

ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SYNOPSIS OF 2010 AMENDMENTS

Presented to Governor and Legislature February 2, 2010

Amendment	Section	Subject
1.	257:10-1-17(a)	would require posting of delinquent filers in the Commission office and on its website, would allow sending notices 10 days before reporting due date by either first class or email, would allow sending late letters by first class mail, and would require late fee assessment letters be sent pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act
2.	257:20-1-4(a)	would add prohibiting a state officer or employee from “attempting or threatening to use” official position to the prohibition against “using” official position to solicit or secure for oneself or others special privileges, exemptions or compensation, except as may be allowed by law
3.	257:1-1-5(c) 257:30-1-3(f) & (g) 257:30-1-6	removes replacement of a commissioner by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as unconstitutional; removes restrictions on informants and witnesses speaking of informations or names of respondents; and retains restrictions on Commissioners and Commission staff to keep informations confidential until filed as complaints in district court or referred to a law enforcement agency, officer, or prosecuting authority; repeals restrictions on communications between the Executive Director and the Chief Justice on disqualification of Commissioners; and makes open record public reprimands, settlement agreements, complaints, and referrals
4.	257:15-1-5 257:15-1-7(a)(1) (b)(1) 257:23-1-2(d)	requires email addresses of agency ethics liaisons requires email addresses of compensated F-1R filers requires email addresses of uncompensated F-1R filers requires email addresses of lobbyists or other persons filing expenditures reports
5.	257:10-1-20(a)	would allow use of campaign funds and surplus campaign funds to purchase tickets for the Speaker’s Ball and conform the section to the ban on PAC-to-PAC transfers
6.	257:10-1-2(b)&(f) [(f) amended to (e)]	would delete contribution limits which would, if followed, be a criminal violation of Title 21, Section 187.1 of the Oklahoma Statutes, thereby re-setting the limit for political party contributions at \$5,000 per campaign for all state offices; would also clarify that PAC-to-PAC transfers are prohibited from being given by PACs, including out-of-state or federal PACs registered in Oklahoma, or accepted by such PACs

7. 257:1-1-2 [defn of "Anything of value"] would clarify that the Speaker's Ball is exempt from the definition of " anything of value"
8. 257:10-1-2(c) [(c) amended to (b)]
257:10-1-9(d)
257:10-1-14(a)(20) would provide 1) that, if a contributor statement is not obtained within 10 days of accepting a contribution, and 3 separate, written requests are made to obtain it or the missing information, the treasurer is deemed in compliance with the requirement; 2) that the treasurer or deputy treasurer must maintain copies of the requests to obtain contributor statements or missing information; and 3) that the treasurer or deputy treasurer must certify that either contributor statements or three separate, good faith requests to obtain contributor statements were made
9. 257:23-1-2(a) effective January 1, 2011, would require lobbyist registrations and reports to be filed by Internet access only
10. 257:10-1-2(c) & (m) [(c) amended to (b)] [(m) amended to (l)] would require a contributor to tender a contribution of more than \$50 within 30 calendar days of the date of the written instrument
11. 257:10-1-2(d) [(d) amended to (c)]
257:10-1-10(f)
257:10-1-16(b) & (c)] would allow corporations and labor unions to make unlimited independent expenditures and electioneering communications from their treasury funds; would clean up disclosure provisions for persons making independent expenditures; and would exclude corporations and labor organizations from requirement to disclose financial institution at which account is maintained from which electioneering communications are made