



After Election Guidelines & Debt Service Committees

Successful Candidates

Following an election, successful candidates may:

1. After the general election, file an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*, updating election information, to continue receiving contributions.
2. Use committee funds for necessary and ordinary expenses in connection with the duties of office.
3. Terminate the committee.
 - Appropriately distribute remaining funds.
 - Close the committee bank account.
 - File a full disclosure report and a *Termination Statement*.

A candidate may not take office or be sworn-in until the committee has filed all campaign finance reports required by law. Therefore, successful candidates must file a *30 Day After Election Report* before being sworn-in if they spent money (made expenditures or contributions) for that election. If debt exceeds \$1,000, the committee may not file a *Statement of Limited Activity* for this report.

Unsuccessful Candidates

Unsuccessful candidate committees have two options, following an election:

1. If the committee has more money on hand than debt, it must terminate within 30 days of the election.
 - Appropriately distribute remaining funds.
 - Close the committee bank account.
 - File a full disclosure report and a *Termination Statement*.
2. If the committee has more debt than money on hand, it may convert to a debt service committee.
 - File an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*.
 - Accept contributions to pay off committee debt.
 - File required reports.
 - Terminate the committee within 30 days of dissolution, but no later than 18 months after conversion.

Debt Service Committees— (§ 130.037, RSMo)

- A candidate committee may convert to a debt service committee if the *30 Day After Election Report* reflects outstanding debt.
- To convert to a debt service committee, file an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*.
- A candidate with a debt service committee may form and register a new candidate committee to accept contributions for a new office sought. A single contributor may donate to both the debt service committee and the new candidate committee, up to any applicable contribution limits.
- Debt service committees must terminate within 30 days of receiving contributions exceeding the amount of debt, but no later than 18 months after converting to a debt service committee.
- Within 30 days of termination, the committee must return any excess funds to the original contributor(s) or turn over to the State Treasurer. A full disclosure report must be filed.



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Amended Statement of Committee Organization

To maintain a candidate committee after a successful general election, file an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*. Complete the following sections:

- Section 1: Statement Information.
- Section 6: Candidate Supported or Opposed.
- Section 8: Signature(s).

To convert a candidate committee to a debt service committee, file an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*. Complete the following sections:

- Section 1: Statement Information.
- Section 2: Committee Information.
 - Change committee type to debt service.
- Section 8: Signature(s)

When completed, print the amended statement, have the candidate and treasurer sign it, and submit to the MEC via:

- Mail: PO Box 1370, Jefferson City, MO 65102
- Email: helpdesk@mec.mo.gov
- Hand-delivery: 3411 A Knipp Dr. Jefferson City, MO 65109
- Fax: 573-526-4506

Related Resources



- [Terminating a Committee](#)
- [After Election Guidelines YouTube Tutorial Series](#)
- [Campaign Finance Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [MEC Webinar Schedule](#)
- [Use of Campaign Contributions](#)
- [Chapter 130, RSMo](#)



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