AN ACT

To repeal sections 130.011 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session and 130.011 as enacted by house bill no. 1900, ninety-third general assembly, second regular session, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to committee reporting requirements.

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

Section A. Sections 130.011 as enacted by senate bill no. 844, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session and 130.011 as enacted by house bill no. 1900, ninety-third general assembly, second regular session, RSMo, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 130.011, to read as follows:

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

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

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

(3) "Campaign committee", a committee, other than a candidate committee, which shall be formed by an individual or group of individuals to receive contributions or make expenditures and whose sole purpose is to support or oppose the qualification and passage of one or more particular ballot measures in an election or the retention of judges under the nonpartisan court plan, such committee shall be formed no later than thirty days prior to the election for which the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.
committee receives contributions or makes expenditures, and which shall terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election or upon the satisfaction of all committee debt after the general election, except that no committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in support of a measure for which the committee was formed;

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

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

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

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

(5) "Candidate committee", a committee which shall be formed by a candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures in behalf of the person's candidacy and which shall continue in existence for use by an elected candidate or which shall terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election for a candidate who was not elected or upon the satisfaction of all committee debt after the election, except that no committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in support of the candidate for which the committee was formed. Any candidate for elective office shall have only one candidate committee for the elective office sought, which is controlled directly by the candidate for the purpose of making expenditures. A candidate committee is presumed to be under the control and direction of the candidate unless the candidate files an affidavit with the appropriate officer stating that the committee is acting without control or direction on the candidate's part;
(6) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or any negotiable instrument which can be transferred from one person to another person without the signature or endorsement of the transferor;

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

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

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

(a) "Committee", does not include:

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

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

c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership, proprietorship, or joint venture organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its own funds or property obtained in the usual course of business or in any commercial or other transaction and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (11) of this section. Notwithstanding this exception to the definition of a committee, any of the aforementioned entities that makes expenditures constituting more than twenty-five percent of such entity’s overall annual budget influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification for or against the passage or defeat of any ballot measure shall be defined as a committee under this chapter. An entity domiciled outside of this state shall be defined as a committee if it make aggregate annual expenditures constituting more than twenty-five percent of such entity’s overall annual budget to influence the action of voters for or against the
nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification for
or against the passage or defeat of any ballot measures in all fifty states;

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

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

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

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

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

(11) "Contribution", a payment, gift, loan, advance, deposit, or donation of money or
anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any
candidate for public office or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, or for
the support of any committee supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures or for paying
debts or obligations of any candidate or committee previously incurred for the above purposes.
A contribution of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair
market value. "Contribution" includes, but is not limited to:
(a) A candidate's own money or property used in support of the person's candidacy other than expense of the candidate's food, lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary to the filing for public office;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) "Contribution" does not include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(15) "Expenditure", a payment, advance, conveyance, deposit, donation or contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee; a payment, or an agreement or promise to pay, money or anything of value, including a candidate's own money or property, for the purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee. An expenditure of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value. "Expenditure" includes, but is not limited to:

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

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

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

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

(e) "Expenditure" does not include:

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

b. The internal dissemination by any membership organization, proprietorship, labor organization, corporation, association or other entity of information advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or candidates or the passage or defeat of a ballot measure or measures to its directors, officers, members, employees or security holders, provided that the cost incurred is reported pursuant to subsection 2 of section 130.051;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(21) "Person", an individual, 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 such entity acting in the person's official capacity;

(22) "Political action committee", a committee of continuing existence which is not formed, controlled or directed by a candidate, and is a committee other than a candidate committee, political party committee, campaign committee, exploratory committee, or debt service committee, whose primary or incidental purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters whether or not a particular candidate or candidates or a particular ballot measure or measures to be supported or opposed has been determined at the time the committee is required to file any statement or report pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Such a committee includes, but is not limited to, any committee organized or sponsored by a business entity, a labor organization, a professional association, a trade or business association, a club or other organization and whose primary purpose is to solicit, accept and use contributions from the members, employees or stockholders of such entity and any individual or group of individuals who accept and use contributions to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters. Such committee shall be formed no later than sixty days prior to the election for which the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures;

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

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

(25) "Political party committee", a committee of a political party which may be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Missouri law and has the primary or incidental
purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures to influence or attempt to influence
the action of voters on behalf of the political party. Political party committees shall only take
the following forms:
(a) One congressional district committee per political party for each congressional
district in the state; and
(b) One state party committee per political party;
(26) "Public office" or "office", any state, judicial, county, municipal, school or other
district, ward, township, or other political subdivision office or any political party office which
is filled by a vote of registered voters;
(27) "Regular session", includes that period beginning on the first Wednesday after the
first Monday in January and ending following the first Friday after the second Monday in May;
(28) "Write-in candidate", an individual whose name is not printed on the ballot but who
otherwise meets the definition of candidate in subdivision (4) of this section.

