

FAQs: Article VIII, Section 23

What are the contribution limits and what candidates do the limits apply to?

Article VIII, Section 23. 3(1), provides a contribution limit of \$2,600 from any person, other than the candidate, to elect an individual to the Missouri state offices of:

- Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- State Senator
- State Judicial Office
- Lieutenant Governor
- State Treasurer
- Attorney General
- State Representative
- Other State Office

Are there restrictions in Article VIII, Section 23 that apply to both state and local candidates?

Yes, while the contributions limits do not apply to local candidates, there are numerous provisions that apply to all candidate committees, including local candidate committees:

- Candidate committees are prohibited from accepting or making contributions to another candidate committee, including federal candidate committees
- Candidate committees cannot make contributions to PACs/continuing committees
- Candidate committees cannot receive contributions from corporations (with some exceptions) and labor organizations directly ([see question](#) on corporation and labor organization contributions)
- Candidate committees can receive contributions from PACs/continuing committees
- Candidate committees can make contributions to, and receive contributions from political party committees

 For new requirements provided in Article VIII, Section 23, including advisory opinions go to our [website](#).

Political Subdivisions: Is your contact information up to date? If not, log in and update.

Check Status of your filers:

- Go to [our website](#).
- Log in to the [Political Subdivision Filing System](#) (use your subdivision log in information. HINT: the MEC Online ID begins with the letter "S".)
- Select the "Filer Status" GO button and view each filer's status. Verify that your designated required filers have submitted their PFD.

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Have you filed your PFD?

Annual Filers: May 1st deadline is fast approaching!

If your name was submitted to our office by a political subdivision (ex: state agency, county, city, board, school district, etc.) as a person required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) statement because of a position you held or now hold with that subdivision, then you must file your PFD by **5:00 pm on May 1st, 2017** (or post-marked by April 30th, 2017). Time period covered is from Jan 1st, 2016 - Dec 31st, 2016 (or portion of year that you served).



E-File your PFD

1. **Complete [PFD E-Filer Account Request](#).**
2. Upon receipt of your MEC Online ID & Password (sent to the email address provided), **log-in** to the [PFD E-Filing System](#).

 See [PFD FAQs](#) for more info.

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.

Lobbying Report Due

List of Principals & Legislative Action—Due May 30th

Avoid these common reporting errors:

- Only one report is required per principal; any one of multiple lobbyists that are registered to lobby on behalf of a principal may report for that principal.
- Must include general description of the proposed action.
- Report includes the lobbying of any action by an official agency, board or commission of state government (ex: if lobbying the head of a state agency, that action is reportable).

MEC Employee Spotlight

Brenda Luadzers: Employee of the Quarter

Brenda was one of the key individuals to organize and complete the election/candidate packets mailed out in the last quarter of 2016. She was proactive in contacting the Print Shop and appropriate offices regarding the supplies needed. She also contacted state mail services in advance to obtain the best delivery method in order to achieve a cost-effective and timely delivery. This preparation ensured the compiling of the packets was streamlined and efficient. She spent many hours in the conference room stuffing, sealing and labeling the packets. She did this with a smile on her face and with lots of humor which made the process more enjoyable for all involved. Also during the compiling she was very courteous with the state mail team and provided as much advanced notice as to the number of mail tubs that would be ready for pick up in the morning and afternoon. Brenda's hard work and dedication to this project made it a success. Well done, Brenda!

Lobbyist Expenditure Data Search

This new search adds the ability to search all lobbyist expenditures by recipient name.

Search all expenditures reported by a lobbyist made on behalf of any group or individual including a state public official, their employee/staff, spouse/child, a department head and their staff, and a local elected official in a municipality with a budget over \$10 million.

Additional information can be found from the search results by selecting the lobbyist, the recipient, or the dollar amount.

 [Lobbyist Expenditure Data Search](#)

Step 1 - Select the Report Year and Month (required)

Report Year: 2008
Report Month: January to December

Step 2 - Limit your search by the Expenditure(s) Type or Amount (optional)

Expenditure Types: Individual Solicitation Group

Expenditure Amount: \$ to \$

Step 3 - Limit your search by the Recipient (optional)

Recipient Name:

Results from the selections below will only apply to individual and/or solicitation expenditure types. Results will include employee/staff and spouse/child expenditures.

Recipient Type: Representative Senator Statewide Official Supreme Court Judge Local Elected Officials Other Public Officials

Campaign Finance Disclosure Reminders

- **April Quarterly:** All committees must file April quarterly report no later than Monday, April 17th. View reporting deadlines in the [2017 Filing Dates Calendar](#).
- Successful candidates must file **30 Day After Election Report** (if have expenditures or contributions made) BEFORE being sworn-in. Time period is from day after last report closed through the day before the swearing-in.
- Payments to **campaign workers** must be itemized, regardless of the amount. A campaign worker is someone that you hire to assist with your campaign activities (does not include unpaid volunteers).
- **Continuing (PACS) and Political Party Committees** report for the current calendar year. If April Quarterly is first report this year, remember to begin the committee's totals for receipts, expenditures and contributions made at zero (\$0.00) for 2017. The ending report totals for Money on Hand and Indebtedness are brought forward each reporting period for the life of the committee.
- The **48 Hour Report of Contribution of \$5,000** is required for a contribution (including a loan) received over \$5,000. It must be filed within 48 hours of receipt and filed electronically.

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