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AN ACT

To repeal section 130.011 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session and section 130.011 as enacted by house bill no. 1900, ninety-third general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to campaign finance, with an effective date and penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 130.011 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth
2 general assembly, second regular session and section 130.011 as enacted by house
3 bill no. 1900, ninety-third general assembly, second regular session, are repealed
4 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 130.011,
5 130.062, and 130.074, to read as follows:

[130.011. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly
2 indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Appropriate officer" or "appropriate officers", the person
4 or persons designated in section 130.026 to receive certain required
5 statements and reports;

6 (2) "Ballot measure" or "measure", any proposal submitted
7 or intended to be submitted to qualified voters for their approval
8 or rejection, including any proposal submitted by initiative petition,
9 referendum petition, or by the general assembly or any local
10 governmental body having authority to refer proposals to the voter;

11 (3) "Campaign committee", a committee, other than a
12 candidate committee, which shall be formed by an individual or
13 group of individuals to receive contributions or make expenditures

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

14 and whose sole purpose is to support or oppose the qualification
15 and passage of one or more particular ballot measures in an
16 election or the retention of judges under the nonpartisan court
17 plan, such committee shall be formed no later than thirty days
18 prior to the election for which the committee receives contributions
19 or makes expenditures, and which shall terminate the later of
20 either thirty days after the general election or upon the satisfaction
21 of all committee debt after the general election, except that no
22 committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in
23 support of a measure for which the committee was formed;

24 (4) "Candidate", an individual who seeks nomination or
25 election to public office. The term "candidate" includes an elected
26 officeholder who is the subject of a recall election, an individual
27 who seeks nomination by the individual's political party for election
28 to public office, an individual standing for retention in an election
29 to an office to which the individual was previously appointed, an
30 individual who seeks nomination or election whether or not the
31 specific elective public office to be sought has been finally
32 determined by such individual at the time the individual meets the
33 conditions described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision, and
34 an individual who is a write-in candidate as defined in subdivision
35 (28) of this section. A candidate shall be deemed to seek
36 nomination or election when the person first:

37 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or
38 reserves space or facilities with intent to promote the person's
39 candidacy for office; or

40 (b) Knows or has reason to know that contributions are
41 being received or expenditures are being made or space or facilities
42 are being reserved with the intent to promote the person's
43 candidacy for office; except that, such individual shall not be
44 deemed a candidate if the person files a statement with the
45 appropriate officer within five days after learning of the receipt of
46 contributions, the making of expenditures, or the reservation of
47 space or facilities disavowing the candidacy and stating that the
48 person will not accept nomination or take office if elected; provided
49 that, if the election at which such individual is supported as a

50 candidate is to take place within five days after the person's
51 learning of the above-specified activities, the individual shall file
52 the statement disavowing the candidacy within one day; or

53 (c) Announces or files a declaration of candidacy for office;

54 (5) "Candidate committee", a committee which shall be
55 formed by a candidate to receive contributions or make
56 expenditures in behalf of the person's candidacy and which shall
57 continue in existence for use by an elected candidate or which shall
58 terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election
59 for a candidate who was not elected or upon the satisfaction of all
60 committee debt after the election, except that no committee retiring
61 debt shall engage in any other activities in support of the candidate
62 for which the committee was formed. Any candidate for elective
63 office shall have only one candidate committee for the elective office
64 sought, which is controlled directly by the candidate for the
65 purpose of making expenditures. A candidate committee is
66 presumed to be under the control and direction of the candidate
67 unless the candidate files an affidavit with the appropriate officer
68 stating that the committee is acting without control or direction on
69 the candidate's part;

70 (6) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or
71 any negotiable instrument which can be transferred from one
72 person to another person without the signature or endorsement of
73 the transferor;

74 (7) "Check", a check drawn on a state or federal bank, or a
75 draft on a negotiable order of withdrawal account in a savings and
76 loan association or a share draft account in a credit union;

77 (8) "Closing date", the date through which a statement or
78 report is required to be complete;

79 (9) "Committee", a person or any combination of persons,
80 who accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the primary
81 or incidental purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the
82 action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public
83 office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or
84 defeat of any ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a
85 previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or

86 the debts or obligations of a committee or for the purpose of
87 contributing funds to another committee:

88 (a) "Committee", does not include:

89 a. A person or combination of persons, if neither the
90 aggregate of expenditures made nor the aggregate of contributions
91 received during a calendar year exceeds five hundred dollars and
92 if no single contributor has contributed more than two hundred
93 fifty dollars of such aggregate contributions;

94 b. An individual, other than a candidate, who accepts no
95 contributions and who deals only with the individual's own funds
96 or property;

