

Regular Session, 2008

ACT No. 709

HOUSE BILL NO. 844

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND GALLOT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:53(J), 55(H), and 57(4) and R.S. 49:74(A)(7) and (H), 76(H), and 77(5),
3 relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of lobbying; to provide
4 relative to registration and reporting; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics
5 relative thereto; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:53(J), 55(H), and 57(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §53. Registration of lobbyists with the board; compilation of information

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10 J. Each lobbyist at the time of registration or filing a renewal of registration
11 may file a registration or renewal of registration form that indicates that he is
12 registering or renewing registration pursuant to this Part and Part IV of Chapter 1 of
13 Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, relative to lobbying of the
14 executive branch. A lobbyist who indicates that he is registering pursuant to this Part
15 and Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall
16 pay the fee required by this Section and the fee required by R.S. 49:74.

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18 §55. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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20 H. Each person required to file reports pursuant to this Part who is also
21 required to file reports pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana
22 Revised Statutes of 1950 may file a report which contains all of the information
23 required by this Part and by Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised
24 Statutes of 1950.

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1 §57. Administration

2 The board, in performance of its duties under this Part, shall:

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4 (4) Promulgate forms which allow a lobbyist to register, renew
5 registration, file supplemental registration forms, and file reports pursuant to this
6 Part and Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
7 1950.

8 Section 2. R.S. 49:74(A)(7) and (H), 76(H), and 77(5) are hereby enacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §74. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

11 A. Each lobbyist shall register with the ethics board as soon as possible
12 after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration
13 as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event not later than five days after
14 employment as a lobbyist or not later than five days after the first action requiring
15 his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first. He shall electronically file
16 with the ethics board using forms provided by it, the following information:

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18 (7) If a lobbyist is compensated for lobbying and non-lobbying services,
19 he shall reasonably allocate his compensation and report only the amount received
20 for lobbying in the manner provided in this Part.

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22 H. Each lobbyist at the time of registration or filing a renewal of
23 registration may file a registration or renewal of registration form that indicates
24 that he is registering or renewing registration pursuant to this Part and Part III of
25 Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, relative to
26 lobbying of the legislature. A lobbyist who indicates that he is registering
27 pursuant to this Part and Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised
28 Statutes of 1950 shall pay the fee required by this Section and the fee required by
29 R.S. 24:53.

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1 §76. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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3 H. Each person required to file reports pursuant to this Part who is also
4 required to file reports pursuant to Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the
5 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 may file a report which contains all of the
6 information required by this Part and by Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the
7 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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9 §77. Administration

10 The ethics board, in performance of its duties under this Part, shall:

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12 (5) Promulgate forms which allow a lobbyist to register, renew
13 registration, file supplemental registration forms, and file reports pursuant to this
14 Part and by Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
15 1950.

16 Section 3. The Board of Ethics shall take all actions in accordance with law to
17 develop and promulgate the forms and reports necessary to implement the provisions of
18 this Act prior to the effective date of this Act.

19 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2009.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____