A BILL

To amend sections 111.42, 111.44, 149.43, 3501.05, 3501.05, 3503.01, 3503.09, 3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.24, 3503.26, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, 3599.18, 4506.07, 4507.06, and 4507.51; to enact new section 3503.11 and sections 3503.192 and 3503.22; and to repeal sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.29 of the Revised Code to create an automated voter registration system.

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

Section 1. That sections 111.42, 111.44, 149.43, 3501.05, 3501.05, 3503.01, 3503.09, 3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.24, 3503.26, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, 3599.18, 4506.07, 4507.06, and 4507.51.
and 4507.51 be amended and new section 3503.11 and sections 3503.192 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 111.42. (A) A person to whom all of the following applies may apply to the secretary of state with the assistance of an application assistant to become a participant in the address confidentiality program, in which an address designated by the secretary of state serves as the person's address or the address of the minor, incompetent, or ward on whose behalf the person is applying:

   (1) The applicant is an adult who is applying on behalf of the person's self or is a parent or guardian applying on behalf of a minor, incompetent, or ward.

   (2) The applicant or the minor, incompetent, or ward, as applicable, resides, works, or attends a school or an institution of higher education in this state.

   (3) The applicant or the minor, incompetent, or ward, as applicable, is changing residence.

   (4) The applicant fears for the safety of the applicant, a member of the applicant's household, or the minor, incompetent, or ward on whose behalf the application is made because the applicant, household member, minor, incompetent, or ward is a victim of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery.

   (5) The applicant or the minor, incompetent, or ward, as applicable, is not a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender.

   (B) An application to become a participant in the address
confidentiality program shall be made on a form prescribed by
the secretary of state and filed in the office of the secretary
of state in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
application shall contain all of the following:

(1) A notarized statement by the applicant that the
applicant fears for the safety of the applicant, a member of the
applicant's household, or the minor, incompetent, or ward on
whose behalf the application is made because the applicant,
household member, minor, incompetent, or ward is a victim of
domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking,
trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery;

(2) A statement that the application assistant recommends
that the applicant or the minor, incompetent, or ward, as
applicable, participate in the address confidentiality program;

(3) A knowing and voluntary designation of the secretary
of state as the agent for the purposes of receiving service of
process and the receipt of mail;

(4) The mailing address and telephone number or numbers at
which the secretary of state may contact the applicant;

(5) The address or addresses of the applicant's residence,
school, institution of higher education, business, or place of
employment that the applicant requests not be disclosed for the
reason that disclosure will increase the risk that the
applicant, a member of the applicant's household, or the minor,
incompetent, or ward on whose behalf the application is made
will be threatened or physically harmed by another person;

(6) The signature of the applicant, the name and signature
of the application assistant who assisted the applicant, and the
date on which the applicant and the application assistant signed
the application;

(7) Except for a claim based on the performance or nonperformance of a public duty that was manifestly outside the scope of the officer's or employee's office or employment or in which the officer or employee acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner, a voluntary release and waiver of all future claims against the state for any claim that may arise from participation in the address confidentiality program.

(C) Upon receiving a properly completed application under division (B) of this section, the secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(1) Certify the applicant or the minor, incompetent, or ward on whose behalf the application is filed as a program participant;

(2) Designate each eligible address listed in the application as a confidential address;

(3) Issue the program participant a unique program participant identification number;

(4) Issue the program participant an address confidentiality program authorization card, which shall be valid during the period that the program participant remains certified to participate in the address confidentiality program, and which shall include the address at which the program participant may receive mail through the office of the secretary of state;

(5) Provide information to the program participant concerning the manner in which the program participant may use the secretary of state as the program participant's agent for the purposes of receiving mail and receiving service of process.
and the types of mail that the secretary of state will forward to the program participant;

(6) Provide information to the program participant concerning the process to register to vote and to vote as a program participant, if the program participant is eligible to vote or preregister to vote.

(D) A program participant shall update the person's application information, within thirty days after any change has occurred, by submitting a notice of change to the office of the secretary of state on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state may, with proper notice, cancel a program participant's certification if the participant is found to be unreachable for a period of sixty days or more.

(E) The certification of a program participant shall be valid for four years after the date of the filing of the application for the program participant unless the certification is withdrawn or invalidated before the end of that four-year period.

