

HB 1992 -- Lobbying and Election Campaign Requirements

Sponsor: Rupp

This bill changes the laws regarding lobbying and campaign finance requirements. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires lobbyists to include expenditures on behalf of any majority or minority caucus of the General Assembly in their monthly reports to the Missouri Ethics Commission;

(2) Prohibits lobbyists from providing travel, lodging, or tickets to any public official or the official's employees, spouses, and dependent children unless the expenditure is approved by the Administration and Accounts Committee of the House of Representatives or the Administration Committee of the Senate;

(3) Prohibits legislative political party committees from making campaign contributions to candidates for the General Assembly or any other statewide office;

(4) Prohibits candidates for the General Assembly or any other statewide office from accepting contributions while the General Assembly is in session. Candidates in a special election for these positions may accept contributions from the date of their nomination until the date of the election; and

(5) Requires candidates for the General Assembly or statewide office to file the committee disclosure reports required by Section 130.041, RSMo, on the last day of each month until 21 days before the election, after which the reports must be filed every 24 hours. The report will cover contributions made from the first of the month until the twenty-fifth of each month. Reports will be filed electronically with the commission which is authorized to make rules regarding electronic filing.