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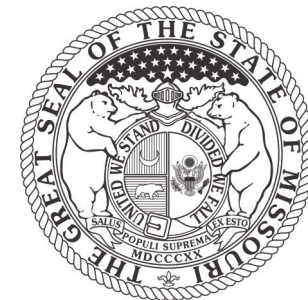


This brochure is intended only as a guide to aid understanding of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Law.

For the Law's complete requirements, consult the law itself codified at Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

When to Form & Register a Committee

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Important things to know:

- A campaign finance **committee** accepts contributions or makes expenditures to influence the action of voters for or against candidates and/or ballot measures or to pay a campaign debt. (§130.011(7) RSMo.)
- Campaign finance **contributions** are made and received for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure. (§130.011(11) RSMo.)
- Campaign finance **expenditures** are made for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure or to pay a campaign debt. (§130.011(15) RSMo.)
- If you are an individual or an entity not defined as a committee, not accepting contributions from others, and you spend \$500 or more of your own money, you must file a Non-Committee Expenditure Report. You are not required to form a committee. Example: A Lion's Club spending \$600 to support a candidate using money collected from annual dues, would be required to file a Non-Committee Expenditure Report. (§130.047.1 RSMo.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer "Yes" or "No" to each question below.

- ✓ If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, then you **are** required to form a committee.
 - ⇒ Register the committee, within 20 days of forming, by filing a Statement of Committee Organization with the proper election authority. (Campaign committees formed for ballot measures, see §130.046.2 RSMo for 15-Day Report requirements)
- ✓ If you answer "No" to all of the questions, then you **are not** required to form a committee at this time.

1.	Are you a candidate for statewide office, the general assembly (state representative/senator) or a municipal office with a population greater than 100,000, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received contributions totaling more than \$500; or • Made expenditures totaling more than \$500; or • Received contributions totaling more than \$325 from a single contributor? <p style="text-align: right;">(§130.016.1 RSMo.)</p>	Yes	No*
2.	Are you a candidate for any other office (other than those identified in question #1 above); that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had total activity of more than \$1,000 (including contributions received + expenditures made by the candidate or any other person with the candidate's knowledge); or • Received contributions totaling more than \$325 from a single contributor? <p style="text-align: right;">(§130.016.6 RSMo.)</p>	Yes	No
3.	Are you a corporation, partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture, entity of the state, union, trade, professional or business association, association, club or organization, or political party that during the calendar year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received contributions totaling more than \$500; or • Received contributions totaling more than \$250 from a single contributor? <p style="text-align: right;">(§130.011 RSMo.)</p>	Yes	No
4.	Are you an individual or a group of individuals that during the calendar year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made expenditures totaling more than \$500; or • Received contributions totaling more than \$500; or • Received contributions totaling more than \$250 from a single contributor? <p style="text-align: right;">(§130.011 RSMo.)</p>	Yes	No

* Candidates that file a Statement of Exemption, must also file an Exemption Statement of Limited Activity for each required reporting period.