

## What's New With Amendment 2?

With litigation pending, Amendment 2 (now known as Article VIII, Sec. 23) faces potential changes over time. A dedicated section of the [MEC homepage](#) connects users to updated information as it becomes available.

This [link](#) also provides advisory opinions and answers to frequently asked questions. As this is the best practice, the MEC recommends checking often to stay informed about Article VIII, Section 23.

### Constitutional Article VIII, Section 23

1. This section shall be known as the "Missouri Campaign Contribution Reform Initiative."
2. The people of the state of Missouri hereby find and declare that excessive campaign contributions to political candidates create the potential for corruption and the appearance of corruption; that large

### Frequently Asked Questions

Available on our website is a compilation of common questions regarding Article VIII, Section 23.

Recent updates to the FAQs pertain to political action committees (PAC), corporations and labor organizations, and candidate committees.



### Advisory Opinions

The Commission issued several [opinions](#) regarding Article VIII, Section 23. The full opinions can be found on the [Advisory Opinions](#) page of the MEC website.

## Political Subdivisions: Important Dates

### Conflict of Interest Ordinance/Resolution

If you do not adopt (or re-adopt) a conflict of interest ordinance or resolution, ALL elected, appointed, and decision making personnel, as well as candidates, are required to file a PFD.

If you do adopt a new ordinance (or re-adopt your current ordinance), the deadline is **Sept 15th**. The ordinance must be adopted (or re-adopted), every two years, at an open meeting. A certified copy must be mailed to MEC within 10 days of the adoption (or re-adoption).

See [§105.485 RSMo](#) for minimum ordinance requirements. In addition to the minimum requirements, consider including the following:

- Penalties for late filing, failing to file or follow ordinance, etc.
- Filing requirements for candidates.

### Annual Operating Budget (See below, E-File: AOB)

In order to identify persons required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) statement, political subdivisions must confirm to the MEC whether their Annual Operating Budget (AOB) is:

- Over \$1 million; or
- \$1 million or under

### E-File: AOB

Starting Wed. July 5<sup>th</sup>, through Mon. August 7<sup>th</sup>, go to our website and:

1. Log into the Political Subdivision E-filing System (use your political subdivision's log-in information)
2. Update subdivision contact information (if necessary)
3. Confirm your AOB (you will receive email confirmation)

For more information, view the [MEC Year At A Glance Political Subdivision Calendar](#)



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**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 Tips

A direct expenditure made to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure is an expenditure that has been made, typically by continuing (political action/PAC) or political party committees, to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. No money was given to the candidate or campaign committee, the money was paid directly to the vendor.

**How to report:** There are two and possibly three steps in reporting a direct expenditure made to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure.

1. The expenditure is initially recorded in the e-filing system in the Expenditures Made section.

2. Details of the expenditure are entered in the Expenditure Made to Support or Oppose a Candidate or Ballot Measure supplemental forms section. The supplemental information reflects the total amount paid and provides information about the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed.

3. If the recipient of the expenditure has coordination or consultation, etc., the committee making the expenditure also reports it as an In-Kind Contribution Made (ex: PAC working with candidate to pay for/place advertisement in support of candidacy). The committee receiving the in-kind contribution will report it as such.



### What is a Miscellaneous Receipt?

A **miscellaneous receipt** is money coming in other than as a contribution or loan received. Examples of items which would be reported as miscellaneous receipts are listed below.

#### Miscellaneous Receipts:

Interest Earned  
Receipt of a rejected contribution  
Refund for return of merchandise

#### Contributions (not misc. receipts):

Dues  
Funds received from sale of t-shirts or other items  
Pass the hat/ ticket sales

## MEC Employee Spotlight

**Joyce Baker: Employee of the Quarter** (January 1 to March 31, 2017)

Joyce is a great example of someone whose patience stands out each and every day. Under often stressful situations when many callers are close to the deadline to file their personal financial disclosure reports, Joyce maintains the utmost professionalism on the telephone. She is consistently pleasant, polished and demonstrates patience. Joyce has handled a large call volume almost daily since filers were notified of their obligation to file the personal financial disclosure report. She handles each new call with determination and everyone is treated identically. Excellent work Joyce!

### Recording-keeping and Reporting of Contributor's Contractual Relationship:

Section 130.041 RSMo, requires a candidate committee to make a reasonable effort to obtain and report a description of any contractual relationship **over \$500** that a contributor has with the political subdivision in which the candidate is running for office.

See page 10 of [A Guide to Record-Keeping](#) for a sample of the information to be gathered and reported.



**July Quarterly Report Due Monday, July 17th: All committees must file.**

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