HJR 20 -- PERMISSIBLE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

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Upon voter approval, after December 3, 2026, this constitutional amendment would prohibit any person who served as a high or midlevel official in the executive branch from:

(1) Acting, serving, or registering as a paid lobbyist;

(2) Engaging in contract negotiations with the executive branch entity in which they served if those contracts could reasonably benefit from privileged access, knowledge, or the person's relationships established through their service;

(3) Participating in any consultant role that leverages prior executive branch service for private gain on matters related to decisions they contributed to during their service;

(4) Soliciting prospective employers or clients to represent as lobbyists during their employment; or

(5) Acting in a way that could be construed as similar to a lobbyist.

Any former elected official or high or mid-level official of the executive branch who begins employment with an entity that contracts or deals directly with the executive branch entity where they were elected or employed must disclose their new employment to the Missouri Ethics Commission within 30 days. The Missouri Ethics Commission will make the disclosures accessible to the public on its website.