

H. B. No. 680
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "3503.16," 1

In line 10, after "sections" insert "3503.16," 2

In line 44, delete "and" and insert "┘" 3

In line 46, after "Code" insert ", and except in the case of a
person who picks up ballots in person but does not cast those ballots in
person at the office of the board" 4
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After line 107, insert: 7

"**Sec. 3503.16.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in 8
division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a 9
registered elector changes the place of residence of that 10
registered elector from one precinct to another within a county 11
or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that 12
registered elector shall report the change by delivering a 13
change of residence or change of name form, whichever is 14
appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under 15
section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office 16
of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational 17



school, a public library, the office of the county treasurer, 18
the office of the secretary of state, any office of the 19
registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office 20
of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any 21
voter registration, change of address, or change of name 22
application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary 23
of state or the board of elections. 24

A registered elector also may update the registration of 25
that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 26
change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 27
election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 28
registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 29
another site designated by the board. 30

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 31
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 32
special election and has not filed a notice of change of 33
residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 34
by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 35
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 36
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 37
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 38
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 39
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 40
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 41
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current 42
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 43

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 44
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 45
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 46
filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may 47

vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 48
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 49
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 50
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 51
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 52
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 53
elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and 54
sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 55

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 56
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 57
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 58
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 59
filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 60
whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 61
in that election if that registered elector complies with 62
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 63

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 64
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 65
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 66
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 67
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 68
election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 69
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 70
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 71
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 72

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 73
registered elector resides; 74

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 75
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 76
has designated another location in the county at which 77

registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 78
the office of the board of elections. 79

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 80
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 81
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 82
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 83

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 84
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 85
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 86
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 87
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 88
that other location instead of the office of the board of 89
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 90
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 91
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 92

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 93
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 94
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 95
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 96
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 97
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 98
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 99
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 100
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 101
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 102
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 103
at any other location for that particular election. 104

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 105
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 106
general, primary, or special election and has not registered to 107

vote in the county to which that registered elector moved may 108
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with 109
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 110

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 111
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 112
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 113
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 114
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 115
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 116
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 117
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 118
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 119
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 120
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 121
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 122
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 123
has designated another location in the county at which 124
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 125
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 126
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 127
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 128
the board has designated another location in the county at which 129
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 130
the office of the board of elections; 131

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 132
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 133
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 134

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 135
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 136
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 137

the board has designated another location in the county at which 138
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 139
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 140
that registered elector has moved; 141

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 142
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 143
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 144
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 145
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 146
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 147
another location in the county at which registered electors may 148
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 149
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 150
location for that particular election. 151

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 152
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 153
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 154
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 155
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 156
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 157
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 158
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 159
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 160
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 161
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 162
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 163
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 164
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 165

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 166
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 167

different from the office of the board at which registered 168
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 169
section. 170

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 171
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 172
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 173
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 174
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 175
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 176
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 177
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 178
registration. 179

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 180
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 181
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 182
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 183
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 184
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 185

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 186
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 187
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 188
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 189
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 190
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 191
within five days after receiving them. 192

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 193
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 194
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 195
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 196
has designated another location in the county at which 197

registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 198
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 199
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 200
of the following: 201

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 202
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 203
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 204
after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 205
registered elector wishes to vote ~~through noon of the Saturday~~ 206
~~prior to that election~~ and requests that the absent voter's 207
ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 208
has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 209
of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 210
change of name; 211

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 212
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 213
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 214
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 215
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 216
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 217
infirmity; 218

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 219
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 220
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 221
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 222

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 223
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 224
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 225
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 226
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 227

prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of	228
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other	229
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other	230
location or address for that particular election."	231
In line 153, delete " <u>tenth</u> " and insert " <u>seventh</u> "	232
In line 159, delete " <u>six</u> " and insert " <u>two</u> "	233
In line 160, delete " <u>last Friday</u> " and insert " <u>day</u> "	234
In line 531, delete " <u>tenth</u> " and insert " <u>seventh</u> "	235
In line 537, delete " <u>six</u> " and insert " <u>two</u> "; delete " <u>last Friday</u> " and	236
insert " <u>day</u> "	237
In line 662, after "sections" insert "3503.16,"	238

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 239

Absentee ballot request deadlines 240

R.C. 3501.19, 3503.16, 3509.03, and 3511.02 241

Changes the deadline to apply to receive absentee ballots	242
by mail to seven days before Election Day instead of ten days,	243
as required under the bill.	244

Makes that deadline change in an additional section of law	245
(R.C. 3503.16) that was previously excluded from the bill in	246
error.	247

Allows an applicant to receive absentee ballots in person	248
at the office of the board through 2:00 p.m. on the day before	249

Election Day.	250
Allows an applicant to pick up ballots in person at the	251
office of the board under the bill's contingency election	252
procedure.	253