

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3727

By: Shaw

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to lobbying regulation; prohibiting political subdivisions from spending public funds on hiring a lobbyist or paying a nonprofit state association or organization that hires lobbyists; clarifying activities not prohibited; creating right of action for taxpayers or residents to seek injunctive relief; directing award of attorney fees and costs for prevailing taxpayers or residents; prohibiting former members of Legislature from registering as lobbyists for certain period; prohibiting renewal of former members of Legislature as lobbyists for certain period; 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 4000 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A political subdivision may not spend public funds:

1. To hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying a member of the Legislature; or

2. To pay a nonprofit state association or organization that:

a. primarily represents political subdivisions, and

1           b.    hires or contracts with an individual required to  
2                register as a lobbyist under Rule 5 of Appendix I of  
3                Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4       B.   Subsection A of this section does not prohibit:

5       1.   An officer or employee of a political subdivision from  
6       providing information for a member of the Legislature or appearing  
7       before a legislative committee;

8       2.   An elected officer of a political subdivision from  
9       advocating for or against or otherwise influencing or attempting to  
10      influence the outcome of legislation pending before the Legislature  
11      while acting as an officer of the political subdivision;

12      3.   An employee of a political subdivision from advocating for  
13      or against or otherwise influencing or attempting to influence the  
14      outcome of legislation pending before the Legislature if those  
15      actions would not require a person to register as a lobbyist;

16      4.   A political subdivision from reimbursing an officer or full-  
17      time employee of the political subdivision for direct travel  
18      expenses incurred by the officer or employee for engaging in an  
19      activity described by paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of this subsection; or

20      5.   A full-time employee of a nonprofit state association or  
21      organization that primarily represents political subdivisions of  
22      this state from:

23           a.   providing legislative services related to bill  
24                tracking, bill analysis, and legislative alerts,

- 1           b.    communicating directly with a member of the  
2                Legislature to provide information if the  
3                communication would not require a person to register  
4                as a lobbyist, or  
5           c.    testifying for or against legislation before the  
6                Legislature.

7           C.    If a political subdivision engages in an activity prohibited  
8 by subsection A of this section, a taxpayer or resident of the  
9 political subdivision is entitled to appropriate injunctive relief  
10 to prevent further activity prohibited by that subsection and  
11 further payment of public funds related to that activity.

12          D.    A taxpayer or resident who prevails in an action under  
13 subsection C of this section is entitled to recover from the  
14 political subdivision the taxpayer's or resident's reasonable  
15 attorney fees and costs incurred in bringing the action.

16          SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Rule 5.30, Appendix I of Title 74,  
18 unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as  
19 follows:

20          Beginning on January 1, 2027, no former member of the Oklahoma  
21 House of Representatives or the Oklahoma State Senate may work or  
22 register as a lobbyist until six (6) years after their last term has  
23 expired. Former members of the Legislature who have become  
24 registered lobbyists prior to January 1, 2027, shall not be eligible

1 for renewal of their registration until six (6) years after their  
2 last term has expired.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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