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AN ACT

To repeal section 130.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to campaign finance.

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

Section A. Section 130.011, RSMo, is repealed and eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 130.011, 130.170, 130.173, 130.176, 130.179, 130.182, 130.185, and 130.188, to read as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) "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

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.

17 this section. A candidate shall be deemed to seek nomination or election when the person
18 first:

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

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

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

32 (4) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or any negotiable
33 instrument which can be transferred from one person to another person without the signature
34 or endorsement of the transferor;

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

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

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

47 (a) "Committee", does not include:

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

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

54 c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership, proprietorship, or joint venture
55 organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than that of influencing or
56 attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public
57 office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure,
58 and it accepts no contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its own funds or
59 property obtained in the usual course of business or in any commercial or other transaction
60 and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (12) of this section;

61 d. A labor organization organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other
62 than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the
63 nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates, or the qualification,
64 passage, or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no contributions, and expenditures
65 made by the organization are from its own funds or property received from membership dues
66 or membership fees which were given or solicited for the purpose of supporting the normal
67 and usual activities and functions of the organization and which are not contributions as
68 defined by subdivision (12) of this section;

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

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

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

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

88 (9) "Candidate committee", a committee which shall be formed by a candidate to
89 receive contributions or make expenditures in behalf of the person's candidacy and which
90 shall continue in existence for use by an elected candidate or which shall terminate the later of

91 either thirty days after the general election for a candidate who was not elected or upon the
92 satisfaction of all committee debt after the election, except that no committee retiring debt
93 shall engage in any other activities in support of the candidate for which the committee was
94 formed. Any candidate for elective office shall have only one candidate committee for the
95 elective office sought, which is controlled directly by the candidate for the purpose of making
96 expenditures. A candidate committee is presumed to be under the control and direction of the
97 candidate unless the candidate files an affidavit with the appropriate officer stating that the
98 committee is acting without control or direction on the candidate's part;

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

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

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

- 128 (a) A candidate's own money or property used in support of the person's candidacy
129 other than expense of the candidate's food, lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary
130 to the filing for public office;
- 131 (b) Payment by any person, other than a candidate or committee, to compensate
132 another person for services rendered to that candidate or committee;
- 133 (c) Receipts from the sale of goods and services, including the sale of advertising
134 space in a brochure, booklet, program or pamphlet of a candidate or committee and the sale of
135 tickets or political merchandise;
- 136 (d) Receipts from fund-raising events including testimonial affairs;
- 137 (e) Any loan, guarantee of a loan, cancellation or forgiveness of a loan or debt or
138 other obligation by a third party, or payment of a loan or debt or other obligation by a third
139 party if the loan or debt or other obligation was contracted, used, or intended, in whole or in
140 part, for use in an election campaign or used or intended for the payment of such debts or
141 obligations of a candidate or committee previously incurred, or which was made or received
142 by a committee;
- 143 (f) Funds received by a committee which are transferred to such committee from
144 another committee or other source, except funds received by a candidate committee as a
145 transfer of funds from another candidate committee controlled by the same candidate but such
146 transfer shall be included in the disclosure reports;
- 147 (g) Facilities, office space or equipment supplied by any person to a candidate or
148 committee without charge or at reduced charges, except gratuitous space for meeting
149 purposes which is made available regularly to the public, including other candidates or
150 committees, on an equal basis for similar purposes on the same conditions;
- 151 (h) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other than a connected organization,
152 of the costs of establishing, administering, or maintaining a committee, including legal,
153 accounting and computer services, fund raising and solicitation of contributions for a
154 committee;
- 155 (i) "Contribution" does not include:
- 156 a. Ordinary home hospitality or services provided without compensation by
157 individuals volunteering their time in support of or in opposition to a candidate, committee or
158 ballot measure, nor the necessary and ordinary personal expenses of such volunteers
159 incidental to the performance of voluntary activities, so long as no compensation is directly or
160 indirectly asked or given;
- 161 b. An offer or tender of a contribution which is expressly and unconditionally rejected
162 and returned to the donor within ten business days after receipt or transmitted to the state
163 treasurer;
- 164 c. Interest earned on deposit of committee funds;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

206 (e) **In-kind expenditure;**

207 (f) "Expenditure" does not include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

249 (22) "Person", an individual, group of individuals, corporation, partnership,
250 committee, proprietorship, joint venture, any department, agency, board, institution or other
251 entity of the state or any of its political subdivisions, union, labor organization, trade or
252 professional or business association, association, political party or any executive committee
253 thereof, or any other club or organization however constituted or any officer or employee of
254 such entity acting in the person's official capacity;

