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MISSION

We serve the public interest. We assist and educate the citizens of Missouri, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections. We create transparency and accountability and consistently enforce campaign finance, conflict of interest, and lobbying laws.

Announcing ...

◆ New look to MEC home page

⇒ Includes "Upcoming Events" calendar & universal log-in feature

◆ Coming Soon: Re-tooled searches

⇒ Contributions and Expenditures

⇒ Registered Candidates & Candidate Committees



2012 Election Checklists

Election Authorities:

For each election:

1. **Review** election packet received from MEC
2. **Review** Candidate Declaration form
3. **Complete** Notice to Candidate with candidate as they file
4. **E-file** candidate list within 48 hours of close of filing for candidacy
5. **Track** your candidates required to file a PFD

Candidates:

1. **File** Declaration with election authority
2. **E-file** Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) with MEC, if required. Must be filed within 14 days of closing date for candidacy
3. **Form & register**, if required, campaign finance committee with appropriate filing officer(s)
4. **Register** for training
5. **File** campaign finance reports as required

PFD Candidate Deadlines:

April 3, 2012

Municipal Election

- ◆ Closing date—Jan 17
- ◆ PFD Due—Jan 31

August 7, 2012

Primary Election

- ◆ Closing date—Mar 27
- ◆ PFD Due—April 10

PFD Penalties:

- ◆ After **14** days—\$10 per day late fee
- ◆ After **21** days—late fee & disqualification as candidate

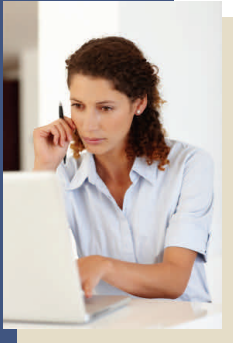
Campaign Finance Reminders

- ◆ If the district in which you planned to run has changed due to re-districting, update your committee by filing an amended [Statement of Committee Organization](#)
- ◆ Upcoming Reports:
 - * January Quarterly—Due Jan 17 (thru Dec 31)
 - * April Quarterly—Due Apr 16 (thru Mar 31)
- ◆ Are you a candidate for 2012? View [2012 Candidate Central](#) for information on PFD, committee requirements, campaign materials identification (paid-for-by) requirements and more!
- ◆ View [April 3, 2012 Election Deadlines & Reminders](#)
- ◆ *Coming Soon:* August 7, 2012 Primary Election Deadlines & Reminders

PFD Annual Filers

- If required to file a PFD due to a position held in 2011,
- ◆ E-file by May 1, 2012
 - ◆ If e-filed last year, information will be carried over. Verify, make any needed changes & submit.
 - ◆ Time period covered on statement: Jan 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011

Spotlight on Searches



Committee Information & Reports - shows information about a committee, gives access to committee reports, along with an **exciting new feature** that provides a **financial summary** based on the committee's last full disclosure report filed since 2011.

From our website, select:

- Candidates/Committees
- Under Searches...select "Committee Information and Reports"

Step-by-step process:

Select tab for... Committee

- Step 1 - Search by Committee Name &/or Candidate Name
- Step 2 - Specify by Committee Type &/or Status

Treasurer

- Step 1 - Search by Treasurer/ Deputy Treasurer Name
- Step 2 - Specify by Committee Type &/or Status

Committee Type

- Step 1 - Search by Committee Type &/or Status

Training News...

NEW WEBINAR TRAINING SCHEDULE

REGISTER TODAY!
www.mec.mo.gov/training

- ♦ **Session A:** Campaign Finance Record-Keeping Webinar
- ♦ **Session B:** Campaign Finance Reporting Webinar
- ♦ **Session C:** PFD for Candidates Webinar

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Lobbyist

- ♦ **What is a lobbyist expenditure?** Money spent (or solicited) for public official, their staff or family or for group. See [Lobbyist FAQs](#) for more information
- ♦ **Verify** current registration info by logging-in to lobbyist e-file system
- ♦ **List of Principals & Legislative Action Report:** This is a bi-annual report.
 - * Due March 15 & May 30 of each year.
 - * File with MEC.
 - * Include general description of proposed legislative action...which the lobbyist (or lobbyist principal) supported or opposed

Lobbyist Renewal due Jan 5th to be active for 2012

2010 SB844 Update: (Ethics Law)

- ♦ *The SB844 provisions of law remain in effect until a final resolution of this case on appeal with the Supreme Court, except for §130.031(13) RSMo.*
- ♦ *Click [SB844 Information](#) for the most recent information.*

Advisory Opinions



Upon written request, the Commission issues advisory opinions about campaign finance disclosure, conflict of interest, lobbying and personal financial disclosure laws.

Recent Opinions:

2011.10.CI.005 -

County Commission members should consult §205.970 concerning the appointment of members to a SB40 Board.

2011.11.L.006 -

An association which serves as a lobbyist principal must re-

port meals, accommodations, gifts and travel costs for advocacy trips provided to the spouse of a Missouri state representative, who is a member of the association's Board of Trustees, when such expenses do not serve as compensation due to employment with the trustee.