

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3046

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; creating the Prohibit
8 the Private Funding of Elections Act; defining terms;
9 prohibiting acceptance of private funds for
10 elections; requiring elections be paid for with
11 public funds; providing for penalty; providing for
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-139 of Title 26, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Prohibit
18 the Private Funding of Elections Act".

19 B. As used in this section:

20 1. "Election" means each election held to nominate or elect a
21 candidate to any public office;

22 2. "Person" means any individual, proprietorship, firm,
23 partnership, joint venture, syndicate, labor union, business trust,
24 company, association, committee, corporation, whether or not
operated for profit, or any other organization or group of persons

1 acting in concert, or any other nongovernmental third-party entity;
2 and

3 3. "Public funds" means funds derived from taxes, fees, and
4 other sources of public revenue lawfully appropriated by the
5 Legislature.

6 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no
7 government official or election official shall solicit, take, or
8 otherwise accept from any person, any contribution, donation, or
9 anything else of value for purposes of conducting state or local
10 elections in this state. All costs and expenses relating to
11 elections shall be paid for with public funds.

12 D. Any person in violation of this section shall, upon
13 conviction, be deemed guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment
14 in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not
15 more than five (5) years, or by a fine of not more than Fifty
16 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or by both such fine and
17 imprisonment.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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