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

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

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

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

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

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

130.170. For purposes of sections 130.170 to 130.188, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Directly or indirectly", acting either alone or jointly with, through, or on
3 behalf of any other ballot initiative or referendum committee, political committee,
4 organization, person, or other entity;

5 (2) "Foreign national", any of the following:

6 (a) An individual who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United
7 States of America;

8 (b) A government, or subdivision, of a foreign country or municipality thereof;

9 (c) A foreign political party;

10 (d) Any entity, such as a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or
11 other combination of persons, that is organized under the laws of, or has its principal
12 place of business in, a foreign country; or

13 (e) Any entity organized pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or
14 any state thereof that is wholly or majority owned by a person or entity described in
15 paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subdivision, unless:

16 a. Any contribution or expenditure it makes derives entirely from funds
17 generated by the entity's United States operations; and

18 b. All decisions concerning the contribution or expenditure are made by
19 individuals who are United States citizens or permanent residents, except for setting
20 overall budget amounts;

21 (3) "Lobbyist", the same meaning as in section 105.470;

22 (4) "Prohibited sources", contributions from or expenditures by a foreign
23 national;

24 (5) "Preliminary activity", includes, but is not limited to, conducting a poll,
25 drafting ballot measure language, conducting a focus group, making telephone calls,
26 and travel;

27 (6) "Tax-exempt organization", an organization that is described in section 501
28 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501
29 (a) of such Code. A political organization organized pursuant to section 527 of such
30 Code shall not be considered a tax-exempt organization.

130.173. 1. Upon forming a campaign committee, the treasurer shall file an
2 accompanying certification that no preliminary activity was funded by prohibited
3 sources, whether directly or indirectly.

4 2. After a campaign committee has been formed the campaign committee shall
5 not knowingly or willfully receive, solicit, or accept contributions from a prohibited
6 source, whether directly or indirectly.

7 **3. Any report filed pursuant to this chapter shall include an affirmation that the**
8 **campaign committee has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted**
9 **contributions from a prohibited source.**

10 **4. Any campaign committee or person that makes an expenditure in support of**
11 **or in opposition to a ballot measure shall keep records of any contribution or**
12 **expenditure and retain such records in the same manner and for the same period of time**
13 **as is required by section 130.036.**

130.176. 1. Upon a campaign committee's receipt of a contribution, the
2 **treasurer shall obtain from the donor an affirmation that the donor is not a foreign**
3 **national and has not knowingly or willfully accepted funds aggregating in excess of ten**
4 **thousand dollars from one or more prohibited sources within the four-year period**
5 **immediately preceding the date the contribution is made.**

6 **2. Each disclosure report filed pursuant to section 130.041 shall require the**
7 **treasurer of a campaign committee to affirm that the donor associated with each**
8 **contribution is not a foreign national and has not knowingly or willfully received,**
9 **solicited, or accepted, whether directly or indirectly, contributions from one or more**
10 **prohibited sources aggregating in excess of ten thousand dollars within the four-year**
11 **period immediately preceding the date of the contribution.**

12 **3. Within forty-eight hours of making one or more expenditures supporting or**
13 **opposing a ballot measure, the entity making the expenditure shall certify to the**
14 **Missouri ethics commission that it has not knowingly or willfully accepted funds**
15 **aggregating in excess of ten thousand dollars from one or more prohibited sources**
16 **within the four-year period immediately preceding the date the expenditure is made and**
17 **that it will not do so through the remainder of the calendar year in which the ballot**
18 **measure will appear on the ballot. Each disclosure report filed pursuant to section**
19 **130.041 shall require the entity making the expenditure to affirm that it has not**
20 **knowingly or willfully accepted funds aggregating in excess of ten thousand dollars from**
21 **one or more prohibited sources within the four-year period immediately preceding the**
22 **date the expenditure is made.**

23 **4. If the Missouri ethics commission determines that an entity filing a disclosure**
24 **report pursuant to this chapter has accepted funds in aggregate from one or more**
25 **prohibited sources in excess of the threshold described in this section within the**
26 **applicable four-year period immediately preceding the contribution or independent**
27 **expenditure at issue it shall create a presumption that the entity has violated this section.**

130.179. 1. A foreign national may not direct, dictate, control or directly or
2 **indirectly participate in the decision-making process of any person with regard to that**

3 person's activities to influence a ballot measure, such as decisions concerning the
4 making of contributions to influence a ballot measure.

5 2. A foreign national may not solicit, directly or indirectly, the making of a
6 donation, contribution or expenditure by another person to influence a ballot measure.

7 3. Nothing in sections 130.170 to 130.188 shall be deemed to create or eliminate
8 any existing rights or duties beyond those specifically enumerated in such sections.

130.182. The provisions of sections 130.170 to 130.188 shall be considered
2 campaign finance disclosure requirements for purposes of section 105.961.

