Violation:

Violations of Chapter 130 are within the Missouri Ethics Commission’s jurisdiction and, in the event a complaint is filed, may result in an enforcement action.

In addition, the law specifically defines the refusal to provide the information required by law or to purposely provide false, misleading, or incomplete information as a violation of Chapter 130.

This brochure is intended only as a guide to aid understanding of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Law.

For the Law’s complete requirements, consult the law itself codified at Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
Campaign Material Identification Requirements. (§130.031 RSMo.)
(Paid-for-by disclaimer)

Federal Campaign Laws (Sponsor Identification) - follow when:
✓ You are a person causing matter to be printed or broadcast about federal candidates or
✓ You are a broadcast station transmitting matter about a candidate for public office or ballot measure.

Campaign Material - What does it include?
Pamphlets, circulars, handbills, sample ballots, advertisements, signs (including signs for display on motor vehicles), or other imprinted or lettered materials.

Paid-for-by disclaimer - Who Must Comply?
Any person publishing, circulating, or distributing campaign material about a candidate for public office or a ballot measure within Missouri.

Paid-for-by disclaimer – What Must it Say?
On the face of the campaign material, in a clear and conspicuous manner, it must specifically state “Paid for by” with the sponsor’s proper identification as indicated in the following table

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Who Paid For The Campaign Material</th>
<th>Required Sponsor Information (following the words ‘Paid for by’)</th>
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<td>Candidate from personal funds (only if no candidate committee exists)</td>
<td>First name &amp; Last name by which candidate is known (Ex: Paid for by (First Name) (Last Name))</td>
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<td>Committee (not a committee or organized for influencing election(s))</td>
<td>Committee name as required to be registered by Missouri campaign finance law, along with the committee treasurer’s name and title (serving when the material was paid for). (Ex: Paid for by (Committee Name), (Treasurer Name), Treasurer)</td>
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<td>Individual(s)</td>
<td>Name of the entity, entity’s principal officer’s name, known title, and mailing address of entity or principal officer (if entity has no mailing address)</td>
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Must use full legal name of person &/or entity. Can not use abbreviations or acronyms.

What is excluded from the paid-for-by disclaimer requirements?
✓ Items of personal use given away or sold (such as campaign buttons, pins, pens, pencils, book of matches, campaign jewelry, clothing, or water bottles) that are
  • Paid for by a candidate or committee supporting or opposing a ballot issue or candidate and are
  • The cost of which is reported on campaign finance reports as required by law.
✓ A news story, commentary or editorial printed by a regularly published newspaper or other periodical without charge to a candidate, committee or any other person.
✓ A sign personally printed and constructed by an individual, without compensation from any other person, and is displayed at that individual’s place of residence or on that individual’s personal motor vehicle.

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