



What is lobbying?

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Lobbying is trying to influence governmental action by communicating with or urging others to communicate with public officials or local officials in political subdivisions.

What is governmental action?

Governmental action means:

- (1) actions by the state legislature and by the governor in his role in the legislative process;
- (2) actions by state agencies, including boards and commissions, in rulemaking;
- (3) official actions of political subdivisions;
- (4) actions by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in rulemaking, and in cases of rate setting, power plant and power line siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243.

What is a political subdivision?

A political subdivision is any of the following:

- (1) counties;
- (2) municipalities;
- (3) school districts;
- (4) soil and water conservation districts;
- (5) watershed management organizations;
- (6) watershed districts;
- (7) hospital districts;
- (8) public corporations;
- (9) port authorities;
- (10) regional railroad authorities;
- (11) the Metropolitan Council; and
- (12) a metropolitan agency as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 473.121, subdivision 5a, which includes the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.