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**A BILL**

To amend sections 705.92, 3517.10, 3517.105, 1  
3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised 2  
Code to allow certain campaign committees and 3  
other entities to file campaign finance 4  
statements electronically, to require the 5  
Secretary of State to make the information in 6  
those electronic statements available online, 7  
and to change deadlines for petitions to remove 8  
elected officials of certain municipal 9  
corporations. 10

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 705.92, 3517.10, 3517.105, 11  
3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code be amended 12  
to read as follows: 13

**Sec. 705.92.** Notwithstanding Section 38 of Article II, 14  
Ohio Constitution, or any other provisions in the Revised Code 15

to the contrary, any elective officer of a municipal corporation 16  
may be removed from office by the qualified voters of such 17  
municipal corporation. The procedure to effect such removal 18  
shall be: 19

(A) A petition signed by qualified electors equal in 20  
number to at least fifteen per cent of the total votes cast at 21  
the most recent regular municipal election, and demanding the 22  
election of a successor to the person sought to be removed, 23  
shall be filed with the board of elections not later than four 24  
p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of election at which 25  
the question of the person's removal is to appear on the ballot. 26  
A petition shall contain the required number of valid signatures 27  
upon submission to the board of elections. A petition is not 28  
valid after ninety days from the date of the first signature. A 29  
petition shall contain a general statement in not more than two 30  
hundred words of the grounds upon which the removal of the 31  
person is sought. The form, sufficiency, and regularity of any 32  
such petition shall be determined as provided in the general 33  
election laws. 34

(B) The board of elections shall, not later than the 35  
seventy-eighth day before the day of the election at which the 36  
question of the person's removal is to appear on the ballot, 37  
examine and determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the 38  
petition is sufficient, and if the person whose removal is 39  
sought does not resign within five days after the sufficiency of 40  
the petition has been determined, an election shall be held at 41  
the next day on which a primary election may be held or the day 42  
of the next general election, whichever is earlier, occurring 43  
more than ninety days from the date ~~of the finding of the~~ 44  
~~sufficiency of the petition~~ is filed with the board of 45  
elections. The election authorities shall publish notice and 46

make all arrangements for holding the election, which shall be 47  
conducted and the result thereof returned and declared in all 48  
respects as are the results of regular municipal elections. 49

(C) The nomination of candidates to succeed each officer 50  
sought to be removed shall be made, without the intervention of 51  
a primary election, by filing with the election authorities, at 52  
least ~~twenty-sixty~~ days before the ~~such special~~ election, a 53  
petition proposing a person for each such office, signed by 54  
electors equal in number to ten per cent of the total votes cast 55  
at the most recent regular municipal election for the head of 56  
the ticket. 57

(D) The ballots at the recall election shall, with respect 58  
to each person whose removal is sought, submit the question: 59  
"Shall (name of person) be removed from the office of (name of 60  
office) by recall?" 61

Immediately following each such question, there shall be 62  
printed on the ballots, the two propositions in the order set 63  
forth: 64

"For the recall of (name of person)." 65

"Against the recall of (name of person)." 66

Immediately to the left of the proposition shall be placed 67  
a square in which the electors may vote for either of the 68  
propositions. 69

Under each of the questions shall be placed the names of 70  
candidates to fill the vacancy. The name of the officer whose 71  
removal is sought shall not appear on the ballot as a candidate 72  
to succeed the officer's self. 73

In any recall election, if a majority of the votes cast on 74

the question of removal are affirmative, the person whose 75  
removal is sought shall be removed from office upon the 76  
announcement of the official canvass of that election, and the 77  
candidate receiving the plurality of the votes cast for 78  
candidates for that office shall be declared elected. The 79  
successor of any person so removed shall hold office during the 80  
unexpired term of the successor's predecessor. The question of 81  
the removal of any officer shall not be submitted to the 82  
electors until such officer has served for at least one year of 83  
the term during which the officer is sought to be recalled. The 84  
method of removal provided in this section, is in addition to 85  
other methods of removal as are provided by law. If, at any such 86  
recall election, the incumbent whose removal is sought is not 87  
recalled, the incumbent shall be repaid the incumbent's actual 88  
and legitimate expenses for the election from the treasury of 89  
the municipal corporation, but such sum shall not exceed fifty 90  
per cent of the sum that the incumbent is by law permitted to 91  
expend as a candidate at any regular municipal election. 92

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 93  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 94  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 95  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 96  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 97  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 98  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 99  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 100  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 101  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 102  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 103  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 104  
the following dates: 105

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 106  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 107  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 108  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 109  
before the election; 110

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 111  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 112  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 113  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 114  
day before the filing of the statement; 115

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 116  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 117  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 118  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 119  
the last day of December of the previous year; 120

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 121  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 122  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 123  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 124  
day of June of that year. 125

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 126  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 127  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 128  
committee's candidate. 129

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 130  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 131  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 132  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 133  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 134

expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 135  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 136  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 137  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 138

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 139  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 140  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 141  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 142  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 143  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 144  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 145  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 146  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 147  
days before the general election. 148

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 149  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 150  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 151  
this section. 152

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 153  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 154  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 155  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 156  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 157  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 158  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 159  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 160  
party, or political contributing entity. 161

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 162  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 163  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 164

this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 165  
(A) (4) of this section. 166

