

H. B. No. 680  
As Introduced

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "3501.10, 3503.16,"; 1  
after "3509.04" insert ", 3509.051" 2

In line 7 of the title, delete "deadlines" and insert "procedures" 3

In line 10, after "sections" insert "3501.10, 3503.16,"; after 4  
"3509.04" insert ", 3509.051" 5

After line 13, insert: 6

**"Sec. 3501.10.** (A) The board of elections shall, as an 7  
expense of the board, provide suitable rooms for its offices and 8  
records and the necessary and proper furniture and supplies for 9  
those rooms. The board may lease such offices and rooms, 10  
necessary to its operation, for the length of time and upon the 11  
terms the board deems in the best interests of the public, 12  
provided that the term of any such lease shall not exceed 13  
fifteen years. 14

Thirty days prior to entering into such a lease, the board 15  
shall notify the board of county commissioners in writing of its 16  
intent to enter into the lease. The notice shall specify the 17  
terms and conditions of the lease. Prior to the thirtieth day 18



after receiving that notice and before any lease is entered 19  
into, the board of county commissioners may reject the proposed 20  
lease by a majority vote. After receiving written notification 21  
of the rejection by the board of county commissioners, the board 22  
of elections shall not enter into the lease that was rejected, 23  
but may immediately enter into additional lease negotiations, 24  
subject to the requirements of this section. 25

The board of elections in any county may, by resolution, 26  
request that the board of county commissioners submit to the 27  
electors of the county, in accordance with section 133.18 of the 28  
Revised Code, the question of issuing bonds for the acquisition 29  
of real estate and the construction on it of a suitable building 30  
with necessary furniture and equipment for the proper 31  
administration of the duties of the board of elections. The 32  
resolution declaring the necessity for issuing such bonds shall 33  
relate only to the acquisition of real estate and to the 34  
construction, furnishing, and equipping of a building as 35  
provided in this division. 36

(B) The board of elections in each county shall keep its 37  
offices, or one or more of its branch registration offices, open 38  
for the performance of its duties until nine p.m. on the last 39  
day of registration before a general or primary election. At all 40  
other times during each week, the board shall keep its offices 41  
and rooms open for a period of time that the board considers 42  
necessary for the performance of its duties. 43

(C) The board of elections may maintain permanent or 44  
temporary branch offices at any place within the county,  ~~45~~  
~~provided that, if the board of elections permits electors to 46~~  
~~vote at a branch office, electors shall not be permitted to vote 47~~  
~~at any other branch office or any other office of the board of 48~~

elections." 49

After line 107, insert: 50

**"Sec. 3503.16.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in 51  
division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a 52  
registered elector changes the place of residence of that 53  
registered elector from one precinct to another within a county 54  
or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that 55  
registered elector shall report the change by delivering a 56  
change of residence or change of name form, whichever is 57  
appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under 58  
section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office 59  
of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational 60  
school, a public library, the office of the county treasurer, 61  
the office of the secretary of state, any office of the 62  
registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office 63  
of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any 64  
voter registration, change of address, or change of name 65  
application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary 66  
of state or the board of elections. 67

A registered elector also may update the registration of 68  
that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 69  
change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 70  
election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 71  
registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 72  
another site designated by the board. 73

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 74  
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 75  
special election and has not filed a notice of change of 76  
residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 77  
by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 78

completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 79  
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 80  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 81  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 82  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 83  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 84  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current 85  
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 86

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 87  
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 88  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 89  
filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may 90  
vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 91  
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 92  
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 93  
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 94  
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 95  
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 96  
elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and 97  
sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 98

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 99  
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 100  
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 101  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 102  
filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 103  
whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 104  
in that election if that registered elector complies with 105  
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 106

(a) ~~Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 107  
after the twenty eighth day prior to the election in which that 108~~

~~registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on~~ 109  
~~the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day~~ 110  
~~prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the~~ 111  
~~election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any~~ 112  
~~time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the~~ 113  
~~election~~ the time that absent voter's ballots may be cast in 114  
person at the office of the board of elections or at another 115  
location in the county at which electors may cast absent voter's 116  
ballots in person, or appears on the day of the election at 117  
either of the following locations: 118

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 119  
registered elector resides; 120

(ii) The office of the board of elections ~~or, if pursuant~~ 121  
~~to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board~~ 122  
~~has designated~~ another location in the county at which 123  
registered electors may ~~vote, at that other location instead of~~ 124  
~~the office of the board of elections~~ cast absent voter's ballots 125  
in person. 126

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 127  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 128  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 129  
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 130

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 131  
the Revised Code ~~at the polling place, at the office of the~~ 132  
~~board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section~~ 133  
~~3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another~~ 134  
~~location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at~~ 135  
~~that other location instead of the office of the board of~~ 136  
~~elections, whichever is appropriate,~~ using the address to which 137  
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 138

elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 139

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 140  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 141  
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 142  
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 143  
ballot ~~at the polling place for the precinct in which that~~ 144  
~~registered elector resides, at the office of the board of~~ 145  
~~elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of~~ 146  
~~the Revised Code the board has designated another location in~~ 147  
~~the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other~~ 148  
~~location instead of the office of the board of elections,~~ 149  
~~whichever is appropriate,~~ and will not vote or attempt to vote 150  
at any other location for that particular election. 151

