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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1925

5  
6 By: Representative Sabin

7 Filed with: House Select Committee on Rules  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RECEIPT  
11 OF GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS BY CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 13 14 15 Subtitle

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18 CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 3  
24 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 21-8-310. Gifts from lobbyists.

26 (a) Persons elected to the following offices shall not knowingly or  
27 willfully solicit or accept a gift from a lobbyist, a person acting on behalf  
28 of a lobbyist, or a person employing a lobbyist:

29 (1) Governor;

30 (2) Lieutenant Governor;

31 (3) Secretary of State;

32 (4) Treasurer of State;

33 (5) Auditor of State;

34 (6) Attorney General;

35 (7) Commissioner of State Lands; and

36 (8) Member of the General Assembly.

1           (b) As used in this section:

2                   (1)(A) "Gift" means any payment, entertainment, advance,  
3 services, or anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value  
4 has been given therefor.

5                   (B) "Gift" does not include:

6                           (i)(a) Informational material such as books,  
7 reports, pamphlets, calendars, or periodicals informing a person elected to  
8 an office under subsection (a) of this section regarding his or her official  
9 duties.

10                           (b) Payments for travel or reimbursement for  
11 any expenses are not informational material;

12                                   (ii) Gifts which are not used and which, within  
13 thirty (30) days after receipt, are returned to the donor;

14                                   (iii) Gifts from the spouse, child, parent,  
15 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law,  
16 sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin of a person  
17 elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section, or the spouse of  
18 any of these persons, unless the person is acting as an agent or intermediary  
19 for any person not covered by this subdivision (b)(1)(B)(iii);

20                                   (iv) Anything of value that is readily available to  
21 the general public;

22                                   (v) Food or drink available at a public group event;

23                                   (vi) Campaign contributions; and

24                                   (vii) Any devise or inheritance; and

25                   (2) "Lobbyist" means the same as defined in § 21-8-402.

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28 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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