

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1051

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to campaign expenditures; creating the Campaign Expenditure Transparency Act; providing short title; stating legislative intent; defining terms; requiring certain submission in stated timeframe; prohibiting certain expenditures; requiring disclosure of certain information; authorizing subpoena of records in certain situations; providing for penalties; requiring certain reimbursement; barring certain violators from future expenditures; directing certain database be accessible; allowing promulgation of rules; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 "Campaign Expenditure Transparency Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The purpose of this act is to enhance transparency and accountability in campaign financing, ensure the integrity of

1 elections, and prevent anonymous entities from undermining the
2 democratic process.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4263 of Title 74, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 For the purposes of this act, unless otherwise specified:

- 7 1. "Campaign expenditure" means any expenditure made to
8 influence the outcome of an election or referendum in this state;
- 9 2. "Ethics Commission" means the Ethics Commission; and
- 10 3. "Organization" means any corporation, limited liability
11 company, partnership, association, or other legal entity.

12 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4264 of Title 74, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. Any organization that pays for campaign expenditures
16 including, but not limited to, mailers, advertisements, or election
17 communications, shall submit to the Ethics Commission, within five
18 (5) business days of incurring the campaign expenditure, the
19 following information:

- 20 1. The name, mailing address, and contact information of its
21 president or chief executive officer; and
- 22 2. The name, mailing address, and contact information of its
23 treasurer or chief financial officer.

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1 B. It shall be unlawful for any individual or organization to
2 engage in campaign expenditures through the use of a fictitious or
3 unregistered name, or through the establishment of a limited
4 liability company (LLC), corporation, or entity with the primary
5 purpose of concealing its identity. Entities engaging in campaign
6 expenditures through rented post office boxes shall disclose the
7 name and contact information of the renter and all beneficial owners
8 of the entity.

9 C. For the purposes of enforcement of this section, the
10 Attorney General is hereby authorized to subpoena records related to
11 any rented post office box, including the name and address of the
12 individual or entity renting the post office box and payment records
13 associated with the post office box. Upon request of the Ethics
14 Commission or upon evidence of campaign violations, the Attorney
15 General may obtain records from banks, LLC registrations, and
16 service providers to identify anonymous campaign expenditure
17 entities.

18 D. Any organization or individual found to have violated the
19 provisions of this act, upon conviction, shall be subject to a civil
20 penalty not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and
21 a criminal fine of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for
22 willful violations. Any organization or individual engaging in
23 campaign expenditures under a false name or entity shall be required
24 to reimburse the State of Oklahoma for any investigative costs

1 incurred. Repeat violators shall be barred from making campaign
2 expenditures in this state for a period of five (5) years.

3 E. The Ethics Commission shall maintain a publicly accessible
4 database of all disclosures submitted under the provisions of this
5 act. The Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to
6 implement the provisions of this act.

7 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

8 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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