



New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics

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Important Information Relating to Entering Lobbying Focus Types

In order to increase clarity and transparency when reporting Lobbying Focuses, *State Law* and *Municipal Law* have been removed as Focus Type selections from the JCOPE online Lobbying Application ('LA').

This change is being made because no law may be enacted in New York State unless it has been adopted by the Legislature *in bill form*.

As such, any Filing that contains State or Municipal Law as a Focus Type will be automatically changed by JCOPE's Information Technology department. These changes are not anticipated to affect you.

- State Law *will be changed to State Bill*
- Municipal Law *will be changed to Municipal Bill*

As always, you can amend your Filings to correct these Lobbying Focus Types, or a system-generated change will automatically correct this information approximately **fifteen (15) days after this notification**.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Lobbying Helpdesk at 518-474-3973 or by emailing helpdesk@jcope.ny.gov.

We appreciate your patience as we work out the technical issues in the new LA.