

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 577

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to lobbyists; amending Rule 5.21 of  
8 the Rules of the Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp.  
9 2016, Ch. 62, App.), which relates to Legislative  
10 Lobbyist reporting; modifying information required to  
11 be reported; providing penalties; and providing an  
12 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 5.21 of the Rules of the  
14 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Ch. 62, App.), is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 Rule 5.21. A. Each Legislative Lobbyist Report shall include,  
17 but not be limited to, information contained on the registration of  
18 the legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist and the following  
19 information:

20 1. The cost of each meal provided during the reporting period  
21 for the Governor, for any legislator or for any employee of the  
22 Governor or the Legislature and the date on which the meal was  
23 provided. The cost shall include the price, plus any applicable tax  
24 but shall not include a gratuity. In calculating the price of the

1 meal, items such as appetizers or hors d'oeuvre or beverages may be  
2 apportioned by dividing the total cost of the item equally by the  
3 number of participants, where the individual cost per participant is  
4 difficult or impossible to ascertain; provided, however, the  
5 individual price of other items, such as salads, entrees, or  
6 individual beverages shall be attributed to individual participants.  
7 Any food and beverages provided other than as part of a meal and  
8 valued at more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in the aggregate during a  
9 calendar year shall be reported separately.

10 2. The aggregate total number and cost of items reported in  
11 subsection 1 of this Rule, including any during this reporting  
12 period for the Governor, for any legislator or for any employee of  
13 the Governor or the Legislature.

14 3. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a  
15 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative  
16 lobbyist for any event to which all members of the Legislature were  
17 invited and the percentage of the total cost of food and beverage  
18 provided by the lobbyist principal for the event if less than one  
19 hundred percent (100%).

20 4. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a  
21 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative  
22 lobbyist for a meeting of a political caucus of either House of the  
23 Legislature and the percentage of the total cost of food and  
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1 beverage provided by the lobbyist principal for the meeting if less  
2 than one hundred percent (100%).

3 5. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a  
4 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative  
5 lobbyist for a meeting of a committee or subcommittee of either  
6 House of the Legislature identified in the Rules or Journal of the  
7 respective House to which all members of the committee or  
8 subcommittee were invited and which a majority of members attended  
9 and the percentage of the total cost of food and beverage for the  
10 meeting if less than one hundred percent (100%).

11 6. The cost of food and beverage paid by a lobbyist principal  
12 of the legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist for an event at a  
13 bona fide national or multistate regional professional conference,  
14 seminar or other similar meeting conducted outside the geographical  
15 boundaries of the State of Oklahoma to which only Oklahoma state  
16 officers or employees participating in the event are invited,  
17 provided a minimum of five state officers and employees participate,  
18 a description of the event, the date of the event and the percentage  
19 of the total cost of food and beverage for the meeting if less than  
20 one hundred percent (100%).

21 Nominal costs of transportation by private motor vehicle or  
22 similar public transportation such as a taxi provided by a  
23 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist to and from the location  
24 of a meal or event within the State of Oklahoma or within the

1 vicinity of the meal if outside the geographical boundaries of the  
2 State of Oklahoma shall be permitted but shall not be reported.  
3 Reports by legislative liaisons or legislative lobbyists shall be  
4 filed electronically, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission or  
5 the Executive Director of the Commission. Expenditures made by a  
6 lobbyist principal that is represented by more than one legislative  
7 liaison or legislative lobbyist shall be reported on only one  
8 Legislative Lobbyist Report by a legislative liaison or legislative  
9 lobbyist; any other legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist  
10 representing the same lobbyist principal shall indicate on the  
11 Legislative Lobbyist Report the name of the legislative liaison or  
12 legislative lobbyist reporting the expenditure on behalf of the  
13 lobbyist principal.

14 B. In addition to the information required to be reported in  
15 subsection A of this Rule, each Legislative Lobbyist Report shall  
16 include information on the subject area or areas of legislation  
17 advocated or opposed by the Legislative Lobbyist.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

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