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AN ACT

To repeal section 130.046, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to public financing of elections, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 130.046, RSMo, is repealed and nine new sections

- 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 130.046, 130.500, 130.503,
- 3 130.506, 130.509, 130.512, 130.515, 130.518, and 143.1010, to read as follows:

130.046. 1. The disclosure reports required by section 130.041 for all

- 2 committees shall be filed at the following times and for the following periods:
- 3 (1) Not later than the eighth day before an election for the period closing
- 4 on the twelfth day before the election if the committee has made any contribution
- 5 or expenditure either in support or opposition to any candidate or ballot measure;
- 6 (2) Not later than the thirtieth day after an election for a period closing
- 7 on the twenty-fifth day after the election, if the committee has made any
- 8 contribution or expenditure either in support of or opposition to any candidate or
- 9 ballot measure; except that, a successful candidate who takes office prior to the
- 10 twenty-fifth day after the election shall have complied with the report
- 11 requirement of this subdivision if a disclosure report is filed by such candidate
- 12 and any candidate committee under the candidate's control before such candidate
- 13 takes office, and such report shall be for the period closing on the day before
- 14 taking office; [and]
- 15 (3) Not later than the fifteenth day following the close of each calendar
- 16 quarter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if any committee
- 17 accepts contributions or makes expenditures in support of or in opposition to a
- 18 ballot measure or a candidate, and the report required by this subsection for the

most recent calendar quarter is filed prior to the fortieth day before the election on the measure or candidate, the committee shall file an additional disclosure report not later than the fortieth day before the election for the period closing on the forty-fifth day before the election; and

- (4) Every forty-eight hours within thirty days of the election for committees making any contribution in support of or in opposition to any candidate for state representative, state senator, or governor.
- 2. In the case of a ballot measure to be qualified to be on the ballot by initiative petition or referendum petition, or a recall petition seeking to remove an incumbent from office, disclosure reports relating to the time for filing such petitions shall be made as follows:
- (1) In addition to the disclosure reports required to be filed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section the treasurer of a committee, other than a continuing committee, supporting or opposing a petition effort to qualify a measure to appear on the ballot or to remove an incumbent from office shall file an initial disclosure report fifteen days after the committee begins the process of raising or spending money. After such initial report, the committee shall file quarterly disclosure reports as required by subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section until such time as the reports required by subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section are to be filed. In addition the committee shall file a second disclosure report no later than the fifteenth day after the deadline date for submitting such petition. The period covered in the initial report shall begin on the day the committee first accepted contributions or made expenditures to support or oppose the petition effort for qualification of the measure and shall close on the fifth day prior to the date of the report;
- (2) If the measure has qualified to be on the ballot in an election and if a committee subject to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection is also required to file a preelection disclosure report for such election any time within thirty days after the date on which disclosure reports are required to be filed in accordance with subdivision (1) of this subsection, the treasurer of such committee shall not be required to file the report required by subdivision (1) of this subsection, but shall include in the committee's preelection report all information which would otherwise have been required by subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 3. The candidate, if applicable, treasurer or deputy treasurer of a committee shall file disclosure reports pursuant to this section, except for any

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calendar quarter in which the contributions received by the committee or the 55 56 expenditures or contributions made by the committee do not exceed five hundred dollars. The reporting dates and periods covered for such quarterly reports shall 57 58 not be later than the fifteenth day of January, April, July and October for periods closing on the thirty-first day of December, the thirty-first day of March, the 59 60 thirtieth day of June and the thirtieth day of September. No candidate, treasurer or deputy treasurer shall be required to file the quarterly disclosure report 61 required not later than the fifteenth day of any January immediately following 62 63 a November election, provided that such candidate, treasurer or deputy treasurer shall file the information required on such quarterly report on the quarterly 64 report to be filed not later than the fifteenth day of April immediately following 65 such November election. Each report by such committee shall be cumulative from 66 67 the date of the last report. In the case of the continuing committee's first report, the report shall be cumulative from the date of the continuing committee's 68 organization. Every candidate, treasurer or deputy treasurer shall file, at a 69 70 minimum, the campaign disclosure reports covering the quarter immediately preceding the date of the election and those required by subdivisions (1) and (2) 7172of subsection 1 of this section. A continuing committee shall submit additional reports if it makes aggregate expenditures, other than contributions to a 73 74committee, of five hundred dollars or more, within the reporting period at the 75 following times for the following periods:

