

HB 374 -- MO ETHICS COMMISSION

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Currently, governing bodies of political subdivisions with general operating budgets in excess of \$1 million are required to file financial interest statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

This bill requires the governing body of each political subdivision, before July 16 of each calendar year, to submit an attestation to the Commission of whether the body's annual operating budget exceeds \$1 million.

The bill requires certain entities, before December 16 of each calendar year, to send the Commission a list of the names of all individuals required to file a financial interest statement.

Currently, each official, officer, employee, or candidate of certain political subdivisions are required to file a financial interest statement unless the political subdivision adopts an ordinance, order, or resolution biennially in which it establishes its own method for disclosing potential conflicts of interest for such officials.

This bill removes the requirement that this be done biennially, allowing the above mentioned ordinance, order, or resolution to remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the governing body of the political subdivision.

The bill requires political subdivisions and the Secretary of State, within two business days after the close of candidate filing, to provide the Commission a list of all candidates required to file a financial interest statement.

This bill adds these provisions to the information that the Commission is allowed to request and receive.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 2146 (2024).