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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE BILL 2109 By: Osburn and West (Tammy) of

the House

and

Daniels of the Senate

## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to campaign finance and financial disclosure; amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-101, 56-102, 56-104, 56-105, 56-106, 56-107, 56-108, 56-109, and 56-110, which relate to the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; clarifying citation; modifying definition; requiring campaign committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; requiring municipal political committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; mandating reports of certain municipal contributions and expenditures be filed with Ethics Commission; clarifying that certain required records under the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act will be filed and stored with the Ethics Commission; extending ability of the Ethics Commission to post copies of certain records on website for public records purposes; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.11, 138.12, 138.13, 138.14, 138.15, 138.16, 138.17, 138.18, and 138.19, which relate to the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; clarifying citation; modifying definition; requiring campaign committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; requiring county political committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; mandating reports of certain county contributions and expenditures be filed with Ethics Commission;

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clarifying that certain required records under the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act are will be filed and stored with the Ethics Commission; clarifying statements of financial interests required by the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act will be filed and stored with the Ethics Commission; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-110, 2-111, 2-113, 2-114, 2-115, 2-116, 2-117, 2-118, and 2-119, which relate to the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act; modifying definition; requiring campaign committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; requiring school district political committees file statement of organization with the Ethics Commission; mandating reports of contributions and expenditures by campaign committees and school district political committees be filed with Ethics Commission; clarifying that certain required records under the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act will be filed and stored with the Ethics Commission; clarifying statements of financial interests required by the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act will be filed and stored with the Ethics Commission; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-101, is

amended to read as follows:

21 Section 56-101. Sections <del>11 through 20</del> <u>56-101 through 56-110</u> of

this <del>act</del> <u>title</u> shall be the provisions of the Local Government

| Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act applicable to

- 1 municipalities and shall be known as the "Municipal Campaign Finance 2 and Financial Disclosure Act".
- 3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-102, is 4 amended to read as follows:
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- Section 56-102. A. Definitions of terms used in the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as those terms are defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless otherwise provided herein.
- B. As used in the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:
- 1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the election of a specific candidate to municipal office, whose name as it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the committee;
- 2. "Municipal office" means any elective municipal office established under state or municipal law; and
- 3. "Municipal political committee" means any committee composed of one or more persons whose purpose includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates for municipal office but which is not required to register with the Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-104, is 2 amended to read as follows:

Section 56-104. Each campaign committee shall file a statement of organization with the municipal clerk Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees for state office required to file statements of organization with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-105, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-105. Every municipal political committee shall file a statement of organization with the municipal clerk Ethics

Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for political committees required to file statements of organization with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-106. Every campaign committee and every municipal political committee shall file a report of contributions and expenditures with the municipal clerk Ethics Commission subject to

the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees and
political action committees, respectively, required to file reports
of contributions and expenditures with the Ethics Commission under
Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of
Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited
to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-107, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-107. Statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures required to be filed with the municipal clerk Ethics Commission under the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be public records. The municipal clerk Ethics Commission shall maintain statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures for four (4) years after the date on which they are filed, if not posted on the municipality's Ethics Commission's website as provided herein, at which time the documents may be destroyed or retained subject to the discretion of the municipal clerk Ethics Commission. If the municipality in which the statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures are filed maintains an Internet website, the municipal clerk The Ethics Commission may post on the website copies of statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-108. All candidates for municipal office and all elected municipal officers shall be required to file a statement of financial interests with the municipal clerk Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for candidates for state office required to file statements of financial interests with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-109, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-109. Statements of financial interests required to be filed with the municipal clerk Ethics Commission under the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be public records. The municipal clerk Ethics Commission shall maintain statements of financial interests for four (4) years after the date on which they are filed, if not posted on the municipality's Ethics Commission's website as provided herein, at which time the documents may be destroyed or retained subject to the discretion of the municipal clerk Ethics Commission. If the municipality in which the statements of financial interests are filed maintains an Internet website, the municipal clerk The Ethics

Commission may post on the website copies of statements of financial
interests.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 56-110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 56-110. The Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be enforced by the Ethics Commission in the same manner as Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution are enforced, including but not limited to acceptance of complaints, civil prosecutions, settlement agreements and any other compliance practices or requirements. Complaints may be received by the Ethics Commission alleging filing of statements or reports required to be filed under the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act later than the prescribed time for filing. Such complaints Complaints shall be in the same form as other complaints made according to the Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution. receipt of such complaints of late filing, the Ethics Commission shall investigate whether the allegation or allegations are true and, if so, shall assess a late filing penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day, not to exceed a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the filing of any statement or report. If the Ethics Commission determines the allegation or allegations are not true, it shall take no further action. Persons assessed a late

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- filing fee may protest the assessment subject to provisions of the
  Administrative Procedures Act.
- 3 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.11, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:

Disclosure Act".

