

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1004

By: Representative Glover

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-8-604 OF INITIATED ACT 1
OF 1988 TO REQUIRE LOBBYISTS TO REPORT THEIR COMPENSATION;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21-8-604 of Initiated Act 1 of 1988 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"21-8-604. The lobbyist activity reports shall be signed and sworn to by the registered lobbyist. The reports shall contain:

(a) The total of all expenditures made or incurred by the registered lobbyist or on behalf of the registered lobbyist by his or her employer during the preceding period. These totals shall be itemized according to financial category and employers and clients, including food and refreshments, entertainment, living accommodations, advertising, printing, postage, travel, telephone, and other expenses or services. Registered lobbyists shall not be required to report office expenses other than office expenses specifically required to be reported under this section. Registered lobbyists are not required to report unreimbursed personal living and travel expenses not incurred directly for lobbying.

(b) (1) An itemized listing of each:

(A) Gift given to a public official or on behalf of the public official; and

(B) Payment for food, lodging, or travel in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) on behalf of a public official; and

(C) Any other item paid or given to a public official or on behalf of the public official, except for campaign contributions, having a value in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) unless consideration of equal or greater value has been given therefor.

(2) Each item shall be identified by date, amount paid and/or value, and the name of the individual receiving or to be benefited by the item and a description of the item.

(3) In the case of special events, including parties, dinners, athletic events, entertainment, and other functions, expenses need not be allocated by individuals but the date of the event, location, name of the governmental body or groups of public officials invited, and total expense shall be stated.

(c) A detailed statement of any money loaned or promised or line of credit established to a public official or to anyone on behalf of the public official in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per individual. Money loaned or a line of credit established that is issued in the ordinary course of business by a financial institution or a person who regularly and customarily extends credit shall not be required to be disclosed.

(d) A statement detailing the direct business association or partnership with any public official before whom the lobbyist may engage in lobbying.

(e) A statement detailing any salary received or to be received for his lobbying services, whether in form of a fee, salary, forbearance, forgiveness, or any other form of recompense, and any combination thereof. Where lobbying is incidental to the person's regular employment, his compensation for lobbying shall be a prorated amount of his regular employment compensation based on the time devoted to lobbying."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.