



1           3. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to a candidate for other  
2 local office, or to a candidate committee authorized by such a  
3 candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures on his or  
4 her behalf, for any campaign; or

5           4. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year to an  
6 organization described in Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code  
7 if the contribution is made for the purpose of supporting or  
8 opposing a candidate for a state or local office.

9           No candidate, candidate committee, ~~or~~ other committee or  
10 organization shall knowingly accept contributions in excess of the  
11 amounts provided herein.

12           These restrictions shall not apply to a committee supporting or  
13 opposing a ballot measure or local question or to a candidate making  
14 a contribution of his or her own funds to his or her own campaign.

15           B. It shall be prohibited for a campaign contribution to be  
16 made to a particular candidate or committee through an intermediary  
17 or conduit for the purpose of:

18           1. Evading requirements of effective Rules of the Ethics  
19 Commission promulgated pursuant to Article XXIX of the Oklahoma  
20 Constitution or laws relating to the reporting of contributions and  
21 expenditures; or

22           2. Exceeding the contribution limitations imposed by subsection  
23 A of this section.

1       It shall be prohibited for a campaign contribution to be made to  
2 an out-of-state committee or organization described in Section 527  
3 of the Internal Revenue Code with the expectation or understanding  
4 that the contribution or an equivalent amount or portion thereof  
5 will be returned to an Oklahoma candidate or committee.

6       Any person making a contribution in violation of this subsection  
7 or serving as an intermediary or conduit for such a contribution,  
8 upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in  
9 subsections C and D of this section.

10       C. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any  
11 provision of this section where the aggregate amount contributed  
12 exceeds the contribution limitation specified in subsection A of  
13 this section by Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, upon  
14 conviction, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of up  
15 to four times the amount exceeding the contribution limitation or by  
16 imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for up to one (1) year, or by  
17 both such fine and imprisonment.

18       D. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any  
19 provision of this section where the aggregate amount contributed is  
20 less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in excess of the  
21 contribution limitation specified in subsection A of this section,  
22 upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
23 fine of not more than three times the amount exceeding the

1 contribution limitation or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),  
2 whichever is greater, or by imprisonment in the county jail for up  
3 to one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-15-05 - DO  
6 PASS, As Coauthored.