

HB 1704 -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE

SPONSOR: Dunn

This bill modifies laws relating to campaign finance.

Section 105.470, RSMo

The bill makes technical changes to remove or replace statutes with procedural errors and changes the definition of "legislative lobbyist" to remove exceptions based on occasional lobbying and requires registration whenever someone engages in lobbying.

Section 105.473

The bill requires individual reporting in lobbyist reports for expenditures on individual members of the General Assembly, even if members are at a group event or committee meeting and requires lobbyist reporting of any tangible or intangible item, service, or thing of value exceeding \$15 that is transferred to or on behalf of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, any member of the General Assembly, or any official's staff, employees, spouse, or dependent children must be electronically reported to the Missouri Ethics Commission by the official within 24 hours. The report must be filed in accordance with the standards established by the commission for electronic filing. Each chamber of the General Assembly must conspicuously post the contents of the reports on its website.

The bill also changes the definition of "continuing committee" to "political action committee" for all purposes of campaign finance law.

Section 130.041

The bill requires additional information on "responsible parties" to be filed with the reports required. A "responsible party" is defined as an individual contacted by a candidate, committee, or agent thereof for the purpose of soliciting a contribution from a group of individuals, corporation, partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture, any department, agency, board, institution, or other entity of the state or any of its political subdivisions, union, labor organization, trade or professional or business association, association, political party or any executive committee thereof, or any other club or organization however constituted or any officer or employee of the entity acting in the person's official capacity.

In the case of a contribution received absent a solicitation by a candidate, committee, or agent thereof, the responsible party is the highest-ranking individual officer, executive, or director of the group of individuals, corporation, partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture, department, agency, board, institution, or other entity of the state or any of its political subdivisions, union, labor organization, trade or professional or business association, association, political party or any executive committee thereof, or any other club or organization, however constituted, making the contribution.

In addition, the bill requires all individuals and committees required to file disclosure reports to electronically report any contribution by any single contributor which exceeds \$2,000 to the Missouri Ethics Commission within 48 hours of receiving the contribution.