



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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This Bill and Legislation are both a Good Bill and a Bad Bill for Ethics Reform. This Bill Needs some Revisions. I am in Favor of a Gift-Ban at the Local, County and Special District Levels of Government with ALL Political Subdivisions of the State. Buying Power and Votes is Unacceptable. The East-Central Water & Sewer Authority and Public Water Supply District #2 of Saint Charles County (Making a \$25,000 Plus Salary X 7) and the City of O' Fallon with Gifts of Sporting Events, Concert Tickets, Trips, Meal and Pricey Gifts, are way Out-Of-Control and NEEDS to be Stopped! I am Opposed to the increase of Fines and Late Fees.



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The language in the bill puts all elected officials and our employees in a position of lobbyist principle. This would prevent us from participating at any training event where a pen/paper, meal or any other value is provided. It would also impact the ability to be a member of a professional association. The elimination of training and professional development will greatly impact our ability to retain and recruit team members. I strongly recommend that this legislation be opposed. Thank you for your consideration. Cindy S. Stein, Greene County Auditor



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I oppose the lobbyist principle. I believe that "lunch" and "service awards" examples gives decent jobs of examples that happen in local government that this principle does not work. "Training" is another example of not working.



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Missouri Sheriffs United and Sheriffs across Missouri want to go on record in opposition to SB378. We respect and support what Senator Rowden wants to accomplish. However, as it stands, SB378 contains language that is problematic. Any organization or professional association who pays a lobbyist is a "lobbyist principle." As written, SB378 will prevent an origination such as the Missouri Sheriffs' Association from: 1) Awarding employees of sheriff's offices with commendations such as Deputy, Reserve Deputy, and Jail Administrator of the year as well as prohibit paying for their meals and lodging at an awards banquet. 2) Distributing funds from our Benevolent Fund to employees of a sheriff's office. 3) Sending plants and/or flowers to sick or injured employees of a sheriff's office. 4) Providing any service, or thing of value to employees of a sheriff's office. (i.e. appreciation dinners, challenge coins, hotel rooms & lodging for attending or providing training) In addition to the devastating and unnecessary negative effect on organizations and associations, as worded, SB378 unfairly affects any employee of an elected official. For example: Mark Jones, a lobbyist, is getting married. Several of Mark's friends are employees of the sheriff's office, the local police department, the prosecutor's office, and the county clerk's office. SB378 will prohibit Mark from providing his friends with food and beverages at the wedding. If they travel a fair distance, Mark could not provide them with lodging. If they were members of the wedding party, Mark could not provide them gifts for being a part of the wedding. Again, we respect and support what SB378 is trying to accomplish. However, we oppose its passage without working through issues such as I mentioned.



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The current language of SB 378 could have the unintended consequence of preventing Vendor Expo's and trade shows for Annual Training Conferences. The Missouri County Collectors' Association, as well as the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) and other affiliate Associations - County Auditors, County Recorders, etc. include Trade Expo's aka Vendor Shows as part of their Annual Training Conferences. The Vendors pay a fee to participate in these events. These fees help keep the cost of putting on Annual Training Conferences lower for the attendees and these vendors/businesses get to put their products in front of the people to whom they want to market. This is a win/win for the Associations and the Businesses. County Budgets are extremely tight and to put additional financial burden on them by eliminating the supplemental revenue to the various Office Associations could impact the ability of some office holders to attend their statutorily required trainings. I respectfully request you do not pass SB 378 out of Committee.





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