

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 256

By: Smith of the Senate  
and  
Glover of the House

An Act relating to state government; prohibiting contributions to a political action committee, political party or organization in excess of certain amounts; prohibiting acceptance of contributions in excess of certain amounts; specifying committees and candidates to which restrictions do not apply under certain circumstances; providing penalty; providing for codification; repealing 74 O.S. 1991, Section 4216, as amended by Section 24 of Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 1077 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4216), which relates to the Ethics Commission Act; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4216.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No person or family may contribute more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to a political action committee, political party or organization in any calendar year. No person or family may

contribute more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to a candidate for state office, to a candidate for municipal office in a municipality with a population of over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons, according to the most recent federal decennial census, or to a candidate for county office in a county with a population of over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons, according to the most recent federal decennial census, or to a candidate committee authorized by such a candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures on his or her behalf, nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to a candidate for other local office or to an organization authorized by such a candidate to accept contributions or make expenditures on his or her behalf for a campaign. No candidate, candidate committee, or other committee shall receive contributions in excess of the amounts provided herein. These restrictions shall not apply to:

1. A committee supporting or opposing an initiative or referendum petition or a legislative referendum; or

2. A candidate making a contribution of his or her own funds to his or her own campaign.

B. A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

SECTION 2. REPEALER 74 O.S. 1991, Section 4216, as amended by Section 24 of Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 1077 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4216), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives