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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.

Coming Soon...

◆ Political Subdivision Duties & Responsibilities Tutorial

- ⇒ Designed for county & city clerks, and other subdivision officials regarding their duties and responsibilities as they relate to MEC, including PFD, campaign finance committees & more

◆ Follow the Campaign Money Tutorial

- ⇒ How to use the Commission's searches to follow campaign money given to candidates and committees including the expenditures made



Campaign Finance Disclosure Reminders

- Candidates can not take office until all disclosure reports have been filed.
- *30 Day After Election Report* may be filed early for those candidates that take office before the report is due (December 6th). Ending date for report will be the day before taking office.
- If unsuccessful, and have more money on hand than debt, you **MUST** terminate the committee. If more debt than money on hand, can convert to Debt Service Committee, may only accept contributions to pay off debt, no other activity. Must file reports as required, and must file **full** disclosure reports for the *January and July Quarterly Reports* if debt is over \$5,000.

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Campaign Finance Reporting:

- **October Quarterly**— Due Oct 15th (time period thru Sept 30)
- Review [Upcoming Deadlines & Reminders](#) for other election specific reports due

2013 Election News

ATTN: Officials Accepting Declarations of Candidacy

Packets for 2013 Elections coming in Oct.

- Review the packet—includes instruction letter, 2013 Guide to Ethics Law, PFD forms (AOB >\$1 mil) & Notice to Candidate
- Review your Candidate Declaration form— may include wording that candidate has no outstanding reports due to the MEC.
- Remember [§130.071.2 RSMo.](#) has restrictions for candidates filing for office.

Be sure to discard all old election materials.

Political Subdivisions

- Beginning **November 7, 2012**, if AOB over \$1 million, political subdivisions will be able to [electronically](#) submit their list of required annual filers to MEC. (Emails will be received at the end of October containing password information).
- Both last year's annual filers and last year's candidates will be displayed. Carefully review each section, update each filer, and remove those no longer required to file.
- Each subdivision must notify those people whose names have been submitted. They are required to file their PFD by May 1, 2013.

Spotlight on Searches



The Commission provides several searches specific to lobbyist and their principals. From our website, select “Lobbying”, and select the search option you wish to use:

Lobbyist Search - shows registered lobbyist and their monthly reports.

Select year and then search by “all lobbyists” or narrow results by entering lobbyist’s last name and/or city. From result list, select “Filer ID” link to see actual report.

Principal Search - shows principals along with the lobby-

ists registered to represent them.

Search by entering Principal’s name and/or city.

Lobbyist Expense—Public Official Search- shows expenses paid on behalf of a public official(s) as reported by the lobbyist.

Select the report year and month and then limit your search by selecting the public official either by recipient type, office type or person or group. View reports for official or official’s employee/staff or spouse/child.

TRAINING

Online Webinars available for campaign finance training...

**Oct 11th, 10 am
Session A:
Record-Keeping**

**Oct 18th, 10 am
Session B:
Reporting**

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Reminder

LOBBYIST

- ⇒ **Renewal Period:** The lobbyist renewal period begins **December 1st and runs through January 5th.**
- ⇒ All lobbyist must renew their registration and pay a \$10 registration fee.
- ⇒ Lobbyists who fail to renew will be terminated effective December 31st, 2012.

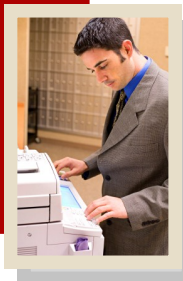
More Campaign Finance *(cont fr pg 1)*

FAQ: What is an *Expenditure Made to Support or Oppose a Candidate or Ballot Measure* and how is it reported? (§ 130.041.1(7), RSMo.)

Answer: An expenditure that has been made to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure, made without the candidate’s or committee’s knowledge (no money was given to the candidate or committee and the money was paid directly to the vendor). *NOTE: Does not include candidate committees making expenditures only on behalf of the candidate for which their committee was formed.*

E-filers: The expenditure is initially recorded in the *Expenditures Made* section for the total amount paid and then more detail given in the *Expenditure Made to Support or Oppose a Candidate or Ballot Measure* section, reflecting the total amount paid and then providing more information about the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed. See [Campaign Finance FAQs](#).

Use of Public Funds



Elected and public officials, their staff and employees are prohibited from using public funds to advocate, support or oppose ballot measures or candidates.

Examples: Office copiers, faxes, paper, office computers, printers, etc.

Public funds may be used to make public appearances and/or issue press releases.

(§115.646 RSMo & AG Opin 54-90)

Advisory Opinions:

The Commission issues [advisory opinions](#) which are available on our website and are searchable by topic and/or keyword. Anyone examining an advisory opinion should be careful to note that an opinion issued deals only with the specific request to which the opinion responded and only to the law as it exists at the date of the response.