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Commissioner News

Commissioner News Michael S. Kilgore, Ken Legan, and Brad Mitchell's Commissioner terms expired March 15, 2010. Thanks for their service! Jim Wright and James R. Tweedy were elected as the Commission chair and vice chair, respectively. On March 25, 2010, Dennis Rose, Democrat, from the 1st Cong. District, was appointed to the [Commission](#).

Campaign Finance

April Qtrly Reports Due April 15th Report all activity from the day after the committee's last report through March 31st. It must be postmarked by Apr 14th; if electronically filing, the filing should be completed by 5 pm on Apr 15th (Section 130.046.8, RSMo).

Committees who filed an 8 Day Before Election Report (for Apr 6), must still file an Apr Qtrly Report! (Section 130.046.3, RSMo)

30 Day After Election Report Due May 6th Committees participating in Apr 6th election, must file. Report all activity from the date after the committee's last full disclosure report through May 1st. (Section 130.046.4,6,RSMo)

Unsuccessful Candidates and Campaign Committees You must terminate the committee within 30 days after the election or upon satisfying any outstanding debt! If a candidate committee's debt > \$ on hand, the committee may be converted to a debt service committee. Debt service committees can *only be used* to repay the committee's debt. (Section 130.011(9), RSMo)

Statement of Committee Organization *Check to make sure it is complete!* A new [Statement](#) must include the bank's name, address, account name (not type), and account #. For candidate committees, remember to complete lines 16 and line 18.

Campaign Finance *cont.*

Committee Registration Deadline Register no later than 20 days from forming a committee and no later than 30 days before the election (except for continuing committees, which must be formed no later than 60 days before). To register, complete a Statement of Committee Organization. Deadline for the August 3rd primary election: continuing comm's – June 4th; all other – July 4th.

Committee Fundraising Activities Our website lists [A Guide for Candidate Fundraising Activities in Missouri](#) that will inform you of the proper guidelines of holding a fundraiser.

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any committee to offer chances to win prizes or money to persons to encourage such persons to endorse, send election material by mail, deliver election material in person or contact persons at their homes; except that, the provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit hiring and paying a campaign staff. (Section 130.031.12) Be sure to consult an attorney, the state constitution, and state laws before using gaming as a campaign fund raiser. The Attorney General's website has information pertaining to [gambling, lotteries and raffles](#).

Complaints

Is there a time frame where the Commission cannot accept a complaint related to a candidate? (Section 130.054, RSMo.) **Yes**, the Commission cannot accept a complaint alleging misconduct on the part of a candidate for public office, other than an allegation of failure to file timely and accurately, a Personal Financial Disclosure statement or campaign finance disclosure reports, within 60 days before the primary election until after the general election. The Commission may not accept a complaint filed against a candidate or candidate committee within 15 days prior to the primary or general election in which the candidate is running for office.

Lobbying

New Lobbyist FAQ Coming Soon! Check back later on our [website](#) to view. **Lobbyists / Principal Bi-Annual Reports Due March 15th and May 30th**

Personal Financial Disclosure

PFD Filing Deadline is just around the corner! Statements can be mailed or hand delivered and must contain an original signature. **No faxes are accepted.**

When is my PFD due?

- ✓ Candidates in the August 3, 2010 election:
Hand delivered by April 13, 2010 or post marked by April 12, 2010
- ✓ Annual Filers: Hand delivered by May 3, 2010 or postmarked by May 2, 2010.

What is the time period covered by the statement?

- ✓ Annual Filer—01/01/09—12/31/09
- ✓ New Candidate—03/30/09—03/30/10
- ✓ Incumbent Candidate—01/01/09—03/30/10
- ✓ No longer serving—enter the time period you served in 2009

I am a candidate who has already filed a PFD, this year, for another position I hold. Do I need to file another PFD? An individual is required to file only one PFD annually. The time period required to be covered by a candidate may be different from an annual filer. You must file an amended PFD *if* you have additional information you need to disclose.

Where can I get the PFD form? Visit our website and download the necessary [form](#).

Political Subdivisions - Would you like to know if your designated filers have submitted their forms? Go to website and log into the [Political Subdivision Filing System](#) by using your login information to check the filing status of your required filers.



Receive Commission information, upcoming deadlines, and other news. Follow us at [MOEthics](#).

Advisory Opinions

Upon written request, the Commission issues advisory opinions about campaign finance disclosure, conflict of interest, lobbying and personal financial disclosure. Advisory opinions are available on the Commission's [website](#). Below are recently issued opinions:

Conflict of Interest

- 2010.03.CI.001 — Can a state legislator, who is also the paid director of a local nonprofit agency, meet with their own local city and county officials regarding various issues within their district?
- 2010.03.CI.003 — Can a Mayor be an employee of a company with a contract with the city in which he is the Mayor of?

Campaign Finance

- 2010.03.CF.002 — Can employees request to have payroll deductions made to a continuing committee?

Lobbyist

- 2010.03.L.004 — How are group expenditures reported by a lobbyist?

Training

New Online Webinars for Campaign Finance

Two sessions: Record-Keeping and Reporting. Check the [Training Schedule](#) for available dates and to register.

Remember to check the [Training Schedule](#) for regional training. We have several upcoming **New Candidate Training** sessions scheduled throughout the state. If you would like to host a training session in your area, please let us know.

New Campaign Materials Identification Requirements Tutorial The [Campaign Materials Identification Requirements Tutorial](#) is only 10 minutes long and provides a great overview of the “paid-for-by” requirements for printed material.

Guide to Record-Keeping Booklet

Now available on the website. Download a printable version of the [Guide to Record-Keeping Booklet](#).