

## MO Constitution Article III, Section 2

Amendment 1, also known as Clean Missouri, was approved by nearly 1.5 million Missouri voters on November 6, 2018. The provisions in Amendment 1 include nonpartisan redistricting, limitations on lobbying activities, and adjustments to campaign finance restrictions.

The MEC recommends referencing the Amendment 1 [link](#) on the MEC homepage for the most up to date information on this constitutional amendment. The Commission recently issued three advisory opinions interpreting the lobbyist gift restriction and the revolving door restriction. The MEC recommends checking often to stay informed about Missouri Constitutional Article III, Section 2 for up-to-date opinions and Frequently Asked Questions.



### Advisory Opinions

**[2019.05.L.003](#)** This opinion addresses the applicability of the lobbyist gift restriction in Article III, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution in a variety of situations common to a member of the Missouri General Assembly. This opinion may also apply to employees of the General Assembly.

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**[2019.05.L.005](#)** The question of whether a person may be a lobbyist in another state can only be answered by reference to the applicable laws of that state. Accordingly, Article III, Section 2 would not prohibit a former Missouri Legislator from Lobbying in another state immediately after serving the Missouri General Assembly. This opinion may also apply to employees of the General Assembly.

## Political Subdivisions: Important Dates

### Conflict of Interest Ordinance/Resolution

If your political subdivision does 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 Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) with the MEC.

If your political subdivision does adopt a new ordinance (or re-adopt your current ordinance), the deadline to file it with the MEC is **September 15**. The ordinance must be adopted (or re-adopted), every two years, at an open meeting. A certified copy must be sent to the 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 July 1, through August 7, 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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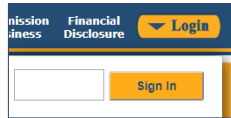
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**Our Mission:** The MEC serves the public interest by promoting and maintaining transparency, accountability, and compliance with campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. We educate and assist the citizens of Missouri, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections by increasing awareness and understanding of the law. We investigate and enforce these laws consistently.

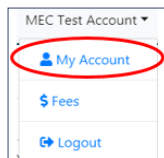
## Lobbyist Tip: Resetting Your Password

Tired of trying to remember your auto-generated password? Change it!

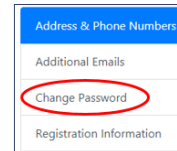
- 1** Log into your lobbyist account as you normally would.



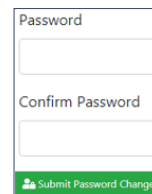
- 2** In the upper right hand corner click on your name, then select *My Account*.



- 3** On the left, select *Change Password*.



- 4** Create your new password in the *Password* field. Confirm your password and click *Submit Password Change*.



Visit our [website](#) to access your lobbyist account

## Employee Spotlight

### Melissa Hughes: Senior Auditor Investigator

Melissa Hughes has been with the MEC since December 2014. She moved from Kansas City, MO in 2001 and now lives in Jefferson City with her two children, son-in-law, three dogs, and two cats. Melissa received her Associate's Degree in Network Administration in 2003 and her Bachelor's in Business Management from Columbia College in 2005. In 2008, she began working for the State of Missouri with the MCHCP. She's always considered herself a "numbers" person, but it wasn't until she became an Unemployment Insurance Auditor for the Department of Labor's Division of Employment Security that she realized her desire to continue in the field of Auditing. In her free time, Melissa enjoys cooking, swimming, spending time at church and with her family.

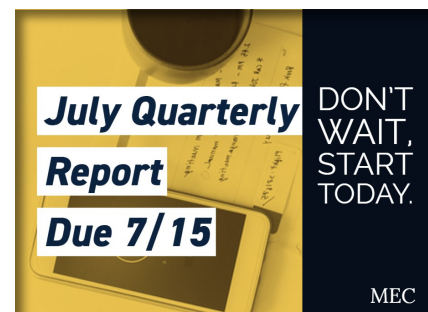
### Kaylee Sharp: New Team Member

Kaylee Sharp joined the Missouri Ethics Commission on July 1, 2019, as the Training Assistant. She moved to Jefferson City in January of 2019, from Savannah, MO. Kaylee is a recent graduate of Missouri Western State University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Prior to her graduation, she completed a policy internship with the Missouri Senate and taught clinical legal education English in Myanmar. In her free time, Kaylee enjoys watching movies, traveling, hiking, and spending time with friends and family.

## Terminating a Committee

**Attention Candidates:** If you plan to terminate your candidate committee and have closed your committee bank account you must also file an online termination statement and disclosure report with the MEC to *officially* terminate your committee. If you do not submit your termination statement and disclosure report, you will be required to submit regular quarterly reports. Failure to continue to submit reports in a timely manner could result in late fees of up to \$3000.

For more information on terminating a committee, read our [brochure](#).



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