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Registration Fees Charged to Candidates, PACs, Lobbyists, and Public Officials by State Agencies that Regulate Campaign Finance, Economic Interest (Personal Financial Disclosure), Lobbyist, and Related Programs.¹

Chart of States that Charge Registration Fees

	Lobbyist	Political committee	Candidate	Public official		Lobbyist	Political committee	Candidate	Public official
Alabama	■				Montana	■			
Alaska	■				Nebraska	■			
Arizona	■	■			Nevada	■			
Arkansas					New Hampshire	■	■		
California	■				New Jersey	■			
Colorado	■				New Mexico	■	■		
Connecticut	■				New York	■			
Delaware					North Carolina	■			
Florida	■				North Dakota	■	■		
Georgia	■				Ohio	■			■
Hawaii					Oklahoma				
Idaho	■				Oregon				
Illinois	■				Pennsylvania				
Indiana	■				Rhode Island				
Iowa					South Carolina	■			
Kansas	■	■	■		South Dakota	■			
Kentucky	■				Tennessee	■			
Louisiana	■	■			Texas	■			
Maine	■				Utah	■			
Maryland	■				Vermont	■			
Massachusetts					Virginia	■			
Michigan					Washington				
Minnesota					West Virginia	■			
Mississippi	■				Wisconsin	■	■		
Missouri	■				Wyoming	■			

¹ Listed programs include only state-level; some agencies also deal with local or federal programs. Programs included are campaign finance, personal financial disclosure, lobbyist, public financing, electronic filing, and closely related; Secretaries of State administer other election-related programs that are not included. Agencies that administer these programs for local units of government only are not listed. Penalties and late fees are not considered. The sources for this document included: the *Combined Federal/State Disclosure and Election Directory 2002*, Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C, searches of agency Websites, and communications with the agencies by e-mail and/or telephone. A draft was circulated to states through COGEL asking for corrections or updates.

Overview of Regulating Agencies, Programs, and Fees

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Alabama	Secretary of State	Campaign Finance	---
	Ethics Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Lobbyist	1---- 2-Annual fee \$100 per lobbyist
	Revenue, Comptroller	Public Financing	---
Alaska	Public Offices Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Public Official Financial Disclosure 3-Legislative Financial 4-Lobbyist 5-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3---- 4-\$100 annual fee per client 5----
Arizona	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1-Standing political committee \$250 annual fee 2---- 3-\$25 for each lobbyist and lobbyist principal
	Citizens Clean Election Commission	Public Financing Documentation	\$100 annual fee on all registered lobbyists (collected by Secretary of State)
Arkansas	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3----
	Ethics Commission	1-Advisory Opinions 2-Compliance with Disclosure 3-Investigation and Disciplinary Actions	1---- 2---- 3----
California	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3-\$25 for each lobbying firm and lobbyist employer for two years 4----
	Fair Political Practices Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Opinions on Campaigns, Lobbying and Conflicts of Interest	1---- 2----

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Colorado	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3-\$40 per lobbyist if manual registration or \$25 if electronic registration
Connecticut	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Lobbyist 3-Electronic Filings	1---- 2-\$150 two years each client from whom lobbyist receives \$2,000 or more, and \$150 two years each lobbyist 3----
	Ethics Enforcement Commission	Enforcement of Campaign Finance Laws	---
Delaware	Department of Elections	Campaign Finance	---
	Public Integrity Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Lobbyist	1---- 2----
Florida	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Commission on Ethics	1-Personal Financial 2-Disclosure of Financial Interests	1---- 2----
	Elections Commission	1-Campaign Finance practices	1----
	Legislative Reference	1-Legislative and Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration 2-Expenditures 3-Gift Disclosure	1-Legislative lobbyists pay annually \$60 for a first registration plus \$20 for each additional registration. Each lobbyist files a separate registration form. Executive branch lobbyist principals pay \$25 annually per principal 2---- 3----
	Legislature	Public Financing	---
Georgia	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3----

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Georgia continued	Ethics Commission	1-Lobbyist 2-Enforcement 3-Gift Disclosure	1-Annual fee \$200 except government and 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) is \$25 2---- 3----
Hawaii	Campaign Spending Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Public Financing Administration 3-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3----
	Ethics Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Gifts Disclosure 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3----
	Taxation, Budget and Financing	Public Financing Collection, Investment	---
Idaho	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Lobbyist 3-Distribution of Public Financing	1---- 2-\$10 for each lobbyist registration 3----
	Board of Examiners, Tax Commission	Public Financing Administration, Collection	---
Illinois	Secretary of State	1-Lobbyist 2-Personal Economic Disclosure Statements	1-\$50 for each lobbyist registration and \$50 for each lobbyist entity annual 2----
	Board of Elections	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
Indiana	Election Division	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial - Elected Officers and Candidates	---
	Lobby Registration Commission	1-Lobbyist 2-Electronic Filings	1-\$100 for each employer lobbyist or \$50 if 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) and \$100 per compensated lobbyist or \$50 if employee of 501(c)(3) or (c)(4), annual 2----
	Legislative Reference	1-Statements of Economic Interest - Incumbents and Candidates for State Representative 2-Legislators Statements of Economic Interest	1---- 2----

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
IN (continued)	Finance	Public Financing	---
Iowa	Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board	1-Campaign Finance	1----
		2-Executive Branch Lobbyist and Client	2----
	3-Executive Branch Personal Finance	3----	
	Legislature	4-Executive Branch Ethics/Conflicts of Interest	4----
	Treasurer, Revenue and Finance	Legislative Lobbyist	---
		Public Financing Maintenance, Collection	---
Kansas	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance	1-Political committees pay fees from \$20 to \$240 based on receipts. Candidates pay fees ranging up to \$480 for governor candidates.
		2-Personal Financial	2----
	3-Lobbyist	3-Annual fee: \$35 if the lobbyist anticipates spending \$1,000 or less for lobbying in a calendar year; \$300 if the lobbyist anticipates spending more than \$1,000 for lobbying in a calendar year; \$360 if registering as an employee of a lobbying group or firm.	
		4-Electronic Filing	4----
	Governmental Ethics Commission	1-Reviews Disclosure for Compliance with Laws	1----
		2-Administer and Enforce Campaign Finance, Lobbying, and Conflicts of Interest Laws	2----
Kentucky	Registry of Election Finance	1-Campaign Finance	1----
		2-Personal Financial - Attorneys and Judges	2----
		3-Public Financing - Gubernatorial	3----
		4-Electronic Filings	4----
			Note: Annual reports charged at actual cost to produce - \$7.50 to \$45.00 for paper; \$10 to \$35 per request for disk.
	Executive Branch Ethics Commission	1-Executive Branch Personal Financial Disclosure	1----
		2-Executive Agency Lobbyists	2----

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Kentucky (continued)	Legislative Ethics Commission	1-Personal Financial - Legislative Branch 2-Lobbyist	1---- 2-\$250 per 2-years fee paid by employer of one or more legislative agents (up from \$10 before 2001)
	Treasurer, Revenue Cabinet	Public Financing Disbursement, Collection and Certification	---
Louisiana	Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filings	1-PACs pay a \$100 annual registration fee 2---- 3-Lobbyists pay \$110 annual fee 4----
	State Legislature	Income Disclosure - Senators and Representatives	---
Maine	Secretary of State	Executive Branch Financial Disclosure	---
	Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3-\$200 for each lobbyist and \$100 for each lobbyist associate
	Revenue Services	Public Financing Collection	---
Maryland	Board of Elections	1-Campaign Finance (Online) 2-Allocation of Public Financing Funds 3-Contributions of Corporations to Candidates 4-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3---- 4----
	Ethics Commission	1-Lobbyist 2-Personal Financial	1-\$20 per registration 2----
	Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics	Ethics Disclosure Legislative Branch	---
	Comptroller	Public Financing Disbursement	
Massachusetts	Secretary of the Commonwealth	Lobbyist	---
	Office of Campaign and Political Finance	1-Campaign Finance for Candidates, PACs, Political Party Committees 2-Public Financing Documentation and Administration	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial	---
	Comptroller, Treasurer	Public Financing Certification, Collection	---

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Michigan	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Lobbyist 3-Public Financing Documentation	1---- 2---- 3----
	Treasurer	Public Financing Collection, Maintenance, Distribution	---
Minnesota	Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Public Financing Allocation and Verification 5-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3---- 4---- 5----
	Revenue, Treasurer	Public Financing Certification, Disbursement	---
Mississippi	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Lobbyist	1---- 2-\$25 annual for lobbyist and lobbyist client
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial	---
Missouri	Ethics Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3----Annual \$10 fee for lobbyist. 4----
Montana	Commissioner of Political Practices	1-Campaign Finance 2-Business Disclosure Financial 3-Principal Lobbying Financial	1---- Note: A bill set for hearing soon (SB296) would increase candidate filing fees and impose reporting fees for ballot issue, PAC, and party committees, and would provide for an enterprise fund to underwrite education and enforcement. 2---- 3-Lobbyist fee \$150 to register. No fee for principals reporting lobbying expenditures.
Nebraska	Accountability and Disclosure Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3-Compensated lobbyists \$100 per client, non-compensated lobbyists \$15 per client. (Pending bill: \$200 and \$30.)

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
NE (continued)	Finance	Public Financing	---
Nevada	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance	1----
		2-PAC Registration and Finance	2----
		3-Electronic Filing	3----
	Commission on Ethics	Personal Financial	---
	Legislative Reference	Lobbyist	Paid lobbyist \$95 plus \$1 for each person or entity listed as client; non-paid lobbyist \$15.
New Hampshire	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1-PAC registration \$50 annual 2---- 3-Lobbyist pays \$50 per legislative session for each employer
New Jersey	Election Law Enforcement Commission	1-Campaign Finance	1----
		2-Personal Financial - Gubernatorial and Legislative Candidates	2----
		3-Lobbyist	3-Annual fee for lobbyists \$325
	Executive Commission on Ethical Standards	4-Public Financing Documentation	4----
	Treasury	Personal Financial - Executive Branch	---
		Public Financing Collection	---
New Mexico	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filing	1-Political committees \$50 if over \$500 received or expended 2---- 3-Lobbyist pays \$25 per employer annual 4----
New York	State Board of Elections	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial - Executive Branch, Political Party Chairs	---
	Legislative Ethics Committee	Personal Financial - Legislators, Candidates, Employees of Legislature	---
	Temporary State Commission on Lobbying	Lobbyist	Annual \$50 per client. Also \$50 filing fee for semi-annual reports.

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
North Carolina	Secretary of State	Lobbyist	\$200 lobbyist registration by each principal for which person acts as lobbyist (was \$75 before Nov. 1, 2002).
	Board of Elections	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Board of Ethics	1-Personal Financial - Executive Branch 2-Financial Disclosure for Appointees	1---- 2----
	Legislative Services Office	Ethics and Financial	---
	Revenue	Public Financing Collection	---
North Dakota	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1-Political committees \$5 registration fee 2---- 3-\$20 registration plus \$5 each additional entity on whose behalf lobbying is done
Ohio	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance Statewide Candidates, PACs and Party Committees 2-Electronic Filings	1----. However, candidates for General Assembly pay a data entry fee if they choose to file on paper rather than file electronically. Fee based on total contributions received: \$0 to \$10K (no fee), \$10K to \$25K (\$50 fee), \$25K to \$50K (\$150 fee), \$50K or more (\$200 fee). 2----
	Elections Commission	Campaign Finance and Campaign Practices Enforcement	---
	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	1-Lobbyist 2-Lobbyist - Legislative Agents and Executive Agency Lobbyists 3-Personal Financial Disclosure - Legislative	1---- 2-\$10 registration fee per 2-years for each registration statement 3-\$25 legislators and candidates
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial Disclosure - Officials and Candidates	General filing fee \$25; state officials \$50

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Oklahoma	Ethics Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filings	1---- Note: Agency asked legislature to adopt \$50 non-candidate committee annual registration fee 2---- 3---- Note: Agency asked legislature to adopt \$100 annual lobbyist registration fee. 4----
Oregon	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- Note: Proposal to charge two years ago did not survive in legislature. <i>Court case held lobbyist fees not constitutional.</i>
	Government Standards and Practices Commission	1-Personal Financial 2-Lobbyist	1---- 2----
Pennsylvania	Secretary of the Commonwealth	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	1-Personal Financial [2-Lobbyist/Principal] 3-Electronic Filings	1---- 2-[As of Jan. 7, 2003, Ethics Commission no longer regulates lobbyist registration and reporting. <i>Court case held that regulation of attorneys can be done only by judicial branch.</i> Legislature assumed some functions.] 3----
	Legislature	Lobbyist/Principal	--- See note above regarding Ethics Commission.
Rhode Island	Board of Elections	1-Campaign Finance 2-Electronic Filings	1---- 2----
	Ethics Commission	Personal Financial	---

