

Federal PAC Rules Amended

On August 8, 2019, the MEC filed emergency amendments to the rules relating to registration and reporting by federal political action committees. These rules were amended to incorporate recent Constitutional Amendments prohibiting candidates for the General Assembly from accepting contributions from federal PACs unless those PACs register and file disclosure reports with the MEC. The existing monetary thresholds remain for all other federal PACs. In addition, it will no longer be necessary to put "Federal Committee" in the name of the committee (see Online Committee Registration). When registering a committee, users will select 'Continuing (Fed PAC)' as the committee type.

Online Committee Registration

Coming very soon, all new committees will be able to electronically submit the *Statement of Committee Organization* (CO1). Committees will still file amended CO1's on paper until further notice.

Visit our [website](#) to access more details and complete copies of all MEC proposed rules.



Personal Financial Disclosure Annual Filers

Political subdivisions with an annual operating budget (AOB) over \$1 million will [electronically](#) submit their list of required annual Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) filers to the MEC by December 2, 2019.

Upon logging in to the [Political Subdivision e-File system](#), both last year's annual filers and last year's candidates will be displayed. Carefully review each section, update each filer, and remove those no longer required to file.

Reminder: If an annual filer held the position at any time in 2019, they are required to file for the time period served. Each political subdivision must notify designated filers that their names have been submitted. The MEC will also send notice to each filer in January.

PFDs are due by May 1, 2020, unless the annual filer is also a candidate. If the annual filer is a candidate, their PFD is due 14 days after closing of filing for candidacy.

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2020 Election News

ATTENTION ELECTION AUTHORITIES: 2020 Election Packets are Coming Soon!

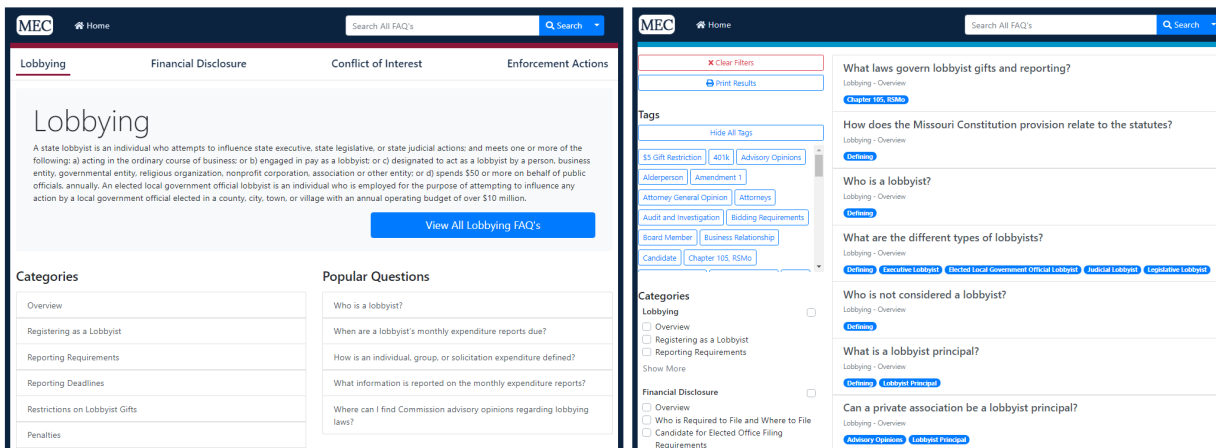
- **Review the entire packet:** Instruction letter; 2020 Guide to Ethics Law; PFD Forms (AOB>\$1mil); and Notice to Candidate.
- **Review your Candidate Declaration form!** It should include that candidates have no outstanding campaign disclosure reports due from any prior elections. Contact the MEC for more information. § 130.071.2, RSMo.
- **Remember:** § 130.071.1, RSMo prohibits candidates from taking office until all reports are filed.

Be sure to discard all old election materials and only use the 2020 materials!

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.

New FAQ System

We are proud to announce the newest updates to our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) system! The new system will allow users to easily access the answers to their general ethics questions 24/7.



The new system will provide users the opportunity to tailor their experience by searching by topic and keyword or browsing the system to find exactly what they are looking for. Users can also suggest questions of interest or ways to make answers more helpful.

MEC staff are constantly monitoring customer questions and adding popular questions to the FAQ system.

Visit our [website](#) to view the new FAQ system!

Assessment of Late Fees

For filers required to file their campaign finance reports with the MEC, Missouri law establishes a \$10 per day late fee for all reports, with the exception of a candidate's 8 Day Before Election Report. The late fee for the 8 Day Before Election Report is assessed at \$100 per day for the first 8 days and \$10 per day thereafter. There is a \$3,000 maximum late fee for each report.

Late fees are imposed by statute and cannot be adjusted by the MEC. However, there is an appeals process in which candidate committees may appeal fees to the Missouri Ethics Commission. Other types of committees must appeal to the Administrative Hearing Commission.

