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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1925

By: Representative Sabin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RECEIPT
OF GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS BY CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
RECEIPT OF GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS BY
CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 3
is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

21-8-310. Gifts from lobbyists.

(a) Persons elected to the following offices shall not knowingly or willfully solicit or accept a gift from a lobbyist, a person acting on behalf of a lobbyist, or a person employing a lobbyist:

- (1) Governor;
- (2) Lieutenant Governor;
- (3) Secretary of State;
- (4) Treasurer of State;
- (5) Auditor of State;
- (6) Attorney General;
- (7) Commissioner of State Lands; and
- (8) Member of the General Assembly.

(b) As used in this section:

- (1)(A) "Gift" means any payment, entertainment, advance,



services, or anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value has been given therefor.

(B) "Gift" does not include:

(i)(a) Informational material such as books, reports, pamphlets, calendars, or periodicals informing a person elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section regarding his or her official duties.

(b) Payments for travel or reimbursement for any expenses are not informational material;

(ii) Gifts which are not used and which, within thirty (30) days after receipt, are returned to the donor;

(iii) Gifts from the spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin of a person elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section, or the spouse of any of these persons, unless the person is acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not covered by this subdivision (b)(1)(B)(iii);

(iv) Anything of value that is readily available to the general public;

(v) Food or drink available at a public group event;

(vi) Campaign contributions; and

(vii) Any devise or inheritance; and

(2) "Lobbyist" means the same as defined in § 21-8-402.