

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1535

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to officers; amending 51 O.S. 2021, Section 50, which relates to the Personal Privacy Protection Act; adding certain exceptions to authorize disclosure of personal affiliation information; updating statutory language; updating statutory references; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2021, Section 50, is amended to read as follows:

Section 50. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Personal Privacy Protection Act".

B. As used in the Personal Privacy Protection Act:

1. "Personal affiliation information" means any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster or other compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, or volunteer of, or donor of financial or nonfinancial support to, any entity organized pursuant to Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

1        2. "Public agency" means any state or local governmental unit,  
2 however designated, including, but not limited to, the State of  
3 Oklahoma; any department, agency, office, commission, board,  
4 division or other entity of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state,  
5 including those created or established pursuant to constitutional  
6 provisions; any political subdivision of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~, this  
7 state including, but not limited to, a county, city, township,  
8 village, school district, community college district or any other  
9 local governmental unit, agency, authority, council, board or  
10 commission; or any state or local court, tribunal or other judicial  
11 or quasi-judicial body.

12        C. A public agency shall not ~~do any of the following~~:

13        1. Require any individual to provide the public agency with  
14 personal affiliation information or otherwise compel the release of  
15 personal affiliation information;

16        2. Require any entity organized pursuant to Section 501(c) of  
17 the United States Internal Revenue Code to provide the state agency  
18 or political subdivision with personal affiliation information or  
19 otherwise compel the release of personal affiliation information;

20        3. Release, publicize or otherwise publicly disclose any  
21 personal affiliation information in the possession of the public  
22 agency; or

23        4. Request or require a current or prospective contractor or  
24 grantee with the public agency to provide the public agency with a

1 list of entities organized pursuant to Section 501(c) of the United  
2 States Internal Revenue Code to which it has provided financial or  
3 nonfinancial support.

4 D. Personal affiliation information ~~is~~ shall be exempt from the  
5 disclosure requirements of the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

6 E. The Personal Privacy Protection Act shall not preclude ~~any~~  
7 ~~of the following:~~

8 1. Any report or disclosure required by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Ethics  
9 Commission prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ November 1, 2020;

10 2. Any lawful warrant for personal affiliation information  
11 issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

12 3. ~~Any~~ A lawful request by the Attorney General for personal  
13 affiliation information pursuant to a review, examination, or  
14 investigation authorized by state law;

15 4. Disclosure by the Attorney General of personal affiliation  
16 information in court pleadings and motions, as relevant evidence, or  
17 in public communications related to a civil or criminal action;

18 5. A lawful request by the Attorney General for personal  
19 affiliation information in discovery in a civil or criminal action;

20 6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any lawful  
21 request for discovery of personal affiliation information in  
22 litigation if ~~both of the following conditions are met:~~

1 a. the requester demonstrates a compelling need for the  
2 personal affiliation information requested by clear  
3 and convincing evidence, and

4 b. the requester obtains a protective order barring  
5 disclosure of personal affiliation information to any  
6 person not directly involved in the litigation; ~~or~~

7 ~~4. Admission~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
8 admission of personal affiliation information as relevant evidence  
9 before a court of competent jurisdiction. However, no court shall  
10 publicly ~~reveal~~ disclose personal affiliation information absent a  
11 specific finding of good cause; or

12 8. A lawful request for, or disclosure of, personal affiliation  
13 information that is publicly or voluntarily disclosed by the person  
14 or entity to which it relates.

15 F. Any person alleging a violation of the Personal Privacy  
16 Protection Act may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive  
17 relief, damages, or both injunctive relief and damages. Damages  
18 awarded pursuant to this section may include one of the following,  
19 as appropriate:

20 1. A sum of money not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred  
21 Dollars (\$2,500.00) to compensate for injury or loss caused by each  
22 violation of ~~this act~~ the Personal Privacy Protection Act; or  
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1        2. For an intentional violation of ~~this act~~ the Personal  
2 Privacy Protection Act, a sum of money not to exceed three times the  
3 sum described in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

4        G. A court, in rendering judgment in an action brought pursuant  
5 to this section, may award all or a portion of the costs of  
6 litigation, including reasonable attorney fees and witness fees, to  
7 the complainant in the action if the court determines that the award  
8 is appropriate.

9        H. A person who knowingly violates ~~this act~~ the Personal  
10 Property Protection Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
11 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars  
12 (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than  
13 ninety (90) days ~~or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars~~  
14 ~~(\$1,000.00)~~, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

15        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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