

2020 Kansas Statutes

46-280. Failure to register or file reports; late filing; civil penalty. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the commission shall send a notice by registered or certified mail to any person failing to register or to file any report or statement as required by K.S.A. 46-247 or 46-265, and amendments thereto, within the time period prescribed therefor. The notice shall state that the required registration, report or statement had not been filed with the office of secretary of state. The notice also shall state that such person shall have five days from the date of receipt of such notice to comply with the registration and reporting requirements before a civil penalty shall be imposed for each day that the required documents remain unfiled. If such person fails to comply within such period, such person shall pay to the state a civil penalty of \$10 per day for each day that such person remains unregistered or that such report or statement remains unfiled, except that no such civil penalty shall exceed \$300. The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed hereunder.

(b) Subject to the notice provisions of subsection (a), reports required for lobbyists under K.S.A. 46-268, and amendments thereto, that are late more than 48 hours shall be subject to civil penalties as provided in subsection (b)(2).

(2) The lobbyist shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$100 for the first day the report is more than 48 hours late and \$50 for each subsequent day the report is late, but in no case shall the civil penalty exceed \$1,000. The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed by this section.

(c) Whenever the commission shall determine that any report filed by a lobbyist as required by K.S.A. 46-269, and amendments thereto, is incorrect, incomplete or fails to provide the information required by such section, the commission shall notify such lobbyist by registered or certified mail, specifying the deficiency. Such notice shall state that the lobbyist shall have 30 days from the date of the receipt of such notice to file an amended report correcting such deficiency before a civil penalty will be imposed and the registration of such lobbyist revoked and the badge be required to be returned to the office of the secretary of state. A copy of such notice shall be sent to the office of the secretary of state. If such lobbyist fails to file an amended report within the time specified, such lobbyist shall pay to the commission a civil penalty of \$10 per day for each day that such person fails to file such report except that no such civil penalty shall exceed \$300. On the 31st day following the receipt of such notice, the registration of any lobbyist failing to file such amended report shall be revoked.

(d) Civil penalties provided for by this section 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.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), if a person fails to pay a civil penalty provided for by this section, it shall be the duty of the commission to bring an action to recover such civil penalty in the district court of the county in which such person resides.

(2) If a person required to file under K.S.A. 46-247(f), and amendments thereto, fails to pay a civil penalty provided for by this section, it shall be the duty of the commission to bring an action to recover the civil penalty in the district court of Shawnee county, Kansas.

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