Texas Lobbying Flowchart

Is your nonprofit attempting to influence legislative or administrative action at the state level in Texas?

YES

NO

You do not need to register and report as a lobbyist in Texas, and your state-level advocacy does not need to be counted against your organization's lobbying limit.

Are you working to influence legislation or administrative action?

LEGISLATION

ADMINISTRATIVE

Are you advocating for the adoption or rejection of legislation to the general public or to legislative or executive branch officials?

Are you communicating directly to members of the Executive or Legislative branches of state government to advocate for or against administrative action? Or, are you communicating to the public?

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Communications to the public that advocate for or against legislation do not trigger lobbyist registration and reporting in Texas, but they do need to be counted against your lobbying limits if you are an "insubstantial part" test filer or if you are a "501 (h) test" filer and have included a call to action.

Direct communications with legislative or executive branch officials (or their staff) that advocate for or against legislation may trigger lobbyist registration and reporting in Texas, and they should be counted against your organization's lobbying limit.

Communications to the public that advocate for or against administrative action do not trigger lobbyist registration and reporting in Texas, and they do not need to count against your organization's lobbying limit.

Direct communications to members of the executive or legislative branches of state government to influence administrative action can trigger lobbyist registration and reporting requirements in Texas, but they do not need to be counted against your organization's lobbying limit.

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