- (1) Not later than the eighth day before an election for the period closing on the twelfth day before the election;
- 78 (2) Not later than twenty-four hours after aggregate expenditures of two 79 hundred fifty dollars or more are made after the twelfth day before the election; 80 and
- 81 (3) Not later than the thirtieth day after an election for a period closing 82 on the twenty-fifth day after the election.
- 83 4. The reports required to be filed no later than the thirtieth day after an election and any subsequently required report shall be cumulative so as to reflect 84 the total receipts and disbursements of the reporting committee for the entire 85 86 election campaign in question. The period covered by each disclosure report shall begin on the day after the closing date of the most recent disclosure report filed 87 88 and end on the closing date for the period covered. If the committee has not 89 previously filed a disclosure report, the period covered begins on the date the committee was formed; except that in the case of a candidate committee, the 90

91 period covered begins on the date the candidate became a candidate according to 92 the definition of the term candidate in section 130.011.

- 5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary:
- (1) Certain disclosure reports pertaining to any candidate who receives nomination in a primary election and thereby seeks election in the immediately succeeding general election shall not be required in the following cases:
- (a) If there are less than fifty days between a primary election and the immediately succeeding general election, the disclosure report required to be filed quarterly; provided that, any other report required to be filed prior to the primary election and all other reports required to be filed not later than the eighth day before the general election are filed no later than the final dates for filing such reports;
- (b) If there are less than eighty-five days between a primary election and the immediately succeeding general election, the disclosure report required to be filed not later than the thirtieth day after the primary election need not be filed; provided that any report required to be filed prior to the primary election and any other report required to be filed prior to the general election are filed no later than the final dates for filing such reports; and
- (2) No disclosure report needs to be filed for any reporting period if during that reporting period the committee has neither received contributions aggregating more than five hundred dollars nor made expenditure aggregating more than five hundred dollars and has not received contributions aggregating more than three hundred dollars from any single contributor and if the committee's treasurer files a statement with the appropriate officer that the committee has not exceeded the identified thresholds in the reporting period. Any contributions received or expenditures made which are not reported because this statement is filed in lieu of a disclosure report shall be included in the next disclosure report filed by the committee. This statement shall not be filed in lieu of the report for two or more consecutive disclosure periods if either the contributions received or expenditures made in the aggregate during those reporting periods exceed five hundred dollars. This statement shall not be filed, in lieu of the report, later than the thirtieth day after an election if that report would show a deficit of more than one thousand dollars.
- 6. (1) If the disclosure report required to be filed by a committee not later than the thirtieth day after an election shows a deficit of unpaid loans and other outstanding obligations in excess of five thousand dollars, semiannual

supplemental disclosure reports shall be filed with the appropriate officer for each succeeding semiannual period until the deficit is reported in a disclosure report as being reduced to five thousand dollars or less; except that, a supplemental semiannual report shall not be required for any semiannual period which includes the closing date for the reporting period covered in any regular disclosure report which the committee is required to file in connection with an election. The reporting dates and periods covered for semiannual reports shall be not later than the fifteenth day of January and July for periods closing on the thirty-first day of December and the thirtieth day of June.

- (2) Committees required to file reports pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 of this section which are not otherwise required to file disclosure reports for an election shall file semiannual reports as required by this subsection if their last required disclosure report shows a total of unpaid loans and other outstanding obligations in excess of five thousand dollars.
- 7. In the case of a committee which disbands and is required to file a termination statement pursuant to the provisions of section 130.021 with the appropriate officer not later than the tenth day after the committee was dissolved, the candidate, committee treasurer or deputy treasurer shall attach to the termination statement a complete disclosure report for the period closing on the date of dissolution. A committee shall not utilize the provisions of subsection 8 of section 130.021 or the provisions of this subsection to circumvent or otherwise avoid the reporting requirements of subsection 6 or 7 of this section.
- 8. Disclosure reports shall be filed with the appropriate officer not later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time of the day designated for the filing of the report and a report postmarked not later than midnight of the day previous to the day designated for filing the report shall be deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. The appropriate officer may establish a policy whereby disclosure reports may be filed by facsimile transmission.
- 9. Each candidate for the office of state representative, state senator, and for statewide elected office shall file all disclosure reports described in section 130.041 electronically with the Missouri ethics commission. The Missouri ethics commission shall promulgate rules establishing the standard for electronic filings with the commission and shall propose such rules for the importation of files to the reporting program.
- 161 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 162 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall