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 167  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 168  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 169  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 170  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 171  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 172  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 173  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 174  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 175

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 176  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 177  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 178  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 179  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 180  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 181  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 182  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 183  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 184  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 185  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 186

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 187  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 188  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 189  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 190  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 191  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 192  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 193  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 194

shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 195  
under this section and made under penalty of election 196  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 197  
this section, as applicable. 198

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 199  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 200  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 201  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 202  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 203  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 204  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 205  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 206  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 207  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 208  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 209  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 210  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 211  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 212  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 213  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 214  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 215  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 216  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 217  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 218  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 219  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 220  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 221  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 222  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 223  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 224  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 225



this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 226  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 227  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 228  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 229  
required by this section. 230

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 231  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 232  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 233  
and (D) (6) of this section and division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of section 234  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 235  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 236  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 237  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 238  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 239  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 240  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 241  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 242  
Revised Code. 243

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 244  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 245  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 246  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 247  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 248  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 249  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 250  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 251  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 252  
previously filed statement. 253

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 254  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 255

section shall contain the following information:	256
(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee,	257
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political	258
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer	259
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution	260
and expenditure statement;	261
(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the	262
candidate's full name and address;	263
(b) In the case of a political action committee, the	264
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D)	265
(1) of this section.	266
(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be	267
a general, primary, or special election;	268
(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall	269
include the following information:	270
(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution;	271
(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political	272
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political	273
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom	274
contributions are received and the registration number assigned	275
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this	276
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not	277
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a	278
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to	279
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its	280
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this	281
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be	282
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address	283
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section.	284

(ii) If a political action committee, political	285
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political	286
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by	287
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the	288
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or	289
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly	290
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one	291
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer,	292
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's	293
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any;	294
(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or	295
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly	296
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031	297
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and	298
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate	299
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division	300
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the	301
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization	302
of which the employees are members, if any.	303
(c) A description of the contribution received, if other	304
than money;	305
(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution;	306
(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and	307
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a	308
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or	309
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a	310
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the	311
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries	312
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from	313
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars	314

or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 315  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 316  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 317  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 318  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 319  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 320  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 321  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 322  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 323  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 324  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 325  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 326  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 327  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 328  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 329  
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 330  
a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 331  
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 332  
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 333  
address of any members who paid those dues. 334

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 335  
separately from all other contributions. The information 336  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 337  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 338  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 339

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 340  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 341  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 342  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 343  
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 344  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 345

a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 346  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 347  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 348  
this division: 349

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 350  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 351

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 352  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 353  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 354  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 355  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 356  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 357

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 358  
following information: 359

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 360

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 361  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 362  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 363  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 364  
political action committee under division (D)(1) of this 365  
section; 366

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 367  
made; 368

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 369

(C)(1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 370  
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 371  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 372  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 373

section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 374  
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 375  
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 376  
division ~~(H)~~(F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall 377  
be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 378  
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 379  
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 380  
in ink on a printed form. 381

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 382  
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 383  
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 384  
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 385  
donor. 386

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 387  
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 388  
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 389  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 390  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 391  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 392

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 393  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 394  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 395  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 396  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 397  
division (A) (2) of this section. 398

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 399  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 400  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 401  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 402  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 403

prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 404  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 405  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 406  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 407  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 408  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 409  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 410  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 411  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 412  
national convention or conference of a political party. 413

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 414  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 415  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 416  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 417  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 418

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 419  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 420  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 421  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 422  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 423  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 424  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 425  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 426  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, ~~divisions~~ 427  
division (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, division (D) of 428  
section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division 429  
(C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 430  
3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this 431  
section, ~~divisions~~ division (E), (F), and (G) of section 432  
3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of 433  
section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 434

divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 435  
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 436  
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 437  
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 438  
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 439  
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 440  
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 441  
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 442  
format. 443

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 444  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 445  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 446  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 447  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 448  
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 449  
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 450  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 451  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 452  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 453  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 454  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 455  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 456  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 457  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 458  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 459  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 460  
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 461  
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 462  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 463  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 464  
appropriate. 465



(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section.

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an expenditure, every campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a designation of that appointment, including the full name and address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity is required to file statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration number to each political action committee that files a designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this division if the political action committee is required by division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of state.

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D)(1) of this section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all monetary contributions received by the committee into an account separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or campaign committee.

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all monetary contributions received by the committee into an account separate from all other funds.

(c) A state or county political party may establish a state candidate fund that is separate from an account that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are made to or accepted by the political party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party into one or more accounts that are separate from its state candidate fund and from its account that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code.

