 days of opening of regular legislative session.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Three times annually, due: 3/31, 5/31 and 1/31.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, but must authorize lobbyist's registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> Pending litigation (2008), corporations may contribute up to \$6,000 per "election period" to candidates for 4-year statewide office; \$4,000 per election period to candidates for 4-year non-statewide offices; \$2,000 per election period to candidates for 2-year office and \$25,000 per election period to political parties. "Election periods" include primary and general election. \$1,000 per "election" to PACs; primary and general are separate elections. \$25,000 per "election period" to political parties. Candidates may not accept more than 20% of out-of-state contributions for each reporting period. Contractor ban applies to contributors with state and county contracts.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Pending litigation (2008), corporations, federal PACs and individuals have the same limits. Contributions into PAC received on or after 1/1/06 limited to \$1,000 per election.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Pending litigation (2008), corporations not required to register and file reports as "non-candidate committees."</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs must register as an in-state committee and file regular activity reports if it makes state or local contributions. Federal PACs may be required to set up a sub-account to satisfy Hawaii requirements.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Corporations with contracts with the state or any of its counties are prohibited from directly or indirectly making or promising to make campaign contributions to any candidate, committee or political party or to any person for any political purpose or use. A corporation may not make contributions to its Hawaii PAC during the period in which a contract is being performed.</p>

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IOWA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Gifts from lobbyists, lobbyist employers and certain "restricted donors" (such as government contractors) are prohibited to state and local elected and appointed officials and certain public employees, and candidates for offices.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Informational materials, items received from a bona fide organization to which the donee is a dues-paying member, expenses for food, beverages, registration, travel and lodging for a meeting in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement, plaques, non-monetary gifts of less than \$3 a day, funeral flowers, and wedding or 25th or 50th wedding anniversary gifts.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who (1) receive compensation, (2) are the designated representative of organization, or (3) make expenditures of more than \$1,000 in a calendar year for the purposes of encouraging the passage, defeat, approval, veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an executive order before the general assembly, a state agency or any statewide elected official. Procurement lobbying is not covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Legislative and executive lobbyists must register before lobbying. Legislative lobbyists re-register at the beginning of the regular legislative session. Executive lobbyists re-register annually at the beginning of the year.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Legislative branch lobbyists file monthly reports when the legislature is in session (usually January to May) by the 25th of the following month, and then on 7/31, 10/31, and 1/31. Executive branch lobbyists file quarterly reports, due: 4/30, 7/31, 10/31, and 1/31.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Annually, due: 7/31 for both branches.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited from contributing to candidates, but may make unlimited contributions to ballot question committees.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations may be required to register and report if more than \$750 is spent on ballot issues.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs must either file a "Verified Statement Registration" each time it makes state contributions or register as an in-state committee.</p>

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KENTUCKY	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Lobbyists and lobbyist employers are prohibited from giving gifts to legislators and gifts greater than \$25 per calendar year to executive branch officials and employees. Legislative lobbyists and lobbyist employers are not permitted to provide anything of value to legislators or their families. Executive Branch public officers and employees and their families are prohibited from receiving gifts valued at more than \$25 in a calendar year from any entity lobbying or doing business with the state.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Legislative Branch: Plaques or awards up to \$150; informational/promotional/educational items; food consumed on the premises (limited to \$100 per year); attendance at event sponsored by or in conjunction with civic or charitable organization in Kentucky; cost of event attendance where all legislators are invited. Executive Branch: Customary wedding or baby gifts that are reasonable in value and free admittance to an event that is necessary to attend as part of their official duties. (This exception does not extend to meals or entertainment, or to waivers of entrance fees that also cover functions not related to official duties.)</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons (1) engaged during at least a portion of his time to lobby as one of his official responsibilities or in lobbying activities as a legislative liaison of an association, coalition, or public interest entity formed for the purpose of promoting or otherwise influencing legislation ("legislative agent") or (2) engaged to influence executive agency decisions or to conduct executive agency lobbying activity as one of his main purposes on a substantial basis ("executive agency lobbyist")</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Legislative lobbyists must register within 7 days of engagement and renew by 12/31 of odd-numbered years. Executive lobbyists must register within 10 days of engagement and renew annually by 7/31.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Legislative lobbyists reports due: 1/15, 2/15, 3/15, 4/15, 5/15 and 9/15. Executive lobbyists file annual report, due: 7/31.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Same as lobbyist registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> \$1,000 to any statewide or legislative candidate, \$200 to any school board candidate per election. \$2,500 to state political parties and caucus committees per year. \$1,500 to state PACs per calendar year in the aggregate.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> No filing obligations for corporations because such contributions are prohibited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs active in state elections must file copy of FEC registration with the state. Copies of FEC reports containing Kentucky state contributions must be filed in the state according to federal deadlines.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Government contractors in Kentucky may be required to submit an affidavit with bids or proposals certifying that the company has not knowingly violated any provision of the state's campaign finance laws.</p>