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Rhode Island (continued)	Legislative Reference	Campaign Contributions List	---
	Office of Public Information	Lobbyist	---
	General Treasurer, Tax Administrator	Public Financing Maintenance and Distribution, Collection	---
South Carolina	Election Commission	Campaign Finance (also filed with Ethics Comn.)	---
	Ethics Commission	1-Campaign Finance (also filed with Election Comn.) 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- Note: Agency charges \$10 per person for ethics and campaign finance training. 2---- 3-Lobbyists: \$50 annual registration fee for lobbyists and their principals. Current appropriations bills increased fee to \$100
	Legislature	Campaign Finance and Personal Financial of Senate and House Members and Candidates	---
South Dakota	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3----Lobbyist pays \$25 annually.
Tennessee	Registry of Election Finance	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3-\$25 annually for each employer. Also, registered lobbyists, except those who lobby without pay or consideration, are subject to a \$200 annual occupational privilege tax to be paid to the Revenue Dept. on June 1 of each year that the lobbyist is registered.
Texas	Ethics Commission	1-Campaign Finance 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist 4-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3-Lobby registration fees: \$300, or \$100 if 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) 4- ---

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Utah	Lieutenant Governor	1-Campaign Finance 2-Lobbyist 3-Political Party Financial 4-Political Action and Political Issue Committee 5-Electronic Filings	1---- 2-\$25 annual registration (online) 3---- 4---- 5----
	Treasurer, Tax Commission	Public Financing Maintenance and Distribution, Collection	---
Vermont	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Lobbyist	1---- Note: Last year the legislature moved funds out of a special fund for public financing of candidates into support of elections and campaign finance division due to pressures on general fund. Expect this to continue in next fiscal year. 2-Lobbyist and lobbyist employers each pay \$25 for 2-year registration with \$5 for each employer or lobbyist, respectively. Example: lobbyist employer with one lobbyist employee pays total of \$60 for 2 years. May increase fees for lobbyist program to \$50 register and \$10 per link. A tax on lobbyists/lobbyist expenditures was declared unconstitutional.
	Legislative Reference	Lobbyist	---
Virginia	Secretary of the Commonwealth	1-Statements of Economic Interest 2-Lobbyist (Online)	1---- 2-\$50 annual per principal (one lobbyist registration per principal)
	Board of Elections	Campaign Finance	---
	State Legislature	Personal Financial - Senate and House Candidates	---
	Treasurer	Public Financing Maintenance and Distribution	---

State	Agency	Programs	Fees
Washington	Public Disclosure Commission	1-Campaign Finance (Online) 2-Personal Financial 3-Lobbyist (Online) 4-Electronic Filings	1---- 2---- 3---- 4----
West Virginia	Secretary of State	Campaign Finance	---
	Ethics Commission	Lobbyist	\$60 lobbyist registration fee covers two-year registration period. Fee is \$30 if lobbyist registers after start of second year
Wisconsin	Elections Board	1-Campaign Finance 2-Public Financing Documentation	1-\$100 fee for political committees 2----
	Ethics Board	1-Personal Financial - Elected and Appointed Officials 2-Lobbyist 3-Electronic Filings	1---- 2-Lobbyist registration, \$250 to lobby for one principal, \$400 for more than one, for applications from 1/1/03, expires 12/31/04. Lobbyist principals pay \$375 plus \$125 for each authorized lobbyist, per legislative session. 3----
	Treasurer, Administration	Public Financing Disbursement, Administration	Note: Subscriptions for customized lobbying reports: \$95, 12 months; \$175, 24 months.
Wyoming	Secretary of State	1-Campaign Finance 2-Elected Official Financial Disclosure 3-Lobbyist	1---- 2---- 3-Lobbyists pay a registration fee of \$25 if reimbursed or compensated over \$500, or \$5 if reimbursed or compensated up to \$500.

Statutory Language and Notes

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Alabama	Lobbyist	Every lobbyist shall register by filing a form prescribed by the commission no later than January 31 of each year or within 10 days after the first undertaking requiring such registration. Each lobbyist, except public employees who are lobbyists, shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) on or before January 31 of each year or within 10 days of the first undertaking requiring such registration. [Alabama Code Section 36-25-18.]	
Alaska	Lobbyist	(f) Each lobbyist shall renew the registration annually by filing a new registration statement together with a new authorization to act as a lobbyist before engaging in lobbying. The lobbyist also shall file any reports or statements the lobbyist has failed to file for a previous reporting period. The commission may not renew lobbying credentials until this provision is complied with. (g) An application for registration as a lobbyist under (a) of this section or for renewal of a registration under (f) of this section is subject to a fee of \$100. The commission may not accept an application for registration or renew a registration until the fee is paid. This subsection does not apply to a volunteer lobbyist under AS 24.45.161 or a representational lobbyist under regulations of the commission. [Alaska Statutes Sec. 24.45.041.]	
Arizona	Political Committee	E. A standing political committee shall file a statement of organization with the secretary of state and in each jurisdiction in which the committee is active, and only the secretary of state shall issue an identification number for the committee. The statement of organization shall include a statement with the notarized signature of the chairman or treasurer of the standing political committee that declares the committee's status as a standing political committee. The secretary of state may charge an annual fee for the filing. [Arizona Statutes section 16-902.01.] STANDING POLITICAL COMMITTEE (\$250 annual fee required) (A.R.S. § 16-902.01) By selecting the above classification, the committee declares that it has been active in more than one reporting jurisdiction in this state for more than one year AND is one of the following: (please check ONE of the four boxes below): -SEPARATE SEGREGATED FUND ESTABLISHED BY A CORPORATION OR LABOR ORGANIZATION -COMMITTEE ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES -POLITICAL ORGANIZATION (an organization that is formally affiliated with and recognized by a political party including a district committee that is organized pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-823) -POLITICAL PARTY [only state or county committees of an organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a political party. (A.R.S. § 16-801, 16-804, 16-821 and 16-825)]. [From the Committee registration form.] The standing political committee administrative fund is established consisting of monies from	

² Court challenges noted here are examples only and not an exhaustive listing.

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Arizona (continued)	Political Committee (continued)	filing fees that are paid by standing political committees pursuant to section 16-902.01. The secretary of state shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated. The state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund, as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for the costs of administering and enforcing the campaign finance laws relating to standing political committees. [Arizona Statutes Section 41-128.]	
Arizona	Lobbyist	E. Each principal that registers a lobbyist for compensation or a designated lobbyist who receives compensation for lobbying from the principal, at the time of registering or reregistering, shall pay a registration or re-registration fee of twenty-five dollars to the secretary of state. No principal may be charged more than one twenty-five dollar fee per registration period. Registration and re-registration fees collected by the secretary of state shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund, and, subject to legislative appropriation, the registration and re-registration fees for principals shall be used to reduce the costs associated with enforcing the lobbyist registration laws. C. Each principal shall re-register during November of each even numbered year unless at that time the principal no longer engages any lobbyist. Each principal shall amend its registration statement within five business days of any change in the information required by subsection A. [Arizona Statutes section 41-1232.] The money deposited into the Clean Election Fund originates from five sources: . . . (2) An annual fee in the amount of \$100, which is collected by the SOS and deposited into the Fund, has been imposed on all registered lobbyists representing: (A.) One or more persons in connection with a commercial or for-profit activity except public bodies, or (B.) A nonprofit entity predominately composed of or acting on behalf of a trade association or other grouping of commercial or for-profit entities; . . . [CCEC Website]	Legal challenge to funding the Clean Election Fund through annual fee charged to lobbyists. Fee was found unconstitutional.
Arkansas	NO FEES		
California	Lobbyist	Each lobbying firm and lobbyist employer required to file a registration statement under this chapter may be charged not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year for each lobbyist required to be listed on its registration statement. Each registered lobbying firm and lobbyist employer which will be conducting activities which require registration shall renew its registration by filing photographs of its lobbyists, authorizations, and a registration statement between November 1 and December 31, of each even-numbered year. Each lobbyist shall renew his or her lobbyist certification in connection with the renewal of registration by the lobbyist's lobbying firm or employer. [California Code Sections 86102 and 86106.] (Mandatory ethics orientation program for registered lobbyists, \$25 per person. Code Sections 86103 and 8956.)	
Colorado	Lobbyist	(1) The fee for manual filing of a professional lobbyist registration statement shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), except that the fee for a registration statement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 that is filed in writing before January 1, 2002 shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if the registering lobbyist requests to file electronically, and does file electronically, all monthly disclosure statements for the fiscal year that are due on or after January 1, 2002. (2) The fee for electronic filing of a professional lobbyist registration statement shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if the registering lobbyist requests to file electronically, and does file electronically, all monthly disclosure statements for the fiscal year. (3) The fee for electronic filing of a	

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Colorado (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	professional lobbyist registration statement shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) if the registering lobbyist does not request to file electronically, or does not file electronically, all monthly disclosure statements in connection with the registration. If a lobbyist requests to file electronic monthly disclosure statements at the time of registration and subsequently files any disclosure statement manually, the remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the fee set by this subsection (3) shall be due and payable at the time of manual filing of the written disclosure statement. [RULE 1. FEES. (quoted above) Statutory authority: Sections 24-6-303 (1.3), 24-6-303 (6.3), and 24-6-305 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes.]	
Connecticut	Lobbyist	1-94. A lobbyist shall register with the commission pursuant to this part if it or he: (1) Receives or agrees to receive compensation or reimbursement for actual expenses, or both, in a combined amount of two thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying, whether that receipt of compensation or reimbursement or agreement to receive such compensation or reimbursement is solely for lobbying or the lobbying is incidental to that person's regular employment; or (2) Makes or incurs an obligation to make expenditures of two thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying. 1-95. (a) Each registrant shall file every two years with the commission on a registration form signed under penalty of false statement on or before January fifteenth of odd-numbered years or prior to the commencement of lobbying whichever is later. (b) Each registrant shall pay a reasonable fee not in excess of the cost of administering the registration form provided for in subsection (a) of this section plus the cost of collecting, filing, copying and distributing the information filed by registrants under section 1-96, but not less than twenty-five dollars. A registrant who commences lobbying in an even-numbered year shall file with the commission, on or before January fifteenth of such even-numbered year or prior to the commencement of lobbying, whichever is later, a registration form signed under penalty of false statement and shall pay one-half of the biennial registration fee established by the commission. [Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 1-94, 1-95.]	First Amendment challenge based on fees covering only amount of administration of lobbyist program. Moffett v. Killian, 360 F.Supp. 228 (D.Conn. 1973)
Delaware	NO FEES		
Florida	Lobbyist	Executive Branch Lobbying Annual registration fee is \$25 per principal. Registration is effective upon receipt in the Lobbyist Registration Office of the completed registration form, annual registration fee of \$25 per principal, and statement signed by the principal or principal's representative authorizing the lobbyist to register for that principal. A separate registration form must be completed for each principal represented. [Florida Statutes Section 112.3215 and Rules Chapter 34-12; Guide to Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting.] Legislative Branch Lobbying (2) Each house of the Legislature shall provide by rule, or may provide by a joint rule adopted by both houses, for the registration of lobbyists who lobby the Legislature. The rule may provide for the payment of a registration fee. . . (8) There is hereby created the Legislative Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund, to be used for the	

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Florida (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	<p>purpose of funding any office established for the administration of the registration of lobbyist lobbying the Legislature, including the payment of salaries and other expenses, and for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred by the Legislature in providing services to lobbyists. The trust fund is not subject to the service charge to general revenue provisions of chapter 215. Fees collected pursuant to rules established in accordance with subsection (2) shall be deposited into the Legislative Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund. [Florida Statutes Section 11.045.]</p> <p>The annual fee for a lobbyist's first registration of the year is \$60; each additional registration for that lobbyist is only \$20. The fees for lobbyists who are <i>not</i> registering jointly for both the Senate and House are \$30 for one principal and \$10 for each additional principal. Their registration forms must state whether they are lobbying the Senate or House.) [Florida Legislature Guide to Lobbyist Registration and Reporting.]</p>	
Georgia	Lobbyist	<p>(f) (1) Each person registering under this Code section shall pay the registration fees set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection; provided, however, that a person who represents any state, county, municipal, or public agency, department, commission, or authority shall be exempted from payment of such registration fees and a person employed by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that code is defined in Code Section 48-1-2, shall be exempted from payment of such registration fees except for payment of an initial registration fee of \$25.00.</p> <p>(2) The commission shall collect the following fees:</p> <p>(A) Annual lobbyist registration filed pursuant to this Code section\$ 200.00</p> <p>(B) Lobbyist supplemental registration filed pursuant to this Code section10.00</p> <p>(C) Each lobbyist identification card issued pursuant to this Code section5.00</p> <p>[Georgia Statutes Section 21-5-71.]</p>	<p>First Amendment challenge to fees. Georgia State AFL-CIO v. State of Georgia Ethics Comm'n, Civil Action No. 1:94-cv-0103-MHS (N.D. Ga. 1995).</p>
Hawaii	NO FEES		
Idaho	Lobbyist	<p>REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS. (a) Before doing any lobbying, or within thirty (30) days after being employed as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, a lobbyist shall register by filing with the secretary of state a lobbyist registration statement, in such detail as the secretary of state shall prescribe, accompanied by payment of a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) (which shall be deposited by the secretary of state in the state treasury),</p> <p>(b) Any lobbyist who receives or is to receive compensation from more than one (1) person for his services as a lobbyist shall file a separate notice of representation, accompanied by the fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each separate notice of representation, with respect to each such person; except that where a lobbyist whose fee for acting as such in respect to the same legislation or type of legislation is, or is to be, paid or contributed by more than one (1) person then such lobbyist may file a single statement, in which he shall detail the name, business address and general occupation of each person so paying or contributing.</p> <p>(c) Whenever a change, modification, or termination of the lobbyist's employment occurs, the lobbyist shall, within one (1) week of such change, modification or termination, furnish full</p>	

