

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3049

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2001, Section 4256, which relates to campaign
9 reporting; allowing grace period for late filings;
10 requiring certain information to be placed on the
11 Oklahoma Ethics Commission website; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4256, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4256. A. Every candidate or candidate committee for
17 state or county office and every other committee failing to file
18 registrations and reports of contributions and expenditures or
19 statements of inactivity on or before the days specified in Chapter
20 10 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission shall be assessed by the
21 Ethics Commission a late filing fee of up to One Hundred Dollars
22 (\$100.00) for each day after a report of contributions and
23 expenditures is due that said report remains unfiled; provided, the
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1 total amount of such fees assessed per report shall not exceed One
2 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

3 B. Committees campaigning for or against an initiative or
4 referendum petition, legislative referendum, or a state question who
5 fail to file reports of contributions and expenditures on or before
6 the days specified in Chapter 10 of the Rules of the Ethics
7 Commission shall be assessed by the Ethics Commission a late filing
8 fee of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day after a
9 report of contributions and expenditures is due that said report
10 remains unfiled; provided, the total amount of such fee assessed per
11 report filing shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

12 C. Every person failing to file a statement of financial
13 interests or financial disclosure statement on or before the days
14 specified in Chapter 15 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission shall
15 be assessed by the Ethics Commission a late filing fee of up to One
16 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day the statement remains
17 unfiled; provided, the total amount of such fees assessed per
18 statement shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

19 D. The treasurer, except for treasurers for candidates or
20 candidate committees, may be liable for the late fee. Failure to
21 file a registration, report or statement shall be deemed to be a
22 separate offense for each day that the registration, report or
23 statement remains unfiled after it becomes due. Fees collected
24 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited with

1 the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

2 Candidates or candidate committees shall not pay such fees from
3 campaign funds.

4 E. The Ethics Commission shall allow delinquent or late filers
5 three (3) business days to contact the Commission and give reason
6 for the late filing of required contribution and expenditure reports
7 or statements of inactivity. Failure to file reports or contact the
8 Ethics Commission shall result in being listed on the Oklahoma
9 Ethics Commission website for public viewing. The Ethics Commission
10 website list shall include the names of the candidates or candidate
11 committees for state office and committees campaigning for or
12 against an initiative or referendum petition, legislative
13 referendum, or a state question, that fail to file reports of
14 contributions and expenditures or statements of inactivity with the
15 applicable fine due.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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