[130.011. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates
otherwise, the following terms mean:
(1) "Appropriate officer" or "appropriate officers", the person or persons
designated in section 130.026 to receive certain required statements and reports;
(2) "Ballot measure" or "measure", any proposal submitted or intended
to be submitted to qualified voters for their approval or rejection, including any
proposal submitted by initiative petition, referendum petition, or by the general
assembly or any local governmental body having authority to refer proposals to
the voter;
(3) "Candidate", an individual who seeks nomination or election to public
office. The term "candidate" includes an elected officeholder who is the subject
of a recall election, an individual who seeks nomination by the individual's
political party for election to public office, an individual standing for retention
in an election to an office to which the individual was previously appointed, an
individual who seeks nomination or election whether or not the specific elective
public office to be sought has been finally determined by such individual at the
time the individual meets the conditions described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this
subdivision, and an individual who is a write-in candidate as defined in
subdivision (28) of this section. A candidate shall be deemed to seek nomination
or election when the person first:
(a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves space or
facilities with intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; or
(b) Knows or has reason to know that contributions are being received
or expenditures are being made or space or facilities are being reserved with the
intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; except that, such individual
shall not be deemed a candidate if the person files a statement with the
appropriate officer within five days after learning of the receipt of contributions,
the making of expenditures, or the reservation of space or facilities disavowing
the candidacy and stating that the person will not accept nomination or take office
if elected; provided that, if the election at which such individual is supported as
a candidate is to take place within five days after the person's learning of the
above-specified activities, the individual shall file the statement disavowing the
candidacy within one day; or
   (c) Announces or files a declaration of candidacy for office;
   (4) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or any
negotiable instrument which can be transferred from one person to another person
without the signature or endorsement of the transferor;
   (5) "Check", a check drawn on a state or federal bank, or a draft on a
negotiable order of withdrawal account in a savings and loan association or a
share draft account in a credit union;
   (6) "Closing date", the date through which a statement or report is
required to be complete;
   (7) "Committee", a person or any combination of persons, who accepts
contributions or makes expenditures for the primary or incidental purpose of
influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the
nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the
qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure or for the purpose of paying
a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or
obligations of a committee or for the purpose of contributing funds to another
committee:
   (a) "Committee", does not include:
   a. A person or combination of persons, if neither the aggregate of
expenditures made nor the aggregate of contributions received during a calendar
year exceeds five hundred dollars and if no single contributor has contributed
more than two hundred fifty dollars of such aggregate contributions;
   b. An individual, other than a candidate, who accepts no contributions
and who deals only with the individual's own funds or property;
   c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership, proprietorship, or
joint venture organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than
that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against
the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the
qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no
contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its own funds or property
obtained in the usual course of business or in any commercial or other transaction
and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (12) of this section;
   d. A labor organization organized or operated for a primary or principal
purpose other than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of
voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more
candidates, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot measure, and it
accepts no contributions, and expenditures made by the organization are from its
own funds or property received from membership dues or membership fees
which were given or solicited for the purpose of supporting the normal and usual
activities and functions of the organization and which are not contributions as
defined by subdivision (12) of this section;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) "Contribution" does not include:
   a. Ordinary home hospitality or services provided without compensation
      by individuals volunteering their time in support of or in opposition to a
candidate, committee or ballot measure, nor the necessary and ordinary personal
      expenses of such volunteers incidental to the performance of voluntary activities,
      so long as no compensation is directly or indirectly asked or given;
   b. An offer or tender of a contribution which is expressly and
      unconditionally rejected and returned to the donor within ten business days after
      receipt or transmitted to the state treasurer;
   c. Interest earned on deposit of committee funds;
   d. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed pursuant to
      subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for establishing, administering
      or maintaining a committee, or for the solicitation of contributions to a committee
      which solicitation is solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors,
      employees or security holders of the connected organization;

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

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

(15) "Election", any primary, general or special election held to nominate
or elect an individual to public office, to retain or recall an elected officeholder
or to submit a ballot measure to the voters, and any caucus or other meeting of
a political party or a political party committee at which that party's candidate or
candidates for public office are officially selected. A primary election and the
succeeding general election shall be considered separate elections;
(16) "Expenditure", a payment, advance, conveyance, deposit, donation or contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee; a payment, or an agreement or promise to pay, money or anything of value, including a candidate's own money or property, for the purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee. An expenditure of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value. "Expenditure" includes, but is not limited to:

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

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

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

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

(e) "Expenditure" does not include:

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

b. The internal dissemination by any membership organization, proprietorship, labor organization, corporation, association or other entity of information advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or candidates or the passage or defeat of a ballot measure or measures to its directors, officers, members, employees or security holders, provided that the cost incurred is reported pursuant to subsection 2 of section 130.051;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(22) "Person", an individual, 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 such entity acting in the person's official capacity;
(23) "Political merchandise", goods such as bumper stickers, pins, hats, ties, jewelry, literature, or other items sold or distributed at a fund-raising event or to the general public for publicity or for the purpose of raising funds to be used in supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election or in supporting or opposing the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot measure;

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

(25) "Political party committee", a state, district, county, city, or area committee of a political party, as defined in section 115.603, which may be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Missouri law, and which committee is of continuing existence, and has the primary or incidental purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters on behalf of the political party;

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

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

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