AN ACT concerning the governmental ethics commission; amending
K.S.A. 46-268 and 46-269 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4119f, 25-
4145, 25-4148 and 46-265 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4119f is hereby amended to
read as follows: 25-4119f. (a) In addition to any other fee required by law,
every person becoming a candidate for the following offices shall pay a fee
at the time of filing for such office in the amount prescribed by this
section:

1. Governor and lieutenant governor............................. $1,000;
2. state offices elected by statewide election, other than the governor
and lieutenant governor......................................... $1,000;
3. state senator, state representative, state board of education, district
attorney, board of public utilities of the city of Kansas City and
elected county offices........................................ $75;

and
4. members of boards of education of unified school districts having
35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled in the preceding school year,
members of governing bodies of cities of the first class and judges of
the district court in judicial districts in which judges are elected
................................................................. $75.

(b) The secretary of state shall remit all fees received by that office to
the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215,
and amendments thereto. County election officers receiving fees in
accordance with this section shall remit such fees to the county treasurer of
the county who shall quarterly remit the same to the state treasurer. Upon
receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire
amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics
commission fee fund.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4145 is hereby amended to read
as follows: 25-4145. (a) Each party committee and each political
committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making
expenditures shall appoint a chairperson and a treasurer. The chairperson
of each party committee and each political committee which anticipates
receiving contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for state
office shall make a statement of organization and file it with the secretary
of state not later than 10 days after establishment of such committee. The
chairperson of each political committee which anticipates receiving
contributions or making expenditures for any candidate for local office,
shall make a statement of organization and file it with the county election
officer not later than 10 days after establishment of such committee.

(b) Every statement of organization shall include:

(1) The name and address of the committee. The name of the
committee shall reflect the full name of the organization with which the
committee is connected or affiliated or sufficiently describe such
affiliation. If the political committee is not connected or affiliated with
any one organization, the name shall reflect the trade, profession or
primary interest of the committee as reflected by the statement of purpose
of such organization;

(2) the names and addresses of the chairperson and treasurer of the
committee;

(3) the names and addresses of affiliated or connected organizations;

(4) in the case of a political committee, the full name of the
organization with which the committee is connected or affiliated or, name
or description sufficiently describing the affiliation or, if the committee is
not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the trade, profession
or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement
of purpose of such organization.

(c) Any change in information previously reported in a statement of
organization shall be reported on a supplemental statement of organization
and filed not later than 10 days following the change.

(d) (1) Each political committee which anticipates receiving
contributions shall register annually with the commission on or before July
1 of each year. Each political committee registration shall be in the form
and contain such information as may be required by the commission.

(2) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
of $2,501 or more in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual
registration fee of $240.

(3) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
of more than $500 but less than $2,501 in any calendar year shall be
accompanied by an annual registration fee of $70.

(4) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
of $500 or less in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual
registration fee of $40.

(5) Any political committee which is currently registered under
subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of $2,500 for a calendar year, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed such amount, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee for such year equal to the difference between $240, $720, $330, $400 and the amount of the fee that accompanied the current registration.

(6) Any political committee which is currently registered under subsection (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of $500 but which are less than $2,501, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed $500, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee of $20, $45, $80, $30 for such year.

(e) All such fees received by or for the commission shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 46-265 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-265. (a) Every lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state by completing and signing a registration form prescribed and provided by the commission. Such registration shall show the name and address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist for lobbying, the purpose of the employment and the method of determining and computing the compensation of the lobbyist. If the lobbyist is compensated or to be compensated for lobbying by more than one employer or is to be engaged in more than one employment, the relevant facts listed above shall be stated separately for each employer and each employment. Whenever any new lobbying employment or lobbying position is accepted by a lobbyist already registered as provided in this section, such lobbyist shall report the same on forms prescribed and provided by the commission before engaging in any lobbying activity related to such new employment or position, and such report shall be filed with the secretary of state. When a lobbyist is an employee of a lobbying group or firm which contracts to lobby and not an owner or partner of such entity, the lobbyist shall report each client of the group, firm or entity whose interest the lobbyist represents. Whenever the lobbying of a lobbyist concerns a legislative matter, the secretary of state promptly shall transmit copies of each registration and each report filed under this act to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives.

