

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 552

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Rules of the Ethics Commission;  
8 amending Rules 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 of the Rules of the  
9 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Ch. 62, App.  
10 I), which relate to limits on meals and gifts;  
11 modifying amount which lobbyist principal,  
legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may pay  
for meals or gifts for certain persons; and providing  
an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 5.6 of the Rules of the  
14 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 Rule 5.6. Except as provided in these Rules, a legislative  
17 liaison, a legislative lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the  
18 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist is employed or retained  
19 shall provide nothing of value to the Governor, a legislator or any  
20 employee of the Governor or the Legislature. The Governor, a  
21 legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature shall  
22 not knowingly accept anything of value from a legislative liaison, a  
23 legislative lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the legislative  
24 liaison or legislative lobbyist is employed or retained except as

1 permitted by these Rules. Except as provided in these Rules, an  
2 executive lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the executive  
3 lobbyist is employed or retained shall provide nothing of value to  
4 any officer or employee of an agency that is the subject of the  
5 executive lobbyist's lobbying activities. No officer or employee of  
6 an agency that is subject to an executive lobbyist's lobbying  
7 activities shall knowingly accept anything of value from an  
8 executive lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom an executive  
9 lobbyist is employed except as permitted by these Rules. In no  
10 event shall a legislative liaison, a legislative lobbyist, an  
11 executive lobbyist or a lobbyist principal indirectly provide  
12 anything of value to any state officer or employee by providing a  
13 thing of value to a family member of the state officer or employee,  
14 other than as permitted by these Rules. In no event shall the costs  
15 of a thing of value provided by a legislative liaison or legislative  
16 lobbyist to the Governor, a legislator or any employee of the  
17 Governor or the Legislature permitted by these Rules be divided or  
18 shared with other legislative liaisons or legislative lobbyists in  
19 filing a report required by these Rules unless otherwise provided by  
20 these Rules. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, a  
21 lobbyist principal shall not provide anything of value to the  
22 Governor, a legislator or any employee of the Governor or the  
23 Legislature, the value of which exceeds One Hundred Dollars  
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1 (\$100.00) in a calendar year, regardless of the number of lobbyists  
2 representing the lobbyist principal.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Rule 5.7 of the Rules of the  
4 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 Rule 5.7. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist  
7 representing only one lobbyist principal, shall pay no more than  
8 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per  
9 calendar year for meals for the Governor, for any individual  
10 legislator or for any individual employee of the Governor or the  
11 Legislature, regardless of the source of funds used for payment. A  
12 legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist principal  
13 shall pay no more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per calendar  
14 year for meals for the Governor, for any individual legislator or  
15 for any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature,  
16 regardless of the source of funds used for payment. Notwithstanding  
17 any other provision of these Rules, a lobbyist principal shall not  
18 provide anything of value to the Governor, an individual legislator  
19 or any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the  
20 value of which exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in a calendar  
21 year, regardless of the number of lobbyists representing the  
22 lobbyist principal.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Rule 5.8 of the Rules of the  
2 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 Rule 5.8. A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may  
5 make a gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the  
6 Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently occurring  
7 occasions of personal significance. Such gifts may be made to a  
8 family member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee of  
9 the Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is a  
10 party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child  
11 or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not  
12 exceed ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
13 in the aggregate in any calendar year from any legislative liaison  
14 or legislative lobbyist. Any such gifts shall be aggregated with  
15 meals, and the aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to  
16 an individual recipient by:

17 a 1. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist  
18 representing only one lobbyist principal, may not exceed ~~Five~~  
19 ~~Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); or

20 2. A legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist  
21 principal may not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective January 1, 2016.

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