

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE BILL 2034

By: Anderson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to ethics; prohibiting certain persons from making or accepting campaign contributions during certain period of time; specifying circumstances where contribuion considered to be received; providing that act not apply to certain contributions; providing penalties; defining terms; providing for codification; 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 4261 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. During a regular session of the Legislature, a registered lobbyist or political action committee shall not knowingly make a political contribution to a candidate committee of a member of the Legislature or any other person filing or intending to file as a candidate for legislative office.

B. A candidate committee of a member of the Legislature or any other person filing or intending to file as a candidate for legislative office shall not knowingly accept a political contribution, and shall refuse a political contribution that is received, during the period prescribed by subsection A of this section. A political contribution that is received and refused during that period shall be returned to the contributor not later than the thirtieth day after the date of receipt. A contribution made by mail is not considered received during that period if it was placed with postage prepaid and properly addressed in the United

States mail before the beginning of the period. The date indicated by the post office cancellation mark is considered to be the date the contribution was placed in the mail unless proven otherwise.

C. This section shall not apply to a political contribution that was made and accepted with the intent that it be used:

1. In a campaign for a special election held or ordered during the period prescribed by subsection A of this section in which the person accepting the contribution is a candidate if the contribution was made after the person appointed a campaign treasurer with the appropriate authority and before the person was sworn in for that office;

2. To defray expenses incurred in connection with an election contest; or

3. By a former member of the Legislature if the member was defeated at the general election held immediately before the session is convened or by a specific-purpose political committee that supports or assists only that member.

D. A person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

E. As used in this section, the term "contribution" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in Rule 257:1-1-2 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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