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ARTICLE 7. LOBBYISTS

IC 2-7-1

Chapter 1. Definitions

IC 2-7-1-0.1

Application of definitions

Sec. 0.1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.4.

IC 2-7-1-1

"Activity report"

Sec. 1. "Activity report" means the activity report provided for by IC 2-7-3.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-1.3

"Candidate"

Sec. 1.3. "Candidate" refers to a candidate for election to the general assembly.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.5.

IC 2-7-1-1.5

Repealed

(As added by P.L.1-1993, SEC.4. Repealed by P.L.58-2010, SEC.35.)

IC 2-7-1-1.7

"Close relative"

Sec. 1.7. (a) "Close relative" has the meaning set forth in IC 2-2.2-1-3.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.123-2015, SEC.3.

IC 2-7-1-1.9

"Commission"

Sec. 1.9. "Commission" refers to the Indiana lobby registration commission established by IC 2-7-1.6-1.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.7.

IC 2-7-1-2

"Compensation"

Sec. 2. "Compensation" means anything of value given as payment for doing or refraining from doing an activity.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-3

"Expenditure"

Sec. 3. "Expenditure" means any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, honorarium, pledge, or subscription of money or anything of value, and any contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation, whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-3.5**"Family business"**

Sec. 3.5. "Family business" means a business entity in which an individual and the individual's spouse own at least eighty percent (80%) of the business, either of the voting stock or other measure of ownership of that type of business entity, regardless of whether all or a portion is owned jointly or severally.

As added by P.L.123-2015, SEC.4.

IC 2-7-1-4**"Gift"**

Sec. 4. (a) "Gift" means the voluntary transfer of anything of value without consideration.

(b) The term does not include a contribution (as defined in IC 3-5-2-15).

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.9-1993, SEC.3; P.L.58-2010, SEC.8.

IC 2-7-1-5**Repealed**

(As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Repealed by P.L.123-2015, SEC.5.)

IC 2-7-1-6**"Influencing legislative action"**

Sec. 6. "Influencing legislative action" means promoting, supporting, influencing, modifying, opposing, or delaying any legislative action by any means.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-7**"Legislative action"**

Sec. 7. "Legislative action" means any matter within the authority of the general assembly; it includes the drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, enactment, or defeat of any bill, resolution, amendment, report, or other matter by the general assembly or by either house or any committee, subcommittee, joint or select committee thereof, or by a member or employee of the general assembly acting in his official capacity. "Legislative action" also means the action of the governor in approving or vetoing any bill.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-7.2

"Legislative body"

Sec. 7.2. "Legislative body" refers to any of the following:

- (1) The general assembly.
- (2) The house of representatives.
- (3) The senate.
- (4) A standing or other committee established by the rules of the house of representatives or the senate.
- (5) A committee established by statute or by the legislative council. An individual who:
 - (A) is a member of a committee described in this subdivision; and
 - (B) is not a member of the general assembly;is not considered to be a member of a legislative body for purposes of this article.
- (6) A caucus of the house of representatives or the senate.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.9.

IC 2-7-1-7.5

"Legislative liaison"

Sec. 7.5. "Legislative liaison" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-14-7-3.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.10.

IC 2-7-1-8

"Legislative person"

Sec. 8. "Legislative person" means any of the following:

- (1) A member.
- (2) A candidate.
- (3) An officer of the general assembly.
- (4) An employee of the legislative department of state government.
- (5) A close relative of anyone described in subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (4). However, a lobbyist who is a close relative of a legislative person is not considered a legislative person.
- (6) A paid consultant of the general assembly.
- (7) An official of an agency of the legislative department of state government.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.58-2010, SEC.11; P.L.165-2013, SEC.1; P.L.123-2015, SEC.6.

IC 2-7-1-9

"Lobbying"

Sec. 9. "Lobbying" means communicating by any means, or paying others to communicate by any means, with any legislative person with the purpose of influencing any legislative action.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.58-2010,

SEC.12.

IC 2-7-1-10

"Lobbyist"

Sec. 10. (a) "Lobbyist" means any person who:

- (1) engages in lobbying; and
- (2) in any registration year, receives or expends an aggregate of at least 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.

(b) The following are not considered lobbyists:

- (1) A public employee or public official.
- (2) The National Conference of State Legislatures.
- (3) The National Conference of Insurance Legislators.
- (4) The American Legislative Exchange Council.
- (5) Women in Government.
- (6) The Council of State Governments.
- (7) The National Black Caucus of State Legislators.
- (8) Any other national organization established for the education and support of legislative leadership, legislators, legislative staff, or related government employees.

(c) The annual registration fee imposed under IC 2-7-2-1 is not to be considered for purposes of determining whether a person is a lobbyist as defined in subsection (a).

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.9-1993, SEC.4; P.L.58-2010, SEC.13; P.L.165-2013, SEC.2.

IC 2-7-1-10.5

"Member"

Sec. 10.5. "Member", except as used in section 8(5) of this chapter, IC 2-7-3-3(a), and IC 2-7-7-8, refers to a member of the general assembly.

As added by P.L.58-2010, SEC.14.

IC 2-7-1-11

"Payment"

Sec. 11. (a) "Payment" means a payment, compensation, reimbursement, distribution, transfer, loan, advance, conveyance, deposit, gift, pledge, subscription, or other rendering of money, property, services, or anything else of value, whether tangible or intangible, and any contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a payment.

(b) "Paid" means that payment has been made.

(c) "Pay" means the act of making a payment.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-12

"Person"

Sec. 12. "Person" means a human being, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, firm, or educational institution.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.8-1993, SEC.3.

IC 2-7-1-13

"Public employee"

Sec. 13. "Public employee" means an employee of the state or federal government or a political subdivision of either of those governments and does include an official or employee of a state educational institution.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.5.

IC 2-7-1-14

"Public official"

Sec. 14. "Public official" means an individual who holds office in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the state or federal government or a political subdivision of either of those governments and includes an official or employee of a state educational institution.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.6.

IC 2-7-1-15

Repealed

(As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Repealed by P.L.58-2010, SEC.35.)

IC 2-7-1-16

"Registration statement"

Sec. 16. "Registration statement" means the registration statement provided for by IC 2-7-2.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1.

IC 2-7-1-16.5

"Relative"

Sec. 16.5. "Relative" of an individual has the meaning set forth in IC 2-2-2-1-17.

As added by P.L.123-2015, SEC.7.

IC 2-7-1-17

Repealed

(As added by Acts 1981, P.L.9, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1992, SEC.5; P.L.9-1993, SEC.5. Repealed by P.L.58-2010, SEC.35.)

IC 2-7-1-18

"Reporting year"

Sec. 18. "Reporting year" means the period from November 1 of

the immediately preceding calendar year through October 31 of the following calendar year.
As added by P.L.229-2011, SEC.40.