“The Declining Value of Revolving-Door Lobbyists: Evidence from the American States.”

Codebook for Replication

This codebook contains brief descriptions of each of the variable names in “RevolvingDoor.dta,” the dataset used for replicating results from the manuscript.

Variables:

1. **year** – year in which the observation occurred
2. **state** – the U.S. state in which the observation was recorded
3. **abbr** – the abbreviation of the U.S. state in which the observation was recorded
4. **fips** – Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code assigned to U.S. state in which the observation was recorded
5. **revolvers** – number of former legislators registered to lobby in given state and year
6. **former** – total number of former legislators who served in state in preceding 20-year period (as indicated in main text)
7. **former000** – total number of former legislators who served in state in preceding 20-year period, divided by 1,000
8. **former2000** – **former000** * **former000**
9. **pgelegmonths** – number of months that former legislators were required to wait prior to registering as lobbyists
10. **clients** – total of unique clients or interest groups represented by registered lobbyists in state and year
11. **clients000** – total of unique clients or interest groups represented by registered lobbyists in state and year, divided by 1,000
12. **allstaff** – count of all legislative staff employed within a legislature, including both session-only and permanent staff, as provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures (2016)
13. **permstaff** – count of permanent (i.e., not including session-only) staff persons of legislatures, as provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures (2016)
14. **definitions** – lobbyist registration criteria within a state and year, as provided by Strickland (2018)
15. **legislators** – total number of house representatives and senators elected within state and year, as provided by Council of Statement Governments in various editions of *Book of the States*

16. **priorlegislators** – historical average number of total legislators (both representatives and senators) throughout previous 20-years, as provided by Council of State Governments in various editions of *Book of the States*

17. **turnover** – total number of former legislators (former) divided by historical average of total legislators (priorlegislators)

18. **turnover2** – turnover * turnover

19. **Bowen** – measure of legislative staff resources as provided by Bowen and Greene (2014)

20. **Bowen000** – measure of legislative staff resources as provided by Bowen and Greene (2014), divided by 1,000

21. **Squire** – measure of legislative professionalism as provided by Squire (1988)

22. **Lobbyists** – total of unique names (persons) registered as lobbyists in state and year

23. **Lobbyists000** – total of unique names (persons) registered as lobbyists in state and year, divided by 1,000

24. **NH** – a dichotomous indicator for whether an observation occurred in New Hampshire

25. **Michigan89** – a dichotomous indicator for whether an observation occurred in Michigan, in year 1989

26. **Firmregisterl** – a dichotomous indicator for whether names of firms were registered under names of lobbyists, within a state and year

27. **Firmregister** – a count of how many firm names appeared among names of registered lobbyists within a state and year

28. **Firmregistere** – a count of how many clients were categorized as “Lawyers and Lobbyists” within the 2011 lobbyist-client lists provided by the National Institute on Money in State Politics

29. **legislators** – total number of house representatives and senators elected within state and year, as provided by Council of Statement Governments in various editions of *Book of the States*, divided by 1,000
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