

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1529

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to campaign finance; amending Rules 2.30, 2.33, 2.35, 2.42, 2.50, 2.52, 2.79, 2.98, and 2.99 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), which relate to candidate committees, limited and unlimited committees, contributions and expenditures, electioneering communications, and political action committees; prohibiting certain contributions; prohibiting acceptance of certain contributions; limiting committees eligible to make certain expenditures; requiring certain officers to be residents of this state; prohibiting certain compensation; limiting committees eligible to make certain communications; modifying allowable purposes for certain committees; requiring certain registration; prohibiting contribution from certain out-of-state committees or organizations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 2.30 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read as follows:

Rule 2.30. A candidate committee shall not accept a contribution from the authorized committee of a candidate for

1 federal office. A candidate committee shall not make a contribution  
2 to any other candidate for state or federal office.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Rule 2.33 of the Rules of the  
4 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Rule 2.33. ~~(A)~~ A. No person shall make, and no limited  
7 committee shall accept, a contribution to any limited committee in  
8 excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year,  
9 except as otherwise permitted by law or these Rules. A contribution  
10 to a limited committee that is designated directly or indirectly to  
11 be used for the benefit of a particular candidate or candidates  
12 shall be considered a contribution by the contributor to the  
13 candidate or candidates.

14 ~~(B)~~ B. No limited committee shall make, and no political party  
15 committee shall accept, a contribution to the political party  
16 committee in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in any  
17 calendar year.

18 ~~(C)~~ C. No limited committee or unlimited committee shall make,  
19 and no other limited committee or unlimited committee shall accept,  
20 a contribution to another limited committee or unlimited committee  
21 in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year.

22 ~~(D)~~ D. No limited committee shall make, and no candidate  
23 committee shall accept, a contribution to any candidate committee in  
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1 excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) prior to a primary  
2 election.

3 ~~(E)~~ E. No limited committee shall make, and no candidate  
4 committee shall accept, a contribution to any candidate committee of  
5 a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot for a runoff  
6 primary election in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)  
7 prior to a runoff primary election. Provided, however, after the  
8 primary election a limited committee that has made a contribution of  
9 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less to the candidate committee  
10 prior to the primary election may make an additional contribution of  
11 no more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the candidate  
12 committee prior to the runoff primary election.

13 ~~(F)~~ F. No limited committee shall make, and no candidate  
14 committee shall accept, a contribution to any candidate committee  
15 prior to a general election in excess of Five Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$5,000.00). Provided, however, after the primary election or  
17 runoff primary election, whichever is the last for determining a  
18 political party's nominee, a limited committee that has made a  
19 contribution of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less to the  
20 candidate committee prior to the primary election or runoff primary  
21 election, or both, may make an additional contribution of no more  
22 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the candidate committee  
23 prior to the general election.  
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1       ~~(G)~~ G. After the general election, a limited committee that has  
2 made no contribution to a candidate or a contribution of less than  
3 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the aggregate under the  
4 provisions of subsections ~~(D)~~ D, ~~(E)~~ E, or ~~(F)~~ F of this Rule may  
5 make an additional contribution or contributions in an amount or  
6 amounts that, aggregated with any prior contributions, do not exceed  
7 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to that candidate committee.

8       ~~(H)~~ H. No limited committee shall make a total contribution to  
9 a candidate in excess of the aggregate contribution limits of  
10 subsections ~~(D)~~ D, ~~(E)~~ E, and ~~(F)~~ F of this Rule or in excess of  
11 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the candidate committee of a  
12 candidate who is unopposed for election.

13       ~~(I)~~ I. For purposes of this ~~section~~ Rule, "contribution" shall  
14 include multiple contributions, the amounts of which shall be  
15 aggregated.

16       ~~(J)~~ J. A limited committee may make contributions to candidates  
17 for county, municipal, or school district office as permitted by  
18 law.

19       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       Rule 2.35 of the Rules of the  
20 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
21 as follows:

22       Rule 2.35. ~~Any person not otherwise prohibited by law,~~  
23 ~~including but not limited to individuals, partnerships, limited~~  
24 ~~liability companies, corporations and labor unions, may~~ A limited

1 committee, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or  
2 labor union shall not make contributions in any amount to an  
3 unlimited committee organized exclusively for the purpose of making  
4 independent expenditures or electioneering communications. An  
5 unlimited committee organized exclusively for the purpose of making  
6 independent expenditures or electioneering communications may make  
7 contributions in any amount to another unlimited committee organized  
8 exclusively for the purpose of making independent expenditures or  
9 electioneering communications.

