

1 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 266 is amended to read:

2 § 266. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

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4 (b)(1) A legislator or an Executive officer, for one year after leaving office, shall not  
5 be a lobbyist in this State.

6 (2) The prohibition set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to  
7 a lobbyist exempted under section 262 of this chapter.

8 (c) The spouse of a legislator shall not be a lobbyist.

9 (d) As used in this section, “candidate’s:

10 (1) “Candidate’s committee,” “contribution,” and “legislative leadership political  
11 committee” shall have the same meanings as in 17 V.S.A. § 2901 chapter 61 (campaign  
12 finance).

13 (2) “Executive officer” means:

14 (A) the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor  
15 of Accounts, or Attorney General; or

16 (B) under the Office of the Governor, an agency secretary or deputy or a  
17 department commissioner or deputy.

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19 Sec. 2a. 17 V.S.A. § 2623 is amended to read:

20 § 2623. VACANCIES IN OFFICES WITHIN THIS STATE

21 (a) In the event of a vacancy in any State, county, or legislative office, the Governor  
22 may request the political party or parties of the person whose death or resignation created

1 the vacancy to submit one or more recommendations as to a successor. The proper  
2 committee to which a request for recommendation shall be directed shall be:

3 (1) for State officers, the State committee;

4 (2) for county officers, except justices of the peace and Probate judges, the county  
5 committee;

6 (3) for State Senator, the senatorial district committee;

7 (4) for State Representative, the representative district committee;

8 (5) for justice of the peace, the town committee;

9 (6) for Probate judge, the probate district committee.

10 (b)(1) The Governor may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the  
11 remaining portion of the term, whether or not the appointee is recommended by the party  
12 committee: provided, however, that in the case of a legislative vacancy, the Governor  
13 shall not appoint a person who was a lobbyist in the year preceding the vacancy.

14 (2) As used in this subsection, "lobbyist" shall have the meaning set forth in  
15 2 V.S.A. § 261.