

## Informal Advice & Formal Advisory Opinions Issued by State Ethics Commission

	<b>INFORMAL ADVICE</b>	<b>FORMAL ADVISORY OPINION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED FORMAL ADVISORY OPINION ISSUED TO LEGISLATORS</b>
<b>How Requested?</b>	Telephone, in-person, email, fax, or letter	Must be requested in writing by letter, fax, or email	Must be requested in writing by letter, fax, or email
<b>Nature of Request?</b>	Must relate to real or reasonably anticipated facts or circumstances	Must relate to real or reasonably anticipated facts or circumstances	Must relate to real or reasonably anticipated facts or circumstances
<b>Issued by Staff or Commission?</b>	Staff	Commission	Commission
<b>Format?</b>	Verbal or Written	Written	Written
<b>Public Record?</b>	No	No	No
<b>Issued To? Ethics Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislators</li> <li>• Legislative Employees</li> <li>• Public Servants</li> <li>• Direct Supervisors or Appointing Authorities of those Individuals</li> <li>• Ethics Liaisons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Employees</li> <li>• Public Servants</li> <li>• Direct Supervisors or Appointing Authorities of those Individuals</li> <li>• Ethics Liaisons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislators</li> </ul>
<b>Issued To? Lobbying Law</b>	Any Person, State Agency, or Governmental Unit affected by the Lobbying Law	Any Person, State Agency, or Governmental Unit affected by the Lobbying Law	Not Applicable
<b>Provide Immunity?</b>	No	Yes, if advice is followed, to investigation by Commission or Secretary of State and adverse action by employing entity.	Yes, if advice is followed, to investigation by Commission or Secretary of State and adverse action by house of which legislator is a member, until adopted, modified, or overruled by the Legislative Ethics Committee.
<b>Opinion Published?</b>	No	Yes, but in an edited format to protect the requester's identity, unless confidentiality is waived. However, an unedited copy of a Lobbying Law opinion is provided to the Office of the Secretary of State on a confidential basis.	Yes, but only upon issuance by the Legislative Ethics Committee. Published in an edited format to protect the requester's identity.