The only way to avoid late filing fees is to timely file all reports!

MEC Tip

The Missouri Ethics Commission recommends adding all reporting deadlines to a personal calendar that will notify you of upcoming due dates. The MEC attempts to email reminders for campaign finance reports and lobbyist monthly expenditure reports, but reminders are not guaranteed. For example, in the event of system failure reminders may not be able to be sent.

Adding all deadlines to a personal calendar is advised.



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Lobbyist How To

Removing a Lobbyist Principal

- 1 Log in to your lobbyist account as you normally would.

- 2 Scroll down to the bottom of your dashboard and click *View All Principals*.

- 3 Select the principal you want to remove and click *Remove*.

- 4 Enter the date the business relationship ended and click *Remove* again.

Changing or Adding Email Accounts

- 1 Log in to your lobbyist account as you normally would.

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

- 3 To change an email address, replace the old address in the *Email* field. Scroll down and click *Save* to save the new address.

- 4 To add an email, click *Additional Email* on the left and enter the email address you would like to add.

Lobbyist Registration

Beginning December 1, 2019, lobbyists will be able to register for 2020.

State law requires lobbyists to register annually by January 5. To register, log in to your lobbyist account, submit the registration form, and pay the \$10 registration fee.

Lobbyist Monthly Expenditure Reports

Due by 5pm on
10/10, 11/12, & 12/10

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START
TODAY.

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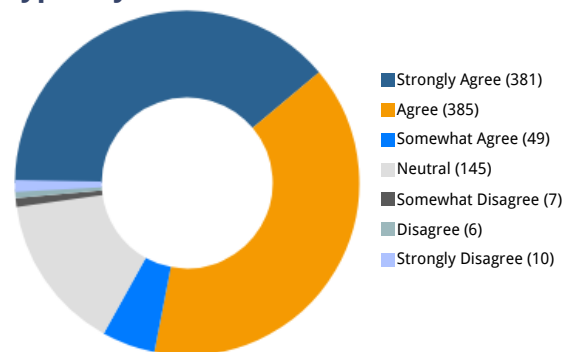
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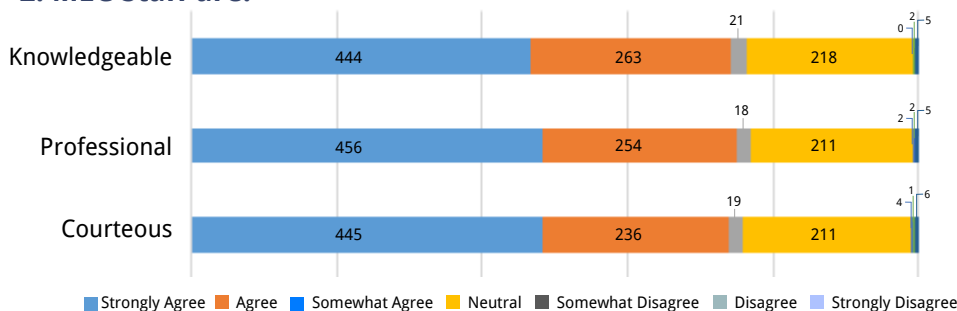
MEC Survey Results

In August, the MEC sent an online survey to anyone who files reports or is registered with our office. The goal of the survey was to gauge customer satisfaction with our staff, services, and resources. Thank you to those who took the time to complete our survey. Your feedback is appreciated! Results from two of the survey questions are noted here:

1. I am satisfied with the service I typically receive.



2. MEC Staff are:



The MEC always welcomes feedback or suggestions for improvements. Completing future MEC surveys can help us understand how to better serve you!

Employee Spotlight

Shawna Hillen: Personal Financial Disclosure Reporting Specialist

Shawna Hillen joined the MEC team in July, 2019. She was born and raised in Jefferson City and now lives in Holts Summit with her husband, eight children, and four cats. After graduating from Jefferson City High School in 2003, Shawna immediately began working at the State Auditor's Office, where she worked for six years until she decided to be a stay-at-home mother. Shawna returned to the State at the Department of Social Services and worked there for four years before coming to the MEC. In her free time, Shawna loves to read, swim, and watch movies/television shows with her husband and kids.

Debbie Pate: Campaign Finance Reporting Specialist

Debbie Pate joined our team in September, 2019, replacing Glenda Elliott as a campaign finance reporting specialist. Debbie grew up in New Haven, Missouri, then moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to attend cosmetology school. After working for several years as a cosmetologist, she worked as a state contractor researching and correcting MoHealth Net cases before coming to the MEC. Debbie is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Columbia College, all while working full-time and raising her two sons, Lucien and Roman. In her free time, she enjoys watching documentaries, bike-riding, reading, and finding new adventures with her sons.

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