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LOUISIANA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Public servants (including state and local public officials and employees, including higher education and local school districts) are prohibited from accepting or soliciting gifts if they know or reasonably should know that the donor is seeking to obtain contractual or other financial relationships with the donee's agency, or are seeking to influence passage or defeat legislation at the donee's agency. Additionally, public servants are prohibited from receiving anything of economic value for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of his or her office or position. Liability attaches to a gift giver for giving prohibited gifts as well.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Promotional items having no substantial resale value; food and beverage of \$50 or less provided at a single event; reasonable transportation and entertainment incidental to permissible food and drink may also be allowed, under specific rules and procedures; admission to a civic, non-profit, educational or political event when the elected official is a program honoree, speaker, or panel member; and food, refreshments, lodging, and transportation reasonably related to making a speech, if the speech is given in the United States or Canada.</p> <p>Louisiana law tightly constrains the ability of a company with government contracts to make travel and accommodations available to public servants, or to make donations to public agencies.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Any individual who acts in a representative capacity or has a direct communication with a legislator or an executive branch official for the purpose of influencing the passage or defeat of any legislation or any executive branch action <u>and</u> either (i) is employed or engaged for compensation to lobby for <u>20% or more of the individual's time in a calendar year</u>, or (ii) <u>makes an expenditure</u> benefiting a legislator or elected executive branch official or his or her spouse, minor child or any legislative/executive branch employee for a lobbying purpose. Procurement lobbying is covered, however registration not required for sales activity if no gifts are provided to executive branch officials and employees.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within five days of qualifying. Renew annually by 1/31. Separate registrations required for the Legislative and Executive Branches.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> File monthly reports, due the 25th of the following month. Separate reports required for Legislative and Executive Branches.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No, but must forward expenditures to lobbyist for reporting. Employer may file on behalf of Executive Branch lobbyists.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> Per election: \$5,000 to "major offices" (statewide offices or any district with a population of more than 250,000); \$2,500 to "district offices" (legislative candidates, parishwide elections and districts with a population between 35,000 and 250,000) and \$1,000 to any "other office." \$100,000 aggregate limit to PACs per four-year cycle. No limit to state political parties.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> PACs which have not qualified as "Big PACs" have the same limits as corporations. "Big PAC" limits: \$10,000 to "major office" candidates, \$5,000 to district offices and \$2,000 to any "other office" per election.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations are generally not required to register or file activity reports for campaign contributions. However, the making of independent expenditures of \$500 or more may trigger reports.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs generally not required to register or file activity reports if their in-state activity does not aggregate to more than 50 percent of the PAC's contributions and expenditures or \$20,000.</p>

