

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 557

By: Jolley of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

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.

SUBJECT: Ethics Commission

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

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 Any such rules in effect on the effective date of this act shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by rules promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this subsection or by law passed by the Legislature.

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

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

~~G.~~ H. 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. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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