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Idaho (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	information regarding the same by filing with the secretary of state an amended registration statement. (d) Each lobbyist who has registered shall file a new registration statement, revised as appropriate, on or before each January 10, and failure to do so shall terminate his registration. [Idaho Code Section 67-6617]	
Illinois	Lobbyist	Sec. 3. Persons required to register. (a) Except as provided in Sections 4 and 9, the following persons shall register with the Secretary of State as provided herein: (1) Any person who, for compensation or otherwise, either individually or as an employee or contractual employee of another person, undertakes to influence executive, legislative or administrative action. (2) Any person who employs another person for the purposes of influencing executive, legislative or administrative action. Sec. 5. Lobbyist registration and disclosure. Every person required to register under Section 3 shall each and every year, or before any such service is performed which requires the person to register, file in the Office of the Secretary of State a written statement Persons required to register under this Act shall remit a single, annual and nonrefundable \$50 registration fee. All fees shall be deposited into the Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund for administration and enforcement of this Act. [25 IL Compiled Statutes 170/3 and 5.]	
Indiana	Lobbyist	Sec. 1. (a) Each lobbyist shall file annually with the commission a registration statement under oath accompanied by the registration fee required by this section. (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the registration fee is one hundred dollars (\$100). (c) The registration fee of a lobbyist that satisfies either of the following is fifty dollars (\$50): (1) The lobbyist is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. (2) The lobbyist: (A) is an employee of a lobbyist described in subdivision (1); and (B) performs lobbying services for the employer as part of the lobbyist's salaried responsibilities. [Indiana Code Section 2-7-2-1.]	
Iowa	NO FEES		
Kansas	Political Committee	(d) (1) Each political committee, which anticipates receiving contributions, shall register annually with the commission on or before July 1 of each year. Each political committee registration shall be in the form and contain such information as may be required by the commission. (2) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of \$2,501 or more in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$240. (3) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of more than \$500 but less than \$2,501 in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$35. (4) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of \$500 or less in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$20. (5) Any political committee which is currently registered under subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$2,500 for a calendar year, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed	

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Kansas (continued)	Political Committee (continued)	such amount, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee for such year equal to the difference between \$240 and the amount of the fee that accompanied the current registration. (6) Any political committee which is currently registered under subsection (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$500 but which are less than \$2,501, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed \$500, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee of \$20 for such year. (e) All such fees received by or for the commission shall be remitted to the state treasurer at least monthly. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund. [Kansas Statutes 25-4145.]	
Kansas	Candidate	a) In addition to any other fee required by law, every person becoming a candidate for the following offices shall pay a fee at the time of filing for such office in the amount prescribed by this section: (1) Governor and lieutenant governor... \$480; (2) state offices elected by statewide election, other than the governor and lieutenant governor... \$480; (3) state senator, state representative, state board of education, district attorney, board of public utilities of the city of Kansas City and elected county offices... \$35; and (4) members of boards of education of unified school districts having 35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled in the preceding school year, members of governing bodies of cities of the first class and judges of the district court in judicial districts in which judges are elected...\$35. (b) The secretary of state shall remit all fees received by that office to the state treasurer. County election officers receiving fees in accordance with this section shall remit such fees to the county treasurer of the county who shall quarterly remit the same to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund. [Kansas Statutes, 25-4119f.]	
Kansas	Lobbyist	(a) Every lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state by completing and signing a registration form prescribed and provided by the commission. Such registration shall show the name and address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist for lobbying, the purpose of the employment and the method of determining and computing the compensation of the lobbyist. If the lobbyist is compensated or to be compensated for lobbying by more than one employer or is to be engaged in more than one employment, the relevant facts listed above shall be stated separately for each employer and each employment. Whenever any new lobbying employment or lobbying position is accepted by a lobbyist already registered as provided in this section, such lobbyist shall report the same on forms prescribed and provided by the commission before engaging in any lobbying activity related to such new employment or position, and such report shall be filed with the secretary of state. When a lobbyist is an employee of a lobbying group or firm which contracts to lobby and not an owner or partner of such entity, the lobbyist shall report each client of the group, firm or entity whose interest the lobbyist represents. Whenever the lobbying of a lobbyist concerns a legislative matter, the secretary of state promptly shall transmit copies of each registration and each report filed under this act to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. (b) On or after October 1, in any year any person may register as a lobbyist under this section for	

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Kansas (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	<p>the succeeding calendar year. Such registration shall expire annually on December 31, of the year for which the lobbyist is registered. In any calendar year, before engaging in lobbying, persons to whom this section applies shall register or renew their registration as provided in this section. Except for employees of lobbying groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration who anticipates spending \$1,000 or less for lobbying in such registration year on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of \$35 for lobbying for each such employer. Except for employees of lobbying groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration who anticipates spending more than \$1,000 for lobbying in such registration year on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of \$300 for lobbying for such employer. Any lobbyist who at the time of initial registration anticipated spending less than \$1,000, on behalf of any one employer, but at a later date spends in excess of such amount, within three days of the date when expenditures exceed such amount, shall file an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee of \$220 for such year. Every person registering or renewing registration as a lobbyist who is an employee of a lobbying group or firm and not an owner or partner of such entity shall pay an annual fee of \$360. The secretary of state shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund. [Kansas Statutes 46-265.]</p>	
Kentucky	Lobbyist	<p>Each legislative agent and employer is required to register with the Commission within seven (7) days following engagement of a legislative agent. (KRS 6.807). Each employer of one or more legislative agents is required to pay a registration fee of \$250 to the Commission. [KRS 6.809]. Intentional failure to register is a Class D felony. [KRS 6.807 (8)]. The registration period is through the thirty-first day of December of an odd-numbered year, unless previously terminated. [KRS 6.807]. If a legislative agent is engaged by more than one employer, the agent is required to file a separate initial registration for each engagement. [KRS 6.807].</p>	
Louisiana	Political Committee	<p>A. Each political committee, including a subsidiary committee, which knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or loans, or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another committee during a calendar year in the aggregate amount exceeding five hundred dollars shall file a statement of organization with the supervisory committee annually after January 1 and no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Any such committee organized after January 31 shall file the required statement of organization no later than the tenth day after its organization. Any committee which, after January 31, knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate in excess of five hundred dollars during the calendar year shall file the required statement of organization within ten days after the date on which it has information which causes it to know or anticipate that it will receive such contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make such expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds. If a political committee which knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate in excess of five hundred dollars during a calendar year, is organized within ten days prior to any election, it shall</p>	

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Louisiana (continued)	Political Committee (continued)	<p>file the statement of organization required by this Section no later than the third day after such organizing. Any committee required to file supplemental reports under the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.6 shall file the annual statement of organization. The supervisory committee shall issue a certificate of registration to each committee which submits the statement required by this Subsection.</p> <p>E. The supervisory committee is hereby authorized to impose a fee not to exceed the amount of one hundred dollars for each statement required to be filed under this Section to be remitted to the supervisory committee together with the statement on or before the time the statement is required to be filed. Any statement submitted without the proper fee shall be deemed as not being properly submitted to the supervisory committee. All fees collected hereunder shall be used solely by the supervisory committee for the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter, as appropriated by the legislature. [Louisiana Rev. Statutes 18:1491.1.]</p>	
Louisiana	Lobbyist	<p>A. Each lobbyist shall register with the board within five days of employment as a lobbyist or within five days after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist. . . .</p> <p>E. A registration shall expire on December thirty-first of each year unless the lobbyist submits a renewal on forms provided by the board along with the appropriate fee. The registrant may file his renewal any time from December first until January thirty-first. Failure to file the renewal form by January thirty-first each year shall cause the registration to expire retroactively as of December thirty-first of the preceding year.</p> <p>H. Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental registration shall be filed with the board within five days of such change, on forms provided by the board.</p> <p>I. Each lobbyist shall pay a fee of one hundred ten dollars with each registration and each renewal of registration form filed. No additional fee shall be paid for filing supplemental registration forms. [Louisiana Rev. Statutes 24:53.]</p>	
Maine	Lobbyist	<p>Sec. 313. Every employer of a lobbyist and every lobbyist and lobbyist associate who lobbies on behalf of that employer shall register jointly at the office of the commission no later than 15 business days after commencement of lobbying and pay a registration fee of \$200 for the registration of each lobbyist and \$100 for the registration of each lobbyist associate or such other amounts as the commission determines approximate the cost to the commission of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>Sec. 313-A. Within 5 days of the convening of a regular legislative session, a state employee or an independent agency employee must register at the office of the commission as described in section 316-A if: the employee is designated by the head of a department or agency to serve as the primary legislative designee for that department or agency; and the job description of the employee contains lobbying requirements. An employee registering under this section is exempt from all other requirements under the law regarding lobbyists.</p> <p>Sec. 314. Each joint registration filed pursuant to this chapter automatically expires on the last day of the year during which the person was registered to lobby, unless as otherwise provided. [3 M.R.S.A. Sections 311-326]</p>	

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Maryland	Lobbyist	<p>15-703. A regulated lobbyist shall file a new registration form on or before November 1 of each year if, on that date, the regulated lobbyist is engaged in lobbying. (e)(1) Each registration form shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20. (2) The fee shall be credited to the Lobbyist Registration Fund established under § 15-210 of this title.</p> <p>15-210. (1) There is a Lobbyist Registration Fund. (2) The Fund includes all fees collected under Subtitle 7 of this title. (b) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. (c) (1) The Treasurer shall separately hold, and the Comptroller shall account for, the Fund. (2) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds. (3) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made in accordance with an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual budget. (d)The Fund shall be used to defray the expenses of administering Subtitle 7 of this title.</p> <p>[Maryland Statutes, Title 15, Sec. 603, 210.]</p>	
Massachusetts	NO FEES		
Michigan	NO FEES		
Minnesota	NO FEES		
Mississippi	Lobbyist	<p>(1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 5-8-7 of this chapter and in addition to reports required by Sections 5-8-9 and 5-8-11 of this chapter, every lobbyist and every lobbyist's client shall file a registration statement with the Secretary of State within five (5) calendar days after becoming a lobbyist, becoming a lobbyist's client or beginning to lobby for a new client. The filing of every registration statement shall be accompanied by the payment of a registration fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to the Secretary of State. The lobbyist shall file the registration statement and pay the fees to the Secretary of State for each lobbyist's client whom the lobbyist represents. [Miss. Code Ann., Title 5, Ch. 8, Sec. 5.]</p>	
Missouri	Lobbyist	<p>1. Each lobbyist shall, not later than five days after beginning any activities as a lobbyist, file standardized registration forms, verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, along with a filing fee of ten dollars, with the commission. The forms shall include the lobbyist's name and business address, the name and address of all persons such lobbyist employs for lobbying purposes, the name and address of each lobbyist principal by whom such lobbyist is employed or in whose interest such lobbyist appears or works. The commission shall maintain files on all lobbyists' filings, which shall be open to the public. Each lobbyist shall file an updating statement under oath within one week of any addition, deletion, or change in the lobbyist's employment or representation. The filing fee shall be deposited to the general revenue fund of the state. The lobbyist principal or a lobbyist employing another person for lobbying purposes may notify the commission that a judicial, executive or legislative lobbyist is no longer authorized to lobby for the principal or the lobbyist and should be removed from the commission's files. [Missouri Statutes Section 105.473.]</p>	
Montana	Lobbyist	<p>(1) Any adult of good moral character who is otherwise qualified under this chapter may be licensed as a lobbyist. The commissioner shall provide a license application form. The application form may be obtained from and must be filed in the office of the commissioner. Upon approval of the application and receipt of the license fee by the commissioner, a license</p>	