97 c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership,
98 proprietorship, or joint venture organized or operated for a primary
99 or principal purpose other than that of influencing or attempting
100 to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or
101 election to public office of one or more candidates or the
102 qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, and it
103 accepts no contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its
104 own funds or property obtained in the usual course of business or
105 in any commercial or other transaction and which are not
106 contributions as defined by subdivision (11) of this section;

107 d. A labor organization organized or operated for a primary
108 or principal purpose other than that of influencing or attempting
109 to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or
110 election to public office of one or more candidates, or the
111 qualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot measure, and it
112 accepts no contributions, and expenditures made by the
113 organization are from its own funds or property received from
114 membership dues or membership fees which were given or solicited
115 for the purpose of supporting the normal and usual activities and
116 functions of the organization and which are not contributions as
117 defined by subdivision (11) of this section;

118 e. A person who acts as an authorized agent for a
119 committee in soliciting or receiving contributions or in making
120 expenditures or incurring indebtedness on behalf of the committee
121 if such person renders to the committee treasurer or deputy

122 treasurer or candidate, if applicable, an accurate account of each
123 receipt or other transaction in the detail required by the treasurer
124 to comply with all record-keeping and reporting requirements of
125 this chapter;

126 f. Any department, agency, board, institution or other entity
127 of the state or any of its subdivisions or any officer or employee
128 thereof, acting in the person's official capacity;

129 (b) The term "committee" includes, but is not limited to,
130 each of the following committees: campaign committee, candidate
131 committee, political action committee, exploratory committee, and
132 political party committee;

133 (10) "Connected organization", any organization such as a
134 corporation, a labor organization, a membership organization, a
135 cooperative, or trade or professional association which expends
136 funds or provides services or facilities to establish, administer or
137 maintain a committee or to solicit contributions to a committee
138 from its members, officers, directors, employees or security
139 holders. An organization shall be deemed to be the connected
140 organization if more than fifty percent of the persons making
141 contributions to the committee during the current calendar year
142 are members, officers, directors, employees or security holders of
143 such organization or their spouses;

144 (11) "Contribution", a payment, gift, loan, advance, deposit,
145 or donation of money or anything of value for the purpose of
146 supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate
147 for public office or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot
148 measure, or for the support of any committee supporting or
149 opposing candidates or ballot measures or for paying debts or
150 obligations of any candidate or committee previously incurred for
151 the above purposes. A contribution of anything of value shall be
152 deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market
153 value. "Contribution" includes, but is not limited to:

154 (a) A candidate's own money or property used in support of
155 the person's candidacy other than expense of the candidate's food,
156 lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary to the filing for
157 public office;

158 (b) Payment by any person, other than a candidate or
159 committee, to compensate another person for services rendered to
160 that candidate or committee;

161 (c) Receipts from the sale of goods and services, including
162 the sale of advertising space in a brochure, booklet, program or
163 pamphlet of a candidate or committee and the sale of tickets or
164 political merchandise;

165 (d) Receipts from fund-raising events including testimonial
166 affairs;

167 (e) Any loan, guarantee of a loan, cancellation or
168 forgiveness of a loan or debt or other obligation by a third party, or
169 payment of a loan or debt or other obligation by a third party if the
170 loan or debt or other obligation was contracted, used, or intended,
171 in whole or in part, for use in an election campaign or used or
172 intended for the payment of such debts or obligations of a
173 candidate or committee previously incurred, or which was made or
174 received by a committee;

175 (f) Funds received by a committee which are transferred to
176 such committee from another committee or other source, except
177 funds received by a candidate committee as a transfer of funds
178 from another candidate committee controlled by the same candidate
179 but such transfer shall be included in the disclosure reports;

180 (g) Facilities, office space or equipment supplied by any
181 person to a candidate or committee without charge or at reduced
182 charges, except gratuitous space for meeting purposes which is
183 made available regularly to the public, including other candidates
184 or committees, on an equal basis for similar purposes on the same
185 conditions;

186 (h) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other
187 than a connected organization, of the costs of establishing,
188 administering, or maintaining a committee, including legal,
189 accounting and computer services, fund raising and solicitation of
190 contributions for a committee;

191 (i) "Contribution" does not include:

192 a. Ordinary home hospitality or services provided without
193 compensation by individuals volunteering their time in support of

194 or in opposition to a candidate, committee or ballot measure, nor
195 the necessary and ordinary personal expenses of such volunteers
196 incidental to the performance of voluntary activities, so long as no
197 compensation is directly or indirectly asked or given;

198 b. An offer or tender of a contribution which is expressly
199 and unconditionally rejected and returned to the donor within ten
200 business days after receipt or transmitted to the state treasurer;

201 c. Interest earned on deposit of committee funds;