(d) Each state political party shall have only one legislative campaign fund for each house of the general assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for

the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 527  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 528  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 529  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 530  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 531  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 532  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 533  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 534  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 535

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 536  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 537  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 538  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 539  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 540  
(4) of this section. 541

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 542  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 543  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 544  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 545  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 546  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 547  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 548

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 549  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 550  
following: 551

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 552  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 553  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 554  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 555  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 556

of the Revised Code; 557

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 558  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 559  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 560  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 561  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 562  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 563  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 564  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 565  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 566  
of transmission. 567

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division ~~(I)~~ 568  
(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make 569  
available online to the public through the internet the 570  
contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 571  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 572  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 573

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 574  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 575  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 576  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 577  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 578  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 579

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 580  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 581  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 582  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 583  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 584  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ 585

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 586  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 587

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 588  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 589  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 590  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 591  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 592  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 593  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 594  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 595  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 596  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 597  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 598

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 599  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 600  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 601  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 602  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 603  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 604  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 605  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 606  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 607  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 608  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 609

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 610  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 611  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 612  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 613  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 614  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 615

connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 616  
written request for the information required under division (B) 617  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 618  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 619  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 620

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 621  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 622  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 623  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 624

(F) As used in this section: 625

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 626  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 627  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 628  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 629  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 630  
post-office box. 631

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 632  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 633  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 634  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 635  
highway name and number. 636

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 637  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 638  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 639  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 640  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 641  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 642  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 643  
to that address. 644

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 645  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 646  
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 647  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 648  
committee: 649

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 650  
section; 651

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 652  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 653  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 654

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 655  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 656  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 657  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 658  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 659  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 660  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 661  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 662  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 663  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 664  
box number. 665

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 666  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 667  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 668  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 669  
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 670  
the supreme court. 671

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 672  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 673

court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 674  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 675  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 676

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 677  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 678  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 679  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 680  
Revised Code. 681

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 682  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 683  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 684  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 685  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 686  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 687  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 688  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 689  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 690  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 691  
combined reporting periods. 692

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 693  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 694  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 695  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 696  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 697  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 698  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 699  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 700  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 701  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 702  
election periods. 703



(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 704  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 705  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 706  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 707  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 708  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 709  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 710  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 711  
candidates. 712

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 713  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 714  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 715  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 716

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 717  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 718  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 719  
member making the contribution. 720

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 721  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 722  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 723  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 724  
following: 725

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 726  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 727  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 728  
the partners, owners, or members; or 729

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 730  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 731  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 732

contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 733  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 734  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 735  
the contribution. 736

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 737  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 738  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 739  
section. 740

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 741  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 742  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 743  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 744  
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 745  
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 746

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 747  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 748  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 749

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 750  
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 751  
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 752  
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 753  
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 754

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 755  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 756  
candidate or holds office. 757

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 758  
of a treasurer under division (D)(1) of this section, the 759  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 760  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 761

thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 762  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 763  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 764  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 765  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 766  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 767  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 768  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 769  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 770  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 771  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 772

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 773  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 774  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 775  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 776  
be a write-in candidate. 777

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 778  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 779  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 780  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 781

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 782  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 783  
limitations described in that division during an election 784  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 785  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 786  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 787  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 788  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 789  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 790  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 791

candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 792  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 793  
write-in candidate. 794

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 795  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 796  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 797  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 798  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 799  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 800  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 801  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 802

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 803  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 804  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 805  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 806  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 807  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 808  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 809  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 810  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 811  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 812  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 813  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 814  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 815  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 816  
receives from all other contributors. 817

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 818  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 819  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 820  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 821

by any other means of advertising to the general public. 822

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 823  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 824  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 825  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 826  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 827  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 828  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 829

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 830  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 831  
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 832  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 833  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 834  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 835  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 836  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 837  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 838  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 839  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 840  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 841  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 842  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 843  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 844  
following: 845

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 846  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 847  
candidate's campaign committee; 848

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 849  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 850  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 851

public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 852  
of the Revised Code. 853

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 854  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 855  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 856  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 857  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 858  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 859  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 860  
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 861  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 862  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 863

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 864  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 865  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 866  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 867  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 868  
candidate, the individual, partnership, or other entity shall 869  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 870  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 871  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 872  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 873  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 874  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 875  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 876  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 877  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 878  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 879  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 880  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division ~~(G)~~ (E) of 881  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 882

by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 883  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 884  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 885  
election falsification. 886

(C) (1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, 887  
campaign committee, political action committee with ten or more 888  
members, or legislative campaign fund makes an independent 889  
expenditure, or whenever a political action committee with fewer 890  
than ten members makes an independent expenditure in excess of 891  
one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or question, or in 892  
excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide ballot issue or 893  
question, for the purpose of financing communications advocating 894  
support of or opposition to an identified ballot issue or 895  
question or solicits without the express consent of the ballot 896  
issue committee a contribution for or against an identified 897  
ballot issue or question through public political advertising, a 898  
statement shall appear or be presented in a clear and 899  
conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 900  
following: 901

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 902  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 903  
issue committee; 904

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor 905  
organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or 906  
political action committee that has paid for the communication 907  
or public political advertising in accordance with section 908  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 909

(2) (a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, 910  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 911  
or political action committee makes an independent expenditure 912

in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 913  
corporation or labor organization shall report the independent 914  
expenditure in accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 915  
of the Revised Code, and the campaign committee, legislative 916  
campaign fund, political party, or political action committee 917  
shall report the independent expenditure and identify the ballot 918  
issue or question on a statement prescribed by the secretary of 919  
state and filed by the committee, fund, or party as part of its 920  
statement of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division 921  
(A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of 922  
the Revised Code. 923

