

HB 1979 -- REGISTERED LOBBYISTS (Rowden)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Government Oversight and Accountability

This bill prohibits statewide officials, members of the General Assembly, and appointed officials whose appointments are subject to Senate confirmation from registering as lobbyists after vacating their office until one year after the expiration of their term in office. The bill will be effective for statewide office holders except the auditor, members of the General Assembly, and appointees who are elected after January 1, 2016, and for a State Auditor elected after January 01, 2018.

Members of the General Assembly and statewide elected officials may not solicit registered lobbyists for positions beginning after their term in office while they hold office. The bill also expands the crime of exceeding to corruption under Section 576.020, RSMo, to explicitly include trading votes for specified positions in state and local government or fee offices.