

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 727

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

LOBBYING: Specifies that the filing of certain supplemental lobbyist disclosure reports is not required during the registration renewal period

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:53(F)(1) and (H), R.S. 33:9664(D)(1) and (F), and R.S.  
3 49:74(D)(1) and (F), relative to lobbyist disclosure; to provide relative to the filing  
4 of certain supplemental reports during the registration renewal period; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:53(F)(1) and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §53. Registration of lobbyists with the board; compilation of information

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11 F.(1)(a) Within ten days of termination of a registrant's employment or  
12 representation of any person, the registrant shall file a supplemental registration  
13 acknowledging the termination of his employment or representation with the board.

14 (b) The registrant shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
15 pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if the termination of employment or  
16 representation occurs after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his  
17 renewal form during the period provided in Subsection E of this Section and the  
18 renewal form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and  
19 representation as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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21 H.(1) Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the  
22 lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental electronic

1 registration shall be filed with the board as soon as possible after such change occurs  
2 and in any event not later than five days after such change, using forms provided by  
3 the board.

4 (2) The lobbyist shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
5 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the lobbyist begins representing an  
6 additional person after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his renewal  
7 form during the period provided in Subsection E of this Section and the renewal form  
8 accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and representation as of  
9 the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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11 Section 2. R.S. 33:9664(D)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
12 follows:

13 §9664. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

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15 D.(1)(a) Within ten days of termination of a registrant's employment or  
16 representation of any person, the registrant shall file a supplemental registration with  
17 the ethics board acknowledging the termination of his employment or representation.

18 (b) The registrant shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
19 pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if the termination of employment or  
20 representation occurs after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his  
21 renewal form during the period provided in Subsection C of this Section and the  
22 renewal form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and  
23 representation as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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25 F.(1) Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the  
26 lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental electronic  
27 registration shall be filed with the ethics board as soon as possible after such change  
28 occurs and in any event not later than five days after such change using forms  
29 provided by the ethics board.

1           (2) The lobbyist shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
2           pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the lobbyist begins representing an  
3           additional person after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his renewal  
4           form during the period provided in Subsection C of this Section and the renewal  
5           form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and representation  
6           as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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8           Section 3. R.S. 49:74(D)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10           §74. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

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12           D.(1)(a) Within ten days of termination of a registrant's employment or  
13 representation of any person, the registrant shall file a supplemental registration with  
14 the ethics board acknowledging the termination of his employment or representation.

15           (b) The registrant shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
16 pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if the termination of employment or  
17 representation occurs after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his  
18 renewal form during the period provided in Subsection C of this Section and the  
19 renewal form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and  
20 representation as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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22           F.(1) Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the  
23 lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental electronic  
24 registration shall be filed with the ethics board as soon as possible after such change  
25 occurs and in any event not later than five days after such change using forms  
26 provided by the ethics board.

27           (2) The lobbyist shall not be required to file a supplemental registration  
28 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the lobbyist begins representing an  
29 additional person after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his renewal

1 form during the period provided in Subsection C of this Section and the renewal  
 2 form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and representation  
 3 as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

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DIGEST

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HB 727 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Specifies that the filing of certain supplemental lobbyist disclosure reports is not required if a change in representation occurs in the month of January and if the lobbyist timely renews his registration pursuant to present law with accurate employment and representation information.

Present law (R.S. 24:53, R.S.33:9664, and R.S. 49:74, relative to legislative, local, and executive branch lobbying disclosure) requires that persons register with the ethics board within five days of employment or the first action requiring his registration, whichever occurs first. Requires that the registration be filed electronically with the board. Requires the lobbyist to provide: his name, business address, the name and address of his employers and persons whose interests he represents, including the business in which such person is engaged, the name of each person by whom he is paid, and other specified information. Present law provides that registration renewal can occur anytime from Dec. 1 until Jan. 31 and that failure to renew by Jan. 31 of each year causes registration to expire retroactively to Dec. 31. Present law provides that within 10 days of the termination of a registrant's employment or representation, the lobbyist must file a supplemental registration with the ethics board acknowledging termination.

Proposed law specifies that no supplemental registration form shall be required if the termination of employment or representation occurs after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his renewal form during the renewal period and the renewal form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and representation as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form

Present law provides that whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a lobbyist must file a supplemental electronic registration as soon as possible and in no event not later than five days of such change.

Proposed law specifies that no supplemental registration form shall be required if the lobbyist begins representing an additional person after December thirty-first and the lobbyist timely files his renewal form during the renewal period and the renewal form accurately and completely lists the lobbyist's employment and representation as of the time the lobbyist files the renewal form.

(Amends R.S. 24:53(F)(1) and (H), R.S. 33:9664(D)(1) and (F), and R.S. 49:74(D)(1) and (F))