

HOUSE BILL NO. 5927

March 16, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Borton and Steven Johnson and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

An act to regulate political activity; to regulate certain actions by public officials; to prohibit certain conducts by public officials; and to provide remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Anything of value" means trips, travel, or lodging.
- 3 (b) "Immediate family member" means any of the following:
- 4 (i) A spouse of a public official.
- 5 (ii) An unemancipated individual younger than 18 years of age

1 residing in a public official's residence.

2 (iii) An individual claimed by a public official as a dependent
3 for tax purposes.

4 (c) "Lobbyist" means that term as defined in section 5 of 1978
5 PA 472, MCL 4.415.

6 (d) "Lobbyist agent" means that term as defined in section 5
7 of 1978 PA 472, MCL 4.415.

8 (e) "Person" means an individual, business, enterprise,
9 franchise, nonprofit organization, proprietorship, firm,
10 partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, labor
11 organization, company, corporation, association, committee, or any
12 other organization or group of 2 or more persons acting jointly,
13 regardless of legal form.

14 (f) "Public official" means a member of the house of
15 representatives or senate of this state.

16 Sec. 3. A public official shall not do any of the following:

17 (a) Solicit anything of value from any person for that public
18 official or his or her immediate family member, or another public
19 official.

20 (b) Allow his or her name to be used to solicit anything of
21 value from any person.

22 (c) Accept reimbursement for anything of value from any
23 person.

24 Sec. 5. A public official or his or her immediate family
25 member shall not directly or indirectly solicit, agree to accept,
26 or accept anything of value from a lobbyist or lobbyist agent.

27 Sec. 7. A public official who violates section 3 or a public
28 official and his or her immediate family member who violates
29 section 5 shall reimburse the full amount received to the person,

- 1 lobbyist, or lobbyist agent that provided anything of value to the
- 2 public official or his or her immediate family member.