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Missouri Ethics Commission Releases *Contributions Over \$500 During Legislative Session* E-Filing and Search

The Commission released *Contributions Over \$500 During Legislative Session* e-filing and a public web search. “The Commission serves the public interest, public officials, and filers; we’re excited to provide these new electronic filing and search capabilities”, says Julie Allen, Executive Director.

Current House, Senate, or statewide office holders or candidates must electronically report any contribution received from a single contributor, over \$500, during the regular legislative session. For a statewide office holder or the candidate this reporting requirement extends to when legislation from the regular legislative session awaits gubernatorial action. Senate Bill 844, effective August 28, 2010, requires these contributions to be reported electronically, to the Commission, within 48 hours.

Missouri law also requires any individual or committee, required to file campaign finance disclosure reports, to electronically file a *Contributions over \$5,000* report, within 48 hours, any time a contribution over \$5,000 is received from a single contributor.

Since both of these reports are required under the law, the Commission’s e-filing system provides an opportunity for the filer, in one process, to direct the system to file both the *Contributions over \$500 During Legislative Session* and *Contributions over \$5,000*.

The Commission also released the *Contributions over \$500 During Legislative Session* search, on the website. The new search allows the public to view those reported contributions over \$500 and can be viewed in varying categories (today, yesterday, or current month) or a specific time period.

The Commission’s online campaign finance searches can be accessed at www.mec.mo.gov under Campaign Finance or Common Searches.

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