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MARYLAND	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Maryland generally prohibits officials or employees from accepting gifts from person or entities which "do business" with a state official's agency or which have a financial interest which may be affected by the official's actions, and from lobbyist registered for matters within the official's jurisdiction. Local jurisdictions are required to adopt their own ethics and gift standards.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Exceptions to the state gift rule include ceremonial gifts of nominal value (\$20) not including meals and alcohol, receptions where all legislators are invited, certain legislative conferences, beverages and meals in the presence of the donor or sponsor (executive branch), and meals where all of the members of a legislative unit are invited (legislative branch). Making gifts of \$100 or more can trigger lobby reporting.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Generally speaking, persons who (1) lobby and incur lobbying expenses of at least \$100, or (2) lobby and earn a compensation of at least \$2,500 for lobbying activities, or (3) provide at least \$100 worth of gifts to executive branch officials, or (4) spend \$2,000 or more to solicit others to lobby. Procurement lobbying is covered, however "bona fide salespersons" are not required to register under certain circumstances.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 5 days. Renew annually by 11/1.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Semi-annually, due: 5/31 and 11/30.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Not required to register, but must authorize lobbyist's registration. If reporting exemption not claimed, lobbyist employer registration necessary (see below).</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No, if lobbyist employee or contract lobbyist discloses all lobby-related activity; employer must claim this exemption when authorizing lobbyist registration.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$4,000 to any candidate, and \$10,000 in the aggregate to all candidates and committees per 4-year election cycle (current cycle will end on December 31, 2010).</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Same as corporate limits.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations doing business with state and local jurisdictions and companies with state lobbyists may be subject to semi-annual filing requirements.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs not required to register or file activity reports if FEC filings are current. However, federal PAC contributions must be included on filings that government contractors and lobbyist employers may be required to file.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Business entities that "do public business" with one or more governmental entities (state, county, and local jurisdictions) involving \$100,000 or more in any 12-month period, and entities that pay their lobbyists \$500 or more, must file semi-annual reports if campaign contributions in excess of \$500 are made to state or local candidates for public office.</p>

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MINNESOTA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> State lobbyists and lobbyist employers are prohibited from making any gifts to state officials. Ban applies to gifts to local officials from interested parties. Employees in the Executive Branch in the course of or in relation to their official duties shall not directly or indirectly receive or agree to receive any gift from any source, except the state, for any activity related to duties of the employee.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Food or a beverage given at a reception, meal or meeting away from the recipient's place of work by an organization before whom the recipient appears to make a speech or answer questions as part of a program; services of insignificant monetary value or services to assist an official in the performance of official duties; items of nominal value; and awards or plaques.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from <u>all sources</u> in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a metropolitan governmental unit, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials or (2) who <u>spend more than \$250</u>, not including own travel expenses and membership dues, for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental unit, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 5 days of qualifying as a lobbyist. Renewal not required.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Semi-annually, due: 6/15 and 1/15.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Annually, due: 3/15.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited (including the establishment or administration of a state PAC).</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Federal PACs are required to register as state PACs, however given Minnesota's restraints on corporate support; it may be impracticable for corporate federal PACs to be active in this state.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations making contributions to ballot questions must register within 14 days and file regular reports.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> The making of contributions by corporate Federal PACs may be impracticable given Minnesota's restrictions on corporate support. State PACs must register and report.</p>

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MISSOURI	<p><u>General Rule:</u> State law prohibits public officials from performing any service for the state for consideration other than the public compensation provided for the performance of the official duties. Registered lobbyists are not prohibited from making gifts but generally report gifts related to lobbying efforts, included gifts by lobbyist employers. Expenditures for travel provided by lobbyist and lobbyist employers require pre-approval by the administration and accounts committee of the house or the senate.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Books, reports, pamphlets, calendars or periodicals informing a public official on matters relating to official duties are permitted; souvenirs or mementos valued at less than \$10 are permitted; and any item, service or thing of de minimis value offered to the general public.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons attempting to influence any action by the executive branch ("executive lobbyist"), any matter pending or proposed before in a legislative committee in either house of the general assembly or in any matter which may be the subject of action by the general assembly ("legislative lobbyist"), any purchasing decision by the judicial branch ("judicial lobbyist") or employed specifically for the purpose of attempting to influence any action by a local government official elected in a county, city, town or village with an annual operating budget of over \$10 million ("elected local government official lobbyist") <u>and</u> who satisfy one or more of the following: (1) acting in the ordinary course of employment on behalf of or for the benefit of such person's employer; (2) engaged for pay or any valuable consideration for the purpose of performing such activity; (3) designated to act as a lobbyist by any person or entity; or (4) make total expenditure of \$50 or more during the calendar year for the benefit of one or more state officials or employees. Procurement lobbying is covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Within 5 days after beginning lobbyist duties. Renew annually by 1/5.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Monthly, due: 10th of each month.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Semi-annually, due: 3/15 and 5/30.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> No limits to state candidates, state PACs and state political parties.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> No limits to state candidates, state PACs and state political parties. However, state law makes uses of a federal PAC impractical.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Generally, no corporate or individual filing requirements for the making of contributions. Special reports for corporations making independent expenditures.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> State law imposes special restrictions on federal PACs. State filings required before contributions may be made in the state. Alternatively, in-state registration, an in-state treasurer and an in-state bank account required if certain threshold met; must occur at least 60 days before an election. No federal PAC contributions within 30 days of an election.</p>

