

Local Lobbying

Facts

As of April 1, 2002, registration and reporting are requirements for anyone engaged in lobbying before a municipality or subdivision thereof in New York State.

In 2006, the lobbying threshold increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Any lobbyist who reasonably anticipates exceeding \$5,000 per biennial period for reportable compensation and expenses must register with the Lobby Commission.

Clients who expend more than \$5,000 of combined reportable compensation and expenses in any calendar year are required to file semi-annual reports.

Any municipality exceeding a population of over 50,000 is covered under the Lobby Act, and requires public disclosure of any activity intended to influence the passage or defeat of any local law, ordinance or regulation.

What is Lobbying?

Lobbying or Lobbying Activities is defined as any attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any local law, ordinance, resolution or regulation. As of 2006, lobbying also means attempts to influence any determination.

What if I need to register?

Lobbyist Requirements include:

- Biennial Statement of Registration
- \$200 Registration fee (\$100 prorated for the second year of a two year period.)
- All applicable bi-monthly reports.

Register for a Workshop with the Integrity Education Unit!

Lobbyist Reporting Requirements:

Topics Covered:

- Biennial Statement of Registration
- Filing all necessary bi-monthly reports
- Due dates for filings
- Exemptions
- Introduction to on-line filing
- Lobbyist/Client termination responsibilities

Listing of Counties with a population over 50,000 that fall under the jurisdiction of the Lobby Act.

Albany	Herkimer	Richmond
Allegany	Jefferson	Rockland
Bronx	Kings	Saratoga
Broome	Livingston	Schenectady
Cattaraugus	Madison	St. Lawrence
Cayuga	Monroe	Stueben
Chautauqua	Nassau	Suffolk
Chemung	New York	Sullivan
Chenango	Niagara	Tioga
Clinton	Oneida	Tompkins
Columbia	Onondaga	Ulster
Dutchess	Ontario	Warren
Erie	Orange	Washington
Franklin	Oswego	Wayne
Fulton	Otsego	Westchester
Genesee	Putnam	
Herkimer	Queens	
Jefferson	Rensselaer	
Kings		
Livingston		
Madison		

