

MEC News

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Clerks and local election authorities: Take steps to prepare for 2025 elections.

Candidate filing for the April 8, 2025, municipal election begins December 10, 2024. Clerks and local election authorities should complete the following steps to help the process run smoothly:

- ✓ Know whether your political subdivision's annual operating budget exceeds \$1 million. This will help the subdivision determine which candidates must file a PFD.
- ✓ Review your subdivision's conflict of interest ordinance (if applicable).
- ✓ Review election packets from the MEC. Ensure the subdivision has sufficient and correct materials.
- ✓ Inform candidates whether they must file a PFD by completing a Notice to Candidate Form with every candidate.
- ✓ Distribute MEC materials to candidates, including a copy of the completed Notice to Candidate Form, a paper PFD form (if candidate is required to file), a 2025 Ethics Guide, campaign finance publications, and MEC Training Flyer.

For further guidance, review the MEC's [Guide for Local Election Authorities](#).



New in 2024:

Local election authority folders

Clerks and local election authorities can find MEC materials designed to be kept by and assist political subdivisions during the candidate filing process in blue folders within the election packet. Materials in this folder include (but aren't limited to): a letter to the election authority, a checklist and timeline, a Guide for Local Election Authorities, and a PFD filing deadlines calendar.

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Welcome, Commissioners!

The MEC is pleased to welcome its newest Commissioners, Jim Martin, Jeremy Schneider, and Whitney Smith! Commissioner Martin, from Congressional District 8, currently serves as Director of the River TREE Center for commitment, service and informed citizenship. Commissioner Schneider, from Congressional District 6, currently serves as Director of Aftermarket—Sales for Sydenstricker Nobb, also known as SN Partners, in Macon. Commissioner Smith, from Congressional District 2, served 11 years with the Boeing Company in St. Louis.

Our mission: The MEC serves the public interest by promoting and maintaining transparency, accountability, and compliance with campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. We educate and assist the citizens of Missouri, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections by increasing awareness and understanding of the law. We investigate and enforce these laws consistently.

Campaign Finance: Post-Election Guidelines

Guidelines for unsuccessful candidates:

If the committee has more money on hand than debt, it must terminate within 30 days of the election (December 5, 2024). See our [Terminating a Committee Information Sheet](#) for details.

If the committee has more debt than money on hand, it may [file an amended Statement of Committee Organization](#) to convert to a debt service committee. Debt service committees must terminate within 30 days of dissolution, but no later than 18 months after conversion.

Guidelines for successful candidates:

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 required).

Successful candidates may keep their committee open and active. Such committees should [file an amended Statement of Committee Organization](#), updating their election date to continue receiving timely, relevant reporting reminders.

Remember, for candidate committees, contributor aggregates and contribution limits run over the course of an election cycle. Once your general election concludes, your committee may begin accepting contributions for your next election cycle.

Guidelines for campaign committees:

Campaign committees must officially terminate their committee the later of 30 days after the election or upon the elimination of all committee debt. See our [Terminating a Committee Information Sheet](#) for details.

A message from outgoing Executive Director, Liz Ziegler

When I came to the State of Missouri as a young attorney, I could never have dreamed that after 38 years of continuous service, I would be concluding my public career as the MEC director, an office that did not exist at the time.

While all states have a variety of models of Ethics Commissions, the MEC is the most comprehensive, serving statewide and local employees and public officials, lobbyists, candidates and treasurers. The MEC is unlike any other in the country by placing a limit of a six-year term on the director. I was honored to assume this role in 2018 when the Commissioners put their trust in me, having served the Commission since 2006, and allowing for the continuity of our mission and service to our regulated community and the public.

I cannot say enough about our team of staff members who provide professional assistance, and consistent and fair enforcement. They know the importance of their role and live it daily. It is gratifying to hear regularly from those who rely on their assistance and training, or who are involved in an enforcement matter, the great service and fairness they have experienced.

Thank you to our commissioners who have served throughout the years and who will continue in this very important role.

So, while my time with the Commission and the State has come to an end, the hard work of our team that all of you rely on continues.



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Lobbyists: Renew your registration for 2025

Missouri lobbyists must annually renew their registration with the MEC and pay a \$10 renewal fee. Renew your registration between December 1, 2024, and January 5, 2025, for calendar year 2025. If your lobbyist renewal and payment is not complete by January 5, your lobbyist status will be terminated, effective December 31. To renew your registration:

- 1 [Log in](#) to the lobbyist electronic filing system.
- 2 **Starting on December 1, 2024, a registration renewal prompt will appear at the top of the screen.** Click the prompt link to begin. Review your lobbyist information and make any changes, if necessary. Once everything looks correct, click "Agree."
- 3 **Pay your \$10 registration renewal fee.** You will be directed to a secure vendor to pay electronically, but you may choose to mail a check or money order to the MEC (PO Box 1370, Jefferson City, MO 65102) or drop off your payment in-person or using our drop-box (3411 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109).

Calendar Check

OCTOBER 2024						
	10/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due				
	10/14	State offices closed: Columbus Day				
	10/15	Mandatory October Quarterly Report due				
	10/28	8 Day Before November Election Report due				
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NOVEMBER 2024						
	11/5	Election Day—Go Vote!				
	11/11	State offices closed: Veterans Day				
	11/12	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due				
	11/28	State offices closed: Thanksgiving				
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DECEMBER 2024						
	12/5	30 Day After November Election Report due				
	12/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due				
	12/16	Annual filers list due				
	12/25	State offices closed: Christmas				
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