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NEW JERSEY	<p><u>General Rule:</u> New Jersey prohibits gifts to the extent they are offered with the intent to influence official action and/or when offered to employees with procurement responsibilities. While the statute also suggests that gifts from lobbyists and lobbyist employers are limited to \$250 per year, staff with the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards caution against reliance on the \$250 rule as they believe gifts are usually prohibited based on the general rule. In addition, New Jersey prohibits the granting of any gift or gratuity of any kind, either directly or indirectly, whether or not in connection with any purchase, sale or contract, to any person employed by the State having any procurement duties or responsibilities</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Trinkets and snacks of nominal value and travel and subsistence when official gives a speech, participates in a panel or when the official is a "resource person" for a speaker or panelist (limited to \$500 when out-of-state).</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons receiving any compensation or over \$100 in reimbursement in any 3-month period to directly or indirectly influence legislation, regulation or to influence "governmental processes" are required to register and report. Procurement lobbying is covered, however contacts by a salesperson for the sole purpose of selling goods or services are not covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Lobbyists must register before communicating with a covered official or within 30 days of becoming a lobbyist. Renew annually by 11/15.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Quarterly, due: 4/10, 7/10, 10/10 and 1/10.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Annually if lobbying expenditures exceed \$2500, due: 2/15. Report may be formally delegated to a lobbyist. Annual report filer must send identified public officials and employees a copy of the gift disclosure section by 2/1.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> Prohibited from "regulated" corporations (including banks, insurance, public utility and casino companies). Also restricted from certain government contractors ("pay-to-play") to certain recipients.</p> <p>For other corporations: \$3,400 to governor (2008 limit), \$2,600 to any other statewide, legislative or local candidate per election. \$7,200 to a PAC per election; \$7,200 to continuing political committee per calendar year. \$25,000 to state political parties and legislative leadership committees per calendar year.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Same limits as corporations except that PACs may contribute up to \$8,200 to statewide, legislative or local candidates per election. PACs controlled by regulated entities must pay their own overhead costs. PACs controlled by government contractors are still covered by pay-to-play prohibition.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> No corporate or individual filing requirements for making of contributions. However, state and local government contractors may be required to disclose contribution information on contract certifications and annual reports.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs do not register as in-state PACs unless they raise money in New Jersey and operate as a continuing committee. Once registered, regular in-state filings required.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Certain current or prospective government contractors are essentially prohibited from making contributions in excess of \$300 to certain elected officials or political party committees for up to 18 months preceding the award of a contract through the term of a contract under the state's "pay-to-play" provisions. These disqualification provisions may reach certain principals, officers and employees of the company, as well as certain members of their families.</p>

