The Oklahoma Solicitation of Charitable Contributions Act

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Understanding the Act

- Went into effect on July 1, 2011
- Impacts:
  - All solicitations or acceptance of charitable contributions
  - Professional fundraisers & solicitors who are paid to fundraise
- Must register **EVERY YEAR** with information from your most recent 990
- Exemptions: churches, schools & universities, some member organizations and fundraising for a person
Register online with the Secretary of State’s office

Initial registration is due by the date the 990 filed
  - Registration is valid for one year from the date of filing, not the calendar year

Make sure to be prepared with:
  - Gross of contributions, gifts, grants and other financial gifts from the prior year
  - Total expenses for program services
  - Management and general expenses
  - Fundraising expenses
  - Total amount paid to professional fundraisers/fundraising counsel
About Registration ...

- Must also submit:
  - Information about your org’s professional fundraiser
  - List of names, titles/positions & mailing addresses of every director, trustee and salaried executive in your org.

- The registration fee is based on your annual charitable contributions
  - $65 if you anticipate contributions more than $10,000
  - $15 if you anticipate contribution less than $10,000