



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1545

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Jason Plummer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/2-101	from Ch. 127, par. 602-101
5 ILCS 420/2-104.5 new	
5 ILCS 420/3-105	from Ch. 127, par. 603-105
5 ILCS 420/3-106	from Ch. 127, par. 603-106

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that no legislator or any other person holding elected office in this State may engage in lobbying units of local government in promotion or opposition of a matter of interest during his or her term of office. Provides that no legislator or any other person holding elected office in this State may accept or participate in any way in any representation case before a unit of local government in this State during his or her term office. Provides that a violation shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor. 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 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 2-101, 3-105, and 3-106 and by adding
6 Section 2-104.5 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 420/2-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 602-101)

8 Sec. 2-101. Subject to the provisions of Section 2-104.5,
9 no ~~no~~ legislator may engage in lobbying, as that term is
10 defined in Section 1-109, if he accepts compensation
11 specifically attributable to such lobbying, other than that
12 provided by law for members of the General Assembly. Nothing in
13 this Section prohibits a legislator from lobbying without
14 compensation.

15 A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class A
16 misdemeanor.

17 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

18 (5 ILCS 420/2-104.5 new)

19 Sec. 2-104.5. Lobbying units of local government;
20 representation cases.

21 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2-101, no
22 legislator or any other person holding elected office in this

1 State may engage in lobbying units of local government in
2 promotion or opposition of a matter of interest during his or
3 her term of office.

4 (b) No legislator or any other person holding elected
5 office in this State may accept or participate in any way in
6 any representation case before a unit of local government in
7 this State during his or her term office.

8 (c) A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class A
9 misdemeanor.

10 (5 ILCS 420/3-105) (from Ch. 127, par. 603-105)

11 Sec. 3-105. No legislator may accept a representation case
12 where there is substantial reason for him to believe that it is
13 being offered with intent to obtain improper influence over a
14 State agency.

15 No legislator or any other elected official in this State
16 may accept a representation case where there is substantial
17 reason for him or her to believe that it is being offered with
18 intent to obtain improper influence over a unit of local
19 government.

20 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

21 (5 ILCS 420/3-106) (from Ch. 127, par. 603-106)

22 Sec. 3-106. No legislator may use or attempt to use
23 improper means to influence a State agency in any
24 representation case in which the legislator or any person with

1 whom he maintains a close economic association is
2 participating.

3 No legislator or any other elected official in this State
4 may use or attempt to use improper means to influence a unit of
5 local government in any representation case, or a
6 representation case in which any person with whom a legislator
7 or other elected official maintains a close economic
8 association is participating.

9 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)