

FISCAL NOTE

February 28, 2017

Bill No:	SB 169	Printer's No:	145	Sponsor:	Laughlin (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: The bill would require lobbyists and lobbying firms to file all required documents with the Department of State electronically.

ANALYSIS: The bill would amend Title 65 (Public Officers) to require lobbyists and lobbying firms to file all necessary documents electronically with the Department of State. These documents would include registrations, amendments to registrations, expense reports, and notices of termination.

The Department would have to post all filings to its website within seven days of receipt. Additionally, the Department would develop the computerized filing system necessary for these electronic filings.

The requirement that the Department post all filings within seven days of receipt would take effect immediately. The requirement that lobbyists and lobbying firm make all filings electronically would take effect on January 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT: To meet the seven day posting requirement, a current Administrative Assistant 1 would have to manually enter the data from the forms, which would account for 5-7% of the employee's time annually, equaling \$4,398 – 6,913 for fiscal year 2016-17 and \$5,221 – 7,310 for fiscal year 2017-18. Once the electronic filing requirement becomes effective, the Department would realize a cost savings equal to the cost of processing the paper filings during fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18.