

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 333

By: Lamb

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4250, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 2004 (74 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 4250), which relates to lobbying; prohibiting certain persons from engaging in lobbying or registering as lobbyist for certain time period; allowing such persons to engage in certain activities; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4250, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 2004 (74 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 4250), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4250. A. Every lobbyist shall be required to register with the Ethics Commission no later than December 31 of each year or within five (5) days after engaging in lobbying on behalf of one or more lobbyist principals, and pay a registration fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). All monies collected from this registration fee shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Ethics Commission Fund. A person who is or has been an elective state officer shall not be eligible to register as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying for compensation during the term for which such person shall have been elected or within one (1) year thereafter; provided, such person shall be permitted to engage in activities specified in subparagraphs a, b, c and d of paragraph 2 of Section 4249 of this title during such period.

B. Information contained on the lobbyist registration form shall be limited to the following:

1. The lobbyist's name and business address and telephone number;

2. The name and address of each lobbyist principal by whom the lobbyist is employed or retained; and

3. The date of the registration.

All registrations filed under this section shall be certified.

C. The registration of each lobbyist shall expire on December 31 of each year unless the annual registration fee as set forth in subsection A of this section is paid. The registration fee shall be payable from December 1 through 31 of each year. A lobbyist expenditure report shall be due at this time if such report was not filed for the previous reporting period. If the lobbyist was previously unregistered, then the fee is due within five (5) days after engaging in lobbying. The provisions of this section must be complied with before the Ethics Commission can renew a lobbying registration.

D. Every lobbyist shall file a supplemental registration indicating any change in the information contained in the registration within twenty (20) days after the date of the change. A person who ceases to engage in lobbying shall file a written, verified statement with the Ethics Commission acknowledging the termination of activities. The notice shall be effective immediately upon filing.

E. All registrations filed under this section shall be public records and shall be made available for public inspection pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

F. The Ethics Commission shall maintain registrations in a separate, alphabetical file and make such registrations available to the public for inspection.

G. A person who files a notice of termination pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of this section shall file the reports required pursuant to the Rules of the Ethics Commission for any

reporting period during which the person was registered at the time
the notice of termination is effective.

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

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