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 924  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 925  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 926  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures in 927  
excess of one hundred dollars in support of or opposition to any 928  
ballot issue or question, the individual, partnership, or other 929  
entity shall file with the secretary of state in the case of a 930  
statewide ballot issue or question, or with the board of 931  
elections in the county that certifies the issue or question for 932  
placement on the ballot in the case of a district or local issue 933  
or question, not later than the dates specified in divisions (A) 934  
(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 935  
and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a statement 936  
itemizing all independent expenditures made during the period 937  
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the 938  
last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 939  
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 940  
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 941  
division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 942  
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 943



indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure 944  
and the ballot issue or question in support of or opposition to 945  
which it was made and shall be made under penalty of election 946  
falsification. 947

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 948  
fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 949  
organization, or other organization or association shall use or 950  
cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an 951  
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any 952  
candidate or any ballot issue or question. A name is false or 953  
fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative 954  
campaign fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 955  
organization, or other organization or association does not 956  
actually exist or operate, if the corporation, labor 957  
organization, or other organization or association has failed to 958  
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 959  
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 960  
committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 961  
committee has failed to file a designation of the appointment of 962  
a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D) (1) of 963  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 964

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 965  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 966  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 967  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 968  
section. 969

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 970

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 971  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 972  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 973

the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 974

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 975  
other correction to that statement. 976

(B) ~~(1)~~ The secretary of state shall store all of the 977  
following information on computer~~the~~: 978

(1) The information contained in statements of 979  
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 980  
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 981  
statements of independent expenditures required to be filed 982  
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code ~~by any of the~~ 983  
~~following:~~ 984

~~(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide~~ 985  
~~office;~~ 986

~~(b) The political action committees and political~~ 987  
~~contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section~~ 988  
~~3517.11 of the Revised Code;~~ 989

~~(c) Legislative campaign funds;~~ 990

~~(d) State political parties;~~ 991

~~(e) Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 992  
~~organizations, or other entities that make independent~~ 993  
~~expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide~~ 994  
~~candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question;~~ 995

~~(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office~~ 996  
~~of member of the general assembly;~~ 997

~~(g) County political parties, with respect to their state~~ 998  
~~candidate funds.~~ with the secretary of state and the information 999  
transmitted to the secretary of state by boards of elections 1000

under division (E) (2) of this section; 1001

(2) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 1002  
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 1003  
communications statements required to be filed under section 1004  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code~~;~~ 1005

(3) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 1006  
information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 1007  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1008  
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code~~;~~ 1009

(4) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 1010  
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 1011  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1012  
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code~~;~~ 1013

(5) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 1014  
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 1015  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1016  
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1017

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1018  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1019  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1020  
parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor 1021  
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other 1022  
entities ~~described in division (B) of this section that are~~ 1023  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1024  
transmission, and to members of the news media and other 1025  
interested persons, for a reasonable fee, computer programs that 1026  
are compatible with the secretary of state's method of storing 1027  
the information contained in the statements. 1028

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1029

required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1030  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1031  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1032  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1033  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1034  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1035

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1036  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1037  
least six years. 1038

(E) (1) Subject to division ~~(L)~~ (J) of this section and 1039  
subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, 1040  
and verified the successful operation of any system the 1041  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of 1042  
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1043  
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1044  
statements by electronic means of transmission, ~~the~~ each of the 1045  
following entities shall be permitted or required to file 1046  
statements by electronic means of transmission, as applicable: 1047

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 1048  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1049  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 1050  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1051  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 1052  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1053  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1054  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1055  
transmission. 1056

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1057  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1058  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 1059

the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1060  
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 1061  
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 1062  
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 1063  
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 1064  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1065  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1066  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1067  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1068

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 1069  
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 1070  
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 1071  
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 1072  
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 1073  
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 1074

(d) A political action committee and a political 1075  
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1076  
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 1077  
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 1078  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1079  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1080  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1081  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 1082  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1083  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1084  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1085  
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1086  
electronic means of transmission. 1087

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1088  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1089

to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1090  
to the office of the secretary of state. 1091

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1092  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1093  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1094

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1095  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1096  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1097  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1098  
to the board of elections. 1099

(h) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 1100  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1101  
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 1102  
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 1103  
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 1104  
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1105  
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 1106  
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 1107  
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 1108  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 1109

(i) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 1110  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1111  
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 1112  
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 1113  
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 1114  
statement specified in that division by electronic means of 1115  
transmission to the board of elections. 1116

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1117  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1118

to the secretary of state within five business days after 1119  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1120  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1121  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1122  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1123  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1124  
received the addendum or amended statement. 1125

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this division~~ (E) 1126  
(3) (b) of this section, within five business days after a 1127  
statement filed ~~by a campaign committee of a candidate for~~ 1128  
~~statewide office under division (E) (1) of this section~~ is 1129  
received by the secretary of state by electronic or other means 1130  
of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available 1131  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 1132  
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section, the contribution and 1133  
expenditure information in that statement. ~~The~~ 1134

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1135  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1136  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1137  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1138  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1139  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1140  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1141  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1142  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1143  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1144  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1145  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1146  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1147  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1148  
office. 1149

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1150  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1151  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1152  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1153  
Code, the ~~campaign committee entity that filed the statement~~ 1154  
shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to 1155  
the statement that provides the information necessary to 1156  
complete or correct the statement or, if required ~~by the~~ 1157  
~~secretary of state~~ under that division, an amended statement. 1158