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Montana (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	<p>must be issued that entitles the licensee to practice lobbying on behalf of one or more enumerated principals. The license fee is \$150 for each lobbyist. Each license expires on December 31 of each even-numbered year or may be terminated at the request of the lobbyist. A lobbyist who believes that payment of the license fee may constitute a hardship may apply to the commissioner for a waiver of the fee required by this section. The commissioner may waive all or a portion of the license fee upon proof by the lobbyist that payment of the fee constitutes a hardship.</p> <p>(4) The commissioner shall deposit the license fee provided for in subsection (1) as follows: (a) \$50 in the general fund; and (b) \$100 in the state special revenue account provided for in 5-11-1112. [Montana Code, Title 5, Chapter 7, Section 103.]</p>	
Nebraska	Lobbyist	<p>Every person employed, retained or authorized as a lobbyist shall, before commencing any lobbying activity, file an application with the Clerk of the Legislature for registration as a lobbyist. [Nebraska Statutes, Sec. 49-1480] Every person authorized to lobby, whether compensated or not, who communicates with a public official or employee as provided in section 002.03A of this rule, must be registered as a lobbyist. Every lobbyist who receives or will receive compensation shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100) registration fee for each principal for whom the lobbyist registers. Except as provided in Section 003.04 and Section 49-1434, a lobbyist who receives compensation shall include an individual who is an employee or member of a principal whose duties of employment, office, or membership include engaging in lobbying activities. Every lobbyist who does not receive compensation and who does not anticipate receiving compensation at the time of application for registration shall pay a fifteen dollar (\$15) registration fee for each principal for whom the lobbyist registers. Any lobbyist who receives compensation who did not anticipate receiving such compensation at the time of application for registration shall, within five days of the receipt of any compensation, file an amended registration form with respect to such principal, which amended registration form shall be accompanied by an additional fee of eighty-five (\$85) for such year. An officer or member of a principal is not a compensated lobbyist if the officer or member receives no compensation from the principal for any of the activities or duties performed for the principal. A person does not have to be registered as a lobbyist if his or her only lobbying activities consist of his or her being (1) a public official or employee of a branch of state government (except the University of Nebraska) or an elected official of a political subdivision who is acting in the course or scope of his or her office or employment; (2) a publisher, owner or working member of the press, radio, or television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the general public in the ordinary course of business; (3) an employee of a principal or lobbyist whose duties are strictly of a clerical nature; (4) a person who makes appearances before legislative committees and advises the committee at the time of his or her appearance whom he or she represents; (5) a person who writes letters or furnishes written materials to a member of the Legislature, who may communicate in person or by telephone therewith with respect to such letter or written material, if he or she furnishes to the Clerk of the Legislature a copy of such letter or written material; (6) an individual who does not engage in lobbying for another person; or (7) an employee of a political subdivision whose regular employment duties do not ordinarily include lobbying</p>	

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Nebraska (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	activities as long as such employee is not additionally compensated for such lobbying activities, other than his or her regular salary, and is not reimburses for any lobbying expenditures except his or her travel, lodging, and meal expenses and the meal expenses of members of the Legislature. [Nebraska Rev. Stat. Section 49-1434(3).]	
Nevada	Lobbyist	<p>The legislative commission shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of NRS 218.900 to 218.944, inclusive, may require fees for registration, payable into the legislative fund, and may classify lobbyists for this purpose. [Nevada Rev. Statutes, 218.932.]</p> <p>The fee for registering as a paid lobbyist is \$95 plus \$1 for each person or entity you list as a client. The fee for registering as a nonpaid lobbyist is \$15. The director may use the fees so paid to defray the expense of issuing identification badges, administering the registration of lobbyists and providing lobbyists services. For the purposes of this subsection, a paid lobbyist is a person who receives compensation for appearing in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings and communicates directly with a member of the legislative branch on behalf of someone other than himself to influence legislative action. To be considered a paid lobbyist, the compensation paid need not be paid solely for the act of lobbying, but may be paid for other tasks in addition to lobbying. A nonpaid lobbyist is a person who receives no compensation for appearing in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings and communicates directly with a member of the legislature branch. [Regulation on Lobbying Adopted by the Legislative Commission Dec. 17, 2002. Authority: NRS 218.926 and 218.932.]</p>	
New Hampshire	Political Committee	<p>I. Any political committee, except the political committee of a political party, shall register with the secretary of state as provided in this section. The committee shall register with the secretary of state not later than 24 hours after receiving any contribution in excess of \$500 or before making any expenditure in excess of \$500. The registration shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund; provided, however, that the political committee of a candidate which registers under this section shall not be required to pay the \$50 fee. Each political committee shall designate a treasurer or agent who is a citizen of this state and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to any candidate including a statement of the name, address, occupation, and principal place of business of its chairperson, treasurer or agent, and other officers.</p> <p>IV. All political committees' registrations under this chapter shall be valid from the date of registration until 10 days after the primary or general election, whichever is appropriate, unless terminated sooner, in writing, by the chairman and the treasurer of the committee. However, any committee which has a continuing obligation to report as required under RSA 664:6 shall continue to exist for the purpose of making such reports. [NH Rev. Stat. 664:3.]</p>	

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New Hampshire	Lobbyist	<p>Any person who is employed for a consideration by any other person in a representative capacity to promote or oppose directly or indirectly any legislation pending or proposed before the general court shall first enter his appearance with the secretary of state in a book to be kept for that purpose, which book shall be open to public inspection. Such entry shall show the full names of employer and employed, their respective residences, the usual occupation of each, the date and character of the employment or agreement therefore, the duration of the employment if it can be determined, and the special subjects of legislation, if any, to which the employment relates. If the employment varies from time to time, such entries shall be varied accordingly. All registrations required under this section shall expire on December 1.</p> <p>The fee for registration as a lobbyist under RSA 15:1 for any one legislative session shall be \$50 for each employer. Each individual who acts as a lobbyist shall pay the above registration fee regardless of his affiliation with any registered lobbyist. [N.H. Rev. Stat. 15:1,2.]</p>	
New Jersey	Lobbyist	<p>A Notice of Representation must be filed for each person the legislative agent represents. To represent more than one person, additional Notices must be filed. Each individual agent is required to pay an annual fee of \$325.00, due on the first day of August each year. When more than one person pays or contributes to the fee of a legislative agent for acting as such in respect to the same legislation or regulation, or the same type of legislation or regulations, the legislative agent may file a single Notice of Representation form, which details the name, business address, and occupation of each person so paying or contributing.</p> <p>[Agency instructions referencing NJSA 52:13C.]</p>	
New Mexico	Political Committee	<p>A. It is unlawful for any political committee that receives, contributes or expends in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) in any calendar year to continue to receive or make any contribution or expenditure for a political purpose unless that political committee appoints and maintains a treasurer and registers with the secretary of state.</p> <p>B. A political committee shall register with the secretary of state within ten days of receiving, contributing or expending in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) by paying a filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and filing a statement of organization under oath on a prescribed form</p> <p>C. The provisions of this section do not apply to a political committee that is located in another state and is registered with the federal election commission if the political committee reports on federal reporting forms filed with the federal election commission all expenditures for and contributions made to reporting individuals in New Mexico and files with the secretary of state, according to the schedule required for the filing of forms with the federal election commission, a copy of either the full report or the cover sheet and the portions of the federal reporting forms that contain the information on expenditures for and contributions made to reporting individuals in New Mexico. [New Mexico Statutes, 1-19-26.1, amended 2002.]</p>	
New Mexico	Lobbyist	<p>A. In the month of January prior to each regular session or before any service covered by the Lobbyist Regulation Act commences, any individual who is initially employed or retained as a lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state by paying an annual filing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each of the lobbyist's employers and by filing a single registration statement under oath on a prescribed form</p> <p>B. No registration fee shall be required of individuals receiving only reimbursement of personal</p>	

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New Mexico (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	expenses and no other compensation or salary for lobbying. No expenditure statement required by Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978 shall be required if the lobbyist anticipates making or incurring and makes or incurs no expenditures or political contributions under Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978. The lobbyist shall indicate in his registration statement whether those circumstances apply to him. [New Mexico Statutes, 2-11-3.]	
New York	Lobbyist	§ 1-e (a) (1) Every lobbyist shall annually file with the commission, on forms provided by the commission, a statement of registration for each calendar year; provided, however, that the filing of such statement of registration shall not be required of any lobbyist who (i) in any year does not expend, incur or receive an amount in excess of two thousand dollars of reportable compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section one-h of this article, for the purposes of lobbying or (ii) is an officer, director, trustee or employee of any public corporation, when acting in such official capacity; provided however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve any public corporation of the obligation to file such statements and reports as required by this article. (2) Such filing shall be completed on or before January first by those persons who have been retained, employed or designated as lobbyist on or before December fifteenth who reasonably anticipate that in the coming year they will expend, incur or receive combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of two thousand dollars; for those lobbyists retained, employed or designated after December fifteenth, and for those lobbyists who subsequent to their retainer, employment or designation reasonably anticipate combined reportable compensation and expenses in excess of such amount, such filing must be completed within fifteen days thereafter, but in no event later than ten days after the actual incurring or receiving of such reportable compensation and expenses. (e) The first statement of registration filed annually by each lobbyist shall be accompanied by a registration fee of fifty dollars except that no registration fee shall be required of a public corporation. A fee of fifty dollars shall be required for any subsequent statement of registration filed by a lobbyist during the same calendar year. [Laws 1999 of New York, Chapter 2, amended Laws 2002, Chapter 19.]	
North Carolina	Lobbyist	Every lobbyist's principal shall pay to the Secretary of State a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) that is due and payable by either the lobbyist or the lobbyist's principal at the time of registration. A separate registration, together with a separate registration fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is required for each lobbyist's principal for which a person acts as a lobbyist. Fees so collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State. Each registration statement required under this Article shall be effective from the date of filing until January 1 of the following odd-numbered year. The lobbyist shall file a new registration statement after that date, and the applicable fee shall be due and payable. [N. C. Gen. Stat. § 120 Article 9A.]	
North Dakota	Political Committee	A political committee, other than a political party and a committee organized in support of a legislative candidate, and a person aiding or opposing a measure to be voted upon by the voters of the state shall register its name, address, and its agent's name and address with the secretary of state each calendar year in which it receives any contribution. The registration must be completed within five days of the receipt of any contribution and must be submitted with a	

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North Dakota (continued)	Political Committee (continued)	registration fee of five dollars. A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a nonfederal candidate seeking public office in this state is not required to register as a political committee according to this section if the political committee reports according to section 16.1-08.1-03.7. [North Dakota Century Code Sec. 16.1-08.1-03.2.]	
North Dakota	Lobbyist	The registration period commences on July first and expires on June thirtieth of the following calendar year unless an earlier expiration date is requested by the registrant. Lobbyists required to be registered shall file with the secretary of state, prior to the issuance of a certificate of registration, a written authorization to act as lobbyist. Such authorization must be signed by the person or official of the corporation, limited liability company, association, group, or organization employing such lobbyist and may be filed by facsimile transmission. The secretary of state shall charge a fee of twenty dollars for registering each lobbyist and the first person or entity represented by the lobbyist and an additional fee of five dollars for each subsequent person or entity represented by the lobbyist. [North Dakota Century Code Sec. 54-05.1-03.]	
Ohio	Lobbyist	(A) Each legislative agent and employer, within ten days following an engagement of a legislative agent, shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee an initial registration statement (B) In addition to the initial registration statement required by division (A) of this section, each legislative agent and employer shall file with the joint committee, not later than the last day of January, May, and September of each year, an updated registration statement (C) If a legislative agent is engaged by more than one employer, the agent shall file a separate initial and updated registration statement for each engagement. If an employer engages more than one legislative agent, the employer need file only one updated registration statement under division (B) of this section, which shall contain the information required by division (B) of this section regarding all of the legislative agents engaged by the employer. (E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a registration fee of ten dollars shall be charged for filing an initial registration statement. All money collected from registration fees under this division and late filing fees under division (G) of this section shall be deposited to the credit of the joint legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 of the Revised Code. [Ohio Revised Code Sec. 101.72.]	
Ohio	State Officials	(B) "Public official or employee" means any person who is elected or appointed to an office or is an employee of any public agency. "Public official or employee" does not include a person elected or appointed to the office of precinct, ward, or district committee member under section 3517.03 of the Revised Code, any presidential elector, or any delegate to a national convention. "Public official or employee" does not include a person who is a teacher, instructor, professor, or any other kind of educator whose position does not involve the performance of, or authority to perform, administrative or supervisory functions. (C) "Public agency" means the general assembly, all courts, any department, division, institution, board, commission, authority, bureau or other instrumentality of the state, a county, city, village, township, and the five state retirement systems, or any other governmental entity. "Public agency" does not include a department, division, institution, board, commission, authority, or	

