

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 917

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Rules of the Ethics Commission;  
8 amending Rules 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 of the Rules of the  
9 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Ch. 62, App.  
10 I), which relate to limits on meals and gifts;  
11 modifying amount which lobbyist principal,  
12 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may pay  
for meals or gifts for certain persons; and providing  
an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 5.6 of the Rules of the  
15 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 Rule 5.6. Except as provided in these Rules, a legislative  
18 liaison, a legislative lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the  
19 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist is employed or retained  
20 shall provide no gift to the Governor, a legislator or any employee  
21 of the Governor or the Legislature. The Governor, a legislator or  
22 any employee of the Governor or the Legislature shall not knowingly  
23 accept anything of value from a legislative liaison, a legislative  
24 lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the legislative liaison or

1 legislative lobbyist is employed or retained except as permitted by  
2 these Rules. Except as provided in these Rules, an executive  
3 lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the executive lobbyist is  
4 employed or retained shall provide nothing of value to any officer  
5 or employee of an agency that is the subject of the executive  
6 lobbyist's lobbying activities. No officer or employee of an agency  
7 that is subject to an executive lobbyist's lobbying activities shall  
8 knowingly accept anything of value from an executive lobbyist or a  
9 lobbyist principal by whom an executive lobbyist is employed except  
10 as permitted by these Rules. In no event shall a legislative  
11 liaison, a legislative lobbyist, an executive lobbyist or a lobbyist  
12 principal indirectly provide anything of value to any state officer  
13 or employee by providing a thing of value to a family member of the  
14 state officer or employee, other than as permitted by these Rules.  
15 In no event shall the costs of a thing of value provided by a  
16 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist to the Governor, a  
17 legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature  
18 permitted by these Rules be divided or shared with other legislative  
19 liaisons or legislative lobbyists in filing a report required by  
20 these Rules unless otherwise provided by these Rules. Agencies may  
21 provide two (2) tickets or admissions to any conference, seminar,  
22 lecture or similar event held within the boundaries of the State of  
23 Oklahoma and sponsored in whole or in part by the agency to the  
24 Governor, any legislator or any employee of the Governor or the

1 Legislature, provided the tickets or admissions are used by the  
2 recipient and a family member of the recipient. For all other gifts  
3 provided by a legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist or executive  
4 lobbyist that include meals or attendance at an event, the lobbyist  
5 or legislative liaison must attend the meal or event with the  
6 recipient. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, a  
7 lobbyist principal shall not provide anything of value to the  
8 Governor, a legislator or any employee of the Governor or the  
9 Legislature, the value of which exceeds One Hundred Dollars  
10 (\$100.00) in a calendar year, regardless of the number of lobbyists  
11 representing the lobbyist principal.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Rule 5.7 of the Rules of the  
13 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 Rule 5.7. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist  
16 representing only one lobbyist principal, shall pay no more than  
17 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per  
18 calendar year for meals for the Governor, for any individual  
19 legislator or for any individual employee of the Governor or the  
20 Legislature, regardless of the source of funds used for payment. A  
21 legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist principal  
22 shall pay no more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per calendar  
23 year for meals for the Governor, for any individual legislator or  
24 for any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature,

1 regardless of the source of funds used for payment. Notwithstanding  
2 any other provision of these Rules, a lobbyist principal shall not  
3 provide anything of value to the Governor, an individual legislator  
4 or any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the  
5 value of which exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in a calendar  
6 year, regardless of the number of lobbyists representing the  
7 lobbyist principal.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Rule 5.8 of the Rules of the  
9 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 Rule 5.8. A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may  
12 make a gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the  
13 Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently occurring  
14 occasions of personal significance. The gift shall be given and  
15 received contemporaneously with the occasion or at times when such  
16 gifts are traditionally given. Such gifts may be made to a family  
17 member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the  
18 Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is a party  
19 to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child or  
20 retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not exceed  
21 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the aggregate in any calendar year  
22 from any legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist. Any such  
23 gifts shall be reported to the Commission and aggregated with meals,  
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1 and the aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to an  
2 individual recipient by a :

3 1. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist  
4 representing only one lobbyist principal, may not exceed Five  
5 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); or

6 2. A legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist  
7 principal may not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

8 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective January 1, 2019.

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