

and two dollars; to W. H. Stephenson and Herman Studeman, three hundred and thirty-four dollars; to Rhode and Patek brothers, two hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-one cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 243.

AN ACT to regulate the employment of legislative lobby counsel and agents and to provide for the return of legislative expenses.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Lobby defined.
Persons engaged in, to register within one week after employment.

SECTION 1. Every person, corporation or association which employs any person to act as counsel or agent to promote or oppose in any manner, the passage by the legislature of any legislation affecting the pecuniary interests of any individual, association or corporation as distinct from those of the whole people of the state, or to act in any manner as a legislative counsel or agent in connection with any such legislation, shall, within one week after the date of such employment, cause the name of the person so employed or agreed to be employed, to be entered upon a legislative docket as hereinafter provided. It shall also be the duty of the person so employed to enter or cause to be entered his name upon such docket. Upon the termination of such employment such fact may be entered opposite the name of any person so employed either by the employer or employe.

SECTION 2. The secretary of state shall prepare and keep two legislative dockets in conformity with the provisions of this act, one of which shall be known as the docket of the legislative counsel before committees, and the other as the docket of legislative agents. In the docket of legislative counsel shall be entered the names of counsel or persons employed to appear at a public hearing before a committee of the legislature for the purpose of making an argument or examining witnesses, and also the names of any regular legal counsel of any person, corporation or association who act or advise in relation to legislation; in the docket of legislative agents shall be entered the names of all agents employed for any purpose in connection with any legislation included within the terms of section 1 of this act. In such dockets shall be entered the names and business address of the employer, the name, residence and occupation of the person employed, the date of the employment or agreement therefor, the length of time that the employment is to continue, if such time can be determined, and the special subject or subjects of legislation, if any, to which the employment relates. Such dockets shall be public records and open to the inspection of any citizen upon demand at any time during the regular business hours of the office of the secretary of state.

Two dockets to be kept by secretary of state. Legislative counsel docket, what to contain.

Legislative agent docket, what to contain.

SECTION 3. Any person, corporation or association employing any legislative counsel or agent shall, whenever further subjects of legislation are introduced or arise which such counsel or agent is to promote or oppose, make or cause to be made additional entries opposite his or its name in the appropriate docket, stating such special employment and specifically referring to the petitions, orders, bills or other subjects of legislation to which the same relates, and such entries shall also be made opposite the names of such counsel or agents, in such manner that such entries shall show all the subjects of legislation in relation to which any counsel or agent is em-

Duties of persons, etc., employing lobbyists.

Legislative
counsel and
agents must
register before
acting as such.

employed. No person shall appear as counsel before any committee of the legislature or of either branch thereof, or act as agent in respect to any legislation coming within the terms of section 1 of this act, unless his name appears upon the docket of legislative counsel or agent as employed in respect to such matter as above provided. No person, private or public corporation or association shall, directly or indirectly, employ any person as legislative counsel or agent in respect to any legislation coming within the terms of section 1, unless the name of such person is duly entered on the legislative docket as provided by this act. No person shall be employed as a legislative counsel or agent for a compensation dependent in any manner upon the passage or defeat of any proposed legislation or upon any other contingency connected with the action of the legislature, or of either branch thereof, or of any committee thereof. No person whose name is entered on the docket of the legislative counsel shall render any service as legislative counsel or agent otherwise than by appearing before a committee, as aforesaid, and by doing work properly incident thereto, or by giving legal advice in the case of regular legal counsel of corporations or associations, unless his name is also entered on the docket of legislative agents.

Legislative
counsel and
agent to file
authorization
to act as such.

SECTION 4. Legislative counsel and agents required to have their names entered upon the legislative docket shall file with the secretary of state within ten days after the date of making such entry a written authorization to act as such, signed by the person or corporation employing them.

Account of
expenses to be
filed.

SECTION 5. Within thirty days after the final adjournment of the legislature every person, corporation or association, whose name appears upon the legislative dockets of the session, shall file with the secretary of state a complete and detailed statement, sworn to before a notary public or justice of the peace by the person making the same, or in the case of a corporation by

its president or treasurer, of all expenses paid or incurred by such person, corporation or association, in connection with the employment of legislative counsel or agents, or in connection with promoting or opposing in any manner, the passage by the legislature of any legislation coming within the terms of section 1 of this act. Corporations and individuals within the provisions of this act shall render such accounts in such form as shall be prescribed by the secretary of state, and such reports shall be open to public inspection.

SECTION 6. Any person, corporation or association violating any provision of this act shall for such offense be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. Any person employed as legislative counsel or agent who shall fail to comply with any provision of this act or who shall act as legislative counsel or agent contrary to the provisions of this act shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and shall be disbarred from acting in the capacity of a legislative counsel or agent for the period of three years from the date of such conviction. It shall be the duty of the attorney-general, upon information, to bring prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of this act. Penalties for violations.

SECTION 7. This act shall not apply to any municipality or other public corporation. Exemptions.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 22, 1899.