

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2297:

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public finance; prohibiting certain influence with respect to expenditure of monies authorized by Rural Economic Action Plan; prescribing penalty; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 2012.1 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to improperly influence the expenditure of any monies deposited or transferred to the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund pursuant to Section 2004 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. As used in subsection A of this section, "improperly influence" means any method, whether direct or indirect, verbally or in writing, intended to cause the expenditure of such funds in a geographic area not specifically authorized in the legislation providing the monies or for a purpose not specifically authorized in the legislation providing for the deposit or transfer of such monies.

C. Upon conviction, any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment in the state

penitentiary for a period not to exceed five (5) years or by both such fine and imprisonment.

D. In addition to the penalty prescribed by subsection C of this section, a person convicted of an offense shall be required to make restitution of any monies improperly directed in violation of the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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