163 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of

- 164 chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and
- 165 chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
- 166 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective
- date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
- 168 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
- 169 August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.

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130.500. Sections 130.500 to 130.518 and section 143.1010, RSMo,

2 may be known and cited as the "Missouri Clean Election Act."

130.503. As used in sections 130.500 to 130.518, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

- 3 (1) "Certified candidate", a candidate for governor, state senator, 4 or state representative who chooses to participate in alternative public 5 financing of their campaign authorized under sections 130.500 to 6 130.518 and who is certified as a Missouri clean election act candidate 7 under subsection 5 of section 130.512;
- 8 (2) "Commission", the Missouri ethics commission established 9 under section 105.955, RSMo;
 - (3) "Contribution", has the same meaning as in section 130.011;
- 11 (4) "Fund", the Missouri clean election fund established in section 12 130.509;
- 13 (5) "Nonparticipating candidate", a candidate for governor, state
 14 senator or state representative who does not choose to participate in
 15 alternative public financing of their campaign authorized under
 16 sections 130.500 to 130.518 and who is not seeking to be certified as a
 17 Missouri clean election act candidate under subsection 5 of section
 18 130.512;
- 19 (6) "Participating candidate", a candidate for governor, state 20 senator, or state representative who is seeking to be certified as a 21 Missouri clean election act candidate under subsection 5 of section 22 130.512;
- 23 (7) "Qualifying contribution", a donation:
- 24 (a) Of five dollars in the form of a check or a money order 25 payable to the fund in support of the candidate;
- 26 (b) Made by any individual eligible to register to vote in this 27 state;
- 28 (c) Made during the designated qualifying period and obtained

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- (d) That is acknowledged by a written receipt that identifies the name and address of the donor on forms provided by the commission;
 - (8) "Qualifying period", the following:
- (a) For a gubernatorial participating candidate, the qualifying period begins November first immediately preceding the election year and ends at the same time the candidate is required under section 115.329 or 115.349, RSMo, to file petitions or declarations of candidacy;
 - (b) For state senate or state house of representatives participating candidates, the qualifying period begins January first of the election year and ends at the same time the candidate is required under section 115.329 or 115.349, RSMo, to file petitions or declarations of candidacy;
- 42(9) "Seed money contribution", a contribution of no more than 43 one hundred dollars per individual made to a candidate, including a contribution from the candidate or the candidate's family. A candidate 44 may not collect or spend seed money contributions after certification 45 46 as a Missouri clean election act candidate. A seed money contribution shall be reported according to procedures developed by the 47 48 commission. A participating candidate who has accepted contributions 49 or made expenditures that do not comply with the seed money restrictions under sections 130.500 to 130.518 may petition the 50 51 commission to remain eligible for certification as a Missouri clean election act candidate in accordance with rules of the commission, if 52the failure to comply was unintentional and does not constitute a 53 significant infraction of these restrictions. 54
- 130.506. 1. Sections 130.500 to 130.518 establishes an alternative campaign financing option available to candidates for governor, state senator, and state representative. This alternative campaign financing option is available to candidates for elections to be held beginning in the year 2010. The commission shall administer sections 130.500 to 130.518 and the fund established in section 130.509. Candidates participating in the Missouri clean election act shall also comply with all other applicable election and campaign laws and regulations.
- 9 2. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 10 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this 11 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to

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all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 12536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, 16 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or 17adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void. 18

130.509. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Clean Election Fund" to finance the election campaigns of certified Missouri clean election act candidates for governor, state senator, and state representative and to pay administrative and enforcement costs of the commission related to sections 130.500 to 130.518. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Upon appropriation, money in the fund may be used solely for the administration of sections 130.500 to 130.518. Any 10 moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert 11 to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall 12 invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be 14 credited to the fund.

