# MEC News

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# Political Subdivisions: Annual Filers List Reminder

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Political subdivisions with an annual operating budget over \$1 million will electronically submit their list of required annual Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) filers to the MEC by December 14, 2021.

Upon logging in to the Political Subdivision E-Filing 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 2021, 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.

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## Election Authorities: 2022 Election Packets Coming Soon

- Review the entire packet: instruction letter, 2022 Guide to Ethics Laws, PFD Forms (AOB > \$1 million), 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.
- **Remember:** § 130.071.1, RSMo prohibits candidates from taking office until all reports are filed

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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# Personal Financial Disclosure Updates

<u>House Bill 271</u> changed the deadlines to file for candidacy in 2022 elections. As a result, candidates and annual filers who must disclose their financial interests during the 2021 calendar year may e-file their PFD starting 1/1/2022. See below for important PFD dates.

# What is the required time period covered on a PFD for April 2022 candidates?

The answer differs depending on whether you are a current officeholder or a new candidate:

- If current officeholder: your PFD will disclose your financial interests between 12/28/20 through 12/31/21. If you file after 1/1/22, this will fulfill your candidate and annual PFD filing requirement.
- If <u>not</u> current officeholder: your PFD will disclose your financial interests between 12/28/20 and 12/28/21.

Election Date	Candidate Filing Closes	14-Day Deadline	21-Day Deadline
2/8/22	11/2/21	11/16/21	11/23/21
3/8/22	11/30/21	12/14/21	12/21/21
4/5/22	12/28/21	1/11/22	1/18/22
8/2/22	3/29/22	4/12/22	4/19/22
11/8/22	8/2/22	8/16/22	8/23/22

# Need help? Explore our Virtual Resources

Ethics law is complicated. Our virtual resources have answers to your questions.

#### Sign up for a <u>webinar</u>



Topics include filing campaign finance reports, submitting an annual/candidate PFD filers list, filing a PFD, when to register a committee, and more! Click <u>here</u> for dates and registration.



#### Visit our <u>YouTube</u> channel

View step-by-step campaign finance e-filing videos. New videos and topics are added regularly so be sure to subscribe for updates.

#### Search our **FAQs**



View and search hundreds of questions related to campaign finance, personal financial disclosure, conflict of interest, lobbying, and enforcement

### Lobbyist Registration Reminder

# Beginning December 1, 2021 lobbyists will be able to register for 2022.

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.

Phone: 800-392-8660 or 573-751-2020 Email: Helpdesk@mec.mo.gov Website: www.mec.mo.gov

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# We're Hiring! **Reporting Specialist**

This position will assist those required to file campaign finance and personal financial disclosure reports. Duties also include entering and updating information in electronic systems, and reports for completeness and accuracy.

A degree from an accredited college or university is preferred. High school diploma or equivalent and two years work experience required.

Learn more here.



# **Employee Spotlight: Kyle Cronin**

Kyle Cronin is the Commission Counsel and newest member of the MEC team. He has previously worked in the Missouri House of Representatives and the St. Louis County Legal Department. Kyle received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and his JD from Saint Louis University. A Ballwin native, Kyle recently moved to mid-Missouri, where he enjoys playing with his cats, playing board and video games, hiking, and jogging.

OCTOBER 2021					NOVEMBER 2021							DECEMBER 2021									
	10/11 State Holiday—MEC Office Closed						11/10	11/10 Lobbyist Monthly Expenditure Report						12/1	12/1 2022 Lobbyist Registration Begins						
	<b>10/12</b> Lobbyist Monthly Expenditure Report due					<b>11/11</b> Veterans Day—MEC Office Closed							12/10	D Lobbyist Monthly Expenditure Report							
	10/15 October Quarterly				<b>11/25</b> Thanksgiving—MEC Office							12/14 Subdivision's Annual PFE Filers List Due									
	Report due						Closed							12/24		Christmas (observed) - MEC Office Closed					
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# **Calendar Check**



