



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Commission Action: MEC No. 26-0030-I James “Skip” Hale

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The Missouri Ethics Commission received a complaint filed against James “Skip” Hale, a candidate for Elsberry Alderman in the April 7, 2026, election. Missouri statutes require that an investigation be completed within 15 days of receipt when a candidate complaint is filed within 60 days of the election and presented to the Commission for a determination of whether there are reasonable grounds of a violation or whether it should be dismissed, Section 105.957, RSMo.

Missouri statute, Section 105.955.6, RSMo., requires at least four commission members are necessary for a quorum, and at least four affirmative votes shall be required for any action or recommendation of the Commission.

Because there were not four Commissioners able to consider the investigation within the statutory timeframe, the Commission could take no action on this complaint.

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