- 2. The following shall be deposited in the fund:
- 16 (1) The qualifying contributions required under subsection 3 of 17 section 130.512 when those contributions are submitted to the 18 commission;
- 19 (2) Two million dollars from the general revenue fund 20 transferred to the clean election fund by the state treasurer on or 21before January first of each year, beginning January 1, 2009;
- (3) Revenue from a tax check off program established under 23 section 143.1010, RSMo, allowing a corporation or individual who files a tax return with the state to designate that three or more dollars be 24paid into the fund. If a husband and wife file a joint return, each spouse may designate that three dollars be paid; 26
- 27(4) Seed money contributions remaining unspent after a candidate has been certified as a Missouri clean election act candidate; 28
- 29 (5) Fund revenues that were distributed to a Missouri clean election act candidate and that remain unspent after the candidate has 30

- 31 lost a primary election or after all general elections;
- 32 (6) Other unspent fund revenues distributed to any Missouri 33 clean election act candidate who does not remain a candidate 34 throughout a primary or general election cycle;
- 35 (7) Voluntary donations made directly to the fund. Any 36 individual may make donations directly to the fund at any time without 37 limitation; and
- 38 (8) Fines collected under section 130.072 and section 130.515.
- 3. By September first preceding each general election year, the 40 commission shall publish an estimate of revenue in the fund available 41 for distribution to certified candidates during the upcoming year's 42 elections and an estimate of the likely demand for clean election 43 funding during that election.
 - 130.512. 1. A participating candidate shall file a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Missouri clean election act candidate. The declaration of intent shall be filed with the commission prior to or during the qualifying period according to forms and procedures developed by the commission. A participating candidate shall submit a declaration of intent within five business days of collecting qualifying contributions or such contributions collected before the declaration of intent has been filed shall not be counted toward the eligibility requirement in subsection 5 of this section.
- 2. A participating candidate shall limit the candidate's seed money contributions to the following amounts:
- 12 (1) Fifty thousand dollars for a gubernatorial candidate;
- 13 (2) One thousand five hundred dollars for a candidate for the 14 state senate; or
- 15 (3) Five hundred dollars for a candidate for the state house of 16 representatives.
- 17 The commission may, by rule, revise these amounts to ensure the 18 effective implementation of sections 130.500 to 130.518.
- 3. Participating candidates shall obtain qualifying contributions
 during the qualifying period as follows:
- 21 (1) For a gubernatorial candidate, at least two thousand five 22 hundred individuals eligible to register to vote in this state shall 23 support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that 24 candidate;

- (2) For a candidate for the state senate, at least one hundred fifty individuals eligible to register to vote in this state shall support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate; or
- 29 (3) For a candidate for the state house of representatives, at 30 least fifty individuals registered to vote in this state shall support the 31 candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate.
- 32 A payment, gift or anything of value may not be given in exchange for 33 a qualifying contribution.
- 4. A participating candidate shall submit qualifying contributions within ten days of receiving the contribution to the commission during the qualifying period according to procedures developed by the commission.
- 5. Upon receipt of a final submission of qualifying contributions by a participating candidate, the commission shall determine whether or not the candidate has:
- 41 (1) Signed and filed a declaration of intent to seek certification 42 as required under subsection 1 of this section;
- 43 (2) Submitted the appropriate number of valid qualifying 44 contributions;
- 45 (3) Qualified as a candidate by petition or other means;
- 46 (4) Accepted no contributions, except for seed money and 47 qualifying contributions;
- 48 (5) Not run for the same office as a nonparticipating candidate 49 in a primary election in the same general election year; and
- 50 (6) Otherwise met the requirements for participating as a 51 Missouri clean election act candidate.
- The commission shall certify a candidate complying with the requirements of this section as a Missouri clean election act candidate as soon as possible and no later than three business days after final submission of qualifying contributions. Upon certification, a candidate shall transfer any unspent seed money contributions to the commission for deposit in the fund.
- 6. After certification, a candidate shall limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by