(b) On or after October 1, in any year any person may register as a lobbyist under this section for the succeeding calendar year. Such registration shall expire annually on December 31, of the year for which the lobbyist is registered. In any calendar year, before engaging in
lobbying, persons to whom this section applies shall register or renew their
registration as provided in this section. Except for employees of lobbying
groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration who
anticipates spending $1,000 or less for lobbying in such registration year
on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of
$105 for lobbying for each such employer. Except for employees of
lobbying groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration
who anticipates spending more than $1,000 for lobbying in such
registration year on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary
of state a fee of $400 for lobbying for such employer. Any
lobbyist who at the time of initial registration anticipated spending less
than $1,000, on behalf of any one employer, but at a later date spends in
excess of such amount, within three days of the date when expenditures
exceed such amount, shall file an amended registration form which shall
be accompanied by an additional fee of $350 for such year.
Every person registering or renewing registration as a lobbyist who is an
employee of a lobbying group or firm and not an owner or partner of such
entity shall pay an annual fee of $1,080. The secretary of state
shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in
accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments
thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall
deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the
governmental ethics commission fee fund.

(c) Any person who has registered as a lobbyist pursuant to this act
may file, upon termination of such person's lobbying activities, a statement
terminating such person's registration as a lobbyist. Such statement shall
be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall state the name and
address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating
the lobbyist for lobbying and the date of the termination of the lobbyist's
lobbying activities.

(d) No person who has failed or refused to pay any civil penalty
imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 46-280, and amendments thereto, shall be
authorized or permitted to register as a lobbyist in accordance with this
section until such penalty has been paid in full.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this
section. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other
than officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both the
office of the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates
for state-wide office shall be filed electronically and only with the
secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local
office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the
county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Except as
otherwise provided by subsection (h), all such reports shall be filed in time to be received in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

1. The eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive;
2. The eighth day preceding a general election, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending 12 days before the general election, inclusive;
3. January 10 of the year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;
4. For any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be filed on the next January 10 for the preceding calendar year;
5. A treasurer shall file only the annual report required by subsection (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a primary or general election.

(b) Each report required by this section shall state:
1. Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;
2. The name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50-100 during the election period together with the amount and date of such contributions, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;
3. The aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;
4. The aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and address of the contributor is not known;
5. Each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise listed;
6. The total of all receipts;
7. The name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50, with the amount, date, and purpose of each; the names and addresses of all persons to whom any loan or advance has been made; when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each;
8. The name and address of each person from whom an in-kind
contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided
without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party
committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of $100
and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), and the amount,
date and purpose of the contribution;
(9) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under
this section; and
(10) the total of expenditures.
(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every
treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report
the following:
(1) (A) The name and address of each candidate for state or local
office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution
has been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in
excess of $300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report
shall show in detail the specific service or product provided; and
(B) the name and address of each candidate for state or local office
who is the subject of an expenditure which:
(i) is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or
candidate committee;
(ii) expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such
candidate; and
(iii) is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess
of $300.
(2) The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the
expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall
show in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting
requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other
requirements required by this section.
(d) Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall
itemize the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a
person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate
amount or value in excess of $50 per event, or who purchases such a
ticket or admission at a cost exceeding $25 per ticket or admission. All
other purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be
reported in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the
limitations specified in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.
(e) If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is
required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the
full name of the organization with which the political committee is
connected or affiliated or, a description of the connection to or
affiliation with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or
affiliated with any one organization, the report shall state the trade,
profession or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.

(f) The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer contains material errors or omissions. The notice of the errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within 30 days after notice by the commission.

(g) The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for any period for which the required report is not on file. The notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five days after notice by the commission.

(h) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.

(i) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

(j) Any report required by this section may be signed by the candidate in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's committee.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 46-268 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-268.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), every lobbyist shall file with the secretary of state a report of employment and expenditures on a form and in the manner prescribed and provided by the commission. A report shall be filed on or before the 15th day of the months of February, March, April, May, September and January. Reports shall include all expenditures which are required to be reported under K.S.A. 46-269, and amendments thereto, or a statement that no expenditures in excess of $100 were made for such purposes, during the preceding calendar month or months since the period for which the last report was filed.

