

## **Lobbyists: advisory opinions, penalties; Chamber of Senate**

remains so registered as a lobbyist, and every person who registers as a lobbyist, shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate no later than Friday of the first week of each regular session a like signed and certified statement of all interim lobbying expenditures including expenditures at special sessions, if any. Said statements shall be rendered in the form provided by the Secretary of the Senate and shall be open to public inspection. A statement shall be filed even if there have been no expenditures during a reporting period.

### **9.6—Ethics Committee advisory opinions**

A lobbyist, when in doubt about the applicability and interpretation of this rule in a particular context, may submit in writing a statement of the facts involved to the Committee on Rules and Calendar and may appear in person before said committee.

The Committee on Rules and Calendar may render advisory opinions to any lobbyist who seeks advice as to whether or not the facts in a particular case would constitute a violation of these Rules. All opinions shall delete names and be numbered, dated, and published in the Journal of the Senate.

### **9.7—Compilation of opinions; list of lobbyists**

The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a compilation of all advisory opinions of the Committee on Rules and Calendar as well as a current list of registered lobbyists and their respective reports required under these Rules, all of which shall be open to public inspection.

### **9.8—Penalties for violations**

Separately from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law, any person determined to have violated the requirements of this rule shall be censured, reprimanded, placed on probation, or prohibited from lobbying for the duration of the session and from appearing before any committee of the Senate. Said determination shall be made by a majority of the Senate, upon recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Calendar. The Committee on Rules and Calendar, before making said recommendation, shall conduct a hearing, after notifying the person alleged to have violated this rule and granting such person an opportunity to appear at the hearing.

### **9.9—Secretary to provide forms**

The Secretary shall provide blank affidavits for the convenience of registrants, but the burden of compliance nevertheless always shall be upon the person required to register.

### **9.10—Committees to be diligent**

Committees shall be diligent to ascertain whether those who appear before them in other than an obviously individual capacity have conformed with the requirements of this rule, and to report violations. No committeeman shall knowingly permit an unregistered lobbyist to be heard.

## **RULE TEN**

### **CHAMBER OF THE SENATE**

### **10.1—Persons entitled to admission**

No person shall be admitted to the main floor of the Senate Chamber while

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the Senate is in daily session except present members of the Senate and all officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, and persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate. A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for members of the families of Senators. Also entitled to admission are the Governor or one (1) representative designated by him, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet officers, former governors, present and former United States Senators, members or former members of the House of Representatives of the United States and of this State, Justices of the Supreme Court, former State Senators of Florida and persons by invitation of the President.

### **10.2—Exception**

None of the persons entitled to admission shall be admitted if registered pursuant to Rule 9.

### **10.3—Admission of press by President**

Representatives of the press and of radio and television stations, in performance of their duties, shall be assigned to a press section specifically set aside for them, and shall not be allowed on the Senate floor while the Senate is in daily session, except with the approval of the President.

### **10.4—Recognition of guests**

No person shall be introduced unless he is escorted to the rostrum with concurrence of the Senate. This rule shall not apply to the first day of each regular session.

### **10.5—Attire**

All male persons on the main floor of the Senate and in the gallery (with the exception of visitors in that portion of the gallery set aside for the general public) shall wear coats and ties at all times while the Senate is in session.

## **RULE ELEVEN**

### **CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES**

#### **11.1—Interpretation of Rules**

It shall be the duty of the President, or the presiding officer for the time being, to interpret all rules. Motions for the previous question and to lay upon the table shall not be entertained.

#### **11.2—Waiver and suspension of Rules**

These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Senators present, which motion, when made, shall be decided without debate. A motion to waive a rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall be construed to be an amendment to these Rules and shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar except by unanimous consent of those present.

#### **11.3—Changes in Rules**

All proposed actions touching the Rules and order of business in the Senate shall be first referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar, which shall report as soon as practicable thereafter. Consideration of such a report shall