

**4511.1000 ACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIALS.**

Subpart 1. **An action that requires a vote of the governing body.** Attempting to influence the vote of an elected local official while acting in their official capacity is lobbying of that official's political subdivision.

Subp. 2. **Approval by an elected local official.** Attempting to influence a decision of an elected local official that does not require a vote by the elected local official is lobbying if the elected local official has discretion in their official capacity to either approve or deny a government service or action. Approval by an elected local official does not include:

A. issuing a government license, permit, or variance that is routinely provided when the applicant has complied with the requirements of existing state code or local ordinances;

B. any action which is performed by the office of the elected local official and which does not require personal approval by an elected local official;

C. prosecutorial discretion exercised by a county attorney; or

D. participating in discussions with a party or a party's representative regarding litigation between the party and the political subdivision of the elected local official.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 10A.01; 10A.02; 10A.022; 10A.025*

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