

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2902

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit certain elected officials of State and local governments from making lobbying contacts under such Act on behalf of private clients, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself and Mr. PHILLIPS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Elected Official Lob-
5 bying Prohibition Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFI-**
2 **CIALS FROM MAKING LOBBYING CONTACTS**
3 **ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE CLIENTS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Lobbying Disclosure Act of
5 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by inserting
6 after section 5 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 5A. PROHIBITION AGAINST MAKING OF LOBBYING**
8 **CONTACTS ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE CLIENTS**
9 **BY ELECTED OFFICIALS OF STATE AND**
10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

11 “(a) PROHIBITION.—A covered elected official de-
12 scribed in subsection (b) may not make any lobbying con-
13 tact under this Act on behalf of a client who is not an
14 entity of a State or unit of local government.

15 “(b) COVERED ELECTED OFFICIAL DESCRIBED.—In
16 this subsection, a ‘covered elected official’ is any of the
17 following:

18 “(1) An individual holding a Statewide elected
19 office in any State.

20 “(2) An individual serving in the legislature of
21 a State (or, in the case of the District of Columbia,
22 an individual serving on the Council of the District
23 of Columbia).

24 “(3) An individual holding any elected office of
25 a unit of local government with a population greater
26 than 30 percent (or, in the case of an individual

1 holding the elected office of the chief executive of a
2 unit of local government, greater than 15 percent) of
3 the average population of a congressional district (as
4 determined on the basis of the most recent decennial
5 census).

6 “(4) The chair of a political party of a State.

7 “(c) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
8 ‘State’ means each of the several States, the District of
9 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
10 American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and
11 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

12 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
13 tion may be construed to prohibit a covered elected official
14 from petitioning the Federal government on behalf of the
15 collective interests of the people the official represents or
16 from otherwise acting in an official capacity as a covered
17 elected official.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply with respect to lobbying contacts
20 under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 which are
21 made after the expiration of the 60-day period which be-
22 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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