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1159  
receives ~~from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide~~ 1160  
~~office~~ an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1161  
electronic or other means of transmission ~~under this division or~~ 1162  
~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code~~, the 1163  
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1164  
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1165  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1166  
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section. 1167

~~(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 1168  
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 1169  
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of~~ 1170  
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section~~ 1171  
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance~~ 1172  
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, a political~~ 1173  
~~action committee and a political contributing entity described~~ 1174  
~~in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign~~ 1175  
~~fund, and a state political party may file the statements~~ 1176  
~~prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic~~ 1177  
~~means of transmission or, if the total amount of the~~ 1178  
~~contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures~~ 1179  
~~made by the political action committee, political contributing~~ 1180



~~entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for~~ 1181  
~~the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of~~ 1182  
~~section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand~~ 1183  
~~dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of~~ 1184  
~~transmission.~~ 1185

~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a~~ 1186  
~~political action committee or a political contributing entity~~ 1187  
~~described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative~~ 1188  
~~campaign fund, or a state political party is received by the~~ 1189  
~~secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission,~~ 1190  
~~the secretary of state shall make available online to the public~~ 1191  
~~through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this~~ 1192  
~~section, the contribution and expenditure information in that~~ 1193  
~~statement.~~ 1194

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission~~ 1195  
~~is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of~~ 1196  
~~the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division~~ 1197  
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the political~~ 1198  
~~action committee, political contributing entity, legislative~~ 1199  
~~campaign fund, or state political party shall file by electronic~~ 1200  
~~means of transmission any addendum to the statement that~~ 1201  
~~provides the information necessary to complete or correct the~~ 1202  
~~statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that~~ 1203  
~~division, an amended statement.~~ 1204

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state~~ 1205  
~~receives from a political action committee or a political~~ 1206  
~~contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this~~ 1207  
~~section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party~~ 1208  
~~an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by~~ 1209  
~~electronic or other means of transmission under this division or~~ 1210

~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the~~ 1211  
~~secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure~~ 1212  
~~information in the addendum or amended statement available~~ 1213  
~~online to the public through the internet as provided in~~ 1214  
~~division (I) of this section.~~ 1215

~~(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 1216  
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 1217  
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of~~ 1218  
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section~~ 1219  
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance~~ 1220  
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, a county~~ 1221  
~~political party shall file the statements prescribed by section~~ 1222  
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate~~ 1223  
~~fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the~~ 1224  
~~secretary of state.~~ 1225

~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a~~ 1226  
~~county political party with respect to its state candidate fund~~ 1227  
~~is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of~~ 1228  
~~transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online~~ 1229  
~~to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I)~~ 1230  
~~of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in~~ 1231  
~~that statement.~~ 1232

~~If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate~~ 1233  
~~after the examination of the statement for completeness and~~ 1234  
~~accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of~~ 1235  
~~the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by~~ 1236  
~~electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement~~ 1237  
~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct~~ 1238  
~~the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under~~ 1239  
~~that division, an amended statement.~~ 1240

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a county political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 1241  
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~~(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the contributions received by the campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 1250  
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~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a~~ 1268  
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~~court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by 1272~~  
~~electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1273~~  
~~state shall make available online to the public through the 1274~~  
~~internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the 1275~~  
~~contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The 1276~~  
~~secretary of state shall not make available online to the public 1277~~  
~~through the internet any contribution or expenditure information 1278~~  
~~contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary 1279~~  
~~of state is able to make available online to the public through 1280~~  
~~the internet the contribution and expenditure information for 1281~~  
~~all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable 1282~~  
~~filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is 1283~~  
~~sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of 1284~~  
~~the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates 1285~~  
~~for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing 1286~~  
~~deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the 1287~~  
~~secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to 1288~~  
~~the public through the internet the information for all 1289~~  
~~candidates for that office. 1290~~

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1291~~  
~~is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1292~~  
~~the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1293~~  
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 1294~~  
~~committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the 1295~~  
~~office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement 1296~~  
~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1297~~  
~~the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1298~~  
~~that division, an amended statement. 1299~~

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state 1300~~  
~~receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office 1301~~  
~~of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1302~~

~~candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an-~~ 1303  
~~addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic-~~ 1304  
~~or other means of transmission under this division or division-~~ 1305  
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary-~~ 1306  
~~of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information-~~ 1307  
~~in the addendum or amended statement available online to the-~~ 1308  
~~public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this-~~ 1309  
~~section.~~ 1310

~~(2) (5) If a campaign committee for the office of member~~ 1311  
~~of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate~~ 1312  
~~for the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement,~~ 1313  
~~addendum, or amended statement is not filed by electronic means-~~ 1314  
~~of transmission to the office of the secretary of state but is-~~ 1315  
~~filed by printed version only under division (A) (2) of section-~~ 1316  
~~3517.11 of the Revised Code with the appropriate board of~~ 1317  
~~elections, the campaign committee of a candidate for the office-~~ 1318  
~~of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a~~ 1319  
~~candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall~~ 1320  
~~file two copies of the printed version of the statement,~~ 1321  
~~addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The~~ 1322  
~~board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified~~ 1323  
~~mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the~~ 1324  
~~close of business on the day the board of elections receives the~~ 1325  
~~statement, addendum, or amended statement.~~ 1326

