

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2055

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to ethics; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4254, which relates to state officers and employees engaged in lobbying activities; requiring state officers and employees and certain public members to disclose certain information; prohibiting lobbying by certain persons for certain period of time; requiring special interest groups to disclose certain information; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4254, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4254. A. No state officer or state employee shall receive any additional compensation or reimbursement from any person for personally engaging in lobbying other than compensation or reimbursements provided by law for that member's job position.

B. Each state officer, state employee, or public member as defined by Section 4249 of this title, who is paid by state funds, shall disclose to the Ethics Commission the amount of time spent by that individual engaged in lobbying. The disclosure shall be submitted annually by January 15 of each calendar year and shall cover the lobbying activities of the individual for the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4260 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No former member of the Legislature shall register as a lobbyist or receive anything of value for personally engaging in lobbying for

a period of two (2) years after the last day of the last term of office of the former member.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4261 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every special interest group shall disclose the amount of money spent by the special interest group for lobbying expenses. The disclosure shall include the amount of monies spent on entertainment expenses, campaign contributions, salaries of contracted lobbyists and independent expenditures aimed at influencing legislation or campaigns. The disclosures shall be made to the Ethics Commission and shall be filed on the dates that lobbyists are required to file reports as provided in Rule 257:23-1-2 of the Ethics Commission Rules. Each disclosure shall cover the activities of the previous reporting period.

B. As used in this section, "special interest group" means a group that has a specific interest in a piece of legislation or a category of legislation, attempts to influence the enactment or defeat of legislation to further the interest of the group, and spends in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) a year on such activities. It does not include political parties or political action committees.

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

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