

LOBBYISTS, LOBBYING AGENTS, AND LOBBYING ACTIVITIES (EXCERPT)
Act 472 of 1978

4.424 Enforcement of penalties; filing sworn complaint; determination of probable cause; notices; cooperation in conduct of investigations.

Sec. 14. (1) If the secretary of state, upon investigation of a report filed under this act, determines that there is probable cause a violation of this act occurred, the secretary of state shall forward the results of that investigation to the attorney general for enforcement of the penalties provided by this act.

(2) A sworn complaint alleging a violation of this act or the rules promulgated under this act shall be filed with the secretary of state. Upon receipt of a sworn complaint, the attorney general shall determine whether there is probable cause that there was a violation of this act or the rules promulgated under this act. Notice shall be given to a person within 5 days after a sworn complaint is filed against that person. Notice shall include a copy of the sworn complaint. Every 60 days after the date of a request for an investigation and until the matter is terminated, the attorney general shall mail to the complainant and to the alleged violator notice of the action taken to date by the attorney general, together with the reasons for the action or nonaction. If it is determined that there is no probable cause that a violation of this act did occur, the attorney general shall immediately give notice thereof to the complainant and to the person previously given notice under this subsection.

(3) All governmental bodies shall cooperate with the department of attorney general in the conduct of its investigations.

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Popular name: Lobby Act

Administrative rules: R 4.411 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.