~~(C) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 1327  
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 1328  
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of-~~ 1329  
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section-~~ 1330  
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance-~~ 1331  
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual,~~ 1332  
~~partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures-~~ 1333

~~in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a  
statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division (B)  
(2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may  
file the statement specified in that division by electronic  
means of transmission or, if the total amount of independent  
expenditures made during the reporting period under that  
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission.~~ 1334  
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~~Within five business days after a statement filed by an  
individual, partnership, or other entity is received by the  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission,  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public  
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this  
section, the expenditure information in that statement.~~ 1342  
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~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission  
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of  
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the  
individual, partnership, or other entity shall file by  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct  
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under  
that division, an amended statement.~~ 1348  
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~~Within five business days after the secretary of state  
receives from an individual, partnership, or other entity  
described in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105  
of the Revised Code an addendum to the statement or an amended  
statement by electronic or other means of transmission under  
this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the  
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the expenditure~~ 1357  
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~~information in the addendum or amended statement available~~ 1364  
~~online to the public through the internet as provided in~~ 1365  
~~division (I) of this section.~~ 1366

~~(H)~~ (F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant 1367  
to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or 1368  
more techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to 1369  
the secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic 1370  
means a statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement 1371  
of independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 1372  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 1373  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 1374  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 1375  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 1376  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 1377  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 1378  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 1379  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 1380  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 1381  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 1382  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 1383  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 1384  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 1385  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 1386

(a) It is unique to the signer. 1387

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 1388

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 1389  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 1390  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 1391

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 1392

which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 1393  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 1394  
electronic signature is invalidated. 1395

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 1396  
state under division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of this section shall be attached 1397  
to or associated with the statement of contributions and 1398  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 1399  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 1400  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 1401  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 1402  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 1403  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 1404  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 1405  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 1406  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 1407  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 1408  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 1409  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 1410  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 1411  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 1412  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 1413  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 1414  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 1415

~~(I)~~(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the 1416  
following information available online to the public by any 1417  
means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible through the 1418  
internet: 1419

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 1420  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 1421  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 1422



all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 1423  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 1424  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 1425  
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 1426  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code ~~available online to~~ 1427  
~~the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and~~ 1428  
~~accessible through the internet;~~ 1429

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 1430  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 1431  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 1432  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 1433  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 1434  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1435

~~(J)~~(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a 1436  
library that is open to the public and that is one of the 1437  
following: 1438

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 1439  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 1440

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 1441  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 1442

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 1443  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 1444  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1445  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1446  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 1447  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 1448  
pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(G) of this section may be accessed. 1449

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 1450  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 1451

location as required by this division, the library shall include 1452  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 1453  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 1454  
public. 1455

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 1456  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 1457  
transmission pursuant to division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of this section and 1458  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1459  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 1460  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 1461  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 1462  
statements may be filed. 1463

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 1464  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 1465  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 1466  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 1467  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 1468  
that is accessible to the public. 1469

~~(K)~~(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or 1470  
charge brought against any campaign committee, political action 1471  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1472  
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 1473  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 1474  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 1475  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 1476  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 1477  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 1478  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 1479  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 1480  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 1481

legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 1482  
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 1483  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1484  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 1485  
failed to so file: 1486

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1487  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1488  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1489  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1490  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1491  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 1492  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 1493  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 1494

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1495  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1496  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1497  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1498  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1499  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 1500  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 1501  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 1502  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 1503  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 1504

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1505  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1506  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1507  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1508  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1509  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 1510  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 1511

of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 1512  
described in division ~~(K)~~(I) (2) of this section. 1513

~~(L)~~(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules 1514  
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a 1515  
campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office that 1516  
makes expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars 1517  
during the filing period or a campaign committee for the office 1518  
of member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a 1519  
court of appeals that would otherwise be required to file 1520  
campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission 1521  
under division (E) ~~or (F)~~ of this section to file those 1522  
statements by paper with the office of the secretary of state. 1523  
Those rules shall provide for all of the following: 1524

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 1525  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 1526  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 1527  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 1528  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 1529  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 1530  
statement. 1531

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 1532  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 1533  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 1534  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 1535  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 1536  
to an electronic format as required under division ~~(I)~~(G) of 1537  
this section. 1538

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 1539  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 1540  
division ~~(L)~~(J) of this section to be made available online to 1541

the public through the internet in the same manner, and at the 1542  
same times, as information is made available under divisions 1543  
(E), ~~(F)~~, and ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section for candidates whose 1544  
campaign committees file those statements by electronic means of 1545  
transmission. 1546

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 1547  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 1548  
division ~~(I)~~ (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating 1549  
that the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 1550  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 1551  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 1552  
for the eligible campaign committee. 1553

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 1554  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division ~~(I)~~ (J) of this 1555  
section shall review the contribution and information made 1556  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 1557  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 1558  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 1559  
available on that web site. 1560

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 1561  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 1562  
~~(I)~~ (J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 1563  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 1564  
rules adopted under division ~~(I)~~ (J) (1) (a) of this section, 1565  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 1566  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 1567  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 1568  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 1569  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1570

