



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DATE: December 23, 2008
TO: Registered Lobbyists and Lobbyist Agents
FROM: Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections
SUBJECT: 2008 WINTER AND 2009 SUMMER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Please keep this memo for future reference as it contains detailed information on both the Winter and Summer Financial Reports due in 2009. This memo is available on the Bureau of Election's website. A postcard reminder will be sent to you prior to the Summer Financial Report due date.

Each Lobbyist and Lobbyist Agent registered under the Lobby Registration Act must file a Lobby Registration Financial Report by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009.

Each Lobbyist and Lobbyist Agent registered under the Lobby Registration Act must file a Lobby Registration Financial Report by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2009.

Each report must be submitted even if there are no lobbying activities or expenditures to disclose for the period covered by the report. See page 2 of this memo for information on filing your Lobby Financial Report electronically!

2008 Winter Report Filing Deadline and Coverage Dates

- The 2008 Winter Report is due on February 2, 2009.
- The 2008 Winter Report covers the period from August 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

2009 Summer Report Filing Deadline and Coverage Dates

- The 2009 Summer Report is due on August 31, 2009.
- The 2009 Summer Report covers the period from January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009.

File on Time!

A report that is hand-delivered, mailed by first class mail or sent via an overnight delivery service must reach this office before 4:00 p.m. on the due date. Be sure to allow ample mailing time if sending first class. A report that is sent by registered or certified mail and postmarked two or more calendar days before the filing deadline will be accepted as timely regardless of when it arrives.

Late Filing Fees

For the 2008 Winter Financial Report Summary, a \$21.00 late filing fee will be assessed each calendar day a required report is late, up to a maximum fee of \$630.00 (30 calendar days late).

For the 2009 Summer Financial Report Summary, a \$22.00 late filing fee will be assessed each calendar day a required report is late, up to a maximum fee of \$660.00 (30 calendar days late).

Terminating a Registration

A registrant that no longer meets the definition of a lobbyist or lobbyist agent may request termination by completing Item 5d on the Financial Report Summary form.

Required Disclosure and Thresholds for 2008 and 2009

- The Financial Report Summary form must be filed by all registrants. This form must be filed even if there are no lobbying activities or expenditures to disclose for the reporting period. A brief description of any lobbying activity during the period or an indication there was no activity must be provided under Item 6. Any lobbying expenditures are disclosed by category under Item 7.
- The Itemized Expenditures form is filed with the Financial Report Summary form only if the registrant meets the thresholds for itemizing:
 - 1) financial transactions of \$1,075.00 or more for 2008 and \$1,125.00 or more for 2009; or
 - 2) travel and lodging expenditures for public officials in excess of \$700.00 for 2008 and in excess of \$725.00 for 2009; or
 - 3) food and beverage expenditures for individual public officials in excess of \$53.00 per month for 2008 and in excess of \$56.00 per month in 2009; or
 - 4) group food and beverage expenditures for public officials in excess of \$325.00 for the year to date for 2008 and in excess of \$350.00 for the year to date for 2009.

The total of all food and beverage expenditures is always disclosed on the Financial Reports Summary form under Item 7a, Food and Beverage for Public Officials.

Electronic Filing Program Available

The Lobby Electronic Filing Program or “e-Lobby” is available for filing the Lobby Financial Report Summary, Itemized Expenditures and amendments online through an Internet form. The form is fast and easy to use. Go to www.Michigan.gov/sos to find more information on filing electronically or contact the Bureau of Elections.

Paper Reporting Forms

The Financial Report Summary and the Itemized Expenditure forms are available at www.Michigan.gov.

Questions? If you have any questions, please phone us at (517) 373-2540 or write us at the address below. The following address may also be used to send reports by first class, registered or certified mail.

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You may visit our office or use the following address for an overnight delivery service for the submission of your filing at:

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