

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 2180

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8 An Act relating to foreign lobbying; creating the
9 Foreign Principal Lobbying Oversight Act; providing
10 short title; defining terms; requiring agents of
11 foreign principals to make certain filing with the
12 Secretary of State; requiring filings to include
13 certain information; requiring agents to notify the
14 Secretary of State of changes; requiring a
15 termination notice in certain circumstances;
16 requiring the Secretary of State to publish certain
17 list; authorizing the Secretary of State to
18 promulgate certain rules; providing for exceptions;
19 providing for violations; providing for penalties;
20 providing for noncodification; providing for
21 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
24 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

25 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Foreign
26 Principal Lobbying Oversight Act".

27 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
28 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 291.5 of Title 74, unless there
29 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. As used in this act:

2 1. "Agent" means a person representing, acting, or lobbying for
3 compensation on behalf of a foreign principal to influence the laws,
4 policies, or regulations of this state or its political
5 subdivisions; secure funding or incentives for the benefit of a
6 foreign principal; or solicit, collect, or disburse contributions,
7 loans, or other funds on behalf of a foreign principal. Agent shall
8 not include:

9 a. diplomatic or consular officers, staff members of a
10 diplomatic or consular officer, or officials of a
11 foreign government,

12 b. attorneys representing a foreign country, government,
13 political party, or corporation or business entity
14 with a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest
15 that is owned by a foreign country, government, or
16 political party in purely commercial endeavors or
17 legal proceedings before state or federal courts,
18 agencies, or other political subdivisions, or

19 c. any news or press service or association or any
20 newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication;
21 and

22 2. "Foreign principal" means a foreign country, government,
23 high-ranking government official, political party, or business
24 entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest that is

1 owned or controlled by a foreign country, government, high-ranking
2 government official, or political party.

3 B. Any agent for a foreign principal shall register and submit
4 a completed filing with the Secretary of State within fifteen (15)
5 days of becoming an agent for a foreign principal and pay a fee
6 pursuant to Section 1142 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes. A
7 completed filing shall include the identity of the agent and the
8 foreign principal compensating the agent, the beginning and ending
9 date, if known, of the agency agreement with the foreign principal,
10 the nature of the lobbying the agent is conducting for the foreign
11 principal, and any other information deemed necessary by the
12 Secretary of State.

13 C. An agent for a foreign principal shall notify the Secretary
14 of State within ten (10) business days of any changes to information
15 submitted pursuant to subsection B of this section. An agent shall
16 submit a termination notice with the Secretary of State within ten
17 (10) business days of ceasing representation for a foreign
18 principal.

19 D. The Secretary of State shall cause a list of registrations
20 and filings of agents for foreign principals submitted pursuant to
21 subsection B of this section to be published on its website and
22 shall periodically communicate to elected officials how to access
23 such list. The Secretary of State may promulgate rules and
24 procedures as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

1 E. This act shall not apply to:

2 1. Religious or charitable organizations registered with the
3 Secretary of State or that are exempt from taxation pursuant to the
4 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
5 501(c)(3);

6 2. Persons engaged in activities benefitting religious,
7 scholastic, academic, scientific, or fine arts interests; or

8 3. Persons involved in private and nonpolitical activities in
9 furtherance of a bona fide trade or commerce of the foreign country,
10 government, political party, or corporation or business entity with
11 a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest that is owned by a
12 foreign country, government, or political party.

13 F. Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any provision
14 of this act, willfully or knowingly makes a false statement of any
15 material fact, or willfully or knowingly omits any material fact
16 required by this act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
17 misdemeanor and subject to a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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

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