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NEW YORK	<p><u>General Rule:</u> New York law prohibits lobbyists, lobbyist employers and their spouses or children from offering or giving a gift to any public official or his/her spouse or child unless under the circumstances it is not reasonable to infer the gift was intended to influence the recipient.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Exceptions include: (1) complimentary attendance, including food and beverage, at bona fide charitable or political events; (2) food and beverage of nominal value offered <u>other</u> than as part of a meal; (3) complimentary attendance, including food and beverage at officially related, widely attended events if offered by the sponsor; (4) plaques, certificates or other ceremonial items; (5) promotional items with no substantial resale value such as pens, mugs, calendars, hats, and t-shirts which bear an organization's name, logo, or message in a manner which promotes the organization's cause; (6) local transportation to inspect or tour facilities, operations, or property owned or operated by the donor; (7) participation in an event as a participant or speaker [exception only applies if donor is a university/college]; and (8) meals or refreshments when participating in a professional or educational program that are provided to all participants.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who either receive, make or reasonably anticipate more than \$5,000 of combined lobbying compensation and expenses in a calendar year. State and local governmental procurement is covered; however limited exceptions include commissioned salespersons and certain procurement-related contacts.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 15 days of reaching the threshold, but no later than 10 days after incurring or receiving reportable compensation or expenses. Renew biennially by 1/1 of odd-numbered years.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Bi-monthly, due: 3/15, 5/15, 7/15, 9/15, 11/15, and 1/15.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Employers of outside retained lobbyists are not required to register, but must provide written authorization. Employers of in-house lobbyists may either: (1) separately register its individual employees as lobbyists; or (2) file a single registration in the name of the company.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports. Also file semi-annual reports, due: 7/15 and 1/15.</p> <p><u>Black-out Periods and Certification:</u> New York restricts contacts with state agencies related to pending procurement matters during specified periods. Corporations vying for state contracts must certify present and past compliance with New York's blackout restrictions.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> \$5,000 in the aggregate to all state and local candidates, PACs and political parties per calendar year. Individual/PAC per candidate limits also apply. No limits for state "housekeeping" accounts.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Limited to \$1,000 in the aggregate to all state and local candidates, PACs and political parties per calendar year. Otherwise, separate state PAC must be formed; corporate support will be limited. State PAC subject to the same per-candidate limits as individuals.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Registration and reports not required of corporations.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PAC may contribute up to \$1,000 in state and local contributions without having to register with the state; copies of FEC reports required on federal deadlines. Separate state PAC must be formed to make contributions in excess of \$1,000. In-state bank account required. Period reports required including late-contribution reports for contributions or loans over \$1,000 if made after the last pre-election statement but before the election date.</p>

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NORTH CAROLINA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Various gift rules exist depending on the source of the donor. A strict contractor gift ban may prohibit the providing of gifts though otherwise exempted under separate ethics provisions. Public servants, legislators and legislative employees are prohibited from knowingly accepting a gift, directly or indirectly, from a lobbyist or a lobbyist employer. Additionally, public servants are prohibited from knowingly accepting a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person whom the public servant knows or has reason to know is any of the following: (1) is doing is seeking to do business of any kind with the public servant's employing entity; (2) is engaged in activities that are regulated or controlled by the public servant's employing entity; or (3) has financial interests that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the public servant's official duties.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Food and beverages for immediate consumption in connection with public events, informational materials relevant to official duties, reasonable actual expenditures of a public servant or legislative employee for food, beverages, registration, travel, lodging other incidental items of nominal value and entertainment in connection with attendance at an educational meeting related to official duties or where the attendee will be speaking, a plaque or similar nonmentary memento recognizing individual services in a filed or specialty or to a charitable cause, and gifts accepted on behalf of the state for the benefit of the state.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons influencing or attempting to influence legislative or executive action through direct communication or activities with a designated individual or that person's immediate family, and/or developing goodwill through communications or activities including the building of relationships with a designated individual or that person's immediate family with the intention of influencing current or future legislative or executive action and (1) who are employed for the intended purpose of lobbying; (2) represent another person, but are not directly employed by that person, and receive compensation for the purpose of lobbying, not including actual travel and subsistence [i.e., employees of lobbying firms]; (3) contract for economic consideration for the purpose of lobbying; or (4) are employed by a person and a significant part of that employee's duties including lobbying. Procurement lobbying is covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Lobbyists must register before engaging in any lobbying. Renew annually by 1/2.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Quarterly, due on the following dates in 2009: 4/15, 7/15, 10/14 and 1/15. Additionally, gifts to legislators and legislative staff during the session may trigger additional monthly reports, due on the following dates in 2009: 2/13, 3/13, 4/15, 5/14, 6/12, 7/15, 8/14, 9/15, 10/14, 11/16 and/or 12/14.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, but must authorize lobbyist's registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> \$4,000 to any statewide or legislative candidate or PAC per election. No limit to political parties.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Must register within 10 days of making any non-federal contributions in North Carolina. Requires appointment of in-state treasurer or assistant treasurer. Federal PACs must file state campaign finance reports on the same schedule as state PACs. Copies of FEC filings will <u>not</u> satisfy North Carolina requirements.</p>

