

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 741

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to ethics; amending Rule 257:1-1-1 of
8 the Rules of the Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2011, Ch.
9 62, App.), which relates to the general purpose and
10 authority of the Commission; clarifying language; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 257:1-1-1 of the Rules of the
14 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2011, Ch. 62, App.), is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Rule 257:1-1-1. (a) Intent. The Ethics Commission was
17 instituted as the statutory administrator of the Ethics Commission
18 Act, ~~Section 4200 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~ It
19 retains these powers and others, as enumerated herein. As a
20 statement of its general purpose and authority, the Ethics
21 Commission finds:

22 (1) That the Commission is to promulgate rules of ethical
23 conduct for campaigns for elective state office and for campaigns
24 for initiative and referendum and rules of ethical conduct for state
officers and state employees;

1 (2) That the central function of this title is to prevent,
2 rather than punish, unethical conduct. The Commission shall publish
3 and make available to the public and to persons subject to this
4 title explanatory information concerning this title, the duties
5 imposed by it and the means of enforcing it. It shall also be the
6 goal of the Commission to initiate and continue programs for the
7 purpose of educating officers, employees, and citizens of this state
8 on matters of ethics and government service.

9 (b) Administration of title. The Ethics Commission, created in
10 Section 1 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, shall
11 administer this title with respect to campaigns for elective state
12 office, for campaigns for initiatives and referenda and for state
13 officers and state employees elected, appointed, or employed to
14 serve in state government.

15 (c) Powers and duties. The powers and duties of the Ethics
16 Commission are set forth in Section 3 of Article XXIX of the
17 Oklahoma Constitution and the Ethics Commission Act, ~~Section 4200 et~~
18 ~~seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

19 (d) Rules. In keeping with its authority and purpose, the
20 Ethics Commission has promulgated rules to implement Section 3 of
21 Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution.
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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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