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- Section 138.11. Sections 2 through 10 138.12 through 138.19 of
  this act title shall be the provisions of the Local Government
  Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act applicable to counties
  and shall be known as the "County Campaign Finance and Financial
- SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.12, is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 138.12. A. Definitions of terms used in the County

    Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as
    those terms are defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission

    promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma

    Constitution, unless otherwise provided herein.
  - B. As used in the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:
    - 1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the election of a specific candidate to county office, whose name as it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the committee;
- 23 2. "County office" means any elective county office for which
  24 Declarations of Candidacy are filed with the secretary of the county

- election board as required by Section 5-103 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 3. "County political committee" means any committee composed of one or more persons whose purpose includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates for county office but which is not required to register with the Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission.
- 8 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.13, is 9 amended to read as follows:

Section 138.13. Each campaign committee shall file a notarized statement of organization with the county election board Ethics

Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees for state office to file statements of organization with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics

Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents, except as otherwise provided in the County Campaign

Finance and Financial Disclosure Act. The statement of organization shall be accompanied by a check drawn upon the campaign committee's account in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) as a nonrefundable processing fee to be deposited in the County Election Board Special Depository Account. Expenditures from such fees may be made by the secretary of the county election board for any lawful purpose.

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19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.14, is 1 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 2 amended to read as follows: Section 138.14. Every county political committee shall file a 3 4 notarized statement of organization with the county election board 5 Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for 6 political committees required to file statements of organization 7 with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma 8 9 Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and 10 contents. 11 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.15, is 12 amended to read as follows: 1.3 Section 138.15. Every campaign committee and every county 14 political committee shall file reports of contributions and 15 expenditures with the county election board Ethics Commission 16 subject to the same requirements as set forth for reports of 17 contributions and expenditures filed with the Ethics Commission 18 under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 19 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not 20 limited to time for filing and contents. 2.1 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.16, is SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 22 amended to read as follows: 23 Section 138.16. Statements of organization and reports of

contributions and expenditures required under the County Campaign

Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be public records. The county election board Ethics Commission shall maintain statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures for four (4) years after the date on which they are filed or prepared, if not posted on the county's website as provided herein, at which time the documents may be destroyed or retained at the discretion of the county election board Ethics Commission. If the county in which the statements of organization are filed maintains an Internet website, the county election board The Ethics Commission may post on the website copies of statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures.

12 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.17, is
13 amended to read as follows:

Section 138.17. All candidates for county office and all elected county officers shall be required to file a notarized statement of financial interests with the county election board <a href="Ethics Commission">Ethics Commission</a> subject to the same requirements as set forth for statements of financial interests filed with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.18, is amended to read as follows:

Section 138.18. Statements of financial interests required under the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall

be public records. The county election board Ethics Commission

shall maintain statements of financial interests for four (4) years

after the date on which they are filed, at which time the documents

may be destroyed or retained at the discretion of the county

election board Ethics Commission.

SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 138.19, is amended to read as follows:

Section 138.19. The County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be enforced by the Ethics Commission in the same manner as Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution are enforced, including but not limited to acceptance of complaints, civil prosecutions, settlement agreements and any other compliance practices or requirements. Complaints may be received by the Ethics Commission alleging filing of statements required to be filed under the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act later than the prescribed time for filing or failure to produce reports required to be available for public inspection and copying. Such complaints shall be in the same form as other complaints made according to the Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution. receipt of such complaints, the Ethics Commission shall investigate whether the allegation or allegations are true and, if so, shall assess a late reporting penalty of up to One Hundred Dollars

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3 Ethics Commission determines the allegation or allegations are not

true, it shall take no further action. Persons assessed a late

5 reporting penalty may protest the assessment subject to provisions

6 of the Administrative Procedures Act.

