

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 27, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1769

By: Bullard and Jett of the  
Senate

4 and

5 Olsen of the House  
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8 An Act relating to campaign finance; defining term;  
9 prohibiting certain contributions from foreign  
principal to certain persons or for certain purposes;  
10 prohibiting acceptance of certain contributions;  
11 providing for forfeit of certain amounts for  
violations; providing for applicability of certain  
12 due process procedures; defining term; prohibiting  
certain contributions from foreign principal for  
13 certain purposes; prohibiting acceptance of certain  
contributions; providing for forfeit of certain  
14 amounts for violations; providing for applicability  
of certain due process procedures; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-140 of Title 26, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. For purposes of this section, "foreign principal" means:

22 1. A government of a foreign country or a foreign political  
23 party;  
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1           2. A person outside of the United States, unless it is  
2 established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and  
3 domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an  
4 individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the  
5 United States or of any state or other place subject to the  
6 jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of  
7 business within the United States; and

8           3. A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or  
9 other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having  
10 its principal place of business in a foreign country.

11           B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
12 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent  
13 expenditure in support of or opposition to the election of any  
14 candidate to state or local office or to any political action  
15 committee.

16           C. No candidate for state or local office or political action  
17 committee shall accept any contribution that the candidate knew or  
18 should have known was from a foreign principal. Upon a first  
19 violation of this subsection, the candidate or political action  
20 committee shall return the contribution to the foreign principal, if  
21 possible, or shall forfeit such contribution to the Ethics  
22 Commission. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this  
23 subsection, the candidate or political action committee shall  
24 forfeit the balance of any amounts in the candidate's or committee's

1 campaign accounts to the Ethics Commission. Alleged violations  
2 under this subsection shall be subject to all notice, hearing, and  
3 appeals requirements applicable to the Ethics Commission.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 28 of Title 34, unless there is  
6 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. For purposes of this section, "foreign principal" means:

8 1. A government of a foreign country or a foreign political  
9 party;

10 2. A person outside of the United States, unless it is  
11 established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and  
12 domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an  
13 individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the  
14 United States or of any state or other place subject to the  
15 jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of  
16 business within the United States; and

17 3. A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or  
18 other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having  
19 its principal place of business in a foreign country.

20 B. No foreign principal shall make, directly or through any  
21 other person, a contribution, expenditure, or independent  
22 expenditure in support of or opposition to any state or local ballot  
23 measure, to any initiative or referendum petition, to any political  
24 action committee related to such measure or petition, or to sponsor

1 political advertising or electioneering communication related to  
2 such measure or petition.

3 C. No committee for or against any state or local ballot  
4 measure or initiative or referendum petition shall accept any  
5 contribution that the committee knew or should have known was from a  
6 foreign principal. Upon a first violation of this subsection, the  
7 committee shall return the contribution to the foreign principal, if  
8 possible, or shall forfeit such contribution to the Ethics  
9 Commission. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this  
10 subsection, the committee shall forfeit the balance of any amounts  
11 in the committee's campaign accounts to the Ethics Commission.  
12 Alleged violations under this subsection shall be subject to all  
13 notice, hearing, and appeals requirements applicable to the Ethics  
14 Commission.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
17 February 27, 2024 - DO PASS  
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