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 152  
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 153  
general, primary, or special election and has not registered to 154  
vote in the county to which that registered elector moved may 155  
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with 156  
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 157

(1) ~~Appears at any time during regular business hours on~~ 158  
~~or after the twenty eighth day prior to the election in which~~ 159  
~~that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is~~ 160  
~~held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty~~ 161  
~~fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday~~ 162  
~~prior to the election~~ at the office of the board of elections 163  
or, ~~if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the~~ 164  
~~Revised Code the board has designated~~ at another location in the 165  
county at which registered electors may ~~vote, at that other~~ 166  
~~location instead of the office of the board of elections,~~ 167  
~~appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the~~ 168

~~election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant~~ 169  
~~to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board~~ 170  
~~has designated another location in the county at which~~ 171  
~~registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of~~ 172  
~~the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of~~ 173  
~~the election at the office of the board of elections or, if~~ 174  
~~pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code~~ 175  
~~the board has designated another location in the county at which~~ 176  
~~registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of~~ 177  
~~the office of the board of elections~~ cast absent voter's ballots 178  
in person during the time that absent voter's ballots may be 179  
cast in person or on the day of the election; 180

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 181  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 182  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 183

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 184  
the Revised Code ~~at the office of the board of elections or, if~~ 185  
~~pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code~~ 186  
~~the board has designated another location in the county at which~~ 187  
~~registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of~~ 188  
~~the office of the board of elections,~~ using the address to which 189  
that registered elector has moved; 190

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 191  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 192  
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 193  
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted ~~at the~~ 194  
~~office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C)~~ 195  
~~of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated~~ 196  
~~another location in the county at which registered electors may~~ 197  
~~vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board~~ 198

~~of elections a provisional ballot,~~ and will not vote or attempt 199  
to vote at any other location for that particular election. 200

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 201  
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 202  
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 203  
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 204  
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 205  
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 206  
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 207  
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 208  
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 209  
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 210  
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 211  
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 212  
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 213  
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 214

~~Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised-~~ 215  
~~Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site~~ 216  
~~different from the office of the board at which registered~~ 217  
~~electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this~~ 218  
~~section.~~ 219

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 220  
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 221  
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 222  
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 223  
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 224  
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 225  
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 226  
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 227  
registration. 228

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 229  
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 230  
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 231  
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 232  
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 233  
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 234

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 235  
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 236  
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 237  
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 238  
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 239  
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 240  
within five days after receiving them. 241

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 242  
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 243  
appear at the office of the board of elections or, ~~if pursuant~~ 244  
~~to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board~~ 245  
~~has designated~~ at another location in the county at which 246  
registered electors may ~~vote, at that other location~~ cast absent 247  
voter's ballots in person, on account of personal illness, 248  
physical disability, or infirmity, may vote on the day of the 249  
election if that registered elector does all of the following: 250

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 251  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 252  
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot ~~on or~~ 253  
~~after the twenty seventh day prior to the election in which the~~ 254  
~~registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday~~ 255  
~~prior to that election~~ and requests that the absent voter's 256  
ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 257  
has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 258

of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 259  
change of name; 260

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 261  
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 262  
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 263  
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 264  
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 265  
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 266  
infirmity; 267

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 268  
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 269  
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 270  
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 271

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 272  
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 273  
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 274  
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 275  
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 276  
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 277  
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 278  
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 279  
location or address for that particular election." 280

After line 261, insert: 281

**"Sec. 3509.051.** Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or any 282  
other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of the 283  
following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's ballots 284  
in person: 285

(A) The board of elections shall make in-person absent 286  
voting available at multiple locations in the county in a manner 287

that ensures fair and equal access to in-person absent voting. 288

(B) An in-person absent voter shall provide identification 289  
to the election officials in the same manner as one of the 290  
following: 291

(1) As a voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of 292  
an election is required to provide identification under section 293  
3505.18 of the Revised Code; or 294

(2) As a voter who casts an absent voter's ballot is 295  
required to submit a completed written application for an absent 296  
voter's ballot under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code. 297

~~(B)~~(C) The absent voter shall not be required to complete 298  
a statement of voter on an absent voter's ballot identification 299  
envelope. 300

~~(C)~~(D) The board of elections shall provide a signature 301  
book to be signed by absent voters who are casting their ballots 302  
in person. 303

~~(D)~~(E) No person other than an election official shall be 304  
permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who 305  
is casting a ballot in person. An election official may 306  
challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a 307  
ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election 308  
official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the 309  
day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the 310  
Revised Code. 311

~~(E)~~(F) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot 312  
after the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or 313  
entered into automatic tabulating equipment." 314

In line 662, after "sections" insert "3501.10, 3503.16,"; after 315

"3509.04" insert ", 3509.051" 316

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 317

**In-person absent voting** 318

**R.C. 3501.10, 3503.16, and 3509.051** 319

Requires each board of elections to make in-person absent 320  
voting available at multiple locations in the county in a manner 321  
that ensures fair and equal access to in-person absent voting. 322

Allows electors who have moved or changed their names 323  
without updating their voter registrations to cast provisional 324  
ballots in the same locations, and at the same times, as in- 325  
person absent voters. 326