

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL 557

By: Jolley of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

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An Act relating to the Ethics Commission; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 4250, which relates to lobbyists; authorizing Ethics Commission to promulgate certain rules; providing for continuation of effective rules; modifying documents considered to be open records and requiring certain maintenance thereof; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, 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

1 Ethics Commission Fund. Lobbyists shall be required to file reports  
2 in accordance with the Rules of the Ethics Commission.

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

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

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

9 3. The date of the registration.

10 All registrations filed under this section shall be certified.

11 C. The Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules concerning  
12 lobbyist registration and reporting in the same manner as all other  
13 Rules of the Ethics Commission are promulgated as prescribed in  
14 Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution. Any such  
15 rules in effect on the effective date of this act shall remain in  
16 effect until modified or repealed by rules promulgated pursuant to  
17 the provisions of this subsection or by law passed by the  
18 Legislature.

19 D. The registration of each lobbyist shall expire on December  
20 31 of each year unless the annual registration fee as set forth in  
21 subsection A of this section is paid. The registration fee shall be  
22 payable from December 1 through 31 of each year. A lobbyist  
23 expenditure report shall be due at this time if such report was not  
24 filed for the previous reporting period. If the lobbyist was

1 previously unregistered, then the fee is due within five (5) days  
2 after engaging in lobbying. The provisions of this section must be  
3 complied with before the Ethics Commission can renew a lobbying  
4 registration.

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

12 ~~E.~~ F. All registrations and expenditure reports filed under  
13 this section shall be public records and shall be made available for  
14 public inspection pursuant to the Open Records Act.

15 ~~F.~~ G. The Ethics Commission shall maintain registrations and  
16 expenditure reports in a separate, alphabetical file and make such  
17 registrations and expenditure reports available to the public for  
18 inspection.

19 ~~G.~~ H. A person who files a notice of termination pursuant to  
20 the provisions of subsection D of this section shall file the  
21 reports required pursuant to the Rules of the Ethics Commission for  
22 any reporting period during which the person was registered at the  
23 time the notice of termination is effective.  
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1       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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