

**Title 1—OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Division 50—Missouri Ethics Commission
Chapter 2—Hearing Procedures for
Enforcement Cases**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1 CSR 50-2.070 Continuances. The commission is amending sections (1) and adding new sections (2), (3), and (4).

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies the process for requesting a continuance of an enforcement matter.

(1) The commission may continue a hearing or prehearing conference upon a showing of good cause. **Requests for a continuance should be in writing and should be filed with the commission no later than seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing or prehearing conference. Requests filed after this deadline should state a good cause basis for the continuance as well as a good cause basis for the untimely request.**

(2) Before a party requests a continuance, the requesting party shall contact the other parties to determine whether they object to the continuance and to determine mutually acceptable dates to which the hearing or conference may be rescheduled and the information shall be included in the party's motion for continuance.

(3) The commission, or a presiding commissioner designated for that purpose, may take up the request to continue a hearing or prehearing conference.

(4) When a hearing or prehearing conference is continued, the parties shall be promptly notified by the executive director *[in writing of the new hearing date in advance of the new hearing date]*. Any order granting a continuance shall be mailed to the parties *[by the executive director]* by regular first class mail, postage prepaid.

AUTHORITY: section 105.955.14(7), RSMo 2000. Original rule filed March 24, 1997, effective Sept. 30, 1997. Amended: Filed Sept. 4, 2007, effective Feb. 29, 2008. Amended Filed Aug. 8, 2019.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred (\$500) dollars in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement of support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Ethics Commission at 3411A Knipp Drive or PO Box 1370, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after

*publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**.* No public hearing is scheduled.