

**Title 1—OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Division 50—Missouri Ethics Commission
Chapter 5—Committee Registration and Reporting**

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

1 CSR 50-5.010 Definitions. The commission is amending section (1).

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies when this rule applies to federal political action committees, committees domiciled outside of this state, and out-of-state committees.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment informs federal political action committees that make contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates in this state of the circumstances that require them to register and file reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Article III, Section 2(f) of the **Missouri Constitution** was recently amended to include a requirement that prohibits candidates for the General Assembly from accepting contributions from any federal political action committee unless the committee files disclosure reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission. On August 1, 2019, Governor Parson called for a special election to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives. Consequently, this emergency amendment is necessary to protect the governmental interest of public disclosure as relates to campaign finance as some federal political action committees may wish to contribute to candidates in the November 5, 2019 election, but those committees may not realize whether and when registration and disclosure are required. This emergency amendment follows procedures calculated to assure fairness to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances and follows procedures that comply with protections extended by the **Missouri** and the **United States Constitutions**. It is limited to the circumstances creating the required emergency action. The commission has also filed a proposed amendment, which covers the same material, and which appears in this issue of the **Missouri Register**. This emergency rule was filed August 8, 2019, becomes effective August 18, 2019, and expires on February 27, 2020.*

(1) As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

(A) Committee domiciled outside of this state - a campaign finance committee registered according to the campaign finance disclosure laws of a state, other than the State of Missouri, or as a federal political action committee, as defined in this rule, which is registered and reporting with the Federal Election Commission **and makes contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates and ballot measures in this state;**

(F) Out-of-state committee - a campaign finance committee registered according to the campaign finance disclosure laws of a state, other than the State of Missouri, or a federal political action committee as defined in this rule, which is registered and reporting with the Federal Election Commission **and makes contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates and ballot measures in this state.**

AUTHORITY: sections 105.955.14(7) and 105.961.3, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed Feb. 7, 2018, effective Aug. 30, 2018. Emergency amendment filed August 8, 2019, effective August 18, 2019, expires February 27, 2020. A proposed amendment covering this same material is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**.*