

JOINT RULE
LOBBYIST REGISTRATION

1.1—Those Required to Register; Exemptions

Any person who appears before a member, a committee, or staff of the Legislature to express support for or opposition to any legislation must register with the Joint Legislative Management Committee, unless that person:

- (1) Is a member of the Legislature;
- (2) Is employed by the Legislature and is authorized in writing to appear;
- (3) Appears solely in his individual capacity and so declares during that appearance;
- (4) Appears on behalf of an organization or business entity in which he is an officer, partner, or member, or by which he is regularly employed, and receives no salary or compensation for that appearance other than reasonable and ordinary travel expenses, and so declares during that appearance; or
- (5) Appears as a witness or for the purpose of providing information at the written request of the chairman of the committee, the subcommittee, or legislative delegation.

1.2—Method of Registration; Periodic Reports Required

(1) Each person who is required to register under Joint Senate and House Rule 1.1 must register on forms furnished by the Joint Legislative Management Committee, on which he must state, under oath, his name and business address, the name and business address of each principal he represents, the areas of his legislative interest, and the extent of any direct business association or partnership he has with any member of the Legislature. The Joint Legislative Management Committee or its designee is authorized to acknowledge the oath of any person who registers in person.

(2) In addition, each person who registers must submit semiannually to the Joint Legislative Management Committee, on forms furnished by the committee, a signed and certified statement listing all lobbying expenditures and sources of funds for those expenditures. A statement covering the period from January 1 through June 30 must be filed by July 15 of that year, and a statement covering the period from July 1 through December 31 must be filed by January 15 of the succeeding year. These statements should not include expenditures for the registrant's lodging, meals, or travel. A statement must be filed for each reporting period even if no expenditures have been made during that reporting period.

(3) The Joint Legislative Management Committee shall publish on the first Monday of each regular session and weekly thereafter through the end of that session a compilation of the names of persons who have registered and the information contained in their registrations.

(4) The Joint Legislative Management Committee shall retain all original documents submitted under this section.

1.3—Registration Costs; Exemptions

(1) To cover the costs incurred in administering this joint policy, each person who registers under Joint Senate and House Rule 1.1 must pay a biennial registration fee to the Joint Legislative Management Committee. These fees should be paid at the time of registration; provided, however, those persons who have already registered with the House or Senate for the current session shall pay their fees prior to March 4, 1991, to avoid registering again. The following persons are exempt from paying the fee:

(a) Any person who receives no compensation for his appearances other than reasonable reimbursement for his travel and meal expenses.

(b) Any governmental official elected in the State of Florida.

(c) Two employees of each state agency who are designated in writing by the head of the agency.

Persons who are not required to register under Joint Senate and House Rule 1.1, but who choose to do so, shall pay a processing fee of \$10.00 per house per biennium.

(2) The fee is \$50 per each house for a person to register to represent one principal and an additional \$10 per house for each additional principal that the person registers to represent. The fees collected by the Joint Legislative Management Committee under this joint policy shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the appropriation for legislative expenses specifically to cover the costs incurred in administering this joint policy.

1.4—Questions Regarding Registration

Persons in doubt as to whether they are required to register may request an opinion from the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate.

1.5—Open Records

All the lobbyist registration and expenditure records shall be available for public inspection, and for duplication at reasonable cost.