

Nuts and Bolts to Run for Elected Office

What Office will you Run For?

- **Local** Elected Officials include City Council; School Board; Mayor
- **County** Offices Include County Commissioner; County Clerk; Recorder of Deeds; County Treasurer; Prosecuting Attorney; County Auditor; Collector of Revenue; Public Administrator; Judges; Fire District Boards; and Hospital Boards
- **State** Offices include Governor; Lt. Governor; Secretary of State; Treasurer; Attorney General; Auditor; State Representative; and State Senator
- **Federal** Offices include U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator

Do you have the Qualifications for the Office?

- Many offices have specific requirements of age, residency, no felony convictions, etc. (see handout for more details)

Filing for the Office

- **Local** Offices filing takes place City Hall or the School District Office
- **County** filing takes place at the County Clerk's office for many offices, but not in all cases such as Fire Districts and Hospital Boards
- **State Offices** filing takes place at the Secretary of State's Office
- **Deadline for Filing** for the Office varies by election and entity running the election

Setting up a Candidate Campaign Committee

- A campaign committee is needed to accept contributions and make expenditures
- An individual or an entity not defined as a committee, not accepting contributions from others and spend \$500 or more of your own money, you must file a Non-Committee Expenditure Report.
- File your campaign committee through the Missouri Ethics Office

Missouri Ethics Commission Filings for Campaign Contributions

- File Committee Organization deadline approximately one month before the election
- Quarterly Reports
- 48 Hour Report of Contributions over \$5,000
- Late Contribution Report
- Late Expenditure Report for Continuing Committees