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OHIO	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Gifts to elected and non-elected officials are generally prohibited from persons or businesses which: (1) do or seek business with government agencies, (2) are regulated by a governmental agency, or (3) have interests which are substantially affected by the official action of a government agency. Gifts from lobbyists to legislators and their employees are prohibited to the extent such gifts exceed a cumulative of \$75 per person per calendar year; lobbyist employer gifts subject to general rule and disclosed.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Under the general prohibition, limited items of "insubstantial value" (golf shirts, mugs, etc.) are permitted as are occasional meals of "insubstantial value" (i.e., at a company cafeteria.) Lobbyist rule exempts gifts to events at which all legislators are invited and travel for legislative speaking engagements under certain circumstances.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons (1) who actively advocate on legislative matters, as a portion of his or her time, as a main purpose of his or her duties and lobbying contacts constitute at least 5% of compensated time for that specific employer ("legislative lobbyist"); (2) engaged influence executive agency decisions or conduct executive agency lobbying activity as one of his or her main purposes on a regular and substantial basis for at least 25% of compensated time for a specific employer ("executive lobbyist"); or (3) engaged to influence retirement system decisions or to conduct retirement system lobbying activity as one of the person's main purposes on a regular and substantial basis for at least 25% of compensated time for that specific employer ("retirement system lobbyist"). Procurement lobbying is covered. However corporate sales employees are generally not required to register as lobbyists for ordinary procurement activity such as contacting state officials and employees to purchase specific products.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Legislative lobbyists must register within 10 days of engagement. Renew by 12/31 of even-numbered years. Executive lobbyists must register within 10 days of engagement. Renew annually by 1/31.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Three reports a year, due: 5/31, 9/30 and 1/31.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Same as lobbyist registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Same as lobbyist reports.</p> <p><u>State Vendor Certification:</u> State contractors are required to certify that they know and understand Ohio's ethics and conflict of interest laws and are aware of the Governor's 2007 Executive Order regarding gifts.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> Prohibited unless contribution is to a state or county political party "restricted fund." Special variable limits apply to state and local government contractors contributing to a public official responsible for awarding the contract.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> Contributions to statewide and legislative candidates limited to \$11,395.56 per election. Contributions to political parties (state candidate fund) \$34,186.68 per calendar year; to legislative campaign fund \$17,093.34 per calendar year; to PACs \$11,395.56 per calendar year. PACs may <u>not</u> contribute to county parties (state candidate fund). PACs deemed affiliated under the government contractor provisions face further restriction.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations may have to file reports for ballot measure contributions. State and local government contractors must certify compliance with pay-to-play restrictions.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Must register with Secretary of State before making any non-federal contributions in Ohio. Copies of federal reports required on federal deadlines.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Certain individuals and certain PACs affiliated with prospective and current state and local government contractors are restricted from making campaign contributions over specified limits to the "holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract" or the official's campaign committee during two years prior to the award of the contract through one year after the contract's conclusion. Upon awarding of the contract, the ultimate public official and his/her agents cannot solicit campaign contributions.</p>

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PENNSYLVANIA	<p><u>General Rule:</u> No public official, public employee or nominee or candidate for public office shall solicit or accept anything of monetary value, including a gift based on any understanding of that public official, public employee or nominee that the vote, official action or judgment of the public official or public employee or nominee or candidate for public office would be influenced thereby.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Gift does not include hospitality, transportation, lodging, political contributions and commercially available loans made in the ordinary course of business. Hospitality includes meals, beverages, and recreation.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons compensated to influence legislative action or administrative action, by direct or indirect communication, and making any expenditures for office expenses and/or providing any gift, hospitality, transportation or lodging to a State official or employee for the purpose of advancing the interest of the lobbyist or principal. Persons whose compensation for lobby does not exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate during any calendar quarter, as well as any lobbyist employer whose expenses do not exceed \$2,500 for lobbying during any calendar quarter or those who lobby less than 20 hours during any calendar quarter are not required to register. Procurement lobbying is covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 10 days of qualifying. Renew biennially.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Register within 10 days of qualifying. Renew biennially.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Quarterly, due: 4/30, 7/30, 10/30 and 1/30.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations doing business with state may have filing obligations for individual contributions of officers and employees.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Registration required as well as the filing of periodic reports on state deadlines.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on Government Contractors:</u> Corporations receiving certain contracts by the state during the preceding year must file a disclosure report by 2/15 listing all individual political contributions made during the calendar year by any officer, director, employee or their families in excess of \$1,000.</p>

