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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.

Political Subdivision Reminders

1. Annual Operating Budget (AOB)

In order to identify those persons required to file a personal financial disclosure (PFD), political subdivisions must confirm whether their AOB is:

- Over \$1 million; or
- \$ 1 million or under

2. Conflict of Interest Ordinance/Resolution

If you do not adopt or re-adopt an ordinance, ALL elected, appointed, and decision making personnel, as well as candidates, are required to file a PFD.

If you do adopt a new ordinance, or re-adopt your current ordinance, the deadline is **Sept 15th**. The ordinance must be adopted (or re-adopted) at an open meeting. A certified copy must be mailed to MEC within 10 days of the adoption (or re-adoption).

See [§105.485 RSMo](#) for minimum ordinance requirements. In addition to the minimum requirements, consider including the following:

- Penalties for failure to follow ordinance;
- Filing requirements for candidates.

E-file AOB

1. Starting **Tues, July 16th through Mon, Aug 5th**, go to our website at www.mec.mo.gov
2. Log into the [Political Subdivision E-Filing System](#) (use your political subdivision's log-in information)
3. Update subdivision contact information (if necessary)
4. Confirm your AOB (you will receive an email confirmation)

Tips & Reminders

Campaign Finance

☞ **July Quarterly Report** - Due July 15 (time period begins the day after the last filed report ended through June 30)

☞ **Filing Tip - Step 5 Prior Report Totals:** Money on Hand at beginning of July Quarterly should match Money on Hand at close of last full disclosure report filed

☞ Do not **double report** activity by including it on more than one report

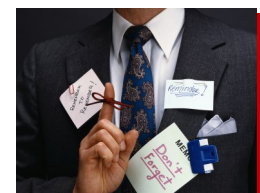
☞ Any committee that has **more than \$5,000 debt** must file a full disclosure report even if had no activity

☞ **Candidates:** If you have not amended your [Statement of Committee Organization](#) with a future election date you cannot take contributions

☞ A committee's **bank account** must be held in the name of the committee as it is registered with MEC

☞ If you participate in **online banking**, print a hard copy of your monthly statement for your recordkeeping

☞ View [Campaign Committees](#) brochure if forming committee for ballot measures





Spotlight on Searches

Commission Cases -

Final Actions Search:

View the Commission's final actions taken related to investigations involving:

Campaign Finance
Conflict of Interest
Lobbyists
Personal Financial Disclosure
Constitution, Statutes, Orders or Ordinances.

Individuals can choose from the **Search tabs** to begin:

- ⇒ Actions in Past 30 Days;
- ⇒ Current Year's Actions;
- ⇒ Advanced Search (select search criteria such as action date, respondent, committee or organization, and city or county.

Data available as of Jan 1, 2010.

**AUGUST 6, 2013
ELECTION**

Last day to form a
committee
(except PACS)
is July 7th, 2013

Coming Soon:
Deadlines &
Reminders
(watch our website)

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Training

HOT TOPICS IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE

We introduced our newest training, with a new look and feel, at a recent conference and received many positive comments! The resource booklet **provides information and examples** for the questions local election authorities have or are asked the most regarding campaign finance disclosure, including: forming a committee, registering that committee, what is a contribution, what is an expenditure, when can a committee file a Limited Activity report and more.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDE

Also new is our Conflict of Interest Guide. Elected and public officials can use this as a resource to learn what they **can and can't do as a public official**. Topics include Nepotism, Financial Gain, Providing Services/Conducting Business, Purchasing/Bidding Requirements & Acceptance, Voting, Use of Public Funds, plus more, including a special FAQ section for legislators & statewide elected officials.

TRAINING TUTORIALS

Don't forget about the training tutorials on our website! They are **available 24/7**, and like all of our materials, are **free** and cover a **multitude of topics**, including campaign finance for candidates and committees, e-filing (reporting), lobbyist, political subdivision duties and more.

"WOW! The Hot Topics manual looks great."

"I like the format of the training."

"Fun session!"

"Great job."

"I always learn something new."

Conflict of Interest

Q: Can an elected or appointed public official receive compensation from the political subdivision for additional employment services performed for the political subdivision?

A: No, see Sections 105.454, 105.456, and 105.458 RSMo., for specific requirements. Generally, a public official or

employee cannot be paid wages for additional services performed beyond their normal compensation. Other state law and the political subdivision laws or ordinances may establish specific compensation for an elected or appointed public official or employee; these should be consulted.



TOPICS

[Conflict of Interest](#)
[Enforcement Actions](#)
[Campaign Finance](#)
[Personal Financial Disclosure \(PFD\)](#)