202 d. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed
203 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for
204 establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, or for the
205 solicitation of contributions to a committee which solicitation is
206 solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors,
207 employees or security holders of the connected organization;

208 (12) "County", any one of the several counties of this state
209 or the city of St. Louis;

210 (13) "Disclosure report", an itemized report of receipts,
211 expenditures and incurred indebtedness which is prepared on
212 forms approved by the Missouri ethics commission and filed at the
213 times and places prescribed;

214 (14) "Election", any primary, general or special election held
215 to nominate or elect an individual to public office, to retain or
216 recall an elected officeholder or to submit a ballot measure to the
217 voters, and any caucus or other meeting of a political party or a
218 political party committee at which that party's candidate or
219 candidates for public office are officially selected. A primary
220 election and the succeeding general election shall be considered
221 separate elections;

222 (15) "Expenditure", a payment, advance, conveyance,
223 deposit, donation or contribution of money or anything of value for
224 the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election
225 of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of
226 any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in
227 turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the
228 purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or
229 obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee;

230 a payment, or an agreement or promise to pay, money or anything
231 of value, including a candidate's own money or property, for the
232 purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value
233 for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or
234 election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or
235 passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee
236 which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure
237 or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt
238 or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a
239 committee. An expenditure of anything of value shall be deemed
240 to have a money value equivalent to the fair market
241 value. "Expenditure" includes, but is not limited to:

242 (a) Payment by anyone other than a committee for services
243 of another person rendered to such committee;

244 (b) The purchase of tickets, goods, services or political
245 merchandise in connection with any testimonial affair or
246 fund-raising event of or for candidates or committees, or the
247 purchase of advertising in a brochure, booklet, program or
248 pamphlet of a candidate or committee;

249 (c) The transfer of funds by one committee to another
250 committee;

251 (d) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other
252 than a connected organization for a committee, of the costs of
253 establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, including
254 legal, accounting and computer services, fund raising and
255 solicitation of contributions for a committee; but

256 (e) "Expenditure" does not include:

257 a. Any news story, commentary or editorial which is
258 broadcast or published by any broadcasting station, newspaper,
259 magazine or other periodical without charge to the candidate or to
260 any person supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure;

261 b. The internal dissemination by any membership
262 organization, proprietorship, labor organization, corporation,
263 association or other entity of information advocating the election or
264 defeat of a candidate or candidates or the passage or defeat of a
265 ballot measure or measures to its directors, officers, members,

266 employees or security holders, provided that the cost incurred is
267 reported pursuant to subsection 2 of section 130.051;

268 c. Repayment of a loan, but such repayment shall be
269 indicated in required reports;

270 d. The rendering of voluntary personal services by an
271 individual of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign
272 workers and the payment by such individual of the individual's
273 necessary and ordinary personal expenses incidental to such
274 volunteer activity, provided no compensation is, directly or
275 indirectly, asked or given;

276 e. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed
277 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for
278 establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, or for the
279 solicitation of contributions to a committee which solicitation is
280 solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors,
281 employees or security holders of the connected organization;

282 f. The use of a candidate's own money or property for
283 expense of the candidate's personal food, lodging, travel, and
284 payment of any fee necessary to the filing for public office, if such
285 expense is not reimbursed to the candidate from any source;

286 (16) "Exploratory committees", a committee which shall be
287 formed by an individual to receive contributions and make
288 expenditures on behalf of this individual in determining whether
289 or not the individual seeks elective office. Such committee shall
290 terminate no later than December thirty-first of the year prior to
291 the general election for the possible office;

292 (17) "Fund-raising event", an event such as a dinner,
293 luncheon, reception, coffee, testimonial, rally, auction or similar
294 affair through which contributions are solicited or received by such
295 means as the purchase of tickets, payment of attendance fees,
296 donations for prizes or through the purchase of goods, services or
297 political merchandise;

298 (18) "In-kind contribution" or "in-kind expenditure", a
299 contribution or expenditure in a form other than money;

300 (19) "Labor organization", any organization of any kind, or
301 any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in which

302 employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole
303 or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor
304 disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions
305 of work;

306 (20) "Loan", a transfer of money, property or anything of
307 ascertainable monetary value in exchange for an obligation,
308 conditional or not, to repay in whole or in part and which was
309 contracted, used, or intended for use in an election campaign, or
310 which was made or received by a committee or which was
311 contracted, used, or intended to pay previously incurred campaign
312 debts or obligations of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a
313 committee;