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Ohio (continued)	State Officials (continued)	<p>other instrumentality of the state or a county, municipal corporation, township, or other governmental entity that functions exclusively for cultural, educational, historical, humanitarian, advisory, or research purposes; does not expend more than ten thousand dollars per calendar year, excluding salaries and wages of employees; and whose members are uncompensated.</p> <p>E)(1) Except as provided in divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, the statement required by division (A) or (B) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing fee of twenty-five dollars.</p> <p>(2) The statement required by division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing fee to be paid by the person who is elected or appointed to or is a candidate for any of the following offices: For state office, except member of state board of education \$50 For office of member of United States congress or member of general assembly \$25 For county office \$25 For city office \$10 For office of member of state board of education \$10 For office of member of city, local, exempted village, or cooperative education board of education or educational service center governing board \$ 5 For position of business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or educational service center \$ 5</p> <p>(3) No judge of a court of record or candidate for judge of a court of record, and no referee or magistrate serving a court of record, shall be required to pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (2) or (F) of this section.</p> <p>(4) For any public official who is appointed to a nonelective office of the state and for any employee who holds a nonelective position in a public agency of the state, the state agency that is the primary employer of the state official or employee shall pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (F) of this section.</p> <p>(G)(1) The appropriate ethics commission other than the Ohio ethics commission shall deposit all fees it receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section into the general revenue fund of the state.</p> <p>(2) The Ohio ethics commission shall deposit all receipts, including, but not limited to, fees it receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section and all moneys it receives from settlements under division (G) of section 102.06 of the Revised Code, into the Ohio ethics commission fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used solely for expenses related to the operation and statutory functions of the commission. [Ohio Revised Code Sec. 102.01, .02.]</p>	
Oklahoma	NO FEES		
Oregon	Lobbyist	---	Legislative proposal did not

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Oregon (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)		survive due to court challenge to fees. Fidanque v. State ex. rel. Oregon Gov't Standards and Practices Commission, 328 Or. 1, 969 P.2d 376 (1998).
Pennsylvania	Lobbyist	---	Lobbyist registration and reporting challenged, held invalid based on separation of powers. Gmerek v. State Ethics Comm'n, 751 A.2d 1241 (Cmwlth Ct. 2000).
Rhode Island	NO FEES		
South Carolina	Lobbyist	<p>A) Any person who acts as a lobbyist shall, within fifteen days of being employed, appointed, or retained as a lobbyist, register with the State Ethics Commission as provided in this section. Each person registering shall pay a fee of fifty dollars and present to the State Ethics Commission a communication reflecting the authority of the registrant to represent the person by whom he is employed, appointed, or retained. If a partnership, committee, association, corporation, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons registers as a lobbyist, then it must identify each person who will act as a lobbyist on its behalf during the covered period. There is no registration fee for a lobbyist who is a full-time employee of a state agency and limits his lobbying to efforts on behalf of that particular state agency.</p> <p>(G) A lobbyist must reregister annually with the State Ethics Commission by January fifth of each year.</p> <p>(H) The State Ethics Commission shall not allow a lobbyist to register or reregister under this section until the lobbyist complies with the reporting requirements under Section 2-17-30.</p>	

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
South Carolina (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	<p>[South Carolina Code, Sec. 2-17-20.]</p> <p>(A) Any lobbyist's principal shall, within fifteen days of employing, appointing, or retaining a lobbyist, register with the State Ethics Commission as provided in this section. Each person registering shall pay a fee of fifty dollars. If a partnership, committee, an association, a corporation, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons registers as a lobbyist's principal, then it must identify each person who will act as a lobbyist on its behalf during the covered period. If the State is a lobbyist's principal, the State is exempt from paying a registration fee and filing a lobbyist's principal registration statement.</p> <p>(G) A lobbyist's principal must reregister annually with the State Ethics Commission by January fifth of each year.</p> <p>(H) The State Ethics Commission shall not allow a lobbyist's principal to register or reregister under this section until the lobbyist's principal complies with the reporting requirements under Section 2-17-35. [South Carolina Code, Sec. 2-17-25.]</p>	
South Dakota	Lobbyist	<p>Each lobbyist who registers and is employed pursuant to this chapter shall pay to the secretary of state an annual registration fee of twenty-five dollars for each employer represented by him. Upon payment, his name shall be registered by the secretary of state in the directory provided by § 2-12-2, and he is entitled to one copy of the official directory of the current year's legislative session. A fee of ten dollars may be charged for a weekly copy of an updated directory of lobbyists. All fees collected shall be deposited by the secretary of state with the state treasurer and credited to the general fund. Any lobbyist who registers pursuant to this section is exempt from the one dollar filing fee prescribed in subdivision 1-8-10(3). [South Dakota Statutes, Section 2-12-3.]</p>	
Tennessee	Lobbyist	<p>(3) (b) At the time of registration, each individual shall pay an annual filing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each person for whom such individual registers as a lobbyist. Any lobbyist who is an official of the executive or judicial branch or any state educational institution shall register but shall be exempt from such fee. All fees collected by the registry of election finance under the provisions of this section shall be retained by the registry of election finance and used for part of the operating expenses to administer the provisions of this chapter, including the payment of salaries to employees, the purchase of supplies, and any other necessary expense incident thereto.</p> <p>(c) The registration year shall run from January 1 through December 31.</p> <p>(g) (1) Effective with the occupational privilege tax due and payable June 1, 1997, a person who engages in lobbying without pay or any consideration or who engages in lobbying and receives only reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket personal expenses shall not be levied the occupational privilege tax on lobbyists imposed by § 67-4-1702(a)(1). [Tennessee Statutes Section 3-6-104.]</p> <p>(a) There is levied a tax on the privilege of engaging in the following vocations, professions, businesses or occupations:</p> <p>(1) Persons registered as lobbyists pursuant to Sec. 3-6-104; [Tennessee Statutes Section 67-4-1702.]</p>	

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
Texas	Lobbyist	(a) Each person required to register under this chapter shall file a registration form with the commission on a form prescribed by the commission and shall submit a registration fee. (b) A registration filed under this chapter expires at midnight, December 31, of each year unless the registrant submits a registration renewal form to the commission on a form prescribed by the commission and submits the registration renewal fee. The registrant may file the registration renewal form and the fee anytime in December of the year in which the registration expires. (c) The registration fee and registration renewal fee are: (1) \$100 for a registrant employed by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (2) \$300 for any other registrant. [Texas Statutes, Section 305.005.]	
Utah	Lobbyist	(1) (a) Before engaging in any lobbying, a lobbyist shall obtain a license from the lieutenant governor by completing the form required by this section. (2) Each lobbyist who obtains a license under this section shall update the licensure information when the lobbyist accepts employment for lobbying by a new client. (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the lieutenant governor shall grant a lobbying license to an applicant who: (ii) pays a \$25 filing fee. (b) A license entitles a person to serve as a lobbyist on behalf of one or more principals and expires on December 31 of each even-numbered year. (5) The lieutenant governor shall deposit license fees in the General Fund. (6) A principal need not obtain a license under this section, but if the principal makes expenditures to benefit a public official without using a lobbyist as an agent to confer those benefits, the principal shall disclose those expenditures [Utah Statutes, 36-11-103.]	
Vermont	Lobbyist	Any person who is compensated more than \$500 annually to lobby and any person who expends more than \$500 annually to lobby must register as a lobbyist. Registration is required within 48 hours of the time the person commences lobbying activities. Any person who compensates another person more than \$500 annually to lobby must register as an employer. Registration is required within 48 hours of the time the lobbyist is engaged. A registered lobbyist who employs another lobbyist must register as an employer as well as a lobbyist. (e) A registration shall be valid from the date of filing to December 31 of the second year of a biennium, except that a registration may be made in December of an even numbered year for the ensuing biennium. (f) Every employer and every lobbyist shall pay an initial registration fee of \$25.00. (g) An employer shall pay a fee of \$5.00 for each lobbyist engaged by the employer. A lobbyist shall pay a fee of \$5.00 for each employer represented. [2 Virginia Statutes, Sections 261, 263.]	Tax on lobbyists/lobbyist expenditures was declared unconstitutional. Vermont Soc. Of Ass'n Executives v. Milne, 172 Vt. 375, 779 A.2d 20 (Vt., June 8, 2001).
Virginia	Lobbyist	The Secretary shall collect an annual registration fee of fifty dollars from the lobbyist for each principal for whom, or on whose behalf, the lobbyist will act. [Virginia Statutes, 2.2-424.]	
Washington	NO FEES		
West Virginia	Lobbyist	(a) Each lobbyist shall, at the time he or she registers, pay the commission a registration fee of sixty dollars to be filed with the initial registration statement and with each new registration statement filed by the lobbyist in subsequent odd numbered years: Provided, That if a lobbyist	

State	Entity Charged Fee	Current Statutory and Explanatory Language	Notes re Legal Challenges ²
West Virginia (continued)	Lobbyist (continued)	files his or her initial registration after the first day of January during an even-numbered year, he or she shall only be required to pay a reduced registration fee of thirty dollars for the balance of that year. [West Virginia Statutes, Section 6B-3-3a.]	
Wisconsin	Political Committee	(1) Except as provided in sub. (3), each individual who, or committee, group or corporation that, is required to register with the board under s. 11.05 or 11.38 (1) shall annually pay a filing fee of \$100 to the board. (2) Except as provided in s. 11.19 (1), an individual who, or committee, group or corporation that, is subject to sub. (1) shall pay the fee specified in sub. (1) together with the continuing report filed under s. 11.20 (4) in January of each year. If an individual, committee, group or corporation registers under s. 11.05 or changes status so that sub. (1) becomes applicable to the individual, committee, group or corporation during a calendar year, the individual, committee, group or corporation shall pay the fee for that year with the filing of the individual's, committee's, group's or corporation's registration statement under s. 11.05 or at any time before the change in status becomes effective. (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a candidate or personal campaign committee. Subsection (1) does not apply to any registrant under s.11.05 for any year during which the registrant does not make disbursements exceeding a total of \$2,500. [Wisconsin Statutes, Section 11.055.]	
Wisconsin	Lobbyist	Upon approval of the application and payment of the applicable license fee under s. 13.75 (1) or (1m) to the board, the board shall issue a license which entitles the licensee to practice lobbying on behalf of each registered principal who or which has filed an authorization under s. 13.65 for that lobbyist and paid the authorization fee under s.13.75(4). The license shall expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year. [Wisconsin Statutes, Section 13.63.] The board shall charge and collect for the following purposes the following amounts: (1) Obtaining a license under s. 13.63 (1), to act on behalf of one principal, \$250. Obtaining a license under s. 13.63 (1) to act on behalf of 2 or more principals, \$400. Filing the principal registration form under s. 13.64, \$375. Registering an interest in a legislative proposal, proposed administrative rule, budget bill subject or other topic under 13.67(2), \$10. [Wisconsin Statutes, Section 13.75.]	
Wyoming	Lobbyist	b) Any person, who, on behalf of any association, corporation, labor union, public, nonprofit or private special interest group or any interest other than personal, is receiving or has a reasonable expectation of receiving expense reimbursement or compensation in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in a reporting period defined under W.S. 28-7-201(c), as a lobbyist shall, before, or within forty-eight (48) hours of, commencing lobbying activities during a reporting period as defined under W.S. 28-7-201(c), register with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall collect a registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) at time of registration, which shall be deposited with the state treasurer to be placed in the general fund. Any person who is not receiving or has no reasonable expectation of receiving expense reimbursement or compensation in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or who shall receive no compensation beyond travel and per diem expenses for lobbying activities under this chapter shall pay a registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the secretary of state at the time of registration. [Wyoming Statutes 28-7-101.]	

Registration Fees for Political Committees — Summary

- Seven states charge registration fees to political committees
- Four of those states charge registration fees to political party units
- Five of the states charge annual fees

State	Registration fee	Paid by	
		Political committees	Political party units
Arizona	\$250 annual	Yes	Yes
Kansas	\$240 annual \$25 annual \$20 annual	Yes	No
Wisconsin	\$100 annual	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	\$100 annual	Yes	Yes
New Hampshire	\$50 biennial	Yes	No
New Mexico	\$50 one-time	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	\$5 annual	Yes	No

Registration Fees for Political Committees — Detail

Arizona

“Standing political committees”

\$250 annual fee

Defined as: political committee that has been active in more than one reporting jurisdiction in the state for more than one year AND one of the following: separate segregated fund established by a corporation or labor organization; committee organized for the purpose of making independent expenditures; political organization (as further defined); political party (as further defined).

