

## 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.
- File an **amended** *Statement of Committee Organization* to convert to a debt service committee.
- A candidate with a debt service committee may organize a new candidate committee and accept contributions for a new office sought.
- Debt service committees must terminate within 10 days of receiving contributions exceeding amount of debt but no later than 18 months after converting to debt service.
- Within 30 days of termination, the committee must return any excess money received to contributor(s) or turn over to state treasurer. A full disclosure report must be filed.

## Violation:

Violations of Chapter 130, RSMo are within the Missouri Ethics Commission's jurisdiction and, in the event a complaint is filed, may result in an enforcement action.

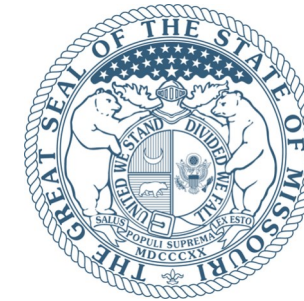


This brochure is intended only as a guide to aid understanding of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Law.

For the law's complete requirements, consult the law itself codified at Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and in Article VIII, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution.

# After Election Guidelines & Debt Service Committees

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# After Election Guidelines

## Successful Candidates

Committees may do the following:

- File an **amended** *Statement of Committee Organization* to update election information in order to continue receiving contributions. Amend the applicable fields:
  - Election date;
  - Office sought;
  - Political Subdivision.
- Use committee funds for necessary and ordinary expenses in connection with duties of office; or
- Terminate the committee:
  - Appropriately distribute remaining funds;
  - Close committee bank account;
  - File a full disclosure report and a Termination Statement.

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Before being sworn-in, successful candidates must file a *30 Day After Election Report* if they have made expenditures or made contributions. A candidate may not take office or be sworn-in until the committee has filed all reports required by 130, RSMo.

## Amended Statement of Committee Organization

To maintain a candidate committee after a successful election or to convert it to a debt service committee, an **amended** *Statement of Committee Organization* must be filed with the MEC. Below are the sections of the form that must be amended.

To maintain a candidate committee after a successful election, amend the following:

**Section 1.** Statement Information

**Section 6.** Candidate Supported or Opposed

**Section 8.** Signature(s)

To convert to a Debt Service Committee, amend the following:

**Section 1.** Statement Information

**Section 2.** Committee Information (Type)

**Section 8.** Signature(s)

**NOTE:** An **amended** *Statement of Committee Organization* cannot be faxed and must contain original signatures from the candidate and treasurer/deputy treasurer.

## Unsuccessful Candidates

Committees for unsuccessful candidates may do the following:

- Terminate within 30 days of election date if committee has more money on hand than debt.
  - Appropriately distribute remaining funds;
  - Close committee bank account; and
  - File a full disclosure report and a Termination Statement;

**OR**

- Convert to a Debt Service Committee if the committee has more debt than money on hand.
  - Must file an **amended** *Statement of Committee Organization*.
  - Accept contributions to pay off debt
  - File required reports
  - Terminate committee within 18 months of conversion

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Visit our website for additional resources, such as **Terminating a Committee** brochure, **Committee Checklist**, and **FAQs**.