

68B.36 Applicability lobbyist registration required.

1. All lobbyists shall, on or before the day their lobbying activity begins, register by filing a lobbyist's registration statement at times and in the manner provided in this section. Lobbyists engaged in lobbying activities before the general assembly shall file the statement with the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the secretary of the senate. Lobbyists engaged in lobbying activities before the office of the governor or any state agency shall file the statement with the board. The chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate shall provide appropriate registration forms to lobbyists before the general assembly. The board shall prescribe appropriate registration forms for lobbyists before the office of the governor and state agencies.
2. Registration shall be valid from the date of registration until the expiration of the registration period for the type of lobbying in which the person will be engaging. Any change in or addition to the information shall be registered within ten days after the change or addition is known to the lobbyist. Changes or additions for executive branch lobbyists shall be filed with the board. Changes or additions for registrations of lobbyists of the general assembly shall be filed with either the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate.
3. For persons registered to lobby before the general assembly, registration expires upon the commencement of the next regular session of the general assembly, except that the chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate may adopt and implement a reasonable preregistration procedure in advance of each regular session during which persons may register for that session and the following legislative interim. For persons registered to lobby before the office of the governor or a state agency, registration expires upon the commencement of a new calendar year. The board may adopt and implement a reasonable preregistration procedure in advance of each new calendar year during which persons may register for that year.
4. If a lobbyist's service on behalf of all clients, employers, or causes is concluded prior to the end of the calendar year, the lobbyist may cancel the registration on appropriate forms supplied by the board, the chief clerk of the house, or the secretary of the senate. The cancellation forms shall be filed by the lobbyist in the place where the lobbyist filed the original registration. Upon cancellation of registration, a lobbyist is prohibited from engaging in any lobbying activity on behalf of any employer, client, or cause until reregistering and complying with the rules of the board or the general assembly.
5. All federal, state, and local officials or employees representing the official positions of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies shall, when lobbying the general assembly, present to the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate a letter of authorization from their department or agency heads prior to the commencement of their lobbying. When lobbying a state agency or the office of the governor, the letter shall be presented to the board. The lobbyist registration statement of these officials and employees shall not be deemed complete until the letter of authorization is attached. Federal, state, and local officials who wish to lobby in opposition to the official position of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies must indicate this on their lobbyist registration statements.