

FISCAL NOTE

August 17, 2017

Bill No:	SB 169	Printer's No:	554	Sponsor:	Laughlin (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	\$ 0

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

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

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT: To meet the seven-day posting requirement, DOS estimates that 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, \$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 2017-18 and 2018-19.