Modification: Adding a new category of gift as an option for lobbyists, legislative liaisons, and lobbyist principals.

[NOTE: Rule titles are provided for convenience, are not part of the Rules and will be updated as the Rule is modified to reflect the contents of the Rule.]

Rule 5.8 Gift Limits for Legislative Liaison or Legislative Lobbyist.

A. A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may make a gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently occurring occasions of personal significance. The gift shall be given and received contemporaneously with the occasion or at times when such gifts are traditionally given. Such gifts may be made to a family member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is a party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) in the aggregate in any calendar year from any legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist.

B. A legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may provide books and similar informational materials, including those in electronic, audio and/or video format, to the Governor, or any
Legislator, or any employee of the Governor or Legislature, so long as such materials are related to the recipient’s responsibilities as an officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

C. Any such gifts shall be reported to the Commission and aggregated with meals. The aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to an individual recipient by a legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). Any gift not required to be reported to the Commission under Rule 5, including those gifts listed in subsection (B) above, are exempt from the Five Hundred Dollar ($500.00) aggregate total limit for meals and gifts.

Rule 5.11. Gift Limits for Executive Lobbyist.

A. An executive lobbyist may make a gift to a state officer or employee of an agency for which he or she is registered or should be registered as an executive lobbyist in recognition of infrequently occurring occasions of personal significance. The gift shall be given and received contemporaneously with the occasion or at times when such gifts are traditionally given. Such gifts may be made to a family member of a state officer or employee of an agency for which he or she is registered or should be registered as an executive lobbyist, provided such
family member is a party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) in the aggregate in any calendar year from any executive lobbyist.

B. An executive lobbyist may provide books and similar informational materials, including those in electronic, audio and/or video format, to a state officer or employee of an agency for which an executive lobbyist is or should be registered as an executive lobbyist, so long as such materials are related to the recipient’s responsibilities as an officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

C. Any such gift shall be reported to the Commission and aggregated with meals. The aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to an individual recipient by an executive lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). Any gift not required to be reported to the Commission under Rule 5, including those gifts listed in subsection (B) above, are exempt from the Five Hundred Dollar ($500.00) aggregate total limit for meals and gifts.

Rule 5.13. Lobbyist Principal Gifts for Public Service to Individual State Officer or Employee
A. A lobbyist principal may give a plaque, trophy or similar item suitable for display no more than once per year to a state officer or employee in acknowledgement of the officer or employee’s public service, provided the value of the item is no more than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00). Such gifts are reported to the Commission on the Legislative Lobbyist Report. No state officer or employee may accept more than one such gift during any calendar year from the same lobbyist principal.

B. A lobbyist principal may provide books and similar informational materials, including those in electronic, audio and/or video format, to a state officer or employee, so long as such materials are related to the recipient’s responsibilities as an officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

C. A legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive lobbyist or lobbyist principal may provide a gift of any single item with a fair market value not exceeding Ten Dollars ($10.00) to any state officer or employee, provided that a legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive lobbyist or lobbyist principal shall not make more than one such gift during any calendar year to any state officer or employee. Items given
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Promulgated this ___ day of _______________, 2020

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Signed on Behalf of Commission:

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Chair Stocker

Delivery to Legislature: In accordance with Oklahoma Constitution Article 29, § 3, the Executive Director shall cause promulgated Ethics Rules, including new, modified, or repealed Rules, to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature on the second day of the Legislative Session following the promulgation of the Rule(s).