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Alabama	Ethics Comm.	Quarterly	★
Alaska	Public Offices Comm.	Monthly (b)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★ (c)
Arizona	Secretary of State	Annually	...	★	(mm)	★	...
Arkansas	Ethics Comm. (d)	Monthly and quarterly	...	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
California	Political Reform Division, Secretary of State	Quarterly	★	★	★	★	...	...	★	★ (e)
Colorado	Secretary of State	Monthly	★	★	★	★	★	★	...	...
Connecticut*	State Ethics Comm.	Monthly (a,f)	★	(g)	★	★	★	★	...	(h)
Delaware	Public Integrity Comm.	Quarterly	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
Florida	Jt. Legislative Mgt. Cmte.	Quarterly	...	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
Georgia	Ethics Comm.	Monthly (b)	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	State Ethics Comm.	Jan., March, May	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
Idaho	Secretary of State	Monthly (a) and annually	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
Illinois	Secretary of State	Semi-annually and annually	...	★	...	...	...	★	★	(c,i,j,k)
Indiana	Lobby Registration Comm.	Semi-annually	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	(l)
Iowa	Secretary of Senate, Clerk of House	Monthly (m)	★	★	...	...	...	...	★	...
Kansas	Ethics Comm.	(n)	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
Kentucky	Legislative Ethics Comm.	(o)	★	★	★	...	...	★	★	...
Louisiana	Board of Ethics	Annually-registration Semi-annual reporting	★	★(p)	...	...	...	...	★	(q)
Maine	Comm. on Gov't'l. Ethics	Monthly (a) and after session	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
Maryland	Ethics Comm.	Semi-annually	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	(r)
Massachusetts	Secretary of State	Semi-annually	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
Michigan	Secretary of State	Semi-annually	★	★(s)	...	...	...	★	★	(t)
Minnesota	Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board	Three times a year	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	(u)
Mississippi* (v)	Secretary of State	Annually and 2 times per session	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
Missouri*	Ethics Comm.	Semi-annually and annually (a)	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	(r,w)
Montana	Commr. of Political Practices	...	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	(x)
Nebraska	Accountability & Disclosure Comm.	Quarterly	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	(y) (j)
Nevada	Legislative Counsel Bureau	Monthly (a) and after session	...	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
New Hampshire	Secretary of State	April, Aug., Dec.	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
New Jersey	Election Law Enforcement Comm.	Annually and quarterly	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
New Mexico	Secretary of State	Before, during & after session	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
New York	Temporary State Comm. on Lobbying	Bi-monthly and semi-annually	★(nn)	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
North Carolina	Secretary of State	After session and year end	...	...	(z)	...	...	★	...	...
North Dakota	Secretary of State	(aa)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(bb)
Ohio	Office of the Legislative Inspector General	Every four months	★	★	...	...	...	★	★	...
Oklahoma	Ethics Comm.	Biennially	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	(cc)
Oregon	Gov't standards & Practices Comm.	(dd)	★	...	...	...	...	★	★	...
Pennsylvania	State Ethics Comm.	Quarterly	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
Rhode Island*	Secretary of State	(ee)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
South Carolina	Ethics Comm.	Apr.10, Oct. 10 and year end	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★ (ff)

See footnotes at end of table.

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South Dakota	Secretary of State	After session	★	★	★
Tennessee	Registry of Election Finance	Semi-annually	...	★(oo)
Texas	Ethics Comm.	Monthly and annually	★	★(gg)	★	★	★	★
Utah	Lieutenant Governor	(hh)	★	★	(pp)	★
Vermont	Secretary of State	March 25, July 25 and year end (ii)	★	★	★	★	...	★	...	(jj)
Virginia	Secretary of State	Yearly	★	...	★	★	★	★	...	★
Washington	Public Disclosure Comm.	Monthly	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...
West Virginia	Ethics Comm.	After session, annually, and mid-session	...	★	★	★
Wisconsin	Ethics Board	Biennially	★	(kk)	★	★	★	★	...	(ll)
Wyoming	Secretary of State	Yearly	...	★	★	★
Dist. of Columbia	Office of Campaign Finance	Biennially	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	...

