

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1769

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to campaign finance; defining term; prohibiting certain contributions from foreign principal to certain persons or for certain purposes; prohibiting acceptance of certain contributions; providing for forfeit of certain amounts for violations; providing for applicability of certain due process procedures; defining term; prohibiting certain contributions from foreign principal for certain purposes; prohibiting acceptance of certain contributions; providing for forfeit of certain amounts for violations; providing for applicability of certain due process procedures; 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 7-140 of Title 26, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

2. A person outside of the United States, unless it is established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and

1 domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an  
2 individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the  
3 United States or of any state or other place subject to the  
4 jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of  
5 business within the United States; and

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

9 B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
10 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent  
11 expenditure in support of or opposition to the election of any  
12 candidate to state or local office or to any political action  
13 committee.

14 C. No candidate for state or local office or political action  
15 committee shall accept any contribution that the candidate knew or  
16 should have known was from a foreign principal. Upon a first  
17 violation of this subsection, the candidate or political action  
18 committee shall return the contribution to the foreign principal, if  
19 possible, or shall forfeit such contribution to the Ethics  
20 Commission. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this  
21 subsection, the candidate or political action committee shall  
22 forfeit the balance of any amounts in the candidate's or committee's  
23 campaign accounts to the Ethics Commission. Alleged violations  
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1 under this subsection shall be subject to all notice, hearing, and  
2 appeals requirements applicable to the Ethics Commission.

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

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

7 1. A government of a foreign country or a foreign political  
8 party;

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

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

19 B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
20 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent  
21 expenditure in support of or opposition to any state or local ballot  
22 measure, to any initiative or referendum petition, to any political  
23 action committee related to such measure or petition, or to sponsor  
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1 political advertising or electioneering communication related to  
2 such measure or petition.

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

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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