



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 20-0030-I, Tom Frisby and FrisbyforGladstone

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Tom Frisby and FrisbyforGladstone at its October 5, 2020 meeting.

The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged that Tom Frisby and his candidate committee, FrisbyforGladstone, produced and distributed campaign materials containing a paid for by disclosure that was inconsistent with the committee name registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Upon investigation of the allegations, it was determined that the committee's registration with the MEC reflects the committee name as "FrisbyforGladstone." The paid-for-by disclosure displayed on the campaign materials showed the committee name as "Frisby for Gladstone."

Chapter 130, RSMo, when dealing with the printing of a "paid for by" disclosure, is silent as to the size and type of print and line justification. What the statute requires is that the name of the person who paid for the printed matter appear on the face of the materials in a clear and conspicuous manner. Therefore, the fact that the materials had spaces between the words does not constitute a violation of this law.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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