(F)(1) A program participant who continues to be eligible to participate in the address confidentiality program may renew the program participant's certification by submitting a renewal application to the secretary of state with the assistance of an application assistant. The renewal application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall contain all of the information described in division (B) of this section.

(2) The secretary of state may prescribe by rule a grace period during which a program participant whose certification has expired may renew the program participant's certification without being considered to have ceased being a program.
participant during that period.

(3) When a program participant renews the program participant's certification, the program participant shall continue to use the program participant's original program participant identification number.

(G) A tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender is not eligible to participate in the address confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.99 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 111.44.** (A) A program participant who is eligible to vote or preregister to vote may apply to the board of elections of the county in which the program participant resides to request that the program participant's voter registration record be kept confidential. The program participant shall submit an application to the director of the board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that includes all of the following:

(1) The information required under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote;

(2) The program participant's program participant identification number;

(3) If the program participant is currently registered to vote at another address, the address at which the program participant is registered to vote and a statement that, if the program participant is registered in another county or state, the program participant authorizes the director to instruct the appropriate authority to cancel the program participant's existing voter registration;
(4) A statement that the program participant understands all of the following:

(a) That during the time the program participant chooses to have a confidential voter registration record, the program participant may vote only by absent voter's ballots;

(b) That the program participant may provide the program participant's program participant identification number instead of the program participant's residence address on an application for absent voter's ballots or on an absent voter's ballot identification envelope statement of voter;

(c) That casting any ballot in person will reveal the program participant's precinct and residence address to precinct election officials and employees of the board of elections and may reveal the program participant's precinct or residence address to members of the public;

(d) That if the program participant signs an election petition, the program participant's residence address will be made available to the public.

(B)(1) A program participant who is not currently registered to vote in this state must submit an application under this section not later than the thirtieth day before the day of an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election, as provided in sections 3503.01 and 3503.19 of the Revised Code.

(2) A program participant who is currently registered or preregistered to vote in this state may submit an application under this section at any time to request that the program participant's voter registration record be kept confidential.

(C) Upon the receipt by the director of the board of
elections of a valid application under division (A) of this section, all of the following shall apply:

(1) The director or the deputy director shall contact the secretary of state to confirm that the program participant identification number provided on the application matches the number the secretary of state issued to the program participant.

(2) The application shall be treated as the program participant's voter registration form. The form shall be stored in a secure manner, such that only the members of the board of elections, the director, and the deputy director have access to the form and to the residence address contained in the form.

(3) Upon registering the program participant, the director or the deputy director shall record the program participant's program participant identification number in the statewide voter registration database and the official registration list instead of the program participant's residence address and precinct.

(4) If the program participant is currently registered to vote in the county, the director or the deputy director shall do all of the following:

(a) Remove the residence address and precinct information from the program participant's voter registration record, the statewide voter registration database, and the official registration list;

(b) Remove the program participant's name and registration information from any pollbook, poll list, or signature pollbook in which it appears and from any publicly available registration list in which it appears.

(5) If the program participant is currently registered to
vote in another county, the director or the deputy director shall notify the board of elections of the county in which the program participant is registered to cancel the program participant's registration.

(6) If the program participant is currently registered to vote in another state, the director or the deputy director shall notify the appropriate authority in that state to cancel the program participant's registration.

(7) The director or the deputy director shall promptly send an acknowledgment notice to the program participant on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(D) (1)(a) The residence address or precinct of a program participant who has a confidential voter registration record, as described in this section, shall not appear in the statewide voter registration database or in the official registration list. The program participant's program participant identification number shall appear in place of that information.

(b) No information concerning the program participant, including the program participant's name, shall be included in any pollbook, poll list, or signature pollbook.

(c) No information concerning the program participant, including the program participant's name, shall be included in the version of the statewide voter registration database that is available to the public or in any version of an official registration list that is available to the public.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, a program participant who has a confidential voter registration record may vote only by casting absent voter's ballots.
(3) Not later than the forty-fifth day before the day of an election, the secretary of state shall mail a notice to each program participant who has a confidential voter registration record. The notice shall inform the program participant of all of the following:

(a) That if the program participant wishes to vote in the election, the program participant should cast absent voter's ballots by mail;

(b) The procedure for the program participant to cast absent voter's ballots;

(c) That casting any ballot in person will reveal the program participant's precinct and residence address to precinct election officials and employees of the board of elections and may reveal the program participant's precinct or residence address to members of the public.

(E)(1) A program participant who has a confidential voter registration record and who has had a change of name or change of address may submit an application under division (A) of this section that includes the program participant's updated information. The director or the deputy director shall treat that application as a notice of change of name or change of address.

(2) If the program participant currently resides in that county, the director or the deputy director shall replace the program participant's existing registration form with the new registration form.

(3) If the program participant currently resides in another county in this state, the director or the deputy director shall cancel the program participant's existing
registration form and shall transmit the program participant's new registration form to the director of the board of elections of the county in which the elector currently resides, and the new registration form shall be processed in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(F) A person who has a confidential voter registration record and who ceases being a program participant or who wishes to cease having a confidential voter registration record shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that includes all of the following:

(1) The information required under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote;

(2) The person's program participant identification number;

(3) A statement that the person has ceased being a program participant or that the person wishes to cease having a confidential voter registration record;

(4) A statement that the director should do one of the following:

(a) Treat the person's existing voter registration form in the same manner as other voter registration forms;

(b) Cancel the person's voter registration.

(G)(1) Upon receiving a valid application under division (F) of this section from a person who wishes the board of elections to treat the person's existing voter registration form in the same manner as other voter registration forms, or upon receiving a notice from the secretary of state under division (B) of section 111.45 of the Revised Code concerning a person
who has a confidential voter registration record, the director or the deputy director shall do all of the following:

(a) Store the person's voter registration form in the same manner as other voter registration forms;

(b) Remove the person's program participant identification number from the person's registration form and from the statewide voter registration database;

(c) Ensure that the statewide voter registration database and any poll list, pollbook, or registration list accurately reflect the person's current name and registration information.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3503.01 of the Revised Code, if the director receives an application or notice described in division (G)(1) of this section concerning an elector less than thirty days before the day of an election, the elector shall be eligible to vote in that election.

(H) Upon receiving a valid application under division (F) of this section from a person who wishes to have the person's voter registration canceled, the director or the deputy director shall cancel the person's voter registration.

Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, village, township, and school district units, and records pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not mean any of the following:
(a) Medical records;

(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings, to proceedings related to the imposition of community control sanctions and post-release control sanctions, or to proceedings related to determinations under section 2967.271 of the Revised Code regarding the release or maintained incarceration of an offender to whom that section applies;

(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to appeals of actions arising under those sections;

(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code;

(e) Information in a record contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;

(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;

(g) Trial preparation records;

(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;

(i) Records containing information that is confidential under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;

(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code;
(k) Inmate records released by the department of rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;

(l) Records maintained by the department of youth services pertaining to children in its custody released by the department of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;

(m) Intellectual property records;

(n) Donor profile records;

(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;

(p) Designated public service worker residential and familial information;

(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen;

(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, records provided to the board or director, statements made by board members during meetings of the board or by persons participating in the director's review, and all work products of
the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality
review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board
to the department of health or a national child death review
database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division
(A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code;

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the
executive director of a public children services agency or a
prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the
Revised Code other than the information released under that
section;

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used
in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator
that the board of executives of long-term services and supports
administers under section 4751.15 of the Revised Code or
contracts under that section with a private or government entity
to administer;

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or
federal law;

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person
that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;

(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;

(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;

(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B) of that section;

(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally owned or operated public utility;

(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04 of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available to the public as provided in that division;

(cc) Information and records that are made confidential, privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B) and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code;

(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of the Revised Code;

(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally identifiable information of a program participant in the address confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to 111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a confidential voter registration record, and records or portions of records pertaining to that program that identify the number of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward, township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic area smaller than the state. As used in this division, "confidential address" and "program participant" have the meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code.

(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date
or effective date of the call to order;

(gg) The name, address, contact information, or other
personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen
years of age that is included in any record related to a traffic
accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was
an occupant at the time of the accident;

(hh) Protected health information, as defined in 45 C.F.R.
160.103, that is in a claim for payment for a health care
product, service, or procedure, as well as any other health
claims data in another document that reveals the identity of an
individual who is the subject of the data or could be used to
reveal that individual's identity;

(ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or
printed or digital image under either of the following
circumstances:

(i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the
release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary
sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the
victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity.

(ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a
sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the
Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense.

(jj) Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or
dashboard camera recording;

(kk) In the case of a fetal-infant mortality review board
acting under sections 3707.70 to 3707.77 of the Revised Code,
records, documents, reports, or other information presented to
the board or a person abstracting such materials on the board's
behalf, statements made by review board members during board
meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by
the board to the department of health or a national infant death
review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to
section 3707.77 of the Revised Code.

(ll) Records, documents, reports, or other information
presented to the pregnancy-associated mortality review board
established under section 3738.01 of the Revised Code,
statements made by board members during board meetings, all work
products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the
department of health, other than the biennial reports prepared
under section 3738.08 of the Revised Code;

(mm) Telephone numbers for a victim, as defined in section
2930.01 of the Revised Code, a witness to a crime, or a party to
a motor vehicle accident subject to the requirements of section
5502.11 of the Revised Code that are listed on any law
enforcement record or report;

(nn) The information contained in a voter preregistration
application, as described in section 3503.192 of the Revised
Code, before the applicant is registered to vote in accordance
with that section.

A record that is not a public record under division (A)(1)
of this section and that, under law, is permanently retained
becomes a public record on the day that is seventy-five years
after the day on which the record was created, except for any
record protected by the attorney-client privilege, a trial
preparation record as defined in this section, a statement
prohibiting the release of identifying information signed under
section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, a denial of release form filed pursuant to section 3107.46 of the Revised Code, or any record that is exempt from release or disclosure under section 149.433 of the Revised Code. If the record is a birth certificate and a biological parent's name redaction request form has been accepted under section 3107.391 of the Revised Code, the name of that parent shall be redacted from the birth certificate before it is released under this paragraph. If any other section of the Revised Code establishes a time period for disclosure of a record that conflicts with the time period specified in this section, the time period in the other section prevails.

(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but only to the extent that the release of the record would create a high probability of disclosure of any of the following:

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised;

(b) Information provided by an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised, which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's or witness's identity;

(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or procedures or specific investigatory work product;

(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness,
or a confidential information source.

(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical treatment.

(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or proceeding, including the independent thought processes and personal trial preparation of an attorney.

(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic, technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and that has not been publicly released, published, or patented.

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors or potential donors to a public institution of higher education except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation.

(7) "Designated public service worker" means a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based
correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, medical director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board of an emergency medical service organization, state board of pharmacy employee, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, judge, magistrate, or federal law enforcement officer.

(8) "Designated public service worker residential and familial information" means any information that discloses any of the following about a designated public service worker:

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a designated public service worker, except for the following information:

(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a prosecuting attorney or judge; and

(ii) The state or political subdivision in which a designated public service worker resides.

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation in an employee assistance program;

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any medical information pertaining to, a designated public service worker;

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided to a designated public service worker by the designated public service worker's employer;

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or
employment benefit deduction made by the designated public
service worker's employer from the designated public service
worker's compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is
required by state or federal law;

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the
employer, the address of the employer, the social security
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account,
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency
telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of
a designated public service worker;

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace
officer's appointing authority.

(9) As used in divisions (A)(7) and (15) to (17) of this
section:

"Peace officer" has the meaning defined in section 109.71
of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and
troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include the
sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the
absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise
the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff.

"Correctional employee" means any employee of the
department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of
performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with
inmates and persons under supervision.

"County or multicounty corrections officer" means any
corrections officer employed by any county or multicounty
correctional facility.
"Youth services employee" means any employee of the department of youth services who in the course of performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with children committed to the custody of the department of youth services.

"Firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member of a lawfully constituted fire department of a municipal corporation, township, fire district, or village.

"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide emergency medical services for a public emergency medical service organization. "Emergency medical service organization," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the meanings defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

"Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation" has the meaning defined in section 2903.11 of the Revised Code.

"Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning defined in section 9.88 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any of the following:

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact person;

(b) The social security number, birth date, or photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen;
(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining to a person under the age of eighteen;

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing that person to participate in any recreational activity conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or operated by a public office.