314 (21) "Person", an individual, group of individuals,
315 corporation, partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture,
316 any department, agency, board, institution or other entity of the
317 state or any of its political subdivisions, union, labor organization,
318 trade or professional or business association, association, political
319 party or any executive committee thereof, or any other club or
320 organization however constituted or any officer or employee of such
321 entity acting in the person's official capacity;

322 (22) "Political action committee", a committee of continuing
323 existence which is not formed, controlled or directed by a
324 candidate, and is a committee other than a candidate committee,
325 political party committee, campaign committee, exploratory
326 committee, or debt service committee, whose primary or incidental
327 purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures to
328 influence or attempt to influence the action of voters whether or
329 not a particular candidate or candidates or a particular ballot
330 measure or measures to be supported or opposed has been
331 determined at the time the committee is required to file any
332 statement or report pursuant to the provisions of this
333 chapter. Such a committee includes, but is not limited to, any
334 committee organized or sponsored by a business entity, a labor
335 organization, a professional association, a trade or business
336 association, a club or other organization and whose primary
337 purpose is to solicit, accept and use contributions from the

338 members, employees or stockholders of such entity and any
339 individual or group of individuals who accept and use contributions
340 to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters. Such
341 committee shall be formed no later than sixty days prior to the
342 election for which the committee receives contributions or makes
343 expenditures;

344 (23) "Political merchandise", goods such as bumper stickers,
345 pins, hats, ties, jewelry, literature, or other items sold or
346 distributed at a fund-raising event or to the general public for
347 publicity or for the purpose of raising funds to be used in
348 supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election or in
349 supporting or opposing the qualification, passage or defeat of a
350 ballot measure;

351 (24) "Political party", a political party which has the right
352 under law to have the names of its candidates listed on the ballot
353 in a general election;

354 (25) "Political party committee", a committee of a political
355 party which may be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under
356 Missouri law and has the primary or incidental purpose of
357 receiving contributions and making expenditures to influence or
358 attempt to influence the action of voters on behalf of the political
359 party. Political party committees shall only take the following
360 forms:

361 (a) One congressional district committee per political party
362 for each congressional district in the state; and

363 (b) One state party committee per political party;

364 (26) "Public office" or "office", any state, judicial, county,
365 municipal, school or other district, ward, township, or other
366 political subdivision office or any political party office which is
367 filled by a vote of registered voters;

368 (27) "Regular session", includes that period beginning on
369 the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January and ending
370 following the first Friday after the second Monday in May;

371 (28) "Write-in candidate", an individual whose name is not
372 printed on the ballot but who otherwise meets the definition of
373 candidate in subdivision (4) of

374 this section.]

130.011. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates
2 otherwise, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Appropriate officer" or "appropriate officers", the person or persons
4 designated in section 130.026 to receive certain required statements and reports;

5 (2) "Ballot measure" or "measure", any proposal submitted or intended to
6 be submitted to qualified voters for their approval or rejection, including any
7 proposal submitted by initiative petition, referendum petition, or by the general
8 assembly or any local governmental body having authority to refer proposals to
9 the voter;

10 (3) "Candidate", an individual who seeks nomination or election to public
11 office. The term "candidate" includes an elected officeholder who is the subject
12 of a recall election, an individual who seeks nomination by the individual's
13 political party for election to public office, an individual standing for retention in
14 an election to an office to which the individual was previously appointed, an
15 individual who seeks nomination or election whether or not the specific elective
16 public office to be sought has been finally determined by such individual at the
17 time the individual meets the conditions described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this
18 subdivision, and an individual who is a write-in candidate as defined in
19 subdivision (28) of this section. A candidate shall be deemed to seek nomination
20 or election when the person first:

21 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves space or
22 facilities with intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; or

23 (b) Knows or has reason to know that contributions are being received or
24 expenditures are being made or space or facilities are being reserved with the
25 intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; except that, such individual
26 shall not be deemed a candidate if the person files a statement with the
27 appropriate officer within five days after learning of the receipt of contributions,
28 the making of expenditures, or the reservation of space or facilities disavowing
29 the candidacy and stating that the person will not accept nomination or take
30 office if elected; provided that, if the election at which such individual is
31 supported as a candidate is to take place within five days after the person's
32 learning of the above-specified activities, the individual shall file the statement
33 disavowing the candidacy within one day; or

34 (c) Announces or files a declaration of candidacy for office;

35 (4) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or any

36 negotiable instrument which can be transferred from one person to another
37 person without the signature or endorsement of the transferor;

38 (5) "Check", a check drawn on a state or federal bank, or a draft on a
39 negotiable order of withdrawal account in a savings and loan association or a
40 share draft account in a credit union;

41 (6) "Closing date", the date through which a statement or report is
42 required to be complete;

