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1 **Modification:** Adding a new category of gift as an option for
2 lobbyists, legislative liaisons, and lobbyist principals.

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

6 **Rule 5.8 Gift Limits for Legislative Liaison or Legislative**
7 **Lobbyist.**

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

21 B. A legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may provide
22 books and similar informational materials, including those in
23 electronic, audio and/or video format, to the Governor, or any

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1 Legislator, or any employee of the Governor or Legislature, so
2 long as such materials are related to the recipient's
3 responsibilities as an officer or employee of the State of
4 Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this subsection are not
5 required to be reported to the Commission.

6 C. ~~Any such g~~Gifts shall be reported to the Commission and
7 aggregated with meals~~7.~~ and ~~t~~ The aggregate total of meals and
8 other gifts provided to an individual recipient by a legislative
9 liaison or legislative lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred
10 Dollars (\$500.00). Any gift not required to be reported to the
11 Commission under Rule 5, including those gifts listed in
12 subsection (B) above, are exempt from the Five Hundred Dollar
13 (\$500.00) aggregate total limit for meals and gifts.

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

15 A. An executive lobbyist may make a gift to a state officer or
16 employee of an agency for which he or she is registered or
17 should be registered as an executive lobbyist in recognition of
18 infrequently occurring occasions of personal significance. The
19 gift shall be given and received contemporaneously with the
20 occasion or at times when such gifts are traditionally given.
21 Such gifts may be made to a family member of a state officer or
22 employee of an agency for which he or she is registered or
23 should be registered as an executive lobbyist, provided such

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1 family member is a party to a marriage, serious illness, birth
2 or adoption of a child or retirement. Such gifts to any
3 individual recipient may not exceed One Hundred Dollars
4 (\$100.00) in the aggregate in any calendar year from any
5 executive lobbyist.

6 B. An executive lobbyist may provide books and similar
7 informational materials, including those in electronic, audio
8 and/or video format, to a state officer or employee of an agency
9 for which an executive lobbyist is or should be registered as an
10 executive lobbyist, so long as such materials are related to the
11 recipient's responsibilities as an officer or employee of the
12 State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to this
13 subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

14 C. ~~Any such~~ Gifts shall be reported to the Commission and
15 aggregated with meals. ~~and~~ The aggregate total of meals and
16 other gifts provided to an individual recipient by an executive
17 lobbyist may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any
18 gift not required to be reported to the Commission under Rule 5,
19 including those gifts listed in subsection (B) above, are exempt
20 from the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) aggregate total limit for
21 meals and gifts.

22 **Rule 5.13. Lobbyist Principal Gifts for Public Service to**
23 **Individual State Officer or Employee**

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

10 B. A lobbyist principal may provide books and similar
11 informational materials, including those in electronic, audio
12 and/or video format, to a state officer or employee, so long as
13 such materials are related to the recipient's responsibilities
14 as an officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials
15 provided pursuant to this subsection are not required to be
16 reported to the Commission.

17 C. A legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive
18 lobbyist or lobbyist principal may provide a gift of any single
19 item with a fair market value not exceeding Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
20 to any state officer or employee, provided that a legislative
21 liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive lobbyist or lobbyist
22 principal shall not make more than one such gift during any
23 calendar year to any state officer or employee. Items given

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1 pursuant this subsection are not required to be reported to the
2 Commission.

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

Promulgated this ___ day of _____, 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).