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**For consideration at the November 17, 2011 Regular Meeting**

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**ETHICS COMMISSION**

1 An Act relating to campaign finance; amending 21 O.S. 2001,  
2 Sections 187 and 187.2, which relate to corporate  
3 contributions; modifying definitions; deleting prohibition on  
4 certain corporate expenditures; amending 51 O.S. 2001,  
5 Section 304, which relates to the Political Subdivisions  
6 Ethics Act; modifying definitions; and declaring an  
7 emergency.

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

9 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 187, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 4256. Oklahoma Statutes Title 74 Section 4256 should be  
12 amended as follows:

13 A. Every candidate or candidate committee for state or county  
14 office and every other committee failing to file registrations and  
15 reports of contributions and expenditures or statements of inactivity  
16 on or before the days specified in Chapter 10 of the Rules of the  
17 Ethics Commission shall be assessed by the Ethics Commission a late  
18 filing fee of up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day after  
19 a report of contributions and expenditures is due that said report  
20 remains unfiled; provided, the total amount of such fees assessed per  
21 report shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

22 B. Committees campaigning for or against an initiative or  
23 referendum petition, legislative referendum, or a state question who  
24 fail to file reports of contributions and expenditures on or before

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1 the days specified in Chapter 10 of the Rules of the Ethics  
2 Commission shall be assessed by the Ethics Commission a late filing  
3 fee of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day after a  
4 report of contributions and expenditures is due that said report  
5 remains unfiled; provided, the total amount of such fee assessed per  
6 report filing shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

7 C. Every person failing to file a statement of financial  
8 interests or financial disclosure statement on or before the days  
9 specified in Chapter 15 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission shall  
10 be assessed by the Ethics Commission a late filing fee of up to One  
11 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day the statement remains unfiled;  
12 provided, the total amount of such fees assessed per statement shall  
13 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

14 D. The treasurer, except for treasurers for candidates or  
15 candidate committees, may be liable for the late fee. Failure to file  
16 a registration, report or statement shall be deemed to be a separate  
17 offense for each day that the registration, report or statement  
18 remains unfiled after it becomes due. The first ~~Twenty-five Thousand~~  
19 ~~Dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per calendar  
20 year derived from fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this

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1 section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of  
2 the Ethics Commission Fund and any amount in excess of ~~Twenty-five~~  
3 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per  
4 calendar year shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.  
5 Candidates or candidate committees shall not pay such fees from  
6 campaign funds.