43 (7) "Committee", a person or any combination of persons, who accepts
44 contributions or makes expenditures for the primary or incidental purpose of
45 influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the
46 nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the
47 qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure or for the purpose of paying
48 a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or
49 obligations of a committee or for the purpose of contributing funds to another
50 committee:

51 (a) "Committee", does not include:

52 a. A person or combination of persons, if neither the aggregate of
53 expenditures made nor the aggregate of contributions received during a calendar
54 year exceeds five hundred dollars and if no single contributor has contributed
55 more than two hundred fifty dollars of such aggregate contributions;

56 b. An individual, other than a candidate, who accepts no contributions
57 and who deals only with the individual's own funds or property;

58 c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership, proprietorship, or
59 joint venture organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than
60 that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against
61 the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the
62 qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no
63 contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its own funds or property
64 obtained in the usual course of business or in any commercial or other transaction
65 and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (12) of this section;

66 d. A labor organization organized or operated for a primary or principal
67 purpose other than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of
68 voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more
69 candidates, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot measure, and it
70 accepts no contributions, and expenditures made by the organization are from its
71 own funds or property received from membership dues or membership fees which

72 were given or solicited for the purpose of supporting the normal and usual
73 activities and functions of the organization and which are not contributions as
74 defined by subdivision (12) of this section;

75 e. A person who acts as an authorized agent for a committee in soliciting
76 or receiving contributions or in making expenditures or incurring indebtedness
77 on behalf of the committee if such person renders to the committee treasurer or
78 deputy treasurer or candidate, if applicable, an accurate account of each receipt
79 or other transaction in the detail required by the treasurer to comply with all
80 record-keeping and reporting requirements of this chapter;

81 f. Any department, agency, board, institution or other entity of the state
82 or any of its subdivisions or any officer or employee thereof, acting in the person's
83 official capacity;

84 (b) The term "committee" includes, but is not limited to, each of the
85 following committees: campaign committee, candidate committee, continuing
86 committee and political party committee;

87 (8) "Campaign committee", a committee, other than a candidate
88 committee, which shall be formed by an individual or group of individuals to
89 receive contributions or make expenditures and whose sole purpose is to support
90 or oppose the qualification and passage of one or more particular ballot measures
91 in an election or the retention of judges under the nonpartisan court plan, such
92 committee shall be formed no later than thirty days prior to the election for which
93 the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures, and which shall
94 terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election or upon the
95 satisfaction of all committee debt after the general election, except that no
96 committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in support of a
97 measure for which the committee was formed;

98 (9) "Candidate committee", a committee which shall be formed by a
99 candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures in behalf of the person's
100 candidacy and which shall continue in existence for use by an elected candidate
101 or which shall terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election
102 for a candidate who was not elected or upon the satisfaction of all committee debt
103 after the election, except that no committee retiring debt shall engage in any
104 other activities in support of the candidate for which the committee was
105 formed. Any candidate for elective office shall have only one candidate committee
106 for the elective office sought, which is controlled directly by the candidate for the
107 purpose of making expenditures. A candidate committee is presumed to be under

108 the control and direction of the candidate unless the candidate files an affidavit
109 with the appropriate officer stating that the committee is acting without control
110 or direction on the candidate's part;

111 (10) "Continuing committee", a committee of continuing existence which
112 is not formed, controlled or directed by a candidate, and is a committee other
113 than a candidate committee or campaign committee, whose primary or incidental
114 purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures to influence or attempt
115 to influence the action of voters whether or not a particular candidate or
116 candidates or a particular ballot measure or measures to be supported or opposed
117 has been determined at the time the committee is required to file any statement
118 or report pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "Continuing committee"
119 includes, but is not limited to, any committee organized or sponsored by a
120 business entity, a labor organization, a professional association, a trade or
121 business association, a club or other organization and whose primary purpose is
122 to solicit, accept and use contributions from the members, employees or
123 stockholders of such entity and any individual or group of individuals who accept
124 and use contributions to influence or attempt to influence the action of
125 voters. Such committee shall be formed no later than sixty days prior to the
126 election for which the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures;

127 (11) "Connected organization", any organization such as a corporation, a
128 labor organization, a membership organization, a cooperative, or trade or
129 professional association which expends funds or provides services or facilities to
130 establish, administer or maintain a committee or to solicit contributions to a
131 committee from its members, officers, directors, employees or security holders. An
132 organization shall be deemed to be the connected organization if more than fifty
133 percent of the persons making contributions to the committee during the current
134 calendar year are members, officers, directors, employees or security holders of
135 such organization or their spouses;