Kansas

“Political committees”

\$240 annual fee if receipts in a calendar year are anticipated to be \$2,501 or more

\$25 annual fee if receipts in calendar year anticipated to be more than \$500 but less than \$2,501

\$20 annual fee if receipts in calendar year are anticipated to be \$500 or less

Adjustments to fees required based on actual receipts if different from anticipated

Louisiana

“Political committee, including a subsidiary committee”

\$100 annual fee

Any committee that knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate of \$500 during the calendar year.

New Hampshire

“Any political committee, except the political committee of a political party and the political committee of a candidate”

\$50 biennial fee starting with date of registration until 10 days after the next primary or general election, whichever is appropriate

Within 24 hours after receiving any contribution in excess of \$500 or before making an expenditure of greater than \$500.

New Mexico

“Political committee” except a political committee that is located in another state, is registered with the federal election commission, reports on federal forms to the FEC all contributions and expenditures made to reporting individuals in NM, and files with the NM SOS a copy of the federal election commission reports/forms

\$50 one-time fee

Within 10 days of receiving, contributing, or expending in excess of \$500.

North Dakota

“Political committee, other than a political party and committee organized to support a legislative candidate, and a person aiding or opposing a measure to be voted on by the voters of the state”

\$5 annual fee

Within five days of receipt of any contribution

Wisconsin

Each individual, committee, group, or corporation that is required to register with the Board. Does not apply to candidate or personal campaign committees.

\$100 annual fee

Does not apply during any year the registrant does not make disbursements exceeding \$2,500.

Registration Fees for Lobbyists — Summary

Thirty-eight states charge lobbyist registration fees. The table below presents the information in order of a descending amount of fees charged to lobbyists. Note that the descriptions here are greatly abridged. Please refer to important supplemental materials provided to the committee. In a few states, lobbyist registration fees have been challenged on First Amendment grounds.

Ref.No.	State	Lobbyist Registration Fee	Principal/Employer Registration Fee	Annual/Biennial
1	Kansas	\$360 if lobbyist is an employee and not an owner or partner of a lobbying group or firm which contracts to lobby and whose interest the lobbyist represents; if not in the category above: \$300 if lobbyist spends more than \$1,000 annually; \$35 if lobbyist spends \$1,000 or less annually		Annual
2	New Jersey	\$325		Annual
3	Texas	\$300, or \$100 if 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)		Annual
4	Wisconsin	\$250 one principal or \$400 more than one	\$375 plus \$125 per lobbyist	Biennial
5	Maine	\$200 each lobbyist and \$100 each associate ⁱ (joint reg. lobbyist and employer)		Annual
6	North Carolina	\$200 each principal	\$200	Biennial
7	Georgia	\$200		Annual
8	Connecticut	\$150		Biennial
9	Montana	\$150		Biennial
10	Louisiana	\$110		Annual
11	Nebraska	\$100 per client compensated lobbyist, \$15 per client uncompensated lobbyist		Annual
12	Alaska	\$100 per client		Annual

ⁱ **A lobbyist associate is described in Maine statutes as follows:** An individual who A. Is a partner, associate or employee of a lobbyist or is a co-employee of a regular employee of another person if that regular employee is registered as a lobbyist; B. Lobbies on behalf of the employer named on the lobbyist registration; and c. Spends more than 8 hours in any calendar month lobbying on behalf of an employer of the lobbyist.

Ref.No.	State	Lobbyist Registration Fee	Principal/Employer Registration Fee	Annual/Biennial
13	Indiana	\$100 for each lobbyist, or \$50 for each employee lobbyist ⁱⁱ		Annual
14	Alabama	\$100		Annual
15	Nevada	\$95 plus \$1 for each client; \$15 for non-paid lobbyist		Annual
16	Florida	\$60 plus \$20 for each additional principal		Annual
17	West Virginia	\$60		Biennial
18	New Hampshire	\$50 for each principal		Annual
19	Virginia	\$50 for each principal		Annual
20	New York	\$50 plus \$50 each additional report		Annual
21	Colorado	\$50 manual or \$25 electronic registration		Annual
22	Illinois	\$50	\$50	Annual
23	South Carolina	\$50	\$50	Annual
24	Tennessee	\$25 for each entity represented		Annual
25	Vermont	\$25 plus \$5 for each employer	\$25 plus \$5 each lobbyist	Biennial
26	New Mexico	\$25 for each employer		Annual
27	Wyoming	\$25 if compensated over \$500; \$5 if compensated up to \$500		Annual
28	Arizona	\$25	\$25	Biennial
29	Mississippi	\$25	\$25	Annual
30	South Dakota	\$25		Annual
31	Utah	\$25		Annual
32	North Dakota	\$20 plus \$5 for each entity represented		Annual
33	Maryland	\$20		Annual
34	Idaho	\$10 per principal		Annual

ⁱⁱ **An employee lobbyist is described in Indiana statutes as follows:** An employee of a lobbyist as defined who performs lobbying services for the employer as part of salaried responsibilities.

Ref.No.	State	Lobbyist Registration Fee	Principal/Employer Registration Fee	Annual/Biennial
35	Ohio	\$10		Biennial
36	Missouri	\$10		One-time
37	Kentucky		\$250 paid by employer of one or more legislative agents	Biennial
38	California		\$25 per lobbyist	Annual

Lobbyist Registration Fees — Detail

(38 states in alphabetic order)

State	Registration requirement		Registration fees			Definitions and notes
	Required to register	Specifically excluded	Subject to fees	Specifically excluded	Basis for fees	
Alabama	Lobbyist	Sec. 36-25-18b	Lobbyist	Public employees who are lobbyists	Annual fee \$100	Lobbyist: includes any of the following: 1. A person who receives compensation or reimbursement from another person, group, or entity to lobby. 2. A person who lobbies as a regular and usual part of employment, whether or not any compensation in addition to regular salary and benefits is received. 3. A person who expends in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) for a thing of value, not including funds expended for travel, subsistence expenses, and literature, buttons, stickers, publications, or other acts of free speech, during a calendar year to lobby. 4. A consultant to the state, county, or municipal levels of government or their instrumentalities, in any manner employed to influence legislation or regulation, regardless whether the consultant is paid in whole or part from state, county, municipal, or private funds. 5. An employee, a paid consultant, or a member of the staff of a lobbyist, whether or not he or she is paid, who regularly communicates with members of a legislative body regarding pending legislation and other matters while the legislative body is in session.
Alaska	Lobbyist	Sec. 24.45.161	Lobbyist	Volunteer lobbyist under AS24.45.161 or a representational lobbyist defined in commission regulations	Annual fee \$100 per client	Lobbyist: (A) a person who is employed and receives payments, or who contracts for economic consideration, including reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses, to communicate directly or through the person’s agents with any public official for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action if a substantial or regular portion of the activities for which the person receives consideration is for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action; or (B) a person who represents oneself as engaging in the influencing of legislative or administrative action as a business, occupation, or profession.
Arizona	Principal that registers a lobbyist for compensation or a designated lobbyist who receives compensation for lobbying. Includes a	Sec. 41-1232.04	Principal		Biennial fee \$25 (maximum per registration period)	Lobbyist: any person, other than a designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist, who is employed by, retained by or representing a person other than himself, with or without compensation, for the purpose of lobbying and who is listed as a lobbyist by the principal in its registration pursuant to section 41-1232. Lobbyist includes a lobbyist for compensation, designated lobbyist and authorized lobbyist. Lobbyist includes attorneys whose practice involves bonding, underwriters of bonds, and investment bankers whose business includes bonding. Principal: any person, other than a public body, that employs, retains, engages or uses, with or without compensation, a lobbyist. Principal includes any subsidiary of a corporation. Public body: the Arizona board of regents, a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents, the judicial department, any state agency, board, commission or council, any county, any county elected officer who elects to appoint a designated public lobbyist or any city, town, district or other political

State	Registration requirement		Registration fees			Definitions and notes
	Required to register	Specifically excluded	Subject to fees	Specifically excluded	Basis for fees	
Arizona (continued)	public body that causes lobbying to occur on its behalf.					subdivision of this state that receives and utilizes tax revenues and that employs, retains, engages or uses, with or without compensation, a designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist. Fees “shall be used to reduce the costs associated with enforcing the lobbyist registration laws.” Designated lobbyist: person designated by a principal as single point of contact for the principal, who is listed as the designated lobbyist by the principal in its registration.
California	Lobbying firm and lobbyist employer	Sec. 86300	Lobbying firm and lobbyist employer		Annual fee \$25 for each lobbyist required to be listed on the registration statement	Lobbyist: any individual who receives two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in economic consideration in a calendar month, other than reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses, or whose principal duties as an employee are, to communicate directly or through his or her agents with any elective state official, agency official, or legislative official for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action. An individual is not a lobbyist by reason of activities described in Section 86300. Lobbying firm: organization in which the lobbyist is a partner, owner, officer, or employee or as part of the registration of the lobbyist employer by which the lobbyist is employed. Lobbyist employer: any person, other than a lobbying firm, who: (a) Employs one or more lobbyists for economic consideration, other than reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses, for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action, or (b) Contracts for the services of a lobbying firm for economic consideration, other than reimbursement for reasonable travel expense, for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action.
Colorado	Professional lobbyist	Sec. 24-6-301 (3.5)(c) to (f)	Professional lobbyist	Registered professional lobbyist for a not-for-profit organization who derives his or her compensation solely from the organization, and a volunteer lobbyist	Annual fee \$50 for manual reg., or \$25 electronic reg.	Lobbyist: “Professional lobbyist” means any individual who engages himself or is engaged by any other person for pay or for any consideration for lobbying. “Professional lobbyist” does not include any volunteer lobbyist, any state official or employee acting in his official capacity, except as provided in section 24-6-303.5, any elected public official acting in his official capacity, or any individual who appears as counsel or advisor in an adjudicator proceeding. “Volunteer lobbyist” means any individual who engages in lobbying and whose only receipt of money or other thing of value consists of nothing more than reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred for personal needs, such as meals, travel, lodging, and parking, while engaged in lobbying or for actual expenses incurred in informing the organization making the reimbursement or the members thereof of his lobbying.
Connecticut	Lobbyist	Sec. 1-91(l)	Lobbyist		Biennial fee \$150	Lobbyist: a person who in lobbying and in furtherance of lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, and such compensation, reimbursement or expenditures are two thousand dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined amount thereof is two thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year. Threshold: a lobbyist shall register with the commission pursuant to this part if it or he: (1) Receives or agrees to receive compensation or reimbursement for actual expenses, or both, in a combined amount of two thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying, whether that

State	Registration requirement		Registration fees			Definitions and notes
	Required to register	Specifically excluded	Subject to fees	Specifically excluded	Basis for fees	
Connecticut (continued)						receipt of compensation or reimbursement or agreement to receive such compensation or reimbursement is solely for lobbying or the lobbying is incidental to that person's regular employment; or (2) Makes or incurs an obligation to make expenditures of two thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying. Fee: Each registrant shall pay a reasonable fee not in excess of the cost of administering the registration form provided for in subsection (a) of this section plus the cost of collecting, filing, copying and distributing the information filed by registrants under section 1-96, but not less than twenty-five dollars.
Florida	Lobbyist		Lobbyist (separate executive branch and legislative branch reqts)		Annual fee \$60 first registration plus \$20 for each additional principal	Lobbyist: a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. Principal: the person, firm, corporation, or other entity, which has employed or retained a lobbyist.
Georgia	Lobbyist	Sec. 21-5-71(i)	Lobbyist	Person who represents any state, county, municipal, or public agency, department, commission, or authority. Person employed by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that code is defined in Code Section 48-1-2, except for payment of an initial Registration fee of \$25.00.	Annual fee \$200	Lobbyist: (A) Any natural person who, for compensation, either individually or as an employee of another person, undertakes to promote or oppose the passage of any legislation by the General Assembly, or any committee thereof, or the approval or veto of legislation by the Governor; (B) Any natural person who makes a total expenditure of more than \$250.00 in a calendar year, not including the person's own travel, food, lodging expenses, or informational material to promote or oppose the passage of any legislation by the General Assembly, or any committee thereof, or the approval or veto of legislation by the Governor; (C) Any natural person who as an employee of the executive branch or judicial branch of state government engages in any activity covered under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; (D) Any natural person who, for compensation, either individually or as an employee of another person, undertakes to promote or oppose the passage of any ordinance or resolution by a public officer specified under subparagraph (F) or (G) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, or any committee of such public officers, or the approval or veto of any such ordinance or resolution; (E) Any natural person who makes a total expenditure of more than \$250.00 in a calendar year, not including the person's own travel, food, lodging expenses, or informational material to promote or oppose the passage of any ordinance or resolution by a public officer specified under subparagraph (F) or (G) of paragraph (15) of Code Section 21-5-3, or any committee of such public officers or the approval or veto of any such ordinance or resolution; or (F) Any natural person who as an employee of the executive branch or judicial branch of local government engages in any activity covered under subparagraph (D) of this paragraph.

