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## DIGEST

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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))