

HB 2745 -- ETHICS

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Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill modifies the provisions of law and defines "covered communication," "covered organization," and "electioneering activities" as relating to campaign finance.

DISCLOSURE REPORTS (Section 130.064, RSMo)

This bill requires any covered organization with expenditures for the purpose of electioneering activities by means of a covered communication or that made a contribution, including an in-kind contribution, to a committee in the previous quarter shall submit an electronic disclosure report to the Ethics Commission by the 15th of the month following each quarter. The report must include all expenditures and contributions, and include the name, address, date, and amount of the donation as specified in the bill.

Any covered organization that makes expenditures for electioneering activities using a covered communication or has contributions, including in-kind contributions, over \$5,000 must submit an electronic disclosure report, with certain information, to the Ethics Commission within 48 hours of exceeding the limit.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS (Section 130.077)

The bill specifies campaign contribution limits for all elected offices. A contribution received from an individual 14 years or younger is considered to have been made by the parents or guardians and must be counted toward any contribution limits in these provisions. If the contributor has two custodial parents or guardians, 50% of the contribution shall be attributed to each parent or guardian.

This bill specifies the amount of cash contributions, and a separate amount for the amount of in-kind contributions, made by or accepted from a political party committee in any one state election. The amount of contributions allowed from a political party committee in the primary election to elect any candidate who is unopposed is 50% of the specified allowable contributions.