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TEXAS	<p><u>General Rule:</u> Non-lobbyists are generally limited to gifts of less than \$50 per item per state official. Gifts of food, lodging, transportation or entertainment in excess of \$50 may be permissible if the "donor" is present and the official "guest" discloses them on financial statements.</p> <p>Lobbyists may make lobby-related "expenditures" on behalf of their clients that directly benefit state officers or employees, subject to annual limits.</p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Awards and mementos under \$500 are permissible if reported by lobbyist; meals reported by lobbyists do not count towards limits, but lobbyist must be present at meal.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons (1) expending more than \$500 (concerning state contracts and other matters) in a calendar quarter, or (2) receiving more than \$1,000 as compensation or reimbursement in calendar quarter to communication directly with member or employee of legislature or executive branch (<u>not</u> including work on state contracts) <u>and</u> spending 5% or more of his or her compensated time lobbying. Procurement lobbying is covered under certain circumstances.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Register within 5 days of qualifying. Renew annually by 12/31.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Monthly, due: 10th of each month. If lobbyist does not intend to exceed \$1,000 during a calendar year in lobbying expenditures, may file annual report, due: 1/10 (however, if a lobbyist who has selected annual filing exceeds \$1,000 in lobby expenditures, the lobbyist must begin filing monthly reports.)</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> No, if all reportable activity listed on lobbyists' reports.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> No, if all reportable activity listed on lobbyists' reports.</p>	<p><u>Corporation Limits:</u> Prohibited. Some contributions to party "overhead" committee permitted, as long as not made within 60 days of an election.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> May be required to register and file periodic reports if federal PAC qualifies as a state PAC; otherwise certification statement must be filed. PAC must limit activity in state to 20% to avoid local registration and adhere to other requirements.</p>

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WASHINGTON	<p><u>General Rule:</u> As a general matter, gifts to members and employees of the legislative branch, elected executive branch officials and state employees are prohibited to the extent that the aggregate value of gifts made from a single source per official per calendar year exceeds \$50. <u>Narrower rules apply to state officers or employees of regulatory agencies and those with procurement responsibilities.</u></p> <p><u>Major Exceptions:</u> Unsolicited awards, plants, informational material and food and beverages at certain receptions and related to official duties.</p>	<p><u>Registration Trigger:</u> Persons who attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the state legislature, or the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard, rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency. Procurement lobbying is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Registration:</u> Must register before lobbying. Renew in January of odd-numbered years.</p> <p><u>Lobbyist Report:</u> Monthly reports, due: 15th of each month.</p> <p><u>Employer Registration:</u> Not required to register but must sign lobbyist's registration.</p> <p><u>Employer Report:</u> Annually, due the last day of February. Employers must also file special, monthly reports of campaign contributions made to state and local candidates, unless those contributions are reported by their lobbyist on the lobbyist's monthly report.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Limits:</u> \$1,600 to any statewide, \$1,600 to any judicial, \$800 to any legislative candidate per election; \$4,000 to a political party per calendar year; provided the corporation does business in the state. \$800 to caucus committees per calendar year. Unlimited to PACs. Insurance companies prohibited from contributing to Insurance Commissioner candidates.</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Limits:</u> \$1,600 to any statewide, \$1,600 to any judicial, \$800 to any legislative candidate per election. \$4,000 to a political party per calendar year. \$800 to caucus committees per calendar year. Unlimited to PACs.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure:</u> Corporations not required to register, reporting may be required, see "Lobby Law."</p> <p><u>Federal PAC Disclosure:</u> Federal PACs must register and file activity reports as an "out-of-state committee" if making non-federal contributions. FEC reports do <u>not</u> comply with state requirements.</p>