(b) For any calendar year in which a lobbyist expects to expend an aggregate amount of less than $100 for lobbying in each reporting period, a lobbyist shall file an affidavit of such intent with the secretary of state. Such lobbyist shall not be required to file the reports required under subsection (a) for the year for which such affidavit is filed but shall file a report on or before January 10, which shall include all expenditures made in the preceding calendar year which are required to be reported under K.S.A. 46-269, and amendments thereto. If in any reporting period a lobbyist filing such affidavit expends in excess of $100 in reportable expenses, a report shall be filed for such period in the
manner prescribed by subsection (a).

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 46-269 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-269. Each report required to be filed by K.S.A. 46-268, and amendments thereto, is a public record and shall be open to public inspection upon request. Such report shall disclose the following:

(a) The full name and address of each person who has paid compensation for lobbying to the lobbyist or has paid for expenses of lobbying by the lobbyist during the period reported.

(b) The aggregate amount or value of all expenditures made, except for expenses of general office overhead, by the lobbyist or by the lobbyist's employer for or in direct relation to lobbying during the reporting period, if such expenditures exceed $100. Individual expenditures of less than $2 shall not be required to be reported under this subsection. Every lobbyist shall keep detailed accounts of all expenditures required to be reported pursuant to K.S.A. 46-268, and amendments thereto. Such expenditures shall be reported according to the following categories of expenditures:

(1) Food and beverages provided as hospitality;
(2) entertainment, gifts, honoraria or payments;
(3) mass media communications;
(4) recreation provided as hospitality;
(5) communications for the purpose of influencing legislative or executive action; and
(6) all other reportable expenditures made in the performance of services as a lobbyist.

With regard to expenditures for entertainment or hospitality which is primarily recreation, food and beverages, only amounts expended on a state officer or employee or on such officer or employee's spouse shall be considered to be for or in direct relation to lobbying. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection and subsection (d), no lobbyist shall be responsible to report any expenditure by the lobbyist's employer of which such person has no knowledge.

(c) (1) In addition to the information reported pursuant to subsection (b), each lobbyist expending an aggregate amount of $100 or more for lobbying in any reporting period shall report any gift, entertainment or hospitality provided to members of the legislature, members of the judicial branch of government and any employees of the legislature or judicial branch of government. Such report shall disclose the full name of the legislator, member of the judicial branch and employee who received such gift, entertainment or hospitality and the amount expended on such gift, entertainment or hospitality and the date the expenditure was made.

(2) No report shall be required to be filed pursuant to this
subsection (c) for the following:
   (A) Meals, the provision of which is motivated by a personal or family relationship;
   (B) meals provided at public events in which the person is attending in an official capacity;
   (C) meals provided to a person subject to this section when it is obvious such meals are not being provided because of the person’s official position;
   (D) food such as soft drinks, coffee or snack foods not offered as part of a meal; and
   (E) entertainment or hospitality in the form of recreation, food and beverages provided at an event to which the following have been invited:
      (i) All members of the legislature or all members of either house of the legislature; or
      (ii) all members of a political party caucus of the legislature or all members of a political party caucus of either house of the legislature.
(d) If all members of a legislative committee are invited to an event where a meal is provided, the aggregate amount of the event shall be reported.
   (d)(e) Except as provided by subsection (c), whenever an individual lobbyist contributes to a single special event, such lobbyist shall report only the aggregate amount or value of the expenditure contributed by such lobbyist. The primary sponsor or sponsors of the event shall itemize such expenditures.
   (e)(f) Whenever more than one lobbyist is employed by a single employer, the reports required by this section relating to such employer shall be made by only one such lobbyist and that lobbyist shall be the lobbyist who is most directly connected with the particular expenditure or gift, honoraria or payment. No expenditure or gift, honoraria or payment required to be reported by this section shall be reported by more than one lobbyist.
   (f)(g) All accounts, records and documents of the lobbyist which relate to every expenditure reported or which should have been reported shall be maintained and preserved by the lobbyist for a period of five years from the date of the filing of such report or statement and may be inspected under conditions determined by the commission.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.