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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 105.456, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to prohibiting gifts from lobbyists.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 105.456, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 105.456, to read as follows:

105.456. 1. No member of the general assembly or the governor,  
2 lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer or state  
3 auditor shall:

4 (1) Perform any service for the state or any political subdivision of the  
5 state or any agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof or act in his  
6 or her official capacity or perform duties associated with his or her position for  
7 any person for any consideration other than the compensation provided for the  
8 performance of his or her official duties;

9 (2) Sell, rent or lease any property to the state or political subdivision  
10 thereof or any agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof for  
11 consideration in excess of five hundred dollars per transaction or one thousand  
12 five hundred dollars per annum unless the transaction is made pursuant to an  
13 award on a contract let or sale made after public notice and in the case of  
14 property other than real property, competitive bidding, provided that the bid or  
15 offer accepted is the lowest received;

16 (3) Attempt, for compensation other than the compensation provided for  
17 the performance of his or her official duties, to influence the decision of any  
18 agency of the state on any matter, except that this provision shall not be  
19 construed to prohibit such person from participating for compensation in any  
20 adversary proceeding or in the preparation or filing of any public document or

21 conference thereon. The exception for a conference upon a public document shall  
22 not permit any member of the general assembly or the governor, lieutenant  
23 governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer or state auditor to  
24 receive any consideration for the purpose of attempting to influence the decision  
25 of any agency of the state on behalf of any person with regard to any application,  
26 bid or request for a state grant, loan, appropriation, contract, award, permit other  
27 than matters involving a driver's license, or job before any state agency,  
28 commission, or elected official. Notwithstanding Missouri supreme court rule  
29 1.10 of rule 4 or any other court rule or law to the contrary, other members of a  
30 firm, professional corporation or partnership shall not be prohibited pursuant to  
31 this subdivision from representing a person or other entity solely because a  
32 member of the firm, professional corporation or partnership serves in the general  
33 assembly, provided that such official does not share directly in the compensation  
34 earned, so far as the same may reasonably be accounted, for such activity by the  
35 firm or by any other member of the firm. This subdivision shall not be construed  
36 to prohibit any inquiry for information or the representation of a person without  
37 consideration before a state agency or in a matter involving the state if no  
38 consideration is given, charged or promised in consequence thereof; or

39 (4) Solicit any registered lobbyist for any compensated or noncompensated  
40 position, with a hiring date beginning after such person is no longer an elected  
41 official, while such person holds office.

42 2. No sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, or corporation in  
43 which a member of the general assembly, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney  
44 general, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor or spouse of such official  
45 is the sole proprietor, a partner having more than a ten percent partnership  
46 interest, or a coparticipant or owner of in excess of ten percent of the outstanding  
47 shares of any class of stock, shall:

48 (1) Perform any service for the state or any political subdivision thereof  
49 or any agency of the state or political subdivision for any consideration in excess  
50 of five hundred dollars per transaction or one thousand five hundred dollars per  
51 annum unless the transaction is made pursuant to an award on a contract let or  
52 sale made after public notice and competitive bidding, provided that the bid or  
53 offer accepted is the lowest received; or

54 (2) Sell, rent, or lease any property to the state or any political  
55 subdivision thereof or any agency of the state or political subdivision thereof for  
56 consideration in excess of five hundred dollars per transaction or one thousand

57 five hundred dollars per annum unless the transaction is made pursuant to an  
58 award on a contract let or a sale made after public notice and in the case of  
59 property other than real property, competitive bidding, provided that the bid or  
60 offer accepted is the lowest and best received.

61 3. No individual or business entity shall solicit a member of the general  
62 assembly to become employed by that individual or business entity as a  
63 legislative lobbyist while such member is holding office as a member of the  
64 general assembly. No member of the general assembly shall solicit clients to  
65 represent as a legislative lobbyist.

66 4. **No person serving as a member of the general assembly or**  
67 **such member's staff, employee, spouse, or dependent children shall**  
68 **accept directly or indirectly a gift of any tangible or intangible item,**  
69 **service, or thing of value from any paid lobbyist or lobbyist principal.**

70 5. For purposes of this section, the terms "lobbyist" and "legislative  
71 lobbyist" shall have the same meanings given to such terms under section  
72 105.470.

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