

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 706

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to Rules of the Ethics Commission;
7 amending Rule 4.4 of the Rules of the Ethics
8 Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Ch. 62, App. I),
9 which relates to misuse of office; prohibiting
10 certain use of office; and providing an effective
11 date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 4.4 of the Rules of the
14 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 Rule 4.4. Except as permitted by law or these Rules, a state
17 officer or employee shall not use his or her State office (1) for
18 his or her own private gain, (2) for the endorsement of any product,
19 service or enterprise, (3) for the private gain of a family member
20 or persons with whom the state officer or employee is affiliated in
21 a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of
22 which the state officer or employee is an officer or member, or (4)
23 for the private gain of persons with whom the state officer or
24 employee seeks employment ~~or~~, business relations, or the same for a
member of his or her immediate family. These prohibitions shall not

1 apply to any act or endorsement if the act or endorsement is
2 customary for the state officer or employee's position or is
3 authorized or permitted by the state officer or employee's contract
4 of employment or if otherwise permitted or authorized by the
5 Constitution or statutes or by these Rules. A state officer or
6 employee may promote or solicit funds for civic, community or
7 charitable organizations, including those promoting businesses or
8 industries, or civic, community or charitable fund-raising events
9 provided the state officer or state employee receives nothing for
10 doing so except the costs associated with the state officer or state
11 employee's participation in a fund-raising promotion or event paid
12 for from funds of a charitable organization. No individual or other
13 entity may pay for, or reimburse the charitable organization for,
14 any such costs and gratuities; provided, however, nothing shall
15 prevent individuals or other entities from making customary
16 donations or paying sponsorship fees to the charitable organization.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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