

# Lobbying in Texas and Alaska

Activity Regulated	Texas	Alaska
Register if lobbying executive branch	Yes	Yes
Register if paid to lobby	Yes	Yes
Minimum spent to qualify as a lobbyist	\$5,000	Any amount
Lobbyists file detailed registration forms within a few days of initiating lobbying activity	Yes	Yes
Employers/principals list on spending reports the compensation/salary of all lobbyists they hire	Yes	No
Lobbyists are required to file detailed spending reports, including compensation/salary information.	Yes	Yes
Employers or principals of lobbyists required to fill out spending reports	Yes	No
Citizens can access lobbying disclosure documents at no cost	Yes	Yes
Lobbying disclosure information is made available in an open data format	Yes	No
Lobbying disclosure records are independently audited	Yes	No
Penalties are imposed as necessary when lobbying reporting requirements are violated	Yes	Inconsistent

**Source:** Compiled by the authors from data available at Center for Public Integrity, State Integrity 2015, <https://www.publicintegrity.org/accountability/state-integrity-investigation/state-integrity-2015> (accessed July 18, 2016), and Texas Ethic Commission, Texas, “Lobbying in Texas: A Guide to the Law,” June 10, 2016, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/lobby-guide.pdf> (accessed July 18, 2016).