7 | SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-110, is

amended to read as follows:

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9 Section 2-110. Sections  $\frac{21}{2}$  through  $\frac{30}{2}$   $\frac{2-110}{2}$  through  $\frac{2-119}{2}$  of

10 | this act title shall be the provisions of the Local Government

| Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act applicable to

technology center districts and independent school districts and

shall be known as the "Technology Center District and Independent

School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act".

15 | SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-111, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 2-111. A. Definitions of terms used in the Technology

Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and

Financial Disclosure Act shall be the same as those terms are

defined in Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to

Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless

22 otherwise provided herein.

B. As used in the Technology Center District and Independent

24 | School District Campaign Finance and Disclosure Act:

- 1. "Campaign committee" means a committee which may be composed of one or more persons the purpose of which is to support the election of a specific candidate to school district office, whose name as it will appear on the ballot shall appear in the name of the committee;
  - 2. "School district" means a technology center district or an independent school district;
  - 3. "School district office" means any elective school district office for which Declarations of Candidacy are filed with the secretary of the county election board as required by Section 13A-105 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
  - 4. "School district political committee" means any committee composed of one or more persons whose purpose includes the election or defeat of one or more candidates for school district office but which is not required to register with the Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission.
- SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-113, is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 2-113. Each campaign committee shall file a statement of organization with the school district clerk Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees for state office required to file statements of organization with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the

Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

3 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-114, is 4 amended to read as follows:

Section 2-114. Every school district political committee shall file a statement of organization with the school district clerk

Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for political committees required to file statements of organization with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-115, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-115. Every campaign committee and every school district political committee shall file a report of contributions and expenditures with the school district clerk Ethics Commission subject to the same requirements as set forth for candidate committees and political action committees, respectively, required to file reports of contributions and expenditures with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing and contents.

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SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-116, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-116. Statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures required to be filed with the school district clerk Ethics Commission under the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be public records. The school district clerk Ethics Commission shall maintain statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures for four (4) years after the date on which they are filed, if not posted on the school district's website as provided herein, at which time the documents may be destroyed or retained subject to the discretion of the school district clerk Ethics Commission. If the school district in which the statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures are filed maintains an Internet website, the school district clerk The Ethics Commission may post on the website copies of statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures.

SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-117, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-117. All candidates for school district office and all elected school district officers shall be required to file a statement of financial interests with the school district clerk

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- 2 | interests with the Ethics Commission under Rules of the Ethics
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- 4 Oklahoma Constitution, including but not limited to time for filing
- 5 and contents.
- 6 | SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-118, is
- 7 | amended to read as follows:
- 8 Section 2-118. Statements of financial interests required to be
- 9 | filed with the school district clerk Ethics Commission under the
- 10 | Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign
- 11 | Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall be public records. The
- 12 | school district clerk Ethics Commission shall maintain statements of
- 13 | financial interests for four (4) years after the date on which they
- 14 | are filed, if not posted on the school district's Ethics
- 15 | Commission's website as provided herein, at which time the documents
- 16 | may be destroyed or retained subject to the discretion of the school
- 17 district clerk. If the school district in which the statements of
- 18 | financial interests are filed maintains an Internet website, the
- 19 | school district clerk may post on the website copies of statements
- 20 of financial interests.
- 21 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2-119, is
- 22 | amended to read as follows:
- Section 2-119. The Technology Center District and Independent
- 24 | School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act shall

1 be enforced by the Ethics Commission in the same manner as Rules of 2 the Ethics Commission promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution are enforced, including but not 3 4 limited to acceptance of complaints, civil prosecutions, settlement 5 agreements and any other compliance practices or requirements. 6 Complaints may be received by the Ethics Commission alleging filing 7 of statements or reports required to be filed under the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and 8 9 Disclosure Act later than the prescribed time for filing. Such 10 complaints Complaints shall be in the same form as other complaints 11 made according to the Rules of the Ethics Commission promulgated 12 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution. 13 Upon receipt of such complaints of late filing, the Ethics 14 Commission shall investigate whether the allegation or allegations 15 are true and, if so, shall assess a late filing penalty of One 16 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day, not to exceed a maximum of One 17 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the filing of any statement or 18 If the Ethics Commission determines the allegation or 19 allegations are not true, it shall take no further action. Persons 20 assessed a late filing fee may protest the assessment subject to 21 provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. 22 This act shall become effective July 1, 2025. SECTION 28.

SECTION 29. It being immediately necessary for the preservation

of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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