136 (12) "Contribution", a payment, gift, loan, advance, deposit, or donation
137 of money or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the
138 nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification,
139 passage or defeat of any ballot measure, or for the support of any committee
140 supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures or for paying debts or
141 obligations of any candidate or committee previously incurred for the above
142 purposes. A contribution of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money
143 value equivalent to the fair market value. "Contribution" includes, but is not

144 limited to:

145 (a) A candidate's own money or property used in support of the person's
146 candidacy other than expense of the candidate's food, lodging, travel, and
147 payment of any fee necessary to the filing for public office;

148 (b) Payment by any person, other than a candidate or committee, to
149 compensate another person for services rendered to that candidate or committee;

150 (c) Receipts from the sale of goods and services, including the sale of
151 advertising space in a brochure, booklet, program or pamphlet of a candidate or
152 committee and the sale of tickets or political merchandise;

153 (d) Receipts from fund-raising events including testimonial affairs;

154 (e) Any loan, guarantee of a loan, cancellation or forgiveness of a loan or
155 debt or other obligation by a third party, or payment of a loan or debt or other
156 obligation by a third party if the loan or debt or other obligation was contracted,
157 used, or intended, in whole or in part, for use in an election campaign or used or
158 intended for the payment of such debts or obligations of a candidate or committee
159 previously incurred, or which was made or received by a committee;

160 (f) Funds received by a committee which are transferred to such
161 committee from another committee or other source, except funds received by a
162 candidate committee as a transfer of funds from another candidate committee
163 controlled by the same candidate but such transfer shall be included in the
164 disclosure reports;

165 (g) Facilities, office space or equipment supplied by any person to a
166 candidate or committee without charge or at reduced charges, except gratuitous
167 space for meeting purposes which is made available regularly to the public,
168 including other candidates or committees, on an equal basis for similar purposes
169 on the same conditions;

170 (h) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other than a connected
171 organization, of the costs of establishing, administering, or maintaining a
172 committee, including legal, accounting and computer services, fund raising and
173 solicitation of contributions for a committee;

174 (i) "Contribution" does not include:

175 a. Ordinary home hospitality or services provided without compensation
176 by individuals volunteering their time in support of or in opposition to a
177 candidate, committee or ballot measure, nor the necessary and ordinary personal
178 expenses of such volunteers incidental to the performance of voluntary activities,
179 so long as no compensation is directly or indirectly asked or given;

180 b. An offer or tender of a contribution which is expressly and
181 unconditionally rejected and returned to the donor within ten business days after
182 receipt or transmitted to the state treasurer;

183 c. Interest earned on deposit of committee funds;

184 d. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed pursuant to
185 subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for establishing, administering
186 or maintaining a committee, or for the solicitation of contributions to a committee
187 which solicitation is solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors,
188 employees or security holders of the connected organization;

189 (13) "County", any one of the several counties of this state or the city of
190 St. Louis;

191 (14) **"Covered communication":**

192 **(a) Paid advertisements broadcast over radio, television, cable,**
193 **or satellite in this state;**

194 **(b) Paid placement of content on the internet or other electronic**
195 **communication network targeted to voters in this state;**

196 **(c) Paid advertisements published in a periodical or on a**
197 **billboard in this state;**

198 **(d) Paid telephone communications to five hundred or more**
199 **households in this state;**

200 **(e) Mailings sent or distributed through the United States Postal**
201 **Service or similar private mail carriers to two thousand or more**
202 **recipients in this state; and**

203 **(f) Printed materials exceeding two thousand copies distributed**
204 **in this state;**

205 **(15) "Covered organization", any organization that is exempt from**
206 **taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,**
207 **as amended;**

208 **(16) "Disclosure report", an itemized report of receipts, expenditures and**
209 **incurred indebtedness which is prepared on forms approved by the Missouri**
210 **ethics commission and filed at the times and places prescribed;**

211 **[(15)] (17) "Election", any primary, general or special election held to**
212 **nominate or elect an individual to public office, to retain or recall an elected**
213 **officeholder or to submit a ballot measure to the voters, and any caucus or other**
214 **meeting of a political party or a political party committee at which that party's**
215 **candidate or candidates for public office are officially selected. A primary election**

216 and the succeeding general election shall be considered separate elections;

217 **(18) "Electioneering activities":**

218 **(a) Any covered communication that influences or attempts to**
219 **influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election**
220 **to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage,**
221 **or defeat of any ballot measure; and**

222 **(b) Any covered communication made within forty-five days of**
223 **a primary election or ninety days of a general election that:**

224 **a. Identifies or depicts a particular candidate by name but does**
225 **not specifically call for his or her election or defeat; or**

226 **b. Identifies or depicts a particular ballot measure by name or**
227 **by its proposition or amendment number but does not specifically call**
228 **for its qualification, passage, or defeat;**

