
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a foreign adversary to provide additional registration information to register as a lobbyist in La. Requires persons who are employed or contracted with foreign adversaries to register with the board of ethics and provide information regarding their activities within the state.

Present law provides for the Foreign Agents Registration Act (See 22 U.S.C. §611-621) which requires the registration of agents of adverse nations and foreign terror organizations with the U.S. Attorney General.

Proposed law provides that an agent of a foreign adversary shall complete a registration with the board of ethics which includes contact information, nationality information and information relative to the country they reside in and the nature of their business in the state and whether the business involves political activities.

Proposed law provides for penalties of \$50,000 for the willful violation of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the board of ethics to provide information about agents of foreign adversaries on a web portal maintained on the board's website.

Proposed law allows the board of ethics to send and receive data from government officials in other states regarding the compliance of agents of foreign adversaries.

Proposed law permits the board of ethics to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides for the definitions of "board", "expenditure", "legislation", "lobbying", "lobbyist", "person", "public servant" and "principal duty" as used in La. lobbying law.

Proposed law adds the definition of "foreign adversary" to these definitions and provides that it means an individual or a government identified as a foreign adversary in 15 CFR 7.4(a) and identified in the database maintained by the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, office of foreign assets control.

Present law requires persons who wish to lobby before the La. legislature or any public body to register with the ethics board.

Proposed law provides that an agent of a foreign adversary shall, in addition to the present law requirements, complete registration indicating that it is a foreign adversary of the U.S.

Effective December 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 24:51(3)-(8); Adds R.S. 24:51.(9), 53.1 and 57(6) and R.S. 42:1171)