

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1945

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; making
8 certain acts unlawful; prohibiting use of certain
9 state property for political advocacy; providing
penalties; defining term; providing for codification;
and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 187.3 of Title 21, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. It shall be unlawful for any state employee, employee of a
17 school district or any other person to knowingly or willfully use a
18 state or school district telephone, electronic mail or other state
19 or school district equipment, property or services for political
20 advocacy.

21 B. No state employee, employee of a school district or any
22 other person shall be compelled to participate in political
23 advocacy.

1 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section
2 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
3 fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). For purposes of this
4 section, "political advocacy" means any activity to support or
5 oppose:

- 6 1. Legislation;
- 7 2. The election of a candidate for office;
- 8 3. A particular political party; or
- 9 4. Initiative, referenda or state questions.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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