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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.

## Have you filed your PFD?

### Annual Filers:

**May 1st deadline for filing fast approaching!**

If your name was submitted to our office by a political subdivision (state agency, county, city, board, school district, etc.) as a person required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) due to a position held in 2012, then you must file your PFD by **5:00 pm on May 1, 2013.**

Time period covered is from Jan 1st, 2012 thru Dec 31st, 2012

### Filing Options:

- E-file by May 1st, 5:00 p.m.
- Hand deliver to MEC office by May 1st, 5:00 p.m.
- Mail to MEC, must have postmark of no later than April 30th

### Political Subdivisions:

Verify that your designated filers have submitted their forms:

1. Go to our website
2. Log into the [Political Subdivision Filing System](#) (use your political subdivision's log-in information)
3. Check the filing status of your required filers

**E-file**



If PFD not timely filed, penalties, including **late fees**, apply!

## Lobbying

**List of Principals and Legislative Action Report - due May 30th.**

Avoid these common reporting errors:

1. Only one report is required per principal; any one of multiple lobbyists that are registered to lobby on behalf of a principal may report for that principal.
2. Must include a general description of the proposed action; may provide the bill number but must also include a brief description of the bill.
3. Report includes the lobbying of any action by an official agency, board or commission of state government; if lobbying the head of a state agency, that action is reportable.

## Campaign Finance Tips & Reminders

- ◆ The time period for the **April Quarterly** report begins the day **after** the last filed report ended, do not double report activity by including it on more than one report.
- ◆ Payments to **campaign workers** must be itemized, regardless of the amount. A campaign worker is someone that you are hiring to assist with your campaign activities (does not include unpaid volunteers).
- ◆ For ease of record-keeping & reporting, **avoid** using cash.
- ◆ MEC notices & reminders are sent via **email**, make sure all committee email addresses are kept up to date.
- ◆ A cmte's bank account must be held in the name of the cmte; if these don't match, must either change bank account name or name of cmte; **update** cmte info by filing an *Amended Statement of Cmte Organization*.

[View Deadlines & Reminders for 2013 Quarterly Reports](#)

### Upcoming Reports

#### All Committees

⌚ April Quarterly—  
Due April 15  
(thru March 31)

#### Apr 2 Election

⌚ 30 Day After—  
Due May 2  
(thru Apr 27)

# Spotlight on Searches



**Candidate or Committee Name Search** - shows information about a committee, provides access to committee reports, along with an **exciting feature** that displays a **financial summary** based on the committee's last full disclosure report filed since 2011.

From our website, select:

- ➔ Candidates/Committees
- ➔ Under Searches...select "Candidate or Committee Name"

Select tab for...

**Committee**

Step 1—Search by Committee Name &/or Candidate Name

Step 2—Specify by Committee Type &/or Status

**Treasurer**

Step 1—Search by Treasurer/ Deputy Treasurer Name

Step 2—Specify by Committee Type &/or Status

**Committee Type**

Step 1—Search by Committee Type &/or Status

## ~ FAQ ~

- Q: Does Missouri have contribution limits?
- A: Currently, Missouri does not have individual contribution limits, prior limits were repealed in 2008. There are restrictions in the law regarding the amount of cash that an individual can contribute to a candidate or committee, but not on the amount that can be received via check.

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## Campaign Committees (Ballot Measures)

A **campaign committee** is a campaign finance committee, other than a candidate committee, formed by an individual or group of individuals to receive contributions or make expenditures (spend money) for:

- ⇒ The sole purpose of supporting or opposing the qualification and passage of one or more particular **ballot measures** in an election; or for
- ⇒ The **retention of judges** under the nonpartisan court plan.

View our **NEW Campaign Committee Brochure** for more information on campaign committee requirements, including forming and registering the committee and filing disclosure reports.

View our **When to Form & Register a Committee Brochure** regarding specific dollar amounts that can be spent/received before law requires a campaign finance committee to be formed and registered.

**ELECTION AUTHORITIES: Notify MEC if you have any elections on the August ballot!**

## Training News

We had a **great first quarter** of training webinars, including CF Record-Keeping, Reporting and PFD for Candidates.

**Thanks** to all who registered and attended!

Through the spring and into the summer we are scheduling appearances at various conferences throughout Missouri and are working on new resources, including an out

-of-state committee brochure, a conflict of interest guide, a training module for county clerks and a variety of lobbying resources.

We **invite** you to take a look at the different publications, tutorials and resources available on our website.

If you have any training questions, inquiries or requests, **email** them to [training@mec.mo.gov](mailto:training@mec.mo.gov).

**View** one of our most popular resources, the **Fund-Raising Activity Brochure**.

*The Fund-Raising Activity Brochure defines a fundraiser, explains what and when supplemental reporting for an event is required and what information must be included; it also provides a sample of record-keeping for each fund-raising activity.*