

ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SYNOPSIS OF 2012 AMENDMENTS

As Presented to the Governor and Legislature February 7, 2012

Amendment	Section	Subject
1.	257:10-1-2(b)	would require a contribution of more than \$50, for which no contributor statement was obtained, to be returned within 30 days of completing a 30-day effort but failing to obtain the contributor statement
2.	257:10-1-12 257:10-1-14(a)(13) 257:10-1-16 257:10-1-20(b)(4)	The amendment to 257:20-1-12 provides for the registration of a political action committee that will make only independent expenditures or electioneering communications. In the amendment to 257:10-1-14, information required for reporting independent expenditures and electioneering communications is, to the extent possible, made uniform. The amendment requires disclosure of the amount, date, brief description or statement of each expenditure, the name of the candidate and office supported or opposed, and whether the expenditure is made to support or oppose the candidate. In the amendment to 257:10-1-16, the time an independent expenditure or electioneering communication is considered to be "made" is the time it is publicly disseminated to eligible voters. The amendment puts reporting on the same schedule as a PAC. And in the amendment to 257:20-1-20 there is language to provide for the distribution of surplus funds by a PAC that makes only independent expenditures
3.	257:1-1-2 [defn of "anything of value"] and 257:23-1-2(d) (e) and (f)	would expand the current rule to exempt from the definition of "anything of value" not only when all Legislators are invited, but also when all members of either house or any of the caucuses, committees or subcommittees are invited. Required reporting would include the cost of events, including those which cost less than \$10 per person, the event would have to take place during the legislative day, and such events would be limited to one time per year without reporting other details. Lobbyists and lobbyist principals would be limited to one event per calendar year to which all the members of the legislature were invited; restrictions on splitting costs among lobbyists and/or lobbyist principals and the required presence of a lobbyist when things of value greater than \$10 are given would be excepted for such events.