(11) "Community control sanction" has the meaning defined in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(12) "Post-release control sanction" has the meaning defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

(13) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.

(14) "Designee," "elected official," and "future official" have the meanings defined in section 109.43 of the Revised Code.

(15) "Body-worn camera" means a visual and audio recording device worn on the person of a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's duties.

(16) "Dashboard camera" means a visual and audio recording device mounted on a peace officer's vehicle or vessel that is used while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's duties.

(17) "Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording" means any visual or audio portion of
a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording that shows, communicates, or discloses any of the following:

(a) The image or identity of a child or information that could lead to the identification of a child who is a primary subject of the recording when the law enforcement agency knows or has reason to know the person is a child based on the law enforcement agency's records or the content of the recording;

(b) The death of a person or a deceased person's body, unless the death was caused by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained;

(c) The death of a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the decedent was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained;

(d) Grievous bodily harm, unless the injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(e) An act of severe violence against a person that results in serious physical harm to the person, unless the act and injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(f) Grievous bodily harm to a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent
of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(g) An act of severe violence resulting in serious physical harm against a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(h) A person's nude body, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the person's consent has been obtained;

(i) Protected health information, the identity of a person in a health care facility who is not the subject of a law enforcement encounter, or any other information in a health care facility that could identify a person who is not the subject of a law enforcement encounter;

(j) Information that could identify the alleged victim of a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence;

(k) Information, that does not constitute a confidential law enforcement investigatory record, that could identify a person who provides sensitive or confidential information to a law enforcement agency when the disclosure of the person's identity or the information provided could reasonably be expected to threaten or endanger the safety or property of the person or another person;

(l) Personal information of a person who is not arrested, cited, charged, or issued a written warning by a peace officer;

(m) Proprietary police contingency plans or tactics that are intended to prevent crime and maintain public order and safety;
(n) A personal conversation unrelated to work between peace officers or between a peace officer and an employee of a law enforcement agency;

(o) A conversation between a peace officer and a member of the public that does not concern law enforcement activities;

(p) The interior of a residence, unless the interior of a residence is the location of an adversarial encounter with, or a use of force by, a peace officer;

(q) Any portion of the interior of a private business that is not open to the public, unless an adversarial encounter with, or a use of force by, a peace officer occurs in that location.

As used in division (A)(17) of this section:

"Grievous bodily harm" has the same meaning as in section 5924.120 of the Revised Code.

"Health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1337.11 of the Revised Code.

"Protected health information" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 160.103.

"Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in section 2925.61 of the Revised Code.

"Personal information" means any government-issued identification number, date of birth, address, financial information, or criminal justice information from the law enforcement automated data system or similar databases.

"Sex offense" has the same meaning as in section 2907.10 of the Revised Code.

"Firefighter," "paramedic," and "first responder" have the
same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Upon request and subject to division (B)(8) of this section, all public records responsive to the request shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Subject to division (B)(8) of this section, upon request by any person, a public office or person responsible for public records shall make copies of the requested public record available to the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If a public record contains information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall make available all of the information within the public record that is not exempt. When making that public record available for public inspection or copying that public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office to make the redaction.

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. If a requester makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making a request for copies or inspection of public records under this section such that the public office or the person responsible
for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what public records are being requested, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record may deny the request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in which records are maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's duties.

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record from relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action commenced under division (C) of this section.

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, no public office or person responsible for public records may limit or condition the availability of public records by requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the request.

(5) A public office or person responsible for public records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the
intended use of the information requested, but may do so only after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not mandatory, that the requester may decline to reveal the requester's identity or the intended use, and when a written request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public office or person responsible for public records to identify, locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester.

(6) If any person requests a copy of a public record in accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office or person responsible for the public record may require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the person requesting the copy under this division. The public office or the person responsible for the public record shall permit that person to choose to have the public record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record determines that it reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal operations of the public office or person responsible for the public record. When the person requesting the copy makes a choice under this division, the public office or person responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in accordance with the choice made by that person. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person responsible for the public record to allow the person requesting a copy of the public record to make the copies of the public record.

(7)(a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) of this section and subject to division (B)(6) of this section,
a public office or person responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the public record may require the person making the request to pay in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the mailing, delivery, or transmission.

