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*No person shall be employed as a legislative agent for compensation dependent in any manner upon the passage or defeat of any proposed legislation, or upon any other contingency connected with any action of the General Assembly.*

10.

*On or before May 15 of each year, a legislative agent who has appeared before the General Assembly during the preceding 12 months shall, jointly with his employer, file with the Secretary of State a written report, signed under oath, setting forth an itemized account of all salaries, fees, expenses or other compensation paid or to be paid in connection with the employment, including fees and expenses paid to witnesses. A legislative agent who is employed by two or more employers during the year prior to May 15 shall, jointly with each employer, file a separate report for each employment. If the employer is a corporation, the report shall be signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation. When the legislative agent is employed for a salary or retainer which includes services other than as a legislative agent, the parties reporting shall make a fair and bona fide proration of the value of the time and effort in direct legislative activities to other activities of the legislative agent and shall report the sum so prorated as compensation and shall further state that the sums reported are a prorated portion of total compensation and that the affiants believe the proration to be fair and reasonable.*

11.

*All reports and registrations herein provided for shall be on forms prepared by the Secretary of State and shall contain only such information as he may reasonably require to carry out the purposes of this subtitle. The records shall be open to public inspection in the office of the Secretary of State during normal business hours.*

12.

*The Governor, when any bill is presented for his approval, and he has reason to believe that, in connection with the passage of such bill by the General Assembly, improper compensation has been paid or incurred, may require any or all legislative agents and their employers who appeared on the docket with respect to the bill to render to him forthwith a full, complete and detailed statement duly sworn to, of all compensation paid or incurred by them, or any of them, as aforesaid.*

THE GOVERNOR MAY REQUIRE ANY LEGISLATIVE AGENT AND HIS EMPLOYER TO FILE THE REPORT REQUIRED IN SECTION 10 OF THIS ARTICLE AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO MAY 15.

13.

*Any person who violates any provisions of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for each offense he shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, in the discretion of the court OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, OR BOTH. The Secretary of State, upon information, may refer to the appropriate State's Attorney any apparent violation.*