

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No:** HB-5547 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE  
**Title:** SESSIONS.

**Vote Date:** 3/23/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/18/2026

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill is to prohibit lobbyist contributions during a legislative session to candidates for municipal office and judge of probate, expanding on the current prohibitions as to candidates for state legislator and state-wide office. There has been concern that legislators are being unduly influenced to vote in certain ways during the legislative session and this influence is promulgated through lobbyists promising to donate to odd-year campaigns that are happening side by side with the session for certain votes on bills.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

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She believes that all lobbyist contributions should not be allowed during sessions.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

**Reported by:** Diane Young-Rodney

**Date:** March 31, 2026