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 1571

would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 1572  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 1573  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 1574  
to be developed under division ~~(I)~~(J)(1) of this section shall 1575  
be in effect and available for use by eligible campaign 1576  
committees for all campaign finance statements that are required 1577  
to be filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any 1578  
provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process 1579  
the secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) 1580  
(1) of this section is not in effect and available for use on 1581  
and after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of 1582  
campaign committees to file campaign finance statements by 1583  
electronic means of transmission shall be suspended until such 1584  
time as that process is in effect and available for use. 1585

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 1586  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 1587  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 1588  
secretary of state pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J)(1) of this 1589  
section shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance 1590  
statements by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1591  
the secretary of state. 1592

**Sec. 3517.1011.** (A) As used in this section: 1593

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 1594  
of the Revised Code. 1595

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 1596  
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 1597  
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 1598  
system. 1599

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 1600

of the Revised Code<sup>+</sup>, 1601

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 1602  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 1603  
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 1604  
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 1605  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 1606  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 1607  
another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 1608  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1609  
communications. 1610

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 1611  
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 1612  
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 1613  
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 1614  
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 1615  
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 1616  
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 1617  
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 1618  
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 1619  
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 1620  
communication" when it is either of the following: 1621

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 1622  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 1623  
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 1624  
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 1625  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 1626  
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 1627  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 1628  
toward having the communication made; 1629

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 1630

authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 1631  
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 1632  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1633  
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 1634  
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 1635  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 1636  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1637  
the candidate's campaign committee. 1638

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 1639  
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 1640  
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 1641  
made through any person who provides a service that does not 1642  
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 1643  
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 1644  
also affects the content of the communication. 1645

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 1646

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 1647  
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 1648  
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 1649  
ten thousand dollars; 1650

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 1651  
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 1652  
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 1653  
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 1654  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 1655  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 1656  
dollar. 1657

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 1658  
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 1659



identified candidate and that is made during either of the 1660  
following periods of time: 1661

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 1662  
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 1663  
election to that office, between the date that the person 1664  
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 1665  
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 1666  
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 1667  
will be elected to that office; 1668

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 1669  
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 1670  
election to that office, between the date of the primary 1671  
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 1672  
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 1673

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 1674  
the following: 1675

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 1676  
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 1677  
satellite television or radio station. For example, 1678  
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 1679  
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 1680  
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 1681  
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 1682  
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 1683  
telephone communications. 1684

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 1685  
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 1686  
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 1687  
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 1688

unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate;	1689 1690
(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised Code;	1691 1692 1693
(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum.	1694 1695 1696 1697
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3517.109 of the Revised Code.	1698 1699
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as amended.	1700 1701 1702
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any political organization considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.	1703 1704 1705 1706
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	1707
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year;	1708 1709 1710 1711 1712
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	1713
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	1714 1715

- (i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year; 1716  
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- (ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year; 1718  
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- (iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year. 1721  
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- (12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 1723  
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- (13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," "mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous reference to the person's status as a candidate. 1725  
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- (B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered into a contract to make the disbursement. 1733  
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- (C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, prior to making the first disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to make such disbursements. 1736  
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- (D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 1743  
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electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 1745  
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 1746  
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 1747  
electioneering communications statement containing the following 1748  
information: 1749

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 1750  
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 1751  
control over the activities of the person making the 1752  
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 1753  
the person making the disbursement; 1754

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 1755  
the disbursement, if not an individual; 1756

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 1757  
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 1758  
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 1759

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 1760  
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 1761  
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 1762

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 1763  
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 1764  
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 1765  
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 1766  
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 1767  
the account for electioneering communications, the information 1768  
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 1769  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1770  
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 1771  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1772  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1773

section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 1774  
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 1775  
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 1776  
other than electioneering communications. 1777

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 1778  
described in division (D) (1) (e) of this section, the information 1779  
specified in division (D) (2) of this section for all 1780  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1781  
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 1782  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1783  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1784  
section during the period covered by the statement. 1785

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 1786  
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 1787  
all of the following shall be reported: 1788

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 1789  
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 1790  
more; 1791

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 1792  
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 1793  
registration number assigned to the political action committee 1794  
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 1795

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 1796  
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 1797  
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 1798  
individual's business, if any; 1799

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 1800  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 1801  
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 1802

the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 1803  
division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 1804  
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 1805  
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 1806

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 1807  
money; 1808

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 1809

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1810  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1811  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 1812  
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of section 1813  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1814  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 1815  
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 1816  
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 1817  
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 1818  
of state. 1819

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1820  
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 1821  
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 1822  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 1823  
division ~~(I)~~(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 1824  
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 1825

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 1826  
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 1827  
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1828  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 1829  
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1830  
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 1831

correction to the statement that provides the information 1832  
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 1833  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 1834  
statement. 1835

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1836  
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 1837  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 1838  
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 1839  
division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1840  
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 1841  
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 1842  
correction to the statement or amended statement available 1843  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1844  
division ~~(F)~~ (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 1845

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 1846  
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 1847  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 1848  
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 1849  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1850

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 1851  
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 1852  
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 1853  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 1854  
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 1855  
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 1856  
the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 1857  
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1858

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 1859  
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 1860  
that does both of the following: 1861

