



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5968

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/3.1  
25 ILCS 170/3.2 new  
55 ILCS 5/2-3015  
55 ILCS 5/2-4010  
55 ILCS 5/2-5008  
55 ILCS 5/2-6011 new

from Ch. 34, par. 2-5008

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a person required to be registered under the Act, his or her spouse, and his or her immediate family members living with that person may not serve as a member of a county board. Amends the Counties Code to provide that no person is eligible to hold office as a county board member, commissioner, or executive if he or she is required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Lobbyist Registration Act. Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 3.1 and by adding Section 3.2 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/3.1)

7 Sec. 3.1. Prohibition on serving on boards and commissions.  
8 Notwithstanding any other law of this State, on and after  
9 February 1, 2004, but not before that date, a person required  
10 to be registered under this Act, his or her spouse, and his or  
11 her immediate family members living with that person may not  
12 serve on a board, commission, authority, or task force  
13 authorized or created by State law or by executive order of the  
14 Governor; except that this restriction does not apply to any of  
15 the following:

16 (1) a registered lobbyist, his or her spouse, or any  
17 immediate family member living with the registered  
18 lobbyist, who is serving in an elective public office,  
19 whether elected or appointed to fill a vacancy; and

20 (2) a registered lobbyist, his or her spouse, or any  
21 immediate family member living with the registered  
22 lobbyist, who is serving on a State advisory body that  
23 makes nonbinding recommendations to an agency of State

1 government but does not make binding recommendations or  
2 determinations or take any other substantive action.

3 The prohibition on and exemptions to serving on boards  
4 provided under this Section do not apply to county boards, and  
5 any such prohibition concerning service on county boards under  
6 this Act shall be governed by Section 3.2.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1358, eff. 7-28-10.)

8 (25 ILCS 170/3.2 new)

9 Sec. 3.2. Prohibition on serving on county boards.  
10 Notwithstanding any other law of this State, a person required  
11 to be registered under this Act, his or her spouse, and his or  
12 her immediate family members living with that person may not  
13 serve as a member of a county board.

14 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
15 Sections 2-3015, 2-4010, and 2-5008 and by adding Section  
16 2-6011 as follows:

17 (55 ILCS 5/2-3015)

18 Sec. 2-3015. Qualifications of County Board Members and  
19 Commissioners.

20 (a) In counties with a population of 3,000,000 or less, no  
21 person is eligible to hold the office of county board member or  
22 commissioner unless he or she is a legal voter and has been a  
23 resident of the county for at least one year next preceding the

1 election.

2 (b) In addition to any other qualification which may be  
3 required by law or ordinance, no person is eligible to hold  
4 office as a county board member or commissioner if he or she is  
5 required to be registered as a lobbyist under Section 3 of the  
6 Lobbyist Registration Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-173, eff. 1-1-98.)

8 (55 ILCS 5/2-4010)

9 Sec. 2-4010. Qualifications of County Board Members and  
10 Commissioners.

11 (a) In counties with a population of 3,000,000 or less, no  
12 person is eligible to hold the office of county board member or  
13 commissioner unless he or she is a legal voter and has been a  
14 resident of the county for at least one year next preceding the  
15 election.

16 (b) In addition to any other qualification which may be  
17 required by law or ordinance, no person is eligible to hold  
18 office as a county board member or commissioner if he or she is  
19 required to be registered as a lobbyist under Section 3 of the  
20 Lobbyist Registration Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-173, eff. 1-1-98.)

22 (55 ILCS 5/2-5008) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-5008)

23 Sec. 2-5008. Qualifications of county executive. The  
24 qualifications for the office of county executive are the same

1 as those for membership on the board. However, the county  
2 executive shall not be an elected member of the county board,  
3 nor shall he or she be eligible to hold office as county  
4 executive if he or she is required to be registered as a  
5 lobbyist under Section 3 of the Lobbyist Registration Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)

7 (55 ILCS 5/2-6011 new)

8 Sec. 2-6011. Qualifications of board of commissioners. In  
9 addition to any other qualification which may be required by  
10 law or ordinance, no person is eligible to hold office as a  
11 Cook County Commissioner if he or she is required to be  
12 registered as a lobbyist under Section 3 of the Lobbyist  
13 Registration Act.