

# MEC News

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## 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) Filing Deadlines

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### 2022 Annual Filers

If a political subdivision listed you as a person required to file a PFD due to a position held in 2021, you must file your PFD no later than **May 2, 2022**. You should have received a letter with e-filing instructions, your MEC ID, and your password.

Annual filers who are also candidates should adhere to the earlier due date. Annual filers must file for each year (or portion of a year) for which they hold a position that requires the filing of a PFD.

Failure to file by May 2, 2022, results in a late filing fee of \$10 per day. After 30 days, the fee increases to \$100 per day, not to exceed \$6,000. Additional penalties may also apply.

### Important Reminder:

The MEC cannot enforce a political subdivision's conflict of interest ordinance.

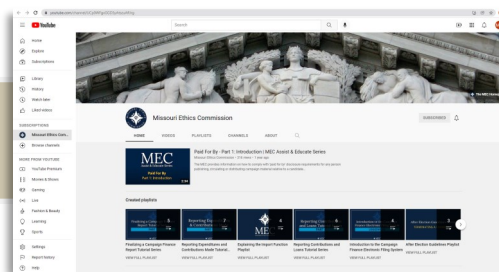
If a subdivision has a conflict of interest ordinance on file and PFD deadlines are not met, penalties can only be enforced by the subdivision according to its ordinance.

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## Campaign Finance Electronic Filing Tutorials Now Available

If you need help filing your committee's campaign finance reports, consult our new YouTube tutorials. These videos take you step-by-step through the campaign finance electronic filing system.



[youtube.com/MOEthics](https://youtube.com/MOEthics)

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 FAQs

### When do I need to register as a lobbyist?

Missouri law requires lobbyists register within five days of beginning lobbying activities. Actions that constitute “lobbying activities” can differ depending on the type of lobbyist. See §105.470 for more information.

### What reports must be filed by a lobbyist?

Lobbyists must file with the MEC:

- Monthly expenditure reports, due by the 10th of each month
- List of Principals and Legislative Action Report due March 15 and May 30 annually

### What are the gift restrictions for members and employees of the General Assembly?

The Missouri Constitution prohibits members and employees of the General Assembly from receiving gifts of any tangible or intangible item, service, or thing of value from a paid lobbyist or principal.

This does not prevent individuals from receiving gifts, family support, or anything of value from those related to them within the 4th degree by blood or marriage.

### Lingering questions?

Click [here](#) to view a full list of lobbying FAQs.

## Paid for By Requirements for Printed Materials

As election season begins in earnest, don’t forget to disclose who paid for your campaign materials.

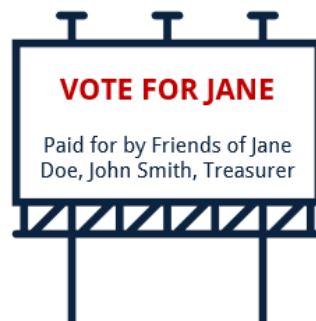
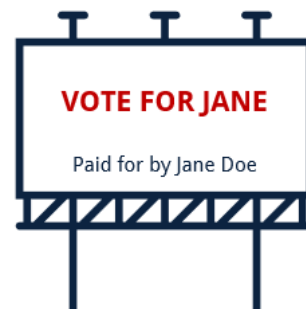
The law requires any promotional or informational printed materials related to a candidate or ballot measure to contain the proper “paid for by” disclosure.

The exact wording of this disclosure differs depending on whether a candidate, committee, business/organization, or individual paid for the materials.

Be sure to review our Paid For By Requirements [brochure](#) and [tutorial series](#) to make sure you stay in compliance with these laws.

### I’m running for office—what should my “paid for by” disclosure say?

- If candidate paid for the sign from their personal funds (when no candidate committee exists):
  - “Paid for by (First Name) (Last Name)”
- If a candidate committee paid for the sign:
  - “Paid for by (committee name), (treasurer’s name), Treasurer”



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## Register for an MEC Webinar

With sessions on filing campaign finance reports, registering a committee, filing a PFD, and more, our webinars have helped hundreds of people comply with Missouri's complicated ethics laws.

Click [here](#) for dates, details, and registration information.



## We're Hiring! General Counsel

This position serves as legal advisor to the Commission and MEC staff, and is responsible for the overall planning, direction, and coordination of the Commission's legal actions. Successful candidate must possess a JD degree from an accredited university, be admitted to the Missouri Bar, and have at least five years' legal experience. Learn more [here](#).

## Calendar Check

### JANUARY 2022

1/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due					
1/11	14-day PFD deadline for April 5 candidates					
1/17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—MEC office closed					
1/18	21-day PFD deadline for April 5 candidates					
1/18	January Quarterly Report due					
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### FEBRUARY 2022

2/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due
2/11	State holiday—MEC office closed
2/21	President’s day—MEC office closed
2/24	40 Day Before April Election Report due

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### MARCH 2022

3/10	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due					
3/15	List of Principals and Legislative Action Report due					
3/28	8 Day Before April Election Report due					
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**Coming Soon:**  
Mandatory April Quarterly Report due April 15

