

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 238

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to political committees; amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-102, which relates to definitions; modifying definition of municipal political committee; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.12, which relates to definitions; modifying definition of county political committee; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-111, which relates to definitions; modifying definition of school district political committee; 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 promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless otherwise provided herein.

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

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

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

8 3. "Municipal political committee" means any committee, other
9 than a campaign committee, composed of one or more persons whose
10 purpose includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates
11 for municipal office or one or more questions submitted to a vote of
12 the people at a municipal election, but which is not required to
13 register with the Ethics Commission or the Federal Election
14 Commission.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.12, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

9 3. "County political committee" means any committee, other than
10 a campaign committee, composed of one or more persons whose purpose
11 includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates for county
12 office or one or more questions submitted to a vote of the people at
13 a county election, but which is not required to register with the
14 Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-111, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

6 2. "School district" means a technology center district or an
7 independent school district;

8 3. "School district office" means any elective school district
9 office for which Declarations of Candidacy are filed with the
10 secretary of the county election board as required by Section 13A-
11 105 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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

19 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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