HB 2062 -- ETHICS

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This bill requires any covered organization, as defined in the bill, that made expenditures for purposes of electioneering activities by means of a covered communication or made a contribution, including in-kind contributions, to submit an electronic disclosure report to the Missouri Ethics Commission by January 31 of each year. The bill specifies the data that must be included in the report. The commission must make the report available to the public.

A covered organization that makes expenditures in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of electioneering activities by means of a covered communication shall make an electronic disclosure report to the Ethics Commission within 48 hours of exceeding the limit. The report must include specified information and if a covered communication calls specifically for the passage, election, or defeat of a candidate or measure, the report shall indicate such information.

A covered organization that makes contributions, including in-kind contributions, of over \$5,000 to a committee shall make an electronic disclosure report to the Ethics Commission within 48 hours of making the contribution. The report shall specifically state the contribution amount and the committee to which the contribution was made and additional specified information.

The Ethics Commission shall assess fees on the board of directors of a covered organization in the same manner as provided in Section 105.963, RSMo, for failure to file reports required by this section.

The bill is effective January 1, 2017.