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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.

Watch our website for...

◆ 2012 Candidate Central

- ⇒ Information for candidates about filing their Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD), campaign finance committee requirements, training & more

◆ E-file Candidate List

- ⇒ Political subdivisions with AOB >\$1 million will be able to electronically submit list of candidates required to file PFD



Campaign Finance Disclosure

NEW—Committee Registration Packet, includes:

- *Cover sheet*—directs the user to where they are to file.
- *Statement of Committee Organization*—streamlined to assist users in providing the information required to register their committee. Also includes an e-filing certification for filers required to file only with MEC.
- *Electronic Filing Agreement*—used by filers required to file with MEC & their local election authority (dual filers). Can also be used for filers only required to file with their local election authority that wish to file electronically using MEC's e-filing system.

Campaign Finance Reporting:

- **October Quarterly**—Due Oct 15th (time period thru Sept 30)
- Review [Upcoming Deadlines & Reminders](#) for other election specific reports due
- Review [Special Election Deadlines & Reminders](#) if you are involved in Nov 8 special election

2012 Election News

ATTN: Election Authorities

1. Packets for 2012 Elections coming in Oct.
 - Review the packet—includes instruction letter, 2012 Guide to Ethics Law, PFD forms (AOB >\$1 mil) & Notice to Candidate
 - Review your Candidate Declaration form—may include wording that candidate has no outstanding reports due or fees assessed by the MEC.
 - Remember [§130.071.2 RSMo.](#), has restrictions for candidates filing for office.
2. PFD e-filing for 2012 Candidates—Candidates will be able to file their PFD information online.

Political Subdivisions

- Beginning **November 1, 2011**, if AOB over \$1 million, political subdivisions will be able to [electronically](#) submit list of required annual filers to MEC.
- Both last year's annual filers and last year's candidates will be displayed. Carefully review each section, update each filer, and remove those no longer required to file.
- Each subdivision must notify those people whose names have been submitted.



Spotlight on Searches

The Commission continuously improves and develops new and relevant searches for users. Some of our most commonly used searches include:

[Registered Candidates and Candidate Committees Search](#)

- shows the candidates that have registered candidate committees for specific elections.

Search results also provide link to individual committee information.

From our website, select "Campaign Finance", under Campaign Finance Searches... By Candidate...select "Candidates"

Step by Step process:

Step 1 - Select

- Election Year
- Election Date

Step 2 - Limit by

- Political Office

Step 3 - Specify by

- Political Subdivision
- Political District

Can also limit search results to active committees only.

Training:

Coming Soon... New Webinars

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

Check our training page for registration details at www.mec.mo.gov/training

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Lobbyist

Reminders:

- ◆ **Group Expenditures:** SB844 requires that lobbyists include the location when entering a group expenditure (effective 08/28/2010)
- ◆ **Renewal Period:** The lobbyist renewal period begins December 1st

and runs through

January 5th. All lobbyist must renew their registration and pay a \$10 registration fee. Lobbyists who fail to renew will be terminated effective December 31st, 2011.

2010 SB844 Update: (Ethics Law)

- ◆ SB844 is still undergoing litigation.
- ◆ The SB844 provisions of law remain in effect until a final resolution of this case on appeal, 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:

2011.04.L.003 -

Persons engaged in media relations or consulting must register as a lobbyist or principal if their activities are for the sole purpose to influence the general assembly.

2011.06.CF.004 -

1. Once terminated, a candidate committee cannot be reopened in order to convert to debt service committee.
2. Contributions may be used to pay legal fees incurred regarding challenging a disqualification of candidacy for failure to file a PFD.