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State-by-State Prohibitions on Campaign Contributions to Legislative Candidates from Lobbyists

Prohibition on Campaign Contributions

	During Session	All Year
Alabama	All Persons Ala. Code §17-22A-7(b)(2)	
Alaska	All Persons (exception: allowed 90 Days of election outside of capital) AS §24.60.031	Lobbyists may not contribute to those outside own district AS §15.13.074(g)
Arizona	Lobbyists Only Ariz. Rev. Stat. §41-1234.01	
California		Lobbyists May Not Contribute to Those They Lobby Cal. Gov. Code §85702
Colorado	Lobbyists Only C.R.S. §1-45-105.5	
Connecticut	Lobbyists Only Conn. General Statutes §9-333/(e)	
Florida	All Persons H.R. 26	
Georgia	All Persons Ga. Code §21-5-35	
Illinois	All Persons (no fundraisers within 50 miles of Springfield during session, except by legislators whose districts include part of that area)	

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	10 ILCS 5/9-27.5	
Indiana	All Persons IC §3-9-2-12	
Iowa	Lobbyists and PACs Only IA Code §56.15A	
Kansas	Lobbyists and PACs Only K.S.A. §25-4153a	
Kentucky		Legislative Lobbyists Only K.R.S. §6.767
Louisiana	All Persons ¹ La. R.S. §18:1505.2(Q)	
Maine	Lobbyists Only 1 M. R. S. A. §1015(3)	
Maryland	All Persons MD Election Code Ann. §13-235	
Minnesota	Lobbyists and PACs Only Minn. Stat. §10A.06	
Nevada	All Persons ² Nev. Rev. Stat. §§294A.300, 294A.310	
New Mexico	All Persons ³ N.M.S.A. §1-19-31.1	
North Carolina	Lobbyists Only N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-278.13B	
Oklahoma	All Persons (no fundraising events in OK county during session; doesn't apply	

¹ All individuals may not make contributions resulting from a fundraising function unless it was held with 30 days advance notice. La. R.S. §24:56

² Restrictions begin 30 days before and end 30 days after legislative session.

³ Restrictions begin January 1st prior to a regular session or after a proclamation of a special session.

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	to legislators whose districts include part of county)	
	Ethics Commission Rules §257:10-1-6	
	Lobbyists Restriction ⁴	
	§21 O.S. 187.1(G)	
Oregon	All Persons Or. Rev. Stat. §260.174* Atty General issued an opinion on this statute in 2001 saying it is unconstitutional. Or. Atty. Gen. Op. 8274 (2001).	
South Carolina		Lobbyists Only S.C. Code §2-17-80
Tennessee	All Persons T.C.A. §2-10-310	Lobbyists May Not Contribute or Arrange Contributions to State Candidates. T.C.A. §3-6-304
Texas	All Persons ⁵ Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §253.034; Tex. Ethics Comm. Rule §22.11	
Utah	All Persons Utah Code Ann. §36-11-305	
Vermont	Lobbyists Only 2 V.S.A. §266(3)	
Virginia	All Persons Va. Code §24.2-940	
Washington	All Persons ⁶ RCW §42.17.710(1)	
Wisconsin	Lobbyists Only (exception: permitted during the five months immediately	

⁴ Restriction begins first Monday in February and continues for 5 days following sine die adjournment.

⁵ Restriction begins on the 30th day before the date a regular session convenes.

⁶ Restriction begins 30 days before the start of a regular session.

preceding an election)
W.S.A. §13.625

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