

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3147

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to campaign finance and financial disclosure; amending 11 O.S. 2021, Sections 56-102 and 56-108, which relate to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; modifying definition; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Sections 138.12, 138.13, 138.14 and 138.17, which relate to the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; modifying definition; removing notary requirements; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 2-111 and 2-117, which relate to the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; modifying definition; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 4261, which relates to the Ethics Commission Act; modifying forms necessary for compliance; authorizing Ethics Commission to develop certain online reporting processes; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-102, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-102. A. Definitions of terms used in the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as those terms are defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission

1 promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution, unless otherwise provided herein.

3 B. As used in the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial
4 Disclosure Act:

5 1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed
6 of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the
7 election of a specific candidate to municipal office, whose name as
8 it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the
9 committee;

10 2. "Municipal office" means any elective municipal office
11 established under state or municipal law; and

12 3. "Municipal political committee" means any committee composed
13 of ~~one~~ two or more persons whose purpose includes the election or
14 defeat of one or more candidates for municipal office, or questions
15 submitted to a vote of the people at a municipal election, but which
16 is not required to register with the Ethics Commission or the
17 Federal Election Commission.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-108, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 56-108. All candidates for municipal office and all
21 elected municipal officers shall be required to file a statement of
22 financial interests with the municipal clerk subject to the same
23 requirements as set forth for ~~candidates for state office required~~
24 ~~to file~~ statements of financial interests filed with the Ethics

Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.12, is amended to read as follows:

Section 138.12 A. Definitions of terms used in the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as those terms are defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless otherwise provided herein.

B. As used in the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:

1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the election of a specific candidate to county office, whose name as it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the committee;

2. "County office" means any elective county office for which Declarations of Candidacy are filed with the secretary of the county election board as required by Section 5-103 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

3. "County political committee" means any committee composed of ~~one~~ two or more persons whose purpose includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates for county office, or questions submitted to a vote of the people at a county election, but which is

1 not required to register with the Ethics Commission or the Federal
2 Election Commission.

3 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.13, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 138.13 Each campaign committee shall file a ~~notarized~~
6 statement of organization with the county election board subject to
7 the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees for
8 state office to file statements of organization with the Ethics
9 Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant
10 to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including
11 but not limited to time for filing and contents, except as otherwise
12 provided in the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure
13 Act. The statement of organization shall be accompanied by a check
14 drawn upon the campaign committee's account in the amount of Fifty
15 Dollars (\$50.00) as a nonrefundable processing fee to be deposited
16 in the County Election Board Special Depository Account.
17 Expenditures from such fees may be made by the secretary of the
18 county election board for any lawful purpose.

19 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.14, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 138.14 Every county political committee shall file a
22 ~~notarized~~ statement of organization with the county election board
23 subject to the same requirements as set forth for political
24 committees required to file statements of organization with the

1 Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated
2 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution,
3 including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

4 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.17, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 138.17 All candidates for county office and all elected
7 county officers shall be required to file a ~~notarized~~ statement of
8 financial interests with the county election board subject to the
9 same requirements as set forth for statements of financial interests
10 filed with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics
11 Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the
12 Oklahoma Constitution.

13 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-111, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2-111. A. Definitions of terms used in the Technology
16 Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and
17 Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as those terms are
18 defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to
19 Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless
20 otherwise provided herein.

21 B. As used in the Technology Center District and Independent
22 School District Campaign Finance and Disclosure Act:

23 1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed
24 of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the

1 election of a specific candidate to school district office, whose
2 name as it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the
3 committee;

4 2. "School district" means a technology center district or an
5 independent school district;

6 3. "School district office" means any elective school district
7 office for which Declarations of Candidacy are filed with the
8 secretary of the county election board as required by Section 13A-
9 105 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 4. "School district political committee" means any committee
11 composed of ~~one~~ two or more persons whose purpose includes the
12 election or defeat of one or more candidates for school district
13 office, or questions submitted to a vote of the people at a school
14 district election, but which is not required to register with the
15 Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission.

16 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-117, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-117. All candidates for school district office and
19 all elected school district officers shall be required to file a
20 statement of financial interests with the school district clerk
21 subject to the same requirements as set forth for ~~candidates for~~
22 ~~state office required to file~~ statements of financial interests
23 filed with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics
24 Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the

1 Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing
2 and contents.

3 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 4261, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 4261. The Ethics Commission shall design all forms
6 required for compliance with the County Campaign Finance and
7 Financial Disclosure Act, the Municipal Campaign Finance and
8 Financial Disclosure Act and the Technology Center District and
9 Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial
10 Disclosure Act. Such forms shall be made available in electronic
11 form on the Commission's ~~Internet~~ website. Additionally, the Ethics
12 Commission shall develop online reporting processes for the
13 reporting of information required by the County Campaign Finance and
14 Financial Disclosure Act, the Municipal Campaign Finance and
15 Financial Disclosure Act, and the Technology Center District and
16 Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial
17 Disclosure Act, as funds are available, to develop and maintain
18 online reporting.

19 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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