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the commission. Candidates may, however, accept and spend interest 62 earned on bank accounts containing revenues distributed from the 64 fund. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund shall be used for campaign-related purposes. The commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related 66 expenditures. 67

- 7. The commission shall distribute to certified candidates 68 revenues from the fund in amounts determined under subsection 8 of 69 this section in the following manner: 70
 - (1) Within three days after certification, for candidates certified prior to the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy under section 115.349, RSMo, revenues from the fund shall be distributed as if the candidates are in an uncontested primary election;
- (2) Within three days after certification, for all candidates certified between the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy under section 115.349, RSMo, and thirty days thereafter, revenues from 78 the fund shall be distributed according to whether the candidate is in a contested or uncontested primary election;
- 80 (3) Within three days after the secretary of state has certified the 81 names of candidates to be included on a ballot in a special election for 82 state representative or state senator;
 - (4) For candidates in contested primary elections receiving a distribution under subdivision (1) of this subsection, additional revenues from the fund shall be distributed within three days of the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy under section 115.349, RSMo;
- 88 (5) Within three days after the primary election results are certified, for general election certified candidates, revenues from the 89 fund shall be distributed according to whether the candidate is in a 90 contested or uncontested general election. 91
- 92 Funds shall be distributed to certified candidates under this section by any mechanism that is expeditious, ensures accountability and 93 safeguards the integrity of the fund. 94
- 95 7. A candidate certified as a clean election candidate who wins the primary election shall be required to be a participating candidate 96 for the general election. 97
 - 8. The candidate, treasurer, or candidate committee shall deposit

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99 all revenues from the fund in a campaign account with a bank or other financial institution. The campaign funds shall be segregated from, and 101 may not be commingled with, any other funds.

- 9. By July 1, 2009, and at least every two years thereafter, the commission shall determine the amount of funds to be distributed to 103 participating candidates based on the type of election and office as follows: 105
 - (1) For contested legislative primary elections, the amount of revenues to be distributed shall be the average amount of campaign expenditures made by each candidate during all contested primary election races for the immediately preceding two primary elections for the respective offices of state senate and state house of representatives;
 - (2) For uncontested legislative primary elections, the amount of revenues distributed shall be the average amount of campaign expenditures made by each candidate during all uncontested primary election races for the immediately preceding two primary elections for the respective offices of state senate and state house of representatives;
 - (3) For contested legislative general elections, the amount of revenues distributed shall be the average amount of campaign expenditures made by each candidate during all contested general election races for the immediately preceding two general elections for the respective offices of state senate and state house of representatives;
 - (4) For uncontested legislative general elections, the amount of revenues to be distributed from the fund shall be forty percent of the amount that would have been distributed under subdivision (3) of this subsection to the participating candidate had the election been contested;
- (5) For gubernatorial primary elections, the amount of revenues 126 distributed shall be two hundred thousand dollars per candidate in the 127128 primary election;
- 129 (6) For gubernatorial general elections, the amount of revenues distributed shall be four hundred thousand dollars per candidate in the 130 general election. 131
- 132If the immediately preceding election cycles do not contain sufficient electoral data, the commission shall use information from the most 133 recent applicable elections. 134
- 10. When any disclosure report shows that the sum of a 135

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136 nonparticipating candidate's expenditures or obligations, 137 contributions, whichever is greater, alone or in conjunction with 138 independent expenditures exceeds the distribution amount under 139 subsection 8 of this section, the commission shall issue immediately to 140 any opposing Missouri clean election act candidate an additional amount equivalent to the reported excess. Matching funds are limited 141 to two times the amount originally distributed under subdivisions (1), 142(3), (5), or (6) of subsection 8 of this section, whichever is applicable. 143