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2000, except as noted by * where data are from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

Key:

- ★ — Application exists.
- ... — Not applicable.
- (a) During legislative session. In Missouri, filed with the secretary of Senate and clerk of the House.
- (b) During legislative session, quarterly thereafter.
- (c) Must make separate disclosure report.
- (d) Reporting forms are filed with the secretary of state.
- (e) Campaign contributions made; lump sum reporting of overhead and other payments in connection with lobbying activities.
- (f) Also, first, second and fourth quarters.
- (g) In detail, if over \$10 per person.
- (h) Fundamental terms of lobbying contracts.
- (i) Entertainment expense.
- (j) Disclosure of honoraria or other money loaned, promised or paid to official or staff of legislative or executive branches of state government.
- (k) Categories of expenditures exceeding thresholds.
- (l) Compensation and reimbursement to others, receptions, and entertainment. Compensated lobbyists must report on behalf of each client by filing an activity report naming the client.
- (m) In the Senate, reports are required only if \$15 or more is provided to senators or their staff on any one day.
- (n) February, March, April, May, September, and January.
- (o) Initial registration begins seven days after engagement to lobby. Updated registration forms are due not later than the 15th day of January, February, March, April, May and September of even-numbered years; the 15th day of January, May and September of odd-numbered years.
- (p) Reporting applies to expenditures made with respect to legislators only.
- (q) Expenditures for individual legislators which exceed \$50 on an occasion or \$250 in a reporting period, expenditures for recognized groups of legislators, and expenditures for individual legislators for out-of-state speaking engagements.
- (r) To a limited extent.
- (s) Food and beverage expenditures for public officials are disclosed. Expenditures for persons who are not public officials are not disclosed. Travel and lodging in excess of \$575 provided to a public official must be disclosed.
- (t) Financial transactions of \$900 or more are disclosed. Gifts in excess of \$44 to a single public official are prohibited.
- (u) Metropolitan governmental unit action seeking to influence.
- (v) Effective January 1, 1995, Mississippi will require lobbyists to disclose the name of the government official whenever anything of value is given by a lobbyist.

- (w) Business relationships with public officials, if over \$50
- (x) If over \$250.
- (y) Must report names and addresses of persons giving more than \$100.
- (z) In North Carolina, the principal shall estimate and report the compensation paid or promised directly or indirectly, to all lobbyists based on estimated time, effort and expense in connection with lobbying activities on behalf of the principal. If a lobbyist is a full-time employee of the principal, or is compensated by means of an annual fee or retainer, the principal shall estimate and report the portion of all such lobbyists' salaries or retainers that compensate the lobbyists for lobbying.
- (aa) As a result of a law change by the 1995 Legislative Assembly, the registration period is now from July 1 to June 30 of following year. The reporting requirements are for the same period of time.
- (bb) Any expenditure over \$25 per occasion.
- (cc) By whom the lobbyist is reimbursed, retained or employed to lobby, and on whose behalf the lobbying is done.
- (dd) Even-numbered years: January 31, July 31; odd-numbered years: January 31, April 30, July 31.
- (ee) At specified times during legislative session and at end of legislative session.
- (ff) Reports required from lobbyist's principal.
- (gg) In detail, if over \$50 per person.
- (hh) After the session, annually, seven days before a general election, and seven days after the end of a special session or veto override session.
- (ii) January 20 for preceding year; March 10 for January and February.
- (jj) A lobbyist who is compensated, in whole or in part, by an employer for the purpose of lobbying on behalf of another person, group or coalition is required to provide the name of the employer, the name of the person, group or coalition on whose behalf he/she lobbies and a description of the matters for which lobbying has been engaged by the employer.
- (kk) Prohibited.
- (ll) Daily record of time spent on lobbying on each reported bill, budget topic and administrative rule. Reports filed by lobbyist's employer.
- (mm) Food and beverage expenditures for public officials are disclosed. Expenditures for persons who are not public officials are not disclosed.
- (nn) New York's Lobbying Act of 2000 requires a description of the subject lobbied or expected to be lobbied, as well as listing the legislative bill number and the rule, regulation, and ratemaking number lobbied or expected to be lobbied.
- (oo) Lobbyist only have to disclose campaign contributions exceeding \$100 made to benefit legislative and executive branch officials or candidates for state public office.
- (pp) Lobbyist must break down their expenditures into three categories: travel expenditures; expenditures not exceeding \$50 per person; expenditures exceeding \$50 per person (lobbyist must report the name of the official benefited).