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## Racist radio ads draw challenge

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The Missouri Broadcasters Association has written state Attorney General Chris Koster asking him to determine whether white supremacist Glenn Miller is a "legally qualified" Senate candidate.

Miller, of Springfield, has filed as a write-in candidate for the office. He's bought time on several stations to air ads that demean Jews and non-whites, sometimes using racist language.

Some broadcasters have said they're airing the commercials only because they're required to under federal law. A station must allow federal candidates "reasonable access" to their facilities, and it must air the messages of all legal candidates without changes.

Other stations, however, want Koster to determine whether Miller really is legally qualified before they run the commercials.

A Koster spokesman said Wednesday that the attorney general had received the letter but had not reached a decision.

In its letter, the association — which represents 340 radio and TV stations in the state — asks Koster to determine whether Miller meets residency and other requirements of the law, and whether he's properly using his name, Frazier Glenn Miller.

The stations also want to know when the general election campaign officially begins. Under federal law, candidates may not have full access to commercial time until the election is deemed to have started.

"There's some uncertainty at this point as to whether Mr. Miller is qualified and whether he has a right to be on (the air) at this stage," said Mark Sableman, a St. Louis lawyer who wrote the letter on behalf of broadcasters.

Some stations also argue that Miller isn't a "bona fide" write-in candidate, Sableman said, because he hasn't demonstrated substantial campaign activities such as opening an office, giving speeches and passing out campaign literature.

Write-in candidates must be "bona fide" under federal law to be considered legally qualified.

Meanwhile, two stations that are airing the commercials — KMBZ and WDAF-FM — said Wednesday they'll give away all revenue they have received or will receive from Miller.

Half of the money, the stations said, will go to the Olathe chapter of the NAACP and the other half will go to a Jewish charity.

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