STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 24, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to restrictions on political contributions from lobbyists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1-u and 1-v of the legislative law, section 1-v as relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, are renumbered sections 1-w and 1-x and two new sections 1-u and 1-v are added to read as follows:

§ 1-u. Restrictions on political contributions by lobbyists. A lobbyist shall not solicit, make or transmit a contribution or a request for a contribution from or to any person, including a political committee for the benefit of a public official or party committee, for election to any state or municipal corporation office; except that a lobbyist may make a political contribution up to two hundred fifty dollars per candidate per election; provided however, that for state level public officials, such contribution may only be made between July first and December thirty-first.

§ 1-v. Restrictions on acceptance of political contributions by public officials. A public official shall not knowingly accept, solicit, or transmit a contribution or a request for a contribution for himself or herself or any public official, political committee, or candidate from or on behalf of any lobbyist regulated by this article, except that a public official may accept political contributions from a lobbyist, up to two hundred fifty dollars per election; provided however, that for state level public officials, such contribution may only be made between July first and December thirty-first.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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