10 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Rule 2.42 of the Rules of the  
11 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 Rule 2.42. Contributions to an unlimited political action  
14 committee may be used to make expenditures for independent  
15 expenditures or electioneering communications, ~~for contributions to~~  
16 ~~another unlimited political action committee organized exclusively~~  
17 ~~for the purpose of making independent expenditures or electioneering~~  
18 ~~communications,~~ for operating expenses of the unlimited committee,  
19 or for other purposes not otherwise prohibited by law or these Rules  
20 that further purposes of the committee. "Purposes of the committee"  
21 shall mean purposes expressed in the committee's bylaws, articles of  
22 organization or similar document or, if there is no such document,  
23 in the committee's statement of organization as those purposes are  
24 stated prior to the making of an expenditure.

1           SECTION 5.           AMENDATORY           Rule 2.50 of the Rules of the  
2 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4           Rule 2.50. A. An independent expenditure may be made in any  
5 amount by a political party committee, by a political action  
6 committee, or by any other entity not otherwise prohibited by law or  
7 these Rules from making an independent expenditure; provided, such  
8 committee or entity shall be formed and domiciled in this state.  
9 The treasurer and compliance officer of such committee or entity  
10 shall be residents of this state with a valid street address and  
11 telephone number where such officers may be reached during work  
12 hours.

13           B. An individual or entity who receives compensation directly  
14 or indirectly from an unlimited political action committee that  
15 makes an independent expenditure on behalf of a candidate or  
16 candidate committee shall not receive compensation directly or  
17 indirectly from such candidate or candidate committee. Receipt of  
18 such compensation shall constitute coordination prohibited by these  
19 Rules.

20           SECTION 6.           AMENDATORY           Rule 2.52 of the Rules of the  
21 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23           Rule 2.52. An electioneering communication may be made in any  
24 amount by a political party committee, by a political action  
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1 committee, or by any other entity not otherwise prohibited by law or  
2 these Rules from making an electioneering communication; provided,  
3 such committee or entity shall be formed and domiciled in this  
4 state. The treasurer and compliance officer of such committee or  
5 entity shall be residents of this state with a valid street address  
6 and telephone number where such officers may be reached during work  
7 hours.

8 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Rule 2.79 of the Rules of the  
9 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 Rule 2.79. A political action committee is any group of two or  
12 more persons that receives contributions or makes expenditures for  
13 any of the following purposes:

14 ~~(1)~~ 1. Making contributions to candidates or candidate  
15 committees;  
16 ~~(2) making contributions to other political action committees;~~  
17 ~~(3) making~~ 2. Making independent expenditures;  
18 ~~(4) making~~ 3. Making electioneering communications; or  
19 ~~(5) advocating~~ 4. Advocating the approval or defeat of a state  
20 question.

21 Unless they choose to be considered as such, family members, as  
22 defined by these Rules, or members of the same household shall not  
23 be considered a political action committee.  
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1           SECTION 8.           AMENDATORY           Rule 2.98 of the Rules of the  
2 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4           Rule 2.98. A political action committee registered with the  
5 Federal Election Commission that makes a contribution or  
6 contributions to a candidate or candidates for state office shall  
7 not be required to register or to file a Report of Contributions and  
8 Expenditures with the Ethics Commission, ~~provided the contribution~~  
9 ~~or contributions are reported to the Federal Election Commission and~~  
10 ~~are available to the public in the same manner as a political action~~  
11 committee registered under the laws of this state. The treasurer  
12 and compliance officer of such committee shall be residents of this  
13 state with a valid street address and telephone number where such  
14 officers may be reached during work hours.

15           SECTION 9.           AMENDATORY           Rule 2.99 of the Rules of the  
16 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
17 as follows:

18           Rule 2.99. A political action committee or an organization  
19 exempt from taxation pursuant to 25 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(4) that  
20 is registered in another state ~~that makes a contribution or~~  
21 ~~contributions to a candidate or candidates for state office shall~~  
22 ~~file a Report of Contributions and Expenditures for Non-Oklahoma~~  
23 ~~Committees~~ but has not registered in this state shall be prohibited  
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1 from making contributions to candidates for any office in this  
2 state.

3 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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