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Idaho	Lobbyist	Sec. 67-6618	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$10 for each person from whom compensation is received	Lobbyist: Lobbyist: includes any person who lobbies. Lobby and lobbying each means attempting through contacts with, or causing others to make contact with, members of the legislature or legislative committees, to influence the approval, modification or rejection of any legislation by the legislature of the state of Idaho or any committee thereof. Neither lobby nor lobbying includes an association's or other organization's act of communicating with the members of that association or organization. Lobbyist's employer means the person or persons by whom a lobbyist is employed, directly or indirectly, and all persons by whom he is compensated for acting as a lobbyist.
Illinois	Lobbyist, Lobbyist employer	25 ILCS 170/4	Every person required to register		Annual fee \$50	Lobbyist: Any person who undertakes to lobby State government as provided in subsection (e). (e) Lobby means any communication with an official of the executive or legislative branch of State government as defined in subsection (c) for the ultimate purpose of influencing executive, legislative, or administrative action. Any person who, for compensation or otherwise, either individually or as an employee or contractual employee of another person, undertakes to influence executive, legislative or administrative action. Lobbyist employer: Any person who employs another person for the purposes of influencing executive, legislative or administrative action.
Indiana	Lobbyist	IC 2-7-2-6	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$100, except the fee is \$50 if: lobbyist is nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) or (A) is an employee of a lobbyist described in subdivision (1); and (B) performs lobbying services for the employer as part of salaried responsibilities.	Lobbyist: Lobbyist: means any person who: (1) engages in lobbying; and (2) in any registration year, receives or expends an aggregate of five hundred dollars (\$500) in compensation or expenditures reportable under this article for lobbying, whether the compensation or expenditure is solely for lobbying or the lobbying is incidental to that individual's regular employment.

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Kansas	Lobbyist	Sec. 46-222(b)	Lobbyist		Annual fee: \$300 if spend more than \$1,000 on behalf of any one employer; \$35 if spend \$1,000 or less for lobbying on behalf of any one employer; \$360 for an employee of a lobbying group or firm and not an owner or partner of such entity.	Lobbyist: Any person employed in considerable degree for lobbying; any person formally appointed as the primary representative of an organization or other person to lobby in person on state-owned or leased property; or any person who makes expenditures in an aggregate amount of \$100 or more, exclusive of personal travel and subsistence expenses, in any calendar year for lobbying. Lobbying group or firm: undefined in statutes.
Kentucky	Lobbyist, employer of legislative agents	Sec. 6.611(22)(b) and 11A.201(8)(b)	Employer of legislative agents		Biennial fee \$250 paid by employer of one or more legislative agents	Lobbyist: any person employed as a legislative agent as defined in KRS 6.611(22) or any person employed as an executive agency lobbyist as defined in KRS 11A.201(8). Lobbyist's principal: the entity in whose behalf the lobbyist promotes, opposes, or acts. Legislative agent means any individual who is engaged: During at least a portion of his time to lobby as one (1) 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. (b) Legislative agent does not include: 1. Any person who limits his lobbying activities to appearing before public meetings of legislative committees, subcommittees, or task forces, or public hearings or meetings of public agencies; 2. A private citizen who receives no compensation for lobbying and who expresses a personal opinion; or 3. A public servant acting in his fiduciary capacity as a representative of his agency, college, university, or city, county, urban-county, or charter county government, except persons engaged by a de jure municipal corporation, such as the Kentucky Lottery Corporation or the Kentucky Housing Corporation, institutions of higher education, or local governments, whose primary responsibility during sessions of the General Assembly is to lobby. Executive agency lobbyist: any person engaged to influence executive agency decisions or to conduct executive agency lobbying activity as one (1) of his main purposes on a substantial basis. (b) Executive agency lobbyist does not include an elected or appointed officer or employee of a federal or state agency, state college, state university, or political subdivision who attempts to

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Kentucky (continued)						influence or affect executive agency decisions in his fiduciary capacity as a representative of his agency, college, university, or political subdivision.
Louisiana	Lobbyist	Sec. 24:52	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$110	Lobbyist: any person who is employed to act in a representative capacity for the purpose of lobbying if lobbying constitutes one of the duties of such employment, or any person who receives compensation of any kind to act in a representative capacity when one of the functions for which compensation is paid is lobbying and makes expenditures as herein defined of two hundred dollars or more in a calendar year for the purpose of lobbying.
Maine	Employer of a lobbyist. Lobbyist and lobbyist associate who lobbies on behalf of that employer (joint registration)	Lobbyist associate	Employer of lobbyist, lobbyist and lobbyist associate		Annual fee \$200 for each lobbyist and \$100 for each lobbyist associate	Lobbyist: person who is employed by another person for the purpose of and who engages in lobbying more than 8 hours in any calendar month, whether the person is employed solely for the purpose of lobbying or the lobbying is incidental to that individual's regular employment. "Lobbyist" does not include a lobbyist associate. Lobbyist associate: An individual who A. Is a partner, associate or employee of a lobbyist or is a co-employee of a regular employee of another person if that regular employee is registered as a lobbyist; B. Lobbies on behalf of the employer named on the lobbyist registration; and c. Spends more than 8 hours in any calendar month lobbying on behalf of an employer of the lobbyist. Lobbyist employer: person who agrees to reimburse for expenditures or to compensate a person who in return agrees to provide lobbying services. Employer includes any political action committee as defined in 3 M.R.S.A. §312-A(13), which communicates through or uses the services of a lobbyist to make campaign contributions or to influence in any way the political process.
Maryland	Regulated lobbyist		Regulated lobbyist	Sec. 15-701(b)	Annual fee \$20	Regulated lobbyist: defined by activities undertaken, expenses incurred, earnings, compensation, value of what is sought through lobbying, and others, in Sec. 15-701(a).
Mississippi	Lobbyist and lobbyist's client	Sec. 5-8-7	Lobbyist and lobbyist's client		Annual fee \$25	Lobbyist: (i) An individual who is employed and receives payments, or who contracts for economic consideration, including reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses, for the purpose of lobbying; (ii) An individual who represents a legislative or public official or public employee, or who represents a person, organization, association or other group, for the purpose of lobbying; or (iii) A sole proprietor, owner, part owner or shareholder in a business who has a pecuniary interest in legislative or executive action, who engages in lobbying activities. Lobbyist's client: the person in whose behalf the lobbyist influences or attempts to influence legislative or executive action.
Missouri	Lobbyist	Sec. 105-470 and 105-475	Lobbyist		One-time fee \$10	Legislative lobbyist, judicial lobbyist, and executive lobbyist: defined in Sec. 105-470. Lobbyist principal: any person, business entity, governmental entity, religious organization, nonprofit corporation or association who employs, contracts for pay or otherwise compensates a lobbyist.

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Montana	Lobbyist	Sec. 5-7-102(8)(b)	Lobbyist	Waiver of all or part of fee may be granted on proof of hardship	Biennial fee \$150	Lobbyist: a person who engages in the practice of lobbying for hire. Lobbying for hire: includes activities of the officers, agents, attorneys, or employees of a principal who are paid, reimbursed, or retained by the principal and whose duties include lobbying. If an individual is reimbursed only for his personal living and travel expenses, which together are less than \$1,000 per calendar year, that individual is not considered to be lobbying for hire. Principal: a person who employs a lobbyist.
Nebraska	Lobbyist	Sec. 49-134(3)	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$100 for each principal if the lobbyist is compensated; \$15 for each principal if lobbyist is un-compensated	Lobbyist: a person who is authorized to lobby on behalf of a principal and shall include an officer, agent, attorney, or employee of the principal whose regular duties include lobbying. Principal: a person who authorizes a lobbyist to lobby in behalf of that principal.
Nevada	Lobbyist	Sec. 218.912(2)	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$95 plus \$1 for each client for compensated lobbyist; \$15 for un-compensated lobbyist	Lobbyist: a person who: (a) Appears in person in the legislative building or any other building in which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings; and (b) Communicates directly with a member of the legislative branch on behalf of someone other than himself to influence legislative action whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.
New Hampshire	Lobbyist		Lobbyist, regardless of affiliation with any registered lobbyist		Fee for each legislative session \$50 for each employer	Lobbyist: Any person who is employed for a consideration by any other person in a representative capacity to promote or oppose directly or indirectly any legislation pending or proposed before the general court.
New Jersey	Lobbyist (legislative agent)		Lobbyist (legislative agent)		Annual fee \$325	
New Mexico	Lobbyist	Sec. 2-11-2(e)	Lobbyist	Persons receiving only reimburse-	Annual fee \$25.00 for each	Lobbyist: any individual who is compensated for the specific purpose of lobbying; is designated by an interest group or organization to represent it on a substantial or regular basis for the purpose of

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New Mexico (continued)				ment of personal expenses and no other compensation or salary for lobbying	of the lobbyist's employers	lobbying; or in the course of his employment is engaged in lobbying on a substantial or regular basis. Lobbyist's employer: the person whose interests are being represented and by whom a lobbyist is directly or indirectly retained, compensated or employed
New York	Lobbyist	Sec. 1-c(a)(1).	Lobbyist	Public corporation	Annual fee \$50 plus \$50 for each report	Lobbyist: every person or organization retained, employed or designated by any client to engage in lobbying. Does not include any officer, director, trustee, employee, counsel or agent of the state, or any municipality or subdivision thereof of New York when discharging their official duties; except those officers, directors, trustees, employees, counsels, or agents of colleges, as defined by section two of the education law. Client: every person or organization who retains, employs or designates any person or organization to carry on lobbying activities on behalf of such client. Lobbying activities: (i) any attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by either house of the state legislature or the approval or disapproval of any legislation by the governor, or the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law or the outcome of any rate making proceeding by a state agency, or (ii) any attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any local law, ordinance or regulation by any municipality or subdivision thereof or the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of a local law, ordinance or regulation or any rate making proceeding by any municipality or subdivision thereof. Does not include: see sec. 1-c(a)(1).
North Carolina	Lobbyist, lobbyist principal	Sec. 120-47-8	Lobbyist, lobbyist principal		Biennial fee \$200 for each principal (Every principal pays \$200 due and payable by either lobbyist or principal at time of registration. A separate registration, with a separate \$200 registration fee is required for each principal	Lobbyist: an individual who: Is employed and receives compensation, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying; or Represents another person and receives compensation for the purpose of lobbying. Does not include individuals who are specifically exempted from this Article by G.S. 120-47.8. For the purpose of determining whether an individual is a lobbyist under this subdivision, reimbursement of actual travel and subsistence expenses shall not be considered compensation; provided, however, that reimbursement in the ordinary course of business of these expenses shall be considered compensation if a significant part of the individual's duties involve lobbying before the General Assembly. Lobbyist's principal: the entity in whose behalf the lobbyist influences or attempts to influence legislative action.

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North Carolina (continued)					for which a person acts as lobbyist.)	
North Dakota	Lobbyist		Lobbyist		Annual fee \$20 plus \$5 for each entity represented	Lobbyist: This chapter applies to any person who, in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, performs any of the following activities: a. Attempts to secure the passage, amendment, or defeat of any legislation by the legislative assembly or the approval or veto of any legislation by the governor of the state. b. Attempts to influence decisions made by the legislative council or by an interim committee of the legislative council. This chapter does not apply to any person who is: a. A legislator. b. A private citizen appearing on the citizen's own behalf. c. An employee, officer, board member, volunteer, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions whether elected or appointed and whether or not compensated, who is acting in that person's official capacity. d. Invited by the chairman of the legislative council, an interim committee of the legislative council, or a standing committee of the legislative assembly to appear before the council, interim committee, or standing committee for the purpose of providing information. e. An individual who appears before a legislative committee for the sole purpose of presenting testimony on behalf of a trade or professional organization or a business or industry if the individual is introduced to the committee by the registered lobbyist for the trade or professional organization or the business or industry.
Ohio	Legislative agent, Employer	See definitions	Legislative agent, Employer	An officer or employee of a state agency who actively advocates in a fiduciary capacity as a representative of that state agency. State agency: does not include a state institution of higher education.	Biennial fee \$10	Legislative agent: any individual, except a member of the general assembly, a member of the staff of the general assembly, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer of state, or auditor of state, who is engaged during at least a portion of his time to actively advocate as one of his main purposes. Employer: any person who, directly or indirectly, engages a legislative agent. Person: any individual, partnership, trust, estate, business trust, association, or corporation; any labor organization or manufacturer association; any department, commission, board, publicly supported college or university, division, institution, bureau, or other instrumentality of the state; or any county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. Actively advocate: to promote, advocate, or oppose the passage, modification, defeat, or executive approval or veto of any legislation by direct communication with any member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling board, the governor, the director of any department listed in section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff of any public officer or employee listed in this division. Actively advocate does not include the action of any person not engaged by an employer who has a direct interest in legislation if the person, acting under Section 3 of Article I, Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to consult for their common good, instructs a public officer or employee who is listed in this division, or petitions that public officer or employee for the redress of grievances.

