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1 **Modification:** Adding a new category of gift as an option for
2 lobbyists, legislative liaisons, and lobbyist principals, and
3 including a base threshold amount for exempting reporting of such
4 gifts to the Commission.

5 **[NOTE:** Rule titles are provided for convenience, are not part of
6 the Rules and will be updated as the Rule is modified to reflect
7 the contents of the Rule.]

8 **Rule 5.8 Gift Limits for Legislative Liaison or Legislative**
9 **Lobbyist.**

10 A. A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may make a
11 gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the
12 Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently
13 occurring occasions of personal significance. The gift shall be
14 given and received contemporaneously with the occasion or at times
15 when such gifts are traditionally given. Such gifts may be made to
16 a family member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee
17 of the Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is
18 a party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a
19 child or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may
20 not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the aggregate in any
21 calendar year from any legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist.

22 B. A legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may provide
23 books and similar informational materials, including those in

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1 electronic, audio and/or video format, to the Governor, or any
2 Legislator, or any employee of the Governor or Legislature, so long
3 as such materials are related to the recipient's responsibilities
4 as an officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials
5 provided pursuant to this subsection with an individual item value
6 of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or less are not required to be
7 reported to the Commission.

8 C. ~~Any such gifts,~~ other than those exempt from reporting
9 requirements under Rule 5, shall be reported to the Commission and
10 aggregated with meals~~7.~~ and ~~t~~ The aggregate total of meals and
11 other gifts provided to an individual recipient by a legislative
12 liaison or legislative lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars
13 (\$500.00). Each gift required to be reported must include the name
14 and title of the recipient, date the gift was provided, a
15 description of the gift and occasion for which it was given (if
16 applicable), and the value of the gift. The aggregation and
17 overall gift limit in this subsection does not apply to gifts
18 provided pursuant to subsection (B).

19 **Rule 5.11. Gift Limits for Executive Lobbyist.**

20 A. An executive lobbyist may make a gift to a state officer or
21 employee of an agency for which he or she is registered or should
22 be registered as an executive lobbyist in recognition of
23 infrequently occurring occasions of personal significance. The

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1 gift shall be given and received contemporaneously with the
2 occasion or at times when such gifts are traditionally given. Such
3 gifts may be made to a family member of a state officer or employee
4 of an agency for which he or she is registered or should be
5 registered as an executive lobbyist, provided such family member is
6 a party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a
7 child or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may
8 not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the aggregate in any
9 calendar year from any executive lobbyist.

10 B. An executive lobbyist may provide books and similar
11 informational materials, including those in electronic, audio
12 and/or video format, given to a state officer or employee of an
13 agency for which an executive lobbyist is or should be registered
14 as an executive lobbyist, so long as such materials are related to
15 the recipient's responsibilities as an officer or employee of the
16 State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this subsection
17 with an individual item value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or
18 less are not required to be reported to the Commission.

19 C. Any such gifts, other than those exempt from reporting
20 requirements under Rule 5, shall be reported to the Commission and
21 aggregated with meals. ~~and t~~ The aggregate total of meals and
22 other gifts provided to an individual recipient by an executive
23 lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each gift

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1 required to be reported must include the name and title of the
2 recipient, date the gift was provided, a description of the gift
3 and occasion for which it was given (if applicable), and the value
4 of the gift. The aggregation and overall gift limit in this
5 subsection does not apply to gifts provided pursuant to subsection
6 (B).

7 **Rule 5.13. Lobbyist Principal Gifts for Public Service to**

8 **Individual State Officer or Employee**

9 A. A lobbyist principal may give a plaque, trophy or similar item
10 suitable for display no more than once per year to a state officer
11 or employee in acknowledgement of the officer or employee's public
12 service, provided the value of the item is no more than Two Hundred
13 Dollars (\$200.00), Such and the gifts is are reported to the
14 Commission on the Legislative Lobbyist Report. No state officer or
15 employee may accept more than one (1) such gift during any calendar
16 year from the same lobbyist principal.

17 B. A lobbyist principal may provide books and similar
18 informational materials, including those in electronic, audio
19 and/or video format, to a state officer or employee so long as such
20 materials are related to the recipient's responsibilities as an
21 officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials provided
22 pursuant to this subsection with an individual item value of One
23 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or less are not required to be reported

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1 to the Commission. Any gifts required to be reported pursuant to
2 this section are not subject to a limit, but must identify the name
3 of the recipient, a description of the item provided, and the value
4 of the gift.


5 C. A legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive
6 lobbyist or lobbyist principal may provide a gift of any single
7 item with a fair market value not exceeding Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to
8 any state officer or employee, provided that a legislative liaison,
9 legislative lobbyist, executive lobbyist or lobbyist principal
10 shall not make more than one such gift during any calendar year to
11 any state officer or employee. Items given pursuant this
12 subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

13 **Effective and Operational Date:** Sine Die Adjournment of the 2021
14 Regular Legislative Session.

Promulgated this 31ST day of December, 2020

Amended: ___ No ___ Yes, Amendments Adopted: _____

Signed on Behalf of Commission:



Chair Stocker

Delivery to Legislature: In accordance with Oklahoma Constitution Article 29, § 3, the Executive Director shall cause promulgated Ethics Rules, including new, modified, or repealed Rules, to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature on the second day of the Legislative Session following the promulgation of the Rule(s).