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 annual PFD filers to the MEC by **December 15, 2022**.

Upon logging in to the Political Subdivision E-Filing System, both last year's annual filers and last year's candidates will be displayed. 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 2022, 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 filers in January if their name has been submitted.



Due by Dec. 15, 2022



How-to webinar on Dec. 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. Register <u>here</u>.



Click <u>here</u> to log in to the Political Subdivision E-filing System

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Election Authorities:2023 Election Packets Coming Soon

- Review the entire packet: instruction letter, 2023 Guide to Ethics Laws, PFD forms (AOB > \$1 million), Notice to Candidate.
- Remember: § 130.071.1, RSMo prohibits candidates from filing or taking office until all reports are filed. Consider whether to include that candidates have no outstanding campaign finance disclosure reports due from any prior elections on your Candidate Declaration Form.

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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UPDATE: Contributions from Limited Liability Companies

Consider the following prior to contributing as an LLC or accepting contributions from an LLC.



How do I register an LLC with the MEC?

The MEC has created an online LLC Campaign Finance Registration System.

- 1. Create an account: Click the LLC Campaign Finance Registration link in the Help Center box on mec.mo.gov.
- 2. Login: Click the Login button in the upper right hand corner of the MEC homepage. Then click LLC Login.
- 3. Register: Click "Add LLC Statement." Search by LLC charter number or name. The LLC's member or manager (or equivalent for foreign LLCs) must attest that the LLC meets all the conditions to register and make contributions.



How do I know if an LLC can contribute to my committee?

An LLC without corporate tax status may contribute if it has existed for at least one year, registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, is a legitimate business, and is registered with the MEC. Committees can find a list of registered LLCs using the new <u>LLC Campaign Finance Registration Search</u>.

An LLC with corporate tax status does not need to register with the MEC or exist for any length of time before making a contribution. Remember, however, that candidate committees may not receive contributions from corporations, therefore LLCs with corporate tax status may not contribute to candidate committees. Foreign corporations that are not authorized to do business in Missouri may not contribute to Missouri committees.

Do not assume an LLC's tax status. We recommend verifying this information with the contributing LLC.

Campaign Finance Reminders



Candidate committees cannot receive contributions from union general funds, but they can receive contributions from PACs.



When reporting a contribution from a committee, select the "committee" option at the top of the Monetary and In-Kind Contributions Received section.



No committee may receive contributions in a false name.
Committees should review all contributions prior to acceptance and reporting.



All campaign (ballot issue) committees must terminate the later of 30 days after an election or upon the satisfaction of all debt.

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MEC Survey Results

Thank you to those who participated in the recent MEC customer satisfaction survey! Our office is always looking for ways to better serve you. We appreciate your feedback and are proud to share the following results:

92.5%

Of respondents were satisfied with the MEC resources they used.

94.8%

Of respondents were satisfied with the service they typically receive from the MEC.

96.6%

Of respondents found the MEC staff to be knowledgeable, professional, and courteous.

DECEMBER 2022

Calendar Check

OCTOBER 2022								
	10/1	()	Columbus Day—state offices closed					
	10/1	1	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due					
	10/1	/	October Quarterly Report due					
	10/31 8 Day Before 11/8 Election Report due							
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NOVEMBER 2022								
	11/8	B Ele	Election Day—Go vote!					
	11/1		Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due					
	11/1	1	Veterans Day—state offices closed					
	11/24 Thanksgiving Day— state offices closed					-		
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	12/1		2023 lobbyist registration begins					
	12/8	(30 Day After 11/8 Election Report due					
	12/1	2	Lobbyist monthly expenditure report due					
	12/1	5	Subdivision's annual PFD filers list due					
	12/2	Christmas (observed) - state offices closed						
	Subdivision's candidate 12/29 PFD filers list due (April municipal election)							
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MEC Tip:

Make sure to add your MEC deadlines to a calendar you check regularly to avoid late fees and penalties.



