

SENATE BILL No. 238

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-7-5-7.

Synopsis: Lobbying prohibition. Provides that an individual who is a member of the general assembly after November 5, 2024, may not be registered as a lobbyist during the period that begins on the day the individual ceases to be a member of the general assembly and ends 1,095 days after the date the individual ceases to be a member of the general assembly. Provides an exception. Provides that an individual who is appointed by the governor to: (1) serve in the governor's cabinet; or (2) serve as the executive director or director of an agency; may not be registered as a lobbyist during the period that begins on the day the individual ceases to be a member of the cabinet or ceases to be the executive director or director of an agency and ends 1,095 days after the date the individual ceases to be a member of the cabinet or ceases to be the executive director or director of an agency.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-7-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016,
 2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) **Subsection (c) does not apply to an**
 4 **individual who:**
 5 (1) **was a member of the general assembly;**
 6 (2) **ran for reelection to the general assembly and was**
 7 **defeated in the primary or general election; and**
 8 (3) **has not been subsequently elected or appointed to serve in**
 9 **the general assembly.**
 10 (b) An individual who is a member of the general assembly after
 11 December 31, 2011, **and before November 6, 2024**, may not be
 12 registered as a lobbyist under this article during the period ~~described~~
 13 ~~in subsection (b): that:~~
 14 (b) ~~The period referred to in subsection (a):~~
 15 (1) begins on the day the individual ceases to be a member of the
 16 general assembly; and
 17 (2) ends three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the date the



- 1 individual ceases to be a member of the general assembly.
- 2 **(c) Except as provided in subsection (a), an individual who is a**
3 **member of the general assembly after November 5, 2024, may not**
4 **be registered as a lobbyist under this article during the period that:**
5 **(1) begins on the day the individual ceases to be a member of**
6 **the general assembly; and**
7 **(2) ends one thousand ninety-five (1,095) days after the date**
8 **the individual ceases to be a member of the general assembly.**
- 9 **(d) An individual who has been appointed by the governor to**
10 **serve in the governor's cabinet, as the executive director of a state**
11 **agency, or as the director of a state agency may not be registered**
12 **as a lobbyist under this article during the period that:**
13 **(1) begins on the day the individual ceases to be:**
14 **(A) a member of the cabinet; or**
15 **(B) the executive director or director of an agency; and**
16 **(2) ends one thousand ninety-five (1,095) days after the date**
17 **the individual ceases to be:**
18 **(A) a member of the cabinet; or**
19 **(B) the executive director or director of an agency.**

