

# 2010 Ethics Bill (SB844)

## Supreme Court Decision



### Overview

The Missouri Supreme Court struck down all provisions in the 2010 Senate Bill 844 relating to ethics and campaign finance. The Commission is reviewing the effect of the Supreme Court ruling and will be communicating directly with those affected by the ruling through our website and other means. The Commission is currently awaiting legislative action. Below are the most common questions the Commission is receiving during this period:

1. Can a campaign finance committee now contribute money to another committee?  
ANSWER: Yes, a committee can now receive money from or give money to any other type of campaign finance committee, including to/from candidate committees and political action committees (PACs).

As a reminder, campaign finance limits do not exist in Missouri law. However, some local municipalities have enacted contribution limits and a candidate should check with their local jurisdiction for any such restrictions in local ordinance or local law.

2. Are there other qualifications necessary for a campaign finance committee's treasurer or deputy treasurer other than being a resident of Missouri?  
ANSWER: Yes, in addition, to being a resident of Missouri, a committee's treasurer or deputy treasurer must now reside in the district or county in which the committee sits. (See [MEC Advisory Opinion 2008-10.CF.009](#))
3. Is the *48 Hour Report of Contribution Received Over \$5,000* report still required?  
ANSWER: Any candidate or committee receiving a contribution or loan over \$5,000 from a single contributor must continue to report to the Commission within 48 hours of its receipt.

*There is no longer a requirement for a legislative or statewide officeholder/candidate to report contributions received over \$500 within 48 hours of its receipt. The reporting of contributions over \$500 within 48 hours of its receipt is currently available in the Commission's e-filing system; the Commission is awaiting legislative action to restore the ethics provisions. Should legislative action not occur, the e-filing option will be removed.*