

**Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission**  
**Statement on Lobbyist Registration and Disclosure Requirements**

(adopted August 26, 2021)

The Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission is aware that a complaint has been filed with the Secretary of State that certain individuals failed to register as lobbyists and file disclosure reports as required by article V section 44.2(4)(b)(III) of the Colorado Constitution and the rules adopted by the Secretary of State on May 28, 2021 (8 CCR 1505-8).

The Commission believes strongly that the process by which it receives and considers public comments should be fair, robust, and transparent. Consistent with that belief, the Commission urges and expects that all individuals who are lobbying on redistricting matters will register and file disclosure reports as required by the Colorado Constitution and the rules adopted by the Secretary of State.

To remove any doubt, the Commission points to Section 44.2(4)(b)(III) in article v of the Constitution which says:

“Persons who contract for or receive compensation for advocating to the commission, to one or more individual commissioners, or to the nonpartisan staff for the adoption or rejection of any map, amendment to a map, mapping approach, or manner of compliance with any of the mapping criteria specified in section 44.3 of this article V of the Constitution are lobbyists who must who must disclose to the secretary of state any compensation contracted for, compensation received, and the person or entity contracting or paying for their lobbying services.”

Accordingly, all persons who contract for or receive compensation to engage in redistricting lobbying activities must register and file disclosure reports.

In the event that a person engages in redistricting lobbying activities without registering or submitting their required disclosures, the Commission shall take that violation of article V of the Colorado Constitution into account when considering the content or product of the unlawful redistricting lobbying activities.

Statutory Reference:

**Colo. Constitution Art V §44.2(4)(b)(III) Lobbyists:** “Persons who contract for or receive compensation for advocating to the commission, to one or more commissioners, or to the nonpartisan staff for the adoption or rejection of any map, amendment to a map, mapping approach, or manner of compliance with any of the mapping criteria specified in section 44.3 of this article V are lobbyists who must disclose to the secretary of state any compensation contracted for, compensation received, and the person or entity contracting or paying for their lobbying services. Such disclosure must be made no later than seventy-two hours after the earlier of each instance of such lobbying or any payment of such compensation.”

“The secretary of state shall publish on the secretary of state’s website or comparable means of communicating with the public the names of such lobbyists as well as the compensation received and the persons or entities for whom they work within twenty-four hours of receiving such information. The secretary of state shall adopt rules to facilitate the complete and prompt reporting required by this subsection (4)(b)(III) as well as a complaint process to address any lobbyist's failure to report a full and accurate disclosure, which complaint must be heard by an administrative law judge, whose decision may be appealed to the court of appeals.”