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SPONSOR: Doria and Deverin

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SENATE: State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations

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SENATE: June 27, 1991

DATE OF ENACTMENT: August 5, 1991

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ASSEMBLY:	Yes
SENATE:	Yes
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
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"Bill Will Change N.J. Fiscal Year," The Times, 3-22-91, p. 4.
"Generosity Uncovered," The Times, 8-7-91, p. A10.

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P.L.1991, CHAPTER 241, approved August 5, 1991
Assembly Committee Substitute for
1990 Assembly Nos. 4230, 4280 and 317

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14 Government [and shall constitute the first joint committee under
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16 this section.

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6 regardless of the original date of appointment. Notwithstanding
7 the terms of the public members as established in this section,
8 the public members first appointed shall serve from their initial
9 appointments, all of which shall be made not later than the 60th
10 day following the effective date of this act, until the second
11 Tuesday in January of the next even-numbered year. Vacancies
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39 (cf: P.L.1971, c.182, s.11)

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 4230, 4280 and 317

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ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 1991

Sponsored by Assemblymen DORIA, DEVERIN,
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GOVERNOR FLORIO SIGNS LEGISLATIVE ETHICS LAWS Rules Impose Tough, New Standards on Lobbying Activity and Increase Penalties for Violations

As part of his commitment to a government that earns public trust, Governor Jim Florio today signed three laws requiring disclosure and oversight of lobbying activities and increased penalties for violations by legislators and their staff. This is the first major change in legislative ethics in 20 years and the first major change in lobbying regulation in 10 years.

"We are reaffirming something that should never have been allowed to be put into question in the first place -- and that is that everyone who is in government must play by the same rules that apply to all our citizens," Governor Florio said.

"There's nothing partisan about ethics. No one party has ever been able to claim a monopoly on public trust or honesty. That's why, these laws have support from both sides of the aisle."

"No law, can ever guarantee ethical behavior, but laws can set standards and we are going to set some honorable ones today."

The bills the Governor signed were the result of recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission on Legislative Ethics and Campaign Finance. A-4617, sponsored by Assemblymen George Spadaro (D-Middlesex) and David Kronick (D-Hudson) and Senator Gerald Stockman (D-Mercer), extensively broadens the scope of the current lobbying law with respect to financial reporting and professional registration by legislative agents.

The law calls for lobbyists to disclose the following:

- . expenditures on communications to public officials regardless of the purpose
- . expenditures incurred by lobbyists which provide a benefit to a public official
- . expenditures resulting from lobbying activities directed at legislative staff or Executive Branch staff who are responsible for or involved with administrative rule-making

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The law also requires lobbyists hired to influence administrative rule-making to register and be subject to financial disclosure rules in the same manner as those employed to influence the legislative process. Previously, lobbying the executive branch was not subject to rules as stringent as legislative lobbying. The law also requires a legislative agent who serves as a member of an independent state authority, county improvement authority, a municipal utilities authority, or on an interstate board or commission to disclose that membership in an annual financial report. Finally, it requires that lobbyists whose clients include organizations or corporations must include a description of that organization and a list of the persons having organizational or financial control of the group in their annual disclosure statements.

A-4618, sponsored by Assemblymen John Villapiano (D-Monmouth) and Byron Baer(D-Bergen) and Senator Dan Dalton(D-Camden) amends the Legislative Disclosure Act to allow the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) sole responsibility for enforcement and review of disclosure filings. Currently, that responsibility is shared by ELEC and the office of the Attorney General. The Ad Hoc Commission concluded that unifying enforcement of the Act would improve oversight.

A-4230, sponsored by Assembly Speaker Joseph Doria (D-Hudson) and Assemblyman Thomas Deverin (D-Union), Garabed Haytaian (R-Warren) and Neil Cohen (D-Union) and Senators Donald DiFrancesco (R-Union) and John Dorsey(R-Morris) adds four public members to the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards and increases the penalties for ethics violations. Currently, the Committee consists of four members from the Senate and four from the State Assembly. Under the new law, The President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker and Assembly Minority Leader would each appoint one of the public members whose terms would run for two years. The new law also increases penalties for ethics violations by legislators and their employees from a \$100-\$500 range to a \$500-\$1,500 range. Financial penalties were first included in the 1971 Conflicts of Interest Law and have not been changed since.

The Governor's action today represents another step toward fulfilling a promise made during his campaign to raise public trust by setting the highest standards for integrity in both the executive and legislative branches of government. As one of the first acts of his administration, the Governor signed broad financial disclosure laws for members of the executive branch as well as expanding the numbers of individuals who must file disclosure forms. He also signed a law prohibiting "revolving door" activities of those leaving state government as well as a law revising the state's no-bid contracts policy.

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