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 1862  
communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 1863  
candidate's campaign committee; 1864

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 1865  
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 1866  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 1867

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 1868  
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 1869  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 1870  
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 1871  
costs of producing or airing the communication. 1872

(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 1873  
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 1874  
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 1875  
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 1876  
received from a corporation or labor organization. 1877

**Sec. 3517.11.** (A) (1) Campaign committees of candidates for 1878  
statewide office or the state board of education, political 1879  
action committees or political contributing entities that make 1880  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are 1881  
required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1882  
the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action 1883  
committees or political contributing entities that make 1884  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of 1885  
the general assembly, political action committees or political 1886  
contributing entities that make contributions to state and 1887  
national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, 1888  
political action committees or political contributing entities 1889  
that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection 1890  
with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or 1891



political contributing entities that make contributions to other 1892  
political action committees or political contributing entities, 1893  
political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth 1894  
in division (A) (3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, 1895  
and state and national political parties shall file the 1896  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1897  
with the secretary of state. 1898

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(F)~~(E) of 1899  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of 1900  
candidates for all other offices shall file the statements 1901  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board 1902  
of elections where their candidates are required to file their 1903  
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 1904

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 1905  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1906  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 1907  
file two copies of the printed version of any statement, 1908  
addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file 1909  
pursuant to division ~~(F)(1)~~(E) or ~~(L)~~(J) of section 3517.106 1910  
of the Revised Code but files by printed version only with the 1911  
appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall 1912  
send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy 1913  
to the secretary of state before the close of business on the 1914  
day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or 1915  
amended statement. 1916

(3) Political action committees or political contributing 1917  
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 1918  
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 1919  
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 1920  
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 1921

general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 1922  
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 1923  
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 1924  
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 1925  
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 1926  
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 1927  
having a population greater than that of any other county 1928  
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 1929  
as the case may be. 1930

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) ~~(3)~~ (1) (e) 1931  
of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 1932  
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 1933  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1934  
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 1935

(B) (1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 1936  
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 1937  
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 1938  
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 1939  
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 1940  
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 1941  
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 1942  
receipt in writing. 1943

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 1944  
statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 1945  
Revised Code, every candidate subject to the provisions of this 1946  
section and sections 3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code 1947  
shall be notified of the requirements and applicable penalties 1948  
of those sections. The secretary of state, by certified mail, 1949  
return receipt requested, shall notify all candidates required 1950  
to file those statements with the secretary of state's office. 1951

The board of elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of state. The board shall use certified mail, return receipt requested, to notify all other candidates required to file those statements with it.

(3) (a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code that is found to be incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of appeals file pursuant to division ~~(F)~~ (E) or ~~(I)~~ (J) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of elections where a statement filed for a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the statement to be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall immediately notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or inaccurate nature. If either an officer at the board of

elections or the secretary of state finds a statement filed for 1983  
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 1984  
for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals to 1985  
be incomplete or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall 1986  
send the notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature 1987  
of the statement. 1988

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 1989  
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 1990  
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 1991  
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 1992  
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 1993  
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 or section 1994  
3517.107 of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 1995  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 1996  
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 1997  
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 1998  
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 1999  
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 2000  
the office of the secretary of state or a board of elections 2001  
pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient 2002  
of the notice described in this division file by electronic 2003  
means of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 2004  
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 2005

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 2006  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 2007  
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 2008  
filed: 2009

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 2010  
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2011

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 2012

statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 2013  
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(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 2015  
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(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 2017  
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(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 2019  
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An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same manner as the statement. 2021  
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The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure of electioneering communications statements, deposit and disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or other corrections to those statements by electronic means of transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic means of transmission. 2025  
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(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an amended statement under division (B)(3)(a) of this section, the secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), ~~(F)~~, and (G), ~~and~~ ~~(I)~~ of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of 2036  
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the Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure, 2042  
contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift 2043  
and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in 2044  
that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement 2045  
available online to the public through the internet. 2046

(4) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 2047  
shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 2048  
3517.08 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 2049

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 2050  
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 2051  
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 2052  
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 2053  
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 2054  
Revised Code. 2055

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 2056  
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 2057  
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 2058  
conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 2059  
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 2060  
reported to the secretary of state. 2061

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 2062  
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 2063  
3517.17 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 2064  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 2065  
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 2066  
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 2067  
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 2068  
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 2069  
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 2070  
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 2071

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jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 2073  
report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 2074  
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 2075  
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 2076  
Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 2077  
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 2078  
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 2079

(2) For purposes of division (C) (1) of this section, a 2080  
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2081  
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 2082  
sections 3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code is incomplete 2083  
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 2084  
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 2085  
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 2086  
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 2087  
be reported under sections 3517.10, 3517.107, 3517.108, 2088  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 2089  
Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 2090  
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 2091  
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 2092  
deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 2093  
during the reporting period. 2094

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 2095  
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 2096  
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 2097  
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 2098  
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 2099  
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2100

**Section 2.** That existing sections 705.92, 3517.10, 2101

3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code 2102  
are hereby repealed. 2103

**Section 3.** This act shall take effect on the first day of 2104  
January that occurs at least one hundred eighty days after the 2105  
act is filed with the Secretary of State. 2106