

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3046
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10550
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Impact:	No anticipated fiscal impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB3046 removes the definition of "election" from the introduced version of the act. The CS also adds candidate filing fees and other sources of public revenue authorized to pay for an election to the act's definition of "public funds." The CS provides that donations not directly related to election administration may be accepted by the Secretary of the State Election Board with written approval by the Governor and written notification sent to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House and President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate. Lastly, the CS changes the fee and punishment structure for violation of the act. A first violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10,000. A third or any subsequent violation constitutes a felony punishable by a \$50,000 fine and/or imprisonment from two to five years. The CS also adds an emergency clause.

HB3046 creates the Prohibit Private Funding in Elections Act, which prohibits any government or election official from soliciting, taking, or otherwise accepting anything of value for purposes of conducting state or local elections. All elections must be conducted with public funds.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB 3046 is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on agencies' budgets or the state's revenue.

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Other Considerations

None.