(b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission pursuant to division (B)(7) of this section. A public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division (B)(7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its duties under that division.

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division (B)(7) of this section:

(i) A public office may limit the number of records requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes;

(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to
and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than during acts of God outside the public office's control or maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access, download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site, may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless the requested records are not provided on the web site and unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes.

(iii) For purposes of division (B)(7) of this section, "commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

(8) A public office or person responsible for public records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be a justiciable claim of the person.

(9)(a) Upon written request made and signed by a
journalist, a public office, or person responsible for public records, having custody of the records of the agency employing a specified designated public service worker shall disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the designated public service worker and, if the designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer of the designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.

(b) Division (B)(9)(a) of this section also applies to journalist requests for:

(i) Customer information maintained by a municipally owned or operated public utility, other than social security numbers and any private financial information such as credit reports, payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account information;

(ii) Information about minors involved in a school vehicle accident as provided in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section, other than personal information as defined in section 149.45 of the Revised Code.

(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section, "journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for the general public.
(10) Upon a request made by a victim, victim's attorney, or victim's representative, as that term is used in section 2930.02 of the Revised Code, a public office or person responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a depiction of the victim as described in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section to the victim, victim's attorney, or victim's representative.

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of this section or by any other failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and not both:

(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 of the Revised Code;

(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(2) of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for
the appellate district in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand delivery, electronic submission, or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly describes the public record or class of public records to the public office or person responsible for the requested public records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the requester shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory damages set forth in this division if a court determines that the public office or the person responsible for public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section.

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one hundred dollars for each business day during which the public office or person responsible for the requested public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other remedies authorized by this section.

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not award statutory damages if the court determines both of the following:

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(b) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of this section, the following apply:

(a)(i) If the court orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(ii) If the court makes a determination described in division (C)(3)(b)(iii) of this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply
with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees
to the relator, subject to division (C)(4) of this section:

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the
public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to
the public records request in accordance with the time allowed
under division (B) of this section.

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the
public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or
receive copies of the public records requested within a
specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise
within that specified period of time.

(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the
public records acted in bad faith when the office or person
voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for
the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action,
but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not
the public office or person was required to comply with division
(B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue
of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person
responsible for the public records. This division shall not be
construed as creating a presumption that the public office or
the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith
when the office or person voluntarily made the public records
available to the relator for the first time after the relator
commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any
order described in this division.

(c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the
relator if the court determines both of the following:
(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable attorney's fees awarded under division (C)(3)(b) of this section:

(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was made available to the relator and the fees described in division (C)(4)(c) of this section.

(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount
of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees.

(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved with the specific public records request, an alternative means should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of this section.

(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under division (C) of this section and the court determines at that time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined by the court.

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the provisions of this section.

(E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. A future official may satisfy the requirements of this division by attending the training before taking office, provided that the future official may not send a designee in the future official's place.

(2) All public offices shall adopt a public records policy in compliance with this section for responding to public records requests. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model
public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the policy may not limit the number of public records that the public office will make available to a single person, may not limit the number of public records that it will make available during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed period of time before it will respond to a request for inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is less than eight hours.

The public office shall distribute the public records policy adopted by the public office under this division to the employee of the public office who is the records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that office. The public office shall require that employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations where the public office has branch offices. The public office may post its public records policy on the internet web site of the public office if the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the public office shall include the public records policy of the public office in the manual or handbook.

(F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person for the same records or for updated records during a calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to
be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the release of which is prohibited by law.

(2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:

(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs paid to private contractors for copying services.

(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a request for copies of a record for information in a format other than the format already available, or information that cannot be extracted without examination of all items in a records series, class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction request" does not include a request by a person who gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes.

(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, or selling of any good, service, or other product.

(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or records services.

(3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public records related to that action be made available under this section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under this division shall serve a copy of the request on the prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal officer responsible for prosecuting the action.

(H)(1) Any portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording described in divisions (A)(17)(b) to (h) of this section may be released by consent of the subject of the recording or a representative of that person, as specified in those divisions, only if either of the following applies:

(a) The recording will not be used in connection with any probable or pending criminal proceedings;

(b) The recording has been used in connection with a criminal proceeding that was dismissed or for which a judgment has been entered pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Criminal
Procedure, and will not be used again in connection with any probable or pending criminal proceedings.

