

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3815

By: Dollens of the House

and

**Bullard** of the Senate

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11                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12           An Act relating to campaign finance; defining term;  
13           prohibiting certain contributions from foreign  
14           principal to certain persons or for certain purposes;  
15           prohibiting acceptance of certain contributions;  
16           providing for forfeit of certain amounts for  
17           violations; providing for applicability of certain  
18           due process procedures; defining term; prohibiting  
19           certain contributions from foreign principal for  
20           certain purposes; prohibiting acceptance of certain  
21           contributions; providing for forfeit of certain  
22           amounts for violations; providing for applicability  
23           of certain due process procedures; providing for  
24           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 7-140 of Title 26, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. For purposes of this section, "foreign principal" means:

2       1. A government of a foreign country or a foreign political  
3 party;

4       2. A person outside of the United States, unless it is  
5 established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and  
6 domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an  
7 individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the  
8 United States or of any state or other place subject to the  
9 jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of  
10 business within the United States; and

11       3. A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or  
12 other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having  
13 its principal place of business in a foreign country.

14       B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
15 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent  
16 expenditure in support of or opposition to the election of any  
17 candidate to state or local office or to any political action  
18 committee.

19       C. No candidate for state or local office or political action  
20 committee shall accept any contribution that the candidate knew or  
21 should have known was from a foreign principal. Upon a first  
22 violation of this subsection, the candidate or political action  
23 committee shall return the contribution to the foreign principal, if  
24 possible, or shall forfeit such contribution to the Ethics

1 Commission. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this  
2 subsection, the candidate or political action committee shall  
3 forfeit the balance of any amounts in the candidate's or committee's  
4 campaign accounts to the Ethics Commission. Alleged violations  
5 under this subsection shall be subject to all notice, hearing, and  
6 appeals requirements applicable to the Ethics Commission.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 28 of Title 34, unless there is  
9 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. For purposes of this section, "foreign principal" means:

11 1. A government of a foreign country or a foreign political  
12 party;

13 2. A person outside of the United States, unless it is  
14 established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and  
15 domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an  
16 individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the  
17 United States or of any state or other place subject to the  
18 jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of  
19 business within the United States; and

20 3. A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or  
21 other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having  
22 its principal place of business in a foreign country.

23 B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
24 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent

1 expenditure in support of or opposition to any state or local ballot  
2 measure, to any initiative or referendum petition, to any political  
3 action committee related to such measure or petition, or to sponsor  
4 political advertising or electioneering communication related to  
5 such measure or petition.

6 C. No committee for or against any state or local ballot  
7 measure or initiative or referendum petition shall accept any  
8 contribution that the committee knew or should have known was from a  
9 foreign principal. Upon a first violation of this subsection, the  
10 committee shall return the contribution to the foreign principal, if  
11 possible, or shall forfeit such contribution to the Ethics  
12 Commission. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this  
13 subsection, the committee shall forfeit the balance of any amounts  
14 in the committee's campaign accounts to the Ethics Commission.  
15 Alleged violations under this subsection shall be subject to all  
16 notice, hearing, and appeals requirements applicable to the Ethics  
17 Commission.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated  
21 02/28/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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