229 **[(16)] (19) "Expenditure", a payment, advance, conveyance, deposit,**
230 **donation or contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of**
231 **supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public**
232 **office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of**
233 **any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure**
234 **or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of**
235 **a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee; a payment, or an**
236 **agreement or promise to pay, money or anything of value, including a candidate's**
237 **own money or property, for the purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or**
238 **anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or**
239 **election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any**
240 **ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or**
241 **opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously**
242 **incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of**
243 **a committee. An expenditure of anything of value shall be deemed to have a**
244 **money value equivalent to the fair market value. "Expenditure" includes, but is**
245 **not limited to:**

246 **(a) Payment by anyone other than a committee for services of another**
247 **person rendered to such committee;**

248 **(b) The purchase of tickets, goods, services or political merchandise in**
249 **connection with any testimonial affair or fund-raising event of or for candidates**
250 **or committees, or the purchase of advertising in a brochure, booklet, program or**
251 **pamphlet of a candidate or committee;**

- 252 (c) The transfer of funds by one committee to another committee;
- 253 (d) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other than a connected
254 organization for a committee, of the costs of establishing, administering or
255 maintaining a committee, including legal, accounting and computer services, fund
256 raising and solicitation of contributions for a committee; but
- 257 (e) "Expenditure" does not include:
- 258 a. Any news story, commentary or editorial which is broadcast or
259 published by any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or other periodical
260 without charge to the candidate or to any person supporting or opposing a
261 candidate or ballot measure;
- 262 b. The internal dissemination by any membership organization,
263 proprietorship, labor organization, corporation, association or other entity of
264 information advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or candidates or the
265 passage or defeat of a ballot measure or measures to its directors, officers,
266 members, employees or security holders, provided that the cost incurred is
267 reported pursuant to subsection 2 of section 130.051;
- 268 c. Repayment of a loan, but such repayment shall be indicated in required
269 reports;
- 270 d. The rendering of voluntary personal services by an individual of the
271 sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers and the payment by
272 such individual of the individual's necessary and ordinary personal expenses
273 incidental to such volunteer activity, provided no compensation is, directly or
274 indirectly, asked or given;
- 275 e. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed pursuant to
276 subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for establishing, administering
277 or maintaining a committee, or for the solicitation of contributions to a committee
278 which solicitation is solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors,
279 employees or security holders of the connected organization;
- 280 f. The use of a candidate's own money or property for expense of the
281 candidate's personal food, lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary to the
282 filing for public office, if such expense is not reimbursed to the candidate from
283 any source;
- 284 [(17)] (20) "Exploratory committees", a committee which shall be formed
285 by an individual to receive contributions and make expenditures on behalf of this
286 individual in determining whether or not the individual seeks elective
287 office. Such committee shall terminate no later than December thirty-first of the

288 year prior to the general election for the possible office;

289 [(18)] (21) "Fund-raising event", an event such as a dinner, luncheon,
290 reception, coffee, testimonial, rally, auction or similar affair through which
291 contributions are solicited or received by such means as the purchase of tickets,
292 payment of attendance fees, donations for prizes or through the purchase of
293 goods, services or political merchandise;

294 [(19)] (22) "In-kind contribution" or "in-kind expenditure", a contribution
295 or expenditure in a form other than money;

296 [(20)] (23) "Labor organization", any organization of any kind, or any
297 agency or employee representation committee or plan, in which employees
298 participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with
299 employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of
300 employment, or conditions of work;

301 [(21)] (24) "Loan", a transfer of money, property or anything of
302 ascertainable monetary value in exchange for an obligation, conditional or not,
303 to repay in whole or in part and which was contracted, used, or intended for use
304 in an election campaign, or which was made or received by a committee or which
305 was contracted, used, or intended to pay previously incurred campaign debts or
306 obligations of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee;

307 [(22)] (25) "Person", an individual, group of individuals, corporation,
308 partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture, any department, agency,
309 board, institution or other entity of the state or any of its political subdivisions,
310 union, labor organization, trade or professional or business association,
311 association, political party or any executive committee thereof, or any other club
312 or organization however constituted or any officer or employee of such entity
313 acting in the person's official capacity;

314 [(23)] (26) "Political merchandise", goods such as bumper stickers, pins,
315 hats, ties, jewelry, literature, or other items sold or distributed at a fund-raising
316 event or to the general public for publicity or for the purpose of raising funds to
317 be used in supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election or in
318 supporting or opposing the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot measure;

319 [(24)] (27) "Political party", a political party which has the right under
320 law to have the names of its candidates listed on the ballot in a general election;

321 [(25)] (28) "Political party committee", a state, district, county, city, or
322 area committee of a political party, as defined in section 115.603, which may be
323 organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Missouri law, and which

