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## Lobby Registration Renewal for 2023

This notice is to remind you that your 2022 lobby registration will automatically expire on December 31, 2022.

**LOBBY REGISTRATION RENEWAL FOR 2023:** The lobby registration fee is \$750 for most registrants plus the non-refundable electronic payment service fee of \$17.13 for credit card transactions. For registrants representing only organizations exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the fee is \$150 plus the non-refundable electronic payment service fee of \$3.63 for credit card transactions. There is no service fee for payments made by electronic check (ACH) or by personal/business check. Every registration must include a completed Form SSN that is part of the filing application and is required by Chapter 232 of the Family Code for possible use by the Attorney General to locate individuals who might be delinquent in the payment of child support.

**ELECTRONIC FILING:** Lobby registrations and lobby activity reports must be filed electronically. For information about electronic filing, go to <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/lobby> on our website. When you file electronically, if you have successfully filed your report, you will see your report listed in your "Filed Reports" grid under "Manage My Reports" in the filing application. A confirmation number will also be sent to your email. The lobby registration form instructions are available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/lobby> on our website.

**FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE:** Lobby registrations for 2023 may be filed beginning December 1, 2022. Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing\\_schedules.php](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php) on our website. Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, and other information that you may find useful.

**CHANGES TO THE 2023 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** Lobby registrations for 2023 have two changes that may affect you:

- 1) The compensation/reimbursement threshold is increasing from \$1,640 to \$1,760. The expenditure threshold is increasing from \$820 to \$880. This means, for 2023, a person must register as a lobbyist if that person either:
    - Receives, or is entitled to receive under an agreement under which the person is retained or employed, compensation or reimbursement of more than \$1,760 in a calendar quarter to lobby. This does not include reimbursement for the person's own travel, food, lodging, or membership dues.
- OR**
- Makes expenditures of more than \$880 in a calendar quarter to lobby. This does not include expenditures for the person's own travel, food, lodging, or membership dues.

2) The annual compensation and reimbursement thresholds have been adjusted for inflation and are effective for lobby activities occurring in 2023.

| <b>compAmountCd<br/>Import Code*</b> | <b>2023<br/>Compensation Range</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LOBBCOMPEQZERO                       | \$0.00                             |
| LOBBCOMP01                           | Less than \$20,220                 |
| LOBBCOMP02                           | \$20,220 - \$50,539.99             |
| LOBBCOMP03                           | \$50,540 - \$101,089.99            |
| LOBBCOMP04                           | \$101,090 - \$202,179.99           |
| LOBBCOMP05                           | \$202,180 - \$303,269.99           |
| LOBBCOMP06                           | \$303,270 - \$404,349.99           |
| LOBBCOMP07                           | \$404,350 - \$505,439.99           |
| LOBBCOMP08                           | \$505,440 - \$606,529.99           |
| LOBBCOMP09                           | \$606,530 - \$707,619.99           |
| LOBBCOMP10                           | \$707,620 - \$808,709.99           |
| LOBBCOMP11                           | \$808,710 - \$909,799.99           |
| LOBBCOMP12                           | \$909,800 - \$1,010,879.99         |
| LOBBCOMP13                           | \$1,010,880 or more                |
| LOBBCOMPEXACTAMT                     | Exact Amount                       |

\* If you import your clients into your Lobby registration, you must enter the compAmountCd codes listed in column 1 of the above table into your csv file.