

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2187

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2187 - By: NELSON of the House and ALDRIDGE of the Senate.

An Act relating to state officials; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Section 360, which relates to crimes against state property and revenue; prohibiting certain persons from soliciting licensees regarding legislation; providing exception; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 360, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 Section 360. A. No public employee or public official, as defined in Section 304 of  
4 Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce,  
5 command, advise or direct any state employee to pay, lend or contribute any part of his  
6 or her salary or compensation, time, effort or anything else of value to any party,  
7 committee, organization, agency or person for political purposes.

8 B. No public employee or official shall retaliate against any employee for exercising  
9 his or her rights or for not participating in permitted political activities as provided in  
10 Ethics Commission Rule 10-1-4.

1        C. No chief executive officer or other administrative head of a state agency which  
2 has the power to issue a license to a natural person or any person having authority to act  
3 on such chief executive officer's or administrative head's behalf shall directly or indirectly  
4 solicit support or opposition for legislation from any natural person who holds a license  
5 issued by that agency.

6        D. The provisions of subsection C of this section shall not be applicable to a person  
7 who serves on the governing board of the agency or a person who is appointed to serve on  
8 a task force or similar entity created by a legislative measure.

9        E. Any person convicted of willfully violating the provisions of this section shall be  
10 guilty of a felony and shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not more than Ten  
11 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not longer than two (2) years, or  
12 by both said fine and imprisonment.

13        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

14        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 02-  
15 25-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.