324 committee is of continuing existence, and has the primary or incidental purpose
325 of receiving contributions and making expenditures to influence or attempt to
326 influence the action of voters on behalf of the political party;

327 [(26)] **(29)** "Public office" or "office", any state, judicial, county,
328 municipal, school or other district, ward, township, or other political subdivision
329 office or any political party office which is filled by a vote of registered voters;

330 [(27)] **(30)** "Regular session", includes that period beginning on the first
331 Wednesday after the first Monday in January and ending following the first
332 Friday after the second Monday in May;

333 [(28)] **(31)** "Write-in candidate", an individual whose name is not printed
334 on the ballot but who otherwise meets the definition of candidate in subdivision
335 (3) of this section.

**130.062. 1. By January thirty-first of each year, any covered
2 organization that made expenditures for the purpose of electioneering
3 activities by means of a covered communication, or that made a
4 contribution, including in-kind contributions, to a committee in the
5 previous calendar year shall disclose in an electronic disclosure report
6 to the ethics commission:**

7 **(1) All expenditures made for purposes of electioneering
8 activities by means of a covered communication in the previous
9 calendar year;**

10 **(2) All contributions, including in-kind contributions, to a
11 committee in the previous calendar year;**

12 **(3) The percentage of their total expenditures from the previous
13 calendar year for purposes of electioneering activities by means of a
14 covered communication;**

15 **(4) The percentage of their total expenditures made from the
16 previous calendar year for contributions including in-kind
17 contributions to a committee during the previous calendar year;**

18 **(5) The name and address of each person or entity making any
19 single donation over one thousand dollars, and each person or entity
20 who has made, in the aggregate, donations over one thousand dollars
21 to such organization during the previous calendar year; and**

22 **(6) The date and amount of each donation over one thousand
23 dollars, or of any donation from a person who has made, in the
24 aggregate, donations over one thousand dollars to such organization
25 during the previous calendar year.**

26 Such information shall be a matter of public record which the ethics
27 commission shall subsequently make available to the public.

28 2. Any organization required to file disclosure reports under
29 subsection 1 of this section shall make such disclosures electronically.

30 3. (1) Any covered organization that:

31 (a) Makes expenditures in excess of five thousand dollars for the
32 purpose of electioneering activities by means of a covered
33 communication shall make an electronic disclosure report to the ethics
34 commission within forty-eight hours of exceeding such limit. The
35 report shall state specifically the expenditure amount, the person or
36 entity receiving the expenditures, and with what ballot measure or
37 candidate such expenditure concerns. If a covered communication calls
38 specifically for the passage, election, or defeat of a candidate or
39 measure, the report shall indicate such information; or

40 (b) Makes contributions, including in-kind contributions, of over
41 five thousand dollars to a committee shall make an electronic
42 disclosure report to the ethics commission within forty-eight hours of
43 making such contribution. The report shall specifically state the
44 contribution amount and the committee to which the contribution was
45 made.

46 (2) Every electronic disclosure report required under this
47 subsection shall include the date and amount of each donation, as well
48 as the name, address, and employer, occupation if self-employed, or
49 notation of retirement of each donor who has donated over five
50 thousand dollars to the covered organization in the previous twelve-
51 month period.

52 (3) The ethics commission shall assess fees on the board of
53 directors of a covered organization in the same manner as provided in
54 section 105.963 for failure to file reports required by this section.

130.074. 1. In addition to the limitations imposed under section
2 130.031, the amount of contributions made by or accepted from any
3 person other than the candidate in any one election shall not exceed
4 the following:

5 (1) To elect an individual to the office of governor, lieutenant
6 governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, or attorney
7 general, five thousand dollars;

8 (2) To elect an individual to the office of state senator, two

9 thousand five hundred dollars;

10 (3) To elect an individual to the office of state representative,
11 one thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

12 2. For purposes of this subsection, "base year amount" shall be
13 the contribution limits prescribed in this section on January 1,
14 2017. Such limits shall be increased on the first day of January in each
15 even-numbered year by multiplying the base year amount by the
16 cumulative consumer price index, as defined in section 104.010 and
17 rounded to the nearest twenty-five-dollar amount, for all years since
18 January 1, 2017.

19 3. Contributions from persons under fourteen years of age shall
20 be considered made by the parents or guardians of such person and
21 shall be attributed toward any contribution limits prescribed in this
22 chapter. Where the contributor under fourteen years of age has two
23 custodial parents or guardians, fifty percent of the contribution shall
24 be attributed to each parent or guardian, and where such contributor
25 has one custodial parent or guardian, all such contributions shall be
26 attributed to the custodial parent or guardian.

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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