

Proposed Rules
of the
Tennessee Ethics Commission

Chapter 0580-01-01
Rules Pertaining to Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists

Presented herein are proposed rules of the Tennessee Ethics Commission, submitted pursuant to T.C.A. §4—5—202 in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of the Tennessee Ethics Commission to promulgate these rules without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed rules are published. Such petition to be effective must be filed in Suite 1820 of the SunTrust Bank Building, , 201 4th Ave N, Nashville, TN, and in the Department of State, Eighth Floor, Tennessee Tower, William Snodgrass Building, 312 8th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the rule, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the rule, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For a copy of this proposed rule, contact Anne F. Turner, General Counsel, Tennessee Ethics Commission, 201 4th Ave N, Suite 1820, Nashville, TN 37248; 615-253-2665.

Amendments

Rule 0580-01-01-.03 Employer of Lobbyist Registration (3) shall be amended to delete the term “501(c)(3)” so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (3) An employer of a lobbyist shall, within thirty (30) days of registration, submit a nonrefundable registration fee to the Commission in the form and manner directed by the Commission in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per individual lobbyist registered; provided, however, that the Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the registration fee or grant a waiver from the registration fee for a duly incorporated not-for-profit organization.

Authority: T.C.A. §§3-6-308(a)(9), 3-6-302, 3-6-304 and 3-6-305 Administrative History: Original Rule filed as a Public Necessity Rule August 9, 2006; effective through January 21, 2007. Public necessity rule filed February 2, 2007; expires July 17, 2007.

Rule 0580-01-01-.04 Lobbyist Registration (3) shall be amended to delete the term “501(c)(3)” so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (3) A lobbyist shall, within thirty (30) days of registration, submit a nonrefundable registration fee to the Commission in the form and manner directed by the Commission in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per individual employer registered; provided, however, that the Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the registration fee or grant a waiver from the registration fee for a lobbyist employed by a duly incorporated not-for-profit organization whose only compensation is reimbursement of expenses.

Section 0580-01-01-.04 Lobbyist Registration shall be amended by adding a new paragraph (10) and renumbering the current paragraph (10) as paragraph (11) so that the new paragraph (10) shall read:

- (10) The Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the fee assessed under T.C.A. § 3-6-114(a) or grant a waiver of such fee.

Authority: T.C.A. §§3-6-308(a)(9), 3-6-302, 3-6-304 and 3-6-305. Administrative History: Original rule filed as a Public Necessity rule August 9, 2006; effective through January 21, 2007. Public necessity rule filed February 2, 2007; expires July 17, 2007.

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of state on the 30th day of November, 2007, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of an appropriate petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the 28th day of March, 2008. (FS 11-25-07; DBID 2765)