

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 832

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public employees; prohibiting  
8 public officers and employees from using public  
9 monies to advocate against constitutionally-protected  
10 rights; providing list of prohibited actions;  
11 providing penalties; providing for codification; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24.5 of Title 51, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. No taxpayer monies, grants or other funds from any state  
18 agency or political subdivision of this state shall be used for  
19 lobbying activity against any rights as listed in paragraph B of  
20 this section or for paying the salary or contract services of any  
21 person required to register with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission to  
22 advocate or lobby for any infringement on the rights listed in  
23 paragraph B of this section.

24 B. For purposes of this section, constitutionally-protected  
rights shall include but not be limited to freedom of speech,

1 freedom of press, the free exercise of religion, the right to keep  
2 and bear arms, the right of the people to assemble and petition  
3 their government, the right of the people to be secure in their  
4 persons, homes, papers, effects and the right to suffrage.

5 C. Persons found in violation of this section of law shall be  
6 guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine of One Thousand Dollars  
7 (\$1,000.00) and up to ten (10) days in the county jail. A  
8 subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of Two Thousand  
9 Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and thirty (30) days in the county  
10 jail and prohibition from further registration with the Oklahoma  
11 Ethics Commission as a lobbyist in the state of Oklahoma.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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