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Oregon						See Fidanque v. State ex. rel. Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission, 328 Or. 1, 969 P.2d 376 (1998).
Pennsylvania						See Gmerek v. State Ethics Commission, 751 A.2d 1241 (Comwlth Ct. 2000).
South Carolina	Lobbyist, Lobbyist's Principal	Sec. 2-17-10(13)	Lobbyist, Lobbyist's Principal	Full-time employee of a state agency and limits his lobbying to efforts on behalf of that particular state agency. If the State is a lobbyist's principal, the State is exempt from paying a registration fee and filing a lobbyist's principal registration statement.	Annual fee \$50	Lobbyist: any person who is employed, appointed, or retained, with or without compensation, by another person to influence by direct communication with public officials or public employees: (i) the action or vote of any member of the General Assembly, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or any other statewide constitutional officer concerning any legislation; (ii) the vote of any public official on any state agency, board, or commission concerning any covered agency actions; or (iii) the action of the Governor or any member of his executive staff concerning any covered gubernatorial actions. Lobbyist also means any person who is employed, appointed, or retained, with or without compensation, by a state agency, college, university, or other institution of higher learning to influence by direct communication with public officials or public employees: (i) the action or vote of any member of the General Assembly, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or any other statewide constitutional officer concerning any legislation; (ii) the vote of any public official of any state agency, board, or commission concerning any covered agency actions; or (iii) the action of the Governor or any member of his executive staff concerning any covered gubernatorial actions. Lobbying: does not include the activities of a member of the General Assembly, a member of the staff of a member of the Senate or House of Representatives, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or a member of the executive staff of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor acting in his capacity as a public official or public employee with regard to his public duties. Lobbyist's principal: means the person on whose behalf and for whose benefit the lobbyist engages in lobbying and who directly employs, appoints, or retains a lobbyist to engage in lobbying. However, a lobbyist's principal does not include a person who belongs to an association or organization that employs a lobbyist, nor an employee, officer, or shareholder of a person who employs a lobbyist. If a membership association or organization is a lobbyist's principal, the association or organization must register and report under the provisions of this chapter. A person is considered a lobbyist's principal only as to the public office or public body to which he has authorized, pursuant to this chapter, a lobbyist to engage in lobbying. Person means an individual, a partnership, committee, an association, a corporation, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons.
South Dakota	Lobbyist, Lobbyist employer		Lobbyist	Any person employed in the executive branch of	Annual fee \$25 for each for each employer	

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South Dakota (continued)				state government, a constitutional office, or the judicial system, who is not an elected official or who is not subject to confirmation by the Senate, who is authorized to officially represent any department of the executive branch, constitutional office, Public Utilities Commission, or judicial system in any capacity before the Legislature or any of its several committees shall register under the same provisions of this chapter as apply to all lobbyists, but need pay no fee.	represented	
Tennessee	Lobbyist	Sec. 3-6-104(d)	Lobbyist	Official of the executive or judicial branch or any state educational institution	Annual fee \$25 for each person the lobbyist registers as a lobbyist	Lobbyist: any person who engages in lobbying. Lobby: to communicate, directly or indirectly, with any official in the legislative branch or executive branch, for pay or for any consideration, for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or administrative action. Person: an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons. Employer of a lobbyist: any person or entity that employs or retains another person to lobby. In the event that a corporation, labor organization, or membership organization employs or retains a person to lobby, employees, officers, directors, or members of such entity shall not be deemed to be an employer of such lobbyist.

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Texas	Lobbyist (see Registration notes)		Lobbyist		Annual fee \$300, or \$100 for person employed by 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization	Person: an individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, committee, club, organization, or group of persons who are voluntarily acting in concert. Registration: A person must register with the commission under this chapter if the person: makes a total expenditure of an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter, not including the person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the person's own membership dues, on activities described in Section 305.006(b) to communicate directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action; or receives compensation or reimbursement, not including reimbursement for the person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the person's own membership dues, of more than an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter from another person to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action. A person must register if the person, as part of his regular employment, has communicated directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action on behalf of the person by whom he is compensated or reimbursed, whether or not the person receives any compensation for the communication in addition to the salary for that regular employment. However, this does not require a member of the judicial, legislative, or executive branch of state government or an officer or employee of a political subdivision of the state to register. A person who communicates directly with a member of the executive branch to influence administrative action is not required to register under Subsection (a)(2) if the person is an attorney of record or pro se, the person enters his appearance in a public record through pleadings or other written documents in a docketed case pending before a state agency, and that communication is the only activity that would otherwise require the person to register.
Utah	Lobbyist	Sec. 36-11-102	Lobbyist		Biennial fee \$100	Lobbyist: an individual who is employed by a principal or who contracts for economic consideration, other than reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses, with a principal to lobby a public official. Principal: a person who employs a lobbyist either as an employee or as an independent contractor. Lobbying: communicating with a public official for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat, amendment, or postponement of legislative or executive action.
Vermont	Lobbyist, Employer	Sec. 2-11-262	Lobbyist, Employer		Biennial fee Lobbyist: \$25 plus \$5 per employer; Employer \$25 plus \$5 per lobbyist engaged	Lobbyist: a person who engages in lobbying for compensation of more than \$500.00 or expends more than \$500.00 lobbying in any calendar year. Lobbying: (A) to communicate orally or in writing with any legislator or administrative official for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action; (B) solicitation of others to influence legislative or administrative action; (C) an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a legislator or administrative official by communications or activities with that legislator or administrative official intended ultimately to influence legislative or administrative action; or (D) activities sponsored by an employer or lobbyist on behalf of or for the benefit of the members of an interest group, if a principal purpose of the activity is to enable such

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Vermont (continued)						members to communicate orally with one or more legislators or administrative officials for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action or to obtain their goodwill. Employer: any person who engages the services of a lobbyist for compensation. A lobbyist who employs another lobbyist shall be required to register and report both as an employer and a lobbyist.
Virginia	Lobbyist		Lobbyist	Local government official	Annual fee \$50 for each principal on whose behalf the lobbyist will act	Lobbyist: An individual who is employed and receives payments, or who contracts for economic consideration, including reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses, for the purpose of lobbying; An individual who represents an organization, association, or other group for the purpose of lobbying; or A local government employee who lobbies. Lobbyist's principal: the entity on whose behalf the lobbyist influences or attempts to influence executive or legislative action. An organization whose employees conduct lobbying activities on its behalf is both a principal and an employer of the lobbyists. In the case of a coalition or association that employs or retains others to conduct lobbying activities on behalf of its membership, the principal is the coalition or association and not its individual members. Lobbying: Influencing or attempting to influence executive or legislative action through oral or written communication with an executive or legislative official; or Solicitation of others to influence an executive or legislative official. Lobbying does not mean: 1. Requests for appointments, information on the status of pending executive and legislative actions, or other ministerial contacts if there is no attempt to influence executive or legislative actions; 2. Responses to published notices soliciting public comment submitted to the public official designated in the notice to receive the responses; 3. The solicitation of an association by its members to influence legislative or executive action; or 4. Communications between an association and its members and communications between a principal and its lobbyists.
West Virginia	Lobbyist	Sec. 6B-3-1-7B	Lobbyist		Biennial fee \$60	Lobbyist: a person who, through communication with a government officer or employee, promotes, advocates or opposes or otherwise attempts to influence: The passage or defeat or the executive approval or veto of any legislation which may be considered by the Legislature of this state; or The adoption or rejection of any rule, regulation, legislative rule, standard, rate, fee or other delegated legislative or quasi-legislative action to be taken or withheld by any executive department. Employer: any person who employs or retains a lobbyist. Person: any individual, partnership, trust, estate, business trust, association, or corporation; any department, commission, board, publicly supported college or university, division, institution, bureau, or any other instrumentality of the state; or any county, municipal corporation, school district.
Wisconsin	Lobbyist, Principal	Sec. 13.621 (activities exempted)	Lobbyist, Principal	Principal whose expenditures are not more than \$500	Biennial fees Lobbyist: \$250 for one	Lobbyist: an individual who is employed by a principal, or contracts for or receives economic consideration, other than reimbursement for actual expenses, from a principal and whose duties include lobbying on behalf of the principal. If an individual's duties on behalf of a principal are not

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Wisconsin (continued)					principal or \$400 for more than one. Principal: \$375 plus \$125 per lobbyist employed	limited exclusively to lobbying, the individual is a lobbyist only if he or she makes lobbying communications on each of at least 5 days within a reporting period. Principal: any person who employs a lobbyist. If an association, corporation, limited liability company or partnership engages a lobbyist, an officer, employee, member, shareholder or partner of the association, corporation, limited liability company or partnership shall not be considered a principal.
Wyoming	Lobbyist	Public official acting in his official capacity	Lobbyist		Annual fee \$25 if compensated over \$500; \$5 if up to \$500 compensation	Lobbyist: any person, who, on behalf of any association, corporation, labor union, public, nonprofit or private special interest group or any interest other than personal, is receiving or has a reasonable expectation of receiving expense reimbursement or compensation in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in a reporting period, and attempts to influence legislation.

Illustrative Recent Cases Challenging Lobbyist Registration Fees³

Fees assessed to lobbyists have been held constitutional in challenges based on First Amendment requirements if they reasonably relate to administrative expenses of the lobbyist program. On the other hand, lobbyist registration fees have been found to violate the First Amendment where the fees, on the face of the statute, have not been tied to the costs incurred in registering lobbyists, and where a demonstration of close relationship between the amount of fees and program costs has not been made. Courts scrutinize the relationship between the amount of fees and regulatory costs. These cases illustrate that the regulating agency has the burden of establishing that the fee is closely related to the program costs. Example:

Fidanque v. State ex. rel. Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission, 328 Or. 1, 969 P.2d 376 (1998). A \$50 lobbyist registration fee payable each biennium was held invalid under the Oregon Constitution. The language of the holding illustrates problems encountered where the relationship of lobbyist registration fees to lobbying program costs is not well established.

[T]he statute directs that the money collected "shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of the powers and duties of the commission." In spite of the use of the word "only," those powers and duties extend far beyond keeping a record of lobbyists. . . . Thus, the statute directs that a fee be imposed on a certain variety of communicative activity -- political speech -- for the purpose of funding a government agency that not only is responsible for registering lobbyists, but also has a number of other duties relating to state and local government officials. The work of that agency is of great importance, to be sure, but the protection of the communicative activity is constitutionally mandated. . . . The state argues in the alternative that, whatever the facial scope of the statute, the amount of the fee imposed actually is a reasonable approximation -- in fact, a significant undercharge -- of the true cost of operating the lobbyist registration program. It cites legislative history that indicates that the legislature relied on an estimate made by legislative counsel to the effect that the cost to the Commission was at least \$100 for each lobbyist registered. We reject that argument for two reasons. The first is that the statute on its face does not tie the fee to the costs associated with registering lobbyists. . . . The second is that the history on which the state relies, even if we were to reach it, is not sufficiently detailed to allow this court to determine whether the criteria used in making the estimate were such as to make them meaningful for constitutional purposes. At bottom, the question whether the amount of the fee does or does not approximate the cost to the Commission of operating the lobbyist registration program is one of fact, [W]e hold that ORS 171.743 impermissibly restricts the right to speak, write, or print freely

³ This is not a complete recitation or analysis of the cases. Additional documentation and research was provided to Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board members and staff in late February 2003. The information here illustrates the issues that pertain to First Amendment challenges to imposition of lobbyist registration fees.

on any subject whatever under Article I, section 8, of the Oregon Constitution. It is unconstitutional.

Other cases with similar reasoning and result include: *Moffett v. Killian*, 360 F.Supp. 228 (D.Conn. 1973) and *Georgia State AFL-CIO v. State of Georgia Ethics Comm'n*, Civil Action No. 1:94-cv-0103-MHS (N.D. Ga. 1995).

Better practices illustrated by this case: 1- The statute would clearly state the purpose of the fees and the restricted use of the amounts collected. 2- The amount of lobbyist registration fees collected would closely approximate costs of the lobbyist program. 3- The close relationship of the amount of fees collected to lobbyist program costs would be documented or able to be documented so that a court challenge could be met.