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**CHAPTER 15****LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS**

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**§ 311. Registration**

Any person or persons accepting employment to act as legislative counsel or agent to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, legislation by the Legislature shall within 48 hours after such employment cause his or their name or names to be entered upon a docket as provided, and all employers of such legislative counsel or agents shall within the same time cause their names to be entered upon the same docket as provided.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 34.

**§ 312. Registration docket; maintenance and inspection**

The Secretary of State shall prepare and keep a docket for the registration of legislative counsel or agents and of their employers, which docket shall be open to public inspection during the office hours of said Secretary of State and shall contain the names of legislative counsel and agents and of their employers, the addresses of each, the date and subject matter of the employment, and, by appropriate words, a designation of whether such employment is as counsel or agent or both. Such docket shall be so arranged and indexed that under the name of each employer shall appear the names of all legislative counsel or agents employed by him and that the name or names of each employer represented by any counsel or agent shall appear under the name of such counsel or agent.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 35.

**§ 313. No contingent compensation**

No person shall be employed as a legislative counsel or agent for compensation dependent upon a contingency.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 36.

**§ 314. Legislative counsel and legislative agent, defined**

The term "legislative counsel" as used in this chapter shall be construed to mean any person who for compensation appears at any public hearing before committees of the Legislature in regard to proposed legislation. The term "legislative agent" as used in this chapter shall be construed to mean any person, firm, association or corporation that for hire or reward does any act to promote or oppose proposed legislation except to appear at public hearings before committees of the Legislature, and shall include all persons who for compensation shall approach individual members of the Legislature or members-elect thereof with the intent in any manner, directly or indirectly, to influence their action upon proposed legislation.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 37.

**§ 315. Application of terms**

This chapter shall not apply to state, county, municipal or quasi-municipal officials, or their regularly elected or appointed subordinates, who act for no compensation other than their ordinary salary or compensation as such public officials or subordinates.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 38.

**§ 316. Penalties**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and the Attorney General shall cause prosecutions to be instituted for the violation of any of the provisions of said chapter. Any person, firm or corporation who shall falsely enter upon the docket the name or names of any person or firm as his or their legislative counsel or agent shall be punished by a fine of \$100 and shall be answerable in damages to the person or firm whose name or names has been so falsely entered.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 39.