

Summary of Changes to the Arkansas Ethics Commission's Rules on Lobbyist Registration and Reporting

§502 – Pursuant to Act 1284 of 2005, this section was changed to include that the types of public servants being lobbied be disclosed by a lobbyist on his or her registration form.

§503– Pursuant to Act 1284 of 2005, this section was changed to provide that a lobbyist registered to lobby members of the General Assembly shall file an amended registration form within three (3) business days of a change of information that occurs during a regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly. In addition, except as provided in the foregoing instance, if there are any changes in the information a lobbyist must disclose on his or her registration form during the year of registration, that lobbyist shall file an amended registration form containing the different or new information within ten (10) days of the change.

§510 – A note was added to this section to clarify that when reporting expenditures by employer or client, a lobbyist may combine reimbursements for the lobbyist's own expenses with other expenditures made for or on behalf of a particular employer or client. If desired, however, a lobbyist may report reimbursements for the lobbyist's own expenses separately from other expenditures made for or on behalf of the employer or client. In such event, there would be two entries for that employer or client.

§517 – This section was changed to add the following provision taken from Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-802(e): No member of the General Assembly shall receive any income or compensation as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-401 et seq., other than income and benefits from the governmental body to which he or she is duly entitled, for lobbying other members of the General Assembly by communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with any other member with the purpose of influencing legislative action by the General Assembly.