MEC News

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Personal Financial Disclosure:

Have you filed?

Many public employees and officials must annually file a Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) statement with the MEC to prevent any potential conflicts of interest.

If you are an annual PFD filer under Missouri law or designated as an annual PFD filer by your political subdivision (ex: city, county, district, etc.), you must file your PFD with the MEC by, May 1, 2025.

Electronically File Your PFD:

- Click here to log-in to the PFD e-filing system.
- Can't find your login info? Click <u>here</u> to send your ID and password to your registered email address.





Annual Filer Deadline:

May 1, 2025

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Campaign finance reports available online

Time Period Covered:

Disclose financial interests from 1/1/2024— 12/31/2024. If you only served a portion of the year, 1/1/2024—the last day you held the position.

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 reports available online
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The MEC offers numerous ways to search for and view campaign finance information filed with our office. Whether you want to search for a specific committee's reports, review reports for all candidate or campaign committees involved in a specific election, see a list of contributions valued over \$5,000, or more, the MEC has a search function to help you find the information you need to stay informed.

For more information on how to search our campaign finance data, see our <u>Following</u> <u>Campaign Finance Money Tutorial Series</u> on YouTube.



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.

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After-election requirements for candidate committees

After-election options and requirements for candidate committees differ depending on whether the candidate was successfully elected to public office.

Successful candidates:

- Before being sworn-in to office, successful candidates must file outstanding campaign finance reports, including the *30 Day After Election Report*.
- Successful candidates may choose to either terminate their committee or keep their committee open.
- Successful candidates who choose to keep their committee open should amend their *Statement of Committee Organization* to reflect their next election date to receive important filing reminders.
- Successful candidates who choose to terminate must disburse remaining funds, settle remaining debt, close their bank account, and file a *Termination Statement* along with a full disclosure report.

Unsuccessful candidates:

- Unsuccessful candidates with more money on hand than debt must terminate within 30 days of the general election. Unsuccessful candidates with more debt than money on hand may convert to a debt service committee to retire committee debt.
- To terminate your committee, disburse any remaining funds, settle any committee debt, close your committee's bank account, and file a *Termination Statement* along with a full disclosure report.
- To amend to a debt service committee, amend your *Statement of Committee Organization* to reflect that your committee is now a debt service committee.

See the MEC's <u>After Election Guidelines Information Sheet</u> and <u>Terminating a Committee Information Sheet</u>.



Register now! Webinar training for clerks and local election authorities

Join the MEC for a webinar series created for Missouri's clerks and local election authorities. These webinars are your pathway to understanding MEC requirements for political subdivisions

- Begin with "Ethics Requirements for Political Subdivisions," where we explain how to determine and file your subdivision's annual operating budget (AOB) and the adoption and/or re-adoption of a conflict of interest ordinance.
- 2. Move on to "**Preparing for Candidate Filing**," containing an in-depth review of the materials provided in MEC election packets and how to use those materials during the candidate filing process.
- In "Completing the Annual PFD Filers List," political subdivisions with an AOB over \$1 million will receive a step-by-step demonstration of how to electronically file a political subdivision's list of annual PFD filers.
- 4. Finally, in "Completing the Candidate PFD Filers List," political subdivisions with an AOB over \$1 million will receive a step-by-step demonstration of how to file a political subdivision's list of candidates in the April 2026 election that are required to file a PFD.

Two sessions are offered for each topic. Space is limited and registration is required. <u>Click here to</u> register for the MEC's Local Election Authority <u>Training Series.</u>

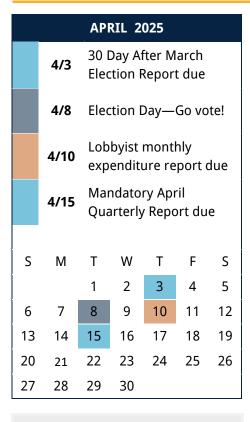
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We're Hiring! Reporting Specialist Position Available

The MEC is seeking a customer service-oriented individual to join its Jefferson City team as a Reporting Specialist. Duties include assisting candidates and public officials in state and local office and committee treasurers required to file campaign finance reports with the MEC. On-site job training and support will be provided. The ideal candidate has an associates degree or two years of experience and possession of a high school diploma/GED. Learn more about this position here.



MEC Tip: Add deadlines to a calendar you check regularly to avoid penalties.

Calendar Check

MAY 2025										
	5/1	Annual Filer PFD due								
	5/8	Truman Day—State offices closed								
	5/9	30 Day After April Election Report due								
	5/12	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due								
	5/26	Memorial Day—State offices closed								
	5/30	List of Principals and Legislative Action Report due								
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JUNE 2025										
	6/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due								
	6/19	Juneteenth—State offices closed								
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Mandatory July Quarterly Report due July 15, 2025



