

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 540 (HB 106)

2024 Regular Session

Jackson

Existing law requires legislative, executive branch, and local lobbyists to register with the Bd. of Ethics (board) as soon as possible after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event no later than five days after employment or first action as a lobbyist.

Existing law provides that any person required to register and who fails to timely register and any person who fails to timely file any required report, including a combined report for legislative and executive branch lobbying, shall be assessed a late fee of \$50 per day.

Existing law requires legislative and executive branch lobbyists to file with the board monthly expenditure reports containing specific information.

Existing law provides that any person who fails to file a required expenditure report containing all required information shall be assessed a late fee of \$50 per day.

Existing law establishes maximums for late filing fees assessed by the board; such maximums are based on the amount of the per day fee. If the per-day late filing fee is \$50, prior law provided that the maximum fee is \$1,500.

New law reduces the maximum fee as applicable to legislative, executive branch, and local lobbyists to \$500.

Existing law provides that any lobbyist whose registration or report is filed 11 or more days after the day on which it was due may be assessed, in addition to late fees, after a hearing by the board, a civil penalty. Prior law provided the civil penalty could not exceed \$10,000. New law lowers the maximum civil penalty to \$1,000.

New law provides the computation of days for purposes of calculating fees assessed and penalties imposed on lobbyists shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 24:58(D)(2), R.S. 33:9668(D)(2), R.S. 42:1157(A)(4)(c), and R.S. 49:78(D)(2); Adds R.S. 24:58(D)(6), R.S. 33:9668(D)(6), and R.S. 49:78(D)(6))