130.185. 1. Lawful donors to a tax-exempt organization possess a right of
2 privacy in their donations. Any investigation of an alleged violation of sections 130.170
3 to 130.188 shall occur in a manner that shields the identity of lawful donors as much as
4 possible. The Missouri ethics commission shall not collect or require the submission of
5 information on the identity of any donor to a tax-exempt organization other than those
6 directly related to an alleged violation of sections 130.170 to 130.188. Any collection or
7 required submission of information by the Missouri ethics commission regarding the
8 identity of any donor to a tax-exempt organization beyond that permitted by sections
9 130.170 to 130.185 shall be deemed a violation of section 105.1500.

10 2. The Missouri ethics commission shall not disclose to the public, or another
11 government official not directly involved in the investigation, information revealing the
12 identity of any donor to a tax-exempt organization, unless the information is regarding
13 the identity of a donor that engaged in conduct prohibited by sections 130.170 to 130.188
14 after a final determination has been made that the donor violated sections 130.170 to
15 130.188. The unlawful disclosure of information revealing the identity of any donor to a
16 tax-exempt organization in connection with a campaign committee shall be deemed a
17 violation of section 105.1500.

130.188. 1. (1) The Missouri ethics commission may bring a civil action to
2 enforce sections 130.170 to 130.188. The provisions of section 130.054 and 105.957 to
3 105.963 shall not apply to violations of sections 130.170 to 130.188.

4 (2) A campaign committee or person alleged to have violated sections 130.170 to
5 130.188 shall be provided a notice of the civil action, with opportunity for discovery and
6 opportunity to be heard as provided by law for civil actions generally before being
7 found liable for a violation of sections 130.170 to 130.188.

8 (3) In all actions brought pursuant to this section, the burden of proof shall be on
9 the Missouri ethics commission.

10 (4) (a) Prior to discovery, the court shall set a hearing to determine if there is
11 probable cause to believe that a campaign committee or person has violated sections
12 130.170 to 130.188.

13 (b) If, after the hearing, the court determines that no probable cause exists to
14 believe that a violation of sections 130.170 to 130.188 has occurred, the court shall enter
15 an order of dismissal.

16 (c) If, after the hearing, the court determines that probable cause does exist to
17 believe that a violation of sections 130.170 to 130.188 has occurred, the court shall enter
18 an order to that effect and the case should proceed to trial on an expedited basis.

19 (5) Subject to the provisions of section 130.185, the entity alleged to have violated
20 sections 130.170 to 130.188 may, at a time to be determined by the court prior to the
21 scheduling of trial, present evidence sufficient to rebut the probable cause finding by
22 making an ex parte presentation of records to the court for in camera review.

23 (6) A non-prevailing party under paragraph (c) of subdivision (4) of this
24 subsection has the right to:

25 (a) An interlocutory expedited appeal; and

26 (b) A stay of proceedings in the trial court.

27 2. (1) Within thirty days of a finding that a campaign committee has violated
28 sections 130.170 to 130.188, the campaign committee shall refund the contribution to the
29 original contributor. In the event of an appeal, the contribution shall be placed in
30 escrow, after which the funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the final order.

31 (2) If the campaign committee is unable to return the funds, the directors,
32 officers or executive members of the campaign committee shall be liable in their
33 personal capacity, jointly and severally, for the refund of said funds.

34 3. Within thirty days of a finding that an expenditure filer has violated sections
35 130.170 to 130.188, the entity making the expenditure shall disgorge to the Missouri
36 ethics commission funds in an amount equal to the reported cost of the expenditure. If
37 the entity is unable to disgorge the requisite funds, the directors, officers or executive
38 members of the entity shall be liable in their personal capacities, jointly and severally,
39 for the payment of the amount due. In the event of an appeal, the funds subject to
40 disgorgement shall be placed in escrow, after which they shall be disbursed in
41 accordance with the final order.

42 4. If any lobbyist violates any of the provisions of this section, the lobbyist's
43 registration may be revoked or suspended and the lobbyist may be enjoined from
44 receiving compensation or making expenditures for lobbying.

45 5. If the Missouri ethics commission prevails in an action brought under this
46 section, the court shall award:

47 (1) Injunctive relief sufficient to prevent the defendant from violating sections
48 130.170 to 130.188 or engaging in acts that aid or abet violations of such sections; and

49 **(2) Statutory damages up to twice the amount of the prohibited contribution or**
50 **expenditure.**

51 **6. In addition to the penalties in subsection 5 of this section and any other**
52 **remedies provided by law, if the court finds a knowing or willful violation of sections**
53 **130.170 to 130.188, the court may assess a penalty of up to three times the statutory**
54 **damages.**

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