

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL 137

By: Newhouse

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to use of public resources;
prohibiting using or authorizing the use of public
funds, property or time for certain purposes;
providing exceptions; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4263 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No person shall use or authorize the use of public funds,
property or time to engage in activities designed to influence the
results of an election for public office or any matter submitted to
the voters, except as otherwise provided in this section or by law.

B. No person shall use or authorize the use of public funds,
property or time to engage in executive or legislative lobbying as
defined in the Rules of the Ethics Commission, except as otherwise
provided in this section or by law.

1 C. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the
2 following conduct:

3 1. A public officer or employee from expressing his or her
4 opinion or position on any issue as long as public funds, property
5 or time are not used;

6 2. The provision of informational materials authorized by law;

7 3. The use of public funds, property or time to engage in
8 executive or legislative lobbying by a public officer or employee
9 whose duties in fact include executive or legislative lobbying,
10 regardless of the state officer or employee's title and regardless
11 of whether or not executive or legislative lobbying is included
12 within the state officer or state employee's job description; or

13 4. The provision of information requested by a member of the
14 Legislature or an elective state officer.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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