

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 2180

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to foreign lobbying; creating the Foreign Country Agent Political Activity Oversight Act; providing short title; defining terms; requiring foreign country agents to file with the Secretary of State; providing requirements for filings; requiring the Secretary of State to provide semiannual reports and maintain a publicly accessible website; requiring the Secretary of State to promulgate rules; providing for exceptions; providing for violations; providing for penalties; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Foreign Country Agent Political Activity Oversight Act".

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

A. As used in this act:

1. "Foreign country agent" means any person representing the interests of a foreign country, government, political party, or

1 corporation or business entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or
2 greater interest that is owned by a foreign country, government, or
3 political party. Foreign country agent shall not include:

4 a. diplomatic or consular officers, staff members of a
5 diplomatic or consular officer, or officials of a
6 foreign government,

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

14 c. any news or press service or association or any
15 newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication;
16 and

17 2. "Representing" means acting for compensation on behalf of a
18 foreign country, government, political party, or a corporation or
19 business entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest
20 that is owned by a foreign country, government, or political party
21 to:

22 a. influence the laws, regulations, or policies of this
23 state and its political subdivisions to benefit a
24 foreign country, government, political party, or a
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- 1 corporation or business entity with a fifty-one
2 percent (51%) or greater interest that is owned by a
3 foreign country, government, or political party,
4 b. receive funding from this state that would benefit a
5 foreign country, government, political party, or a
6 corporation or business entity with a fifty-one
7 percent (51%) or greater interest that is owned by a
8 foreign country, government, or political party, or
9 c. solicit, collect, disburse, or dispense contributions,
10 loans, or money on behalf of a foreign country,
11 government, political party, or a corporation or
12 business entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or
13 greater interest that is owned by a foreign country,
14 government, or political party.

15 B. Any foreign country agent shall register and submit a
16 completed filing with the Secretary of State. Such filing shall
17 include the name of the foreign country agent, the foreign country,
18 government, political party, or corporation or business entity with
19 a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest that is owned by a
20 foreign country, government, or political party being represented by
21 the foreign country agent, the time period for which the foreign
22 country agent expects to be lobbying in this state, and any other
23 information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State. The foreign
24 country agent, or the foreign country, government, political party,

1 or corporation or business entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or
2 greater interest that is owned by a foreign country, government, or
3 political party being represented by the foreign country agent,
4 shall pay a filing fee as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

5 C. Any foreign country agent seeking to lobby in this state
6 shall register and submit a completed filing pursuant to subsection
7 B of this section within fifteen (15) days of becoming a foreign
8 country agent. A foreign country agent shall notify the Secretary
9 of State of any material change to the foreign country agent's
10 filing within ten (10) business days of such material change. Upon
11 ceasing representation of a foreign country, government, political
12 party, or corporation or business entity with a fifty-one percent
13 (51%) or greater interest that is owned by a foreign country,
14 government, or political party, a foreign country agent shall submit
15 a termination statement with the Secretary of State within ten (10)
16 business days.

17 D. The Secretary of State shall provide a semiannual report of
18 lobbying activities by foreign country agents on behalf of a foreign
19 country, government, political party, or a corporation or business
20 entity with a fifty-one percent (51%) or greater interest that is
21 owned by a foreign country, government, or political party to the
22 Attorney General and the Legislature. A publicly accessible list of
23 foreign country agents shall be maintained by the Secretary of
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1 State. The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and procedures
2 as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

3 E. This act shall not apply to:

4 1. Religious or charitable organizations registered with the
5 Secretary of State or that are exempt from taxation pursuant to the
6 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
7 501(c) (3);

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

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

15 F. Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any provision
16 of this act, willfully or knowingly makes a false statement of any
17 material fact, or willfully or knowingly omits any material fact
18 required by this act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
19 misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars
20 (\$1,000.00), not more than one (1) year of imprisonment in the
21 county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment.

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