

Lobbyist Registration Before the Florida Legislature

All lobbyists before the Florida Legislature must register annually with the Lobbyist Registration Office on forms furnished by the Office.

A completed lobbyist registration form, a statement signed by the principal or principal's representative authorizing the lobbyist to represent the principal before the Legislature, and the annual fee (or letter of fee exemption for authorized employees of the executive and judicial branches) are required to register as a lobbyist. A separate registration and authorization must be submitted for each principal represented.

A registration form and authorization form follow. Please be advised that a registration is not effective until all of the required items have been received in good order. Do not lobby until your registration is effective.

The first lobbyist who registers to represent a principal is the "designated lobbyist" for that principal. However, the principal may change its designated lobbyist at any time in writing on forms furnished by the Office. The designated lobbyist is responsible for reporting expenses made directly by the principal on the expenditure report.

Lobbyists are required by law to file semi-annual expenditure reports on February 14th and August 14th. Fines are up to \$5,000 for each late report. Lobbyists are required to maintain a current mailing address at all times with the Lobbyist Registration Office. Lobbyists who no longer represent a principal must promptly cancel their registration for that principal. Following these requirements will prevent late expenditure reporting fines.

A guide is available which contains frequently asked questions about registration and expenditure reporting and the applicable law and rules. Lobbyists are urged to read sections 11.044 - 11.062, Florida Statutes, and Joint Rule 1 prior to registration.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE CALENDAR YEAR 2003
Read the registration instructions on the reverse side of form to ensure your timely and accurate registration.

(1) Lobbyist's Full, Legal Name:

Last Name First Name MI

(2) Lobbyist's Business Address:

City State Zip

(3) Lobbyist's Phone Number:

(4) Lobbyist's Area of Legislative Interest:

(5) Lobbyist's Driver's License Number and Issuing State:

(6) Principal Represented. State *one* principal per form:

(7) Principal's Business Address:

City State Zip

Complete the items in this section *only if applicable*:

State the name and the extent of any direct business association or partnership you have with any member of the Legislature:

If this is *not* a "joint" Senate and House registration, then check one and pay the fee accordingly: The Senate [] *OR* The House []

I do solemnly swear that all the foregoing facts are true and correct.

ORIGINAL Signature of Lobbyist

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 200____, by _____

Notary Signature Print, Type or Stamp Name of Notary Personally Known _____ OR

Produced Identification _____ Type of Identification Produced _____

Acknowledged by _____ (For use only when registering in person before Lobbyist Registration Office staff.)

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- Lobbyists must register annually prior to lobbying the Florida Legislature.
- Registrations take effect upon receipt of the required forms and fee and terminate on December 31, 2003, unless canceled by the lobbyist or principal.
- A separate registration form is required for each principal. (A principal is the person, firm, corporation or other entity that has employed or retained a lobbyist.) Information on the form must be stated under oath. Be specific in stating your *Area of Legislative Interest*, e.g., education, health care, insurance, etc.
- A separate authorization form signed by the principal authorizing the lobbyist to represent the principal must be submitted with the registration form.
- If a principal is represented by two or more lobbyists, the first lobbyist who registers is the “designated lobbyist” for purposes of reporting the principal’s expenditures. The principal may change its designated lobbyist at any time in writing to the office.
- The annual fee is \$60 for a lobbyist’s *first registration* and \$20 for each additional registration for that lobbyist. Make checks payable to the **Florida Legislature**. The fee must be submitted with the registration and authorization forms, or the forms will be returned.
- State employees paying the fee by Journal Transfer must attach the SAMAS voucher schedule to the registration and authorization forms, or the forms will be returned. Use the following benefiting codes to pay by JT: BF Org - 11323255000 BF EO - 11 BF Obj – 001055 BF Cat - 000100. Purchase orders are *not* accepted.
- Two employees of specified state agencies and the Judicial Branch are exempt from the registration fee. A fee exemption letter signed by the agency head or specified person below must be attached to the registration and authorization forms, or they will be returned. The exemption applies to the following: each department of the executive branch created under chapter 20, Florida Statutes; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; the Executive Office of the Governor; the Commission on Ethics; the Florida Public Service Commission; and the Judicial Branch, designated in writing by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.
- State the name and the extent of any direct business association or partnership you have with any member of the Legislature. Leave blank if not applicable.
- Check the Senate or the House if you are *not* registering to lobby before both. The fee is \$30 for a lobbyist’s *first* registration and \$10 for each additional registration for that lobbyist. Leave blank if not applicable.

IMPORTANT:

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Lobbyists are required by law to file semi-annual expenditure reports on February 14th and August 14th. Mark your calendars now. You may be fined up to \$5,000 for each late report.

All of the lobbyist forms and the guide to registration and reporting are available on the Internet at www.flsenate.gov/lobbyist

Mail forms and fee to the Lobbyist Registration Office, 111 W. Madison St. Rm. G-68, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425 (850) 922-4990

Authorization to Represent the Principal before the Florida Legislature

At the time of registration, a lobbyist must provide a statement signed by the principal or principal's representative that the lobbyist is authorized to represent that principal. Submit this *completed* authorization form with the registration form and fee.

Type or print clearly the principal represented and the lobbyist's name as they are stated on the registration form. If the names on the authorization form are different from the names on the registration form, the forms will be returned.

_____ hereby authorizes _____
(Principal represented) (Lobbyist's name)

to represent the Principal before the **Florida Legislature**.

Authorized Signature of Principal

Print Name

Print Title

Date