- 11. New party and independent candidates certified prior to the primary election are eligible for revenues from the fund in the same amounts and at the same time as an uncontested primary election candidate and a general election candidate as specified in subsections 7 and 8 of this section. New party and independent candidates certified after the primary are eligible for revenues from the fund in the same amounts as a general election candidate, as specified in subsections 7 and 8 of this section.
- 12. Participating and certified candidates shall report any money 152 153 collected, all campaign expenditures, obligations, and related activities to the commission thirty days preceding a general election or a primary election in which the candidate was defeated. Upon the filing of this 156 final report, the candidate shall return all unspent fund revenues to the commission. The commission shall ensure timely public access to 157 158 campaign finance data and may utilize electronic means of reporting 159 and storing information.
- 160 13. The participating and certified candidate's campaign 161 treasurer shall obtain and keep:
- 162 (1) Bank or other account statements for the campaign account 163 covering the duration of the campaign;
- (2) A vendor invoice stating the particular goods or services 164 165 purchased for every expenditure of fifty dollars or more; and
- 166 (3) A record proving that a vendor received payment for every expenditure of fifty dollars or more in the form of a cancelled check, 167 receipt from the vendor or bank or credit card statement identifying 168 169 the vendor as the payee.
- The treasurer shall preserve the records for two years following the 170 candidate's final report, required under subsection 11 of this section, 171 for the election cycle. The candidate shall submit photocopies of the 172

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173 records to the commission upon its request.

14. The commission may not distribute revenues to certified 174 175 candidates in excess of the total amount of money deposited in the fund as set forth in section 130.509. Notwithstanding any other provisions 176 of sections 130.500 to 130.518, if the commission determines that the 177 revenues in the fund are insufficient to meet distributions under 178 179 subsections 8 or 9 of this section, the commission may permit certified candidates to accept and spend contributions, reduced by any seed 180 money contributions, aggregating no more than five hundred dollars 181 per donor per election for gubernatorial candidates and two hundred 182183 fifty dollars per donor per election for state senate and state house 184 candidates, up to the applicable amounts set forth in subsections 8 and 9 of this section according to rules adopted by the commission. 185

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- 15. A candidate who has been denied certification as a Missouri clean election act candidate, the opponent of a candidate who has been granted certification as a Missouri clean election act candidate, or other interested persons may challenge a certification decision by the commission as follows:
- (1) A challenger may appeal to the commission within seven days of the certification decision. The appeal shall be in writing and shall 193 set forth the reasons for the appeal;
 - (2) Within five days after an appeal is properly filed and after notice is given to the challenger, and if applicable the certified candidate, the commission shall hold a hearing. The challenger has the burden of providing by a preponderance of the evidence that the commission decision was improper. The commission shall rule on the appeal within three days after the completion of the hearing;
 - (3) A challenger may appeal the decision of the commission in subdivision (2) of this subsection by commencing an action in the Cole County circuit court;
- (4) A candidate whose certification by the commission as a Missouri clean election act candidate is revoked on appeal shall return any unspent revenues distributed from the fund to the commission. If 206the commission or the court find that an appeal was filed frivolously or to cause delay or hardship, the commission or court may require the 207moving party to pay costs of the commission, court and opposing 208parties.

130.515. A person who violates any provision of sections 130.500 to 130.518 is subject to a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars per violation payable to the fund. Fines paid under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any person certified as a Missouri clean election act candidate in violation of sections 130.500 to 130.518, shall return to the fund all amounts distributed to the candidate.

assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Clean Elections", to be comprised of five members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives. Three of the senate members shall be appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and two by the senate minority leader. Three of the house members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and two by the house minority leader. The appointment of each member shall continue during his or her term of office as a member of the house or senate or until a successor has been duly appointed to fill his or her place when his or her term of office as a member of the house or senate has expired.

2. The committee shall study and recommend legislation relating to the administration, implementation, and enforcement of the Missouri clean elections act. The committee shall submit to the general assembly a written report documenting its findings and recommendations by December thirty-first of each year beginning in 2011.

143.1010. In each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, each individual or corporation entitled to a tax refund in any amount sufficient to make a designation under this section may designate that three or more dollars on a single or six or more dollars on a combined return, of the refund due be credited to the Missouri clean election fund created in section 130.509, RSMo. The contribution designation authorized by this section shall be clearly and unambiguously printed on the first page of each income tax return form provided by the state. The department of revenue shall deposit such amount to the Missouri clean election fund as provided in section 130.509, RSMo.

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