

HB 1260 -- ETHICS AND LOBBYING

SPONSOR: Jones (050)

This bill makes changes to the laws relating to the Ethics Commission. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) States that incidental fees of \$9.00 or less spent in any single occurrence on a single calendar day for any one elected official do not need to be reported to the Ethics Commission;
- (2) Requires the Ethics Commission to respond to requests for opinions within 10 business days. If the law is not clear, the commission may request clarification before issuing an opinion;
- (3) Prohibits each single lobbyist from spending more than \$900 per calendar year on food and beverages for any one elected official. A cap of \$900 per calendar year is also placed on each single lobbyist for gifts to any one elected official; and
- (4) Limits the amount a lobbyist is allowed to spend on any one elected official for traveling expenses to the per diem of the state to which the elected official is traveling.