(2) If a public office denies a request to release a restricted portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording, as defined in division (A)(17) of this section, any person may file a mandamus action pursuant to this section or a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims pursuant to section 2743.75 of the Revised Code, requesting the court to order the release of all or portions of the recording. If the court considering the request determines that the filing articulates by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest in the recording substantially outweighs privacy interests and other interests asserted to deny release, the court shall order the public office to release the recording.

Sec. 3501.05. The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;

(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.

(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of elections;

(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in force;

(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;

(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and
records;

(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;

(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state;

(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall appear on the ballot;

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I)(2)(b) of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to ballot language for any local question or issue approved and transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the Revised Code;

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on state questions and issues and determine and certify to the sufficiency of those petitions;

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers necessary;

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the several counties of the requirements of the election laws;

(N)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N)(2) of this section, investigate the administration of election laws,
frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and report violations of election laws to the attorney general or prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution;

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code.

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the results of elections, the cost of elections in the various counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative to elections the secretary of state considers desirable;

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code;

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the following:

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed residence using the national change of address service provided by the United States postal system through its licensees, which
shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses the national change of address service provided by the United States postal system through its licensees;

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters through the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code and a process for the removal of ineligible voters under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;

(3) A process to correct errors in removing a voter's voter registration under division (Q)(2) of this section so the improperly removed voter can have the voter's registration immediately restored and the voter can cast a ballot that shall be counted as if the voter were never removed.

(4) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason for that mark or removal.

(R)(1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters or updating voter registration information, such as name and residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 3503.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to develop, implement, and administer the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised
Code, including rules prescribing procedures for the secretary of state and the bureau of motor vehicles to follow to ensure that only United States citizens who are eligible electors are registered to vote through the system.

(3) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to evaluate the information maintained by state agencies other than the bureau of motor vehicles to identify state agencies that feasibly could participate in the automated voter registration system and coordinate with those agencies to establish participation from those agencies with the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code. Not later than one year after implementation of the automated voter registration system, submit to the general assembly and publish, on a web site of the office of the secretary of state, a feasibility study that discusses the evaluation of and any coordination with state agencies under this division.

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter registration forms through boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers;

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in this state;

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles consistent with this chapter;
(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary of state to do all of the following:

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities;

(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other voters;

(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of standards for the certification of voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment.

(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666, and provide training in the operation of that system;

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result of any conference or teleconference call with a board of elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as is practicable after the completion of the conference or teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes place.
(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the secretary of state not later than one month after the completion of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web site in an archive format for each subsequent election.

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and other voting requirements;

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector may make available to a board of elections a more recent current signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook produced by the board of elections of the county in which the elector resides;

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, or referendum;


(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to establish procedures and standards for determining when a board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that is under official oversight to transition out of official oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of state.

(EE) Perform other duties required by law.

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of representative to congress, the secretary of state shall establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to instruct or reinstruct election officers.

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as the chief election officer, the secretary of state may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the election laws.

In any controversy involving or arising out of the adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question.

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of state's motion, be made a party.

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of Franklin county.

Public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of state pursuant to this section.

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general election and only if the general assembly has made an appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals.

Sec. 3503.011. (A) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age, will not be eighteen years of age on or before the date of the next general election, and, but for the person's age, would be eligible to vote, may preregister to vote by submitting an application to register to vote in the same manner as a person who is eligible to register to vote may do so. The board of elections shall handle the person's application in accordance with section 3503.192 of the Revised Code.

(B) At a primary election every qualified elector who is or will be on the day of the next general election eighteen or more years of age, and who is a member of or is affiliated with the political party whose primary election ballot he the qualified elector desires to vote, shall be entitled to vote such ballot at the primary election.

Sec. 3503.09. (A)(1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections,
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, of change of name and change of residence changes forms for voter registration records in the statewide voter registration database.

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter registrations that permit information from a voter registration application received by a designated agency or an office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter registration application to be transmitted to the applicable board of elections under division (E)(2) of section 3503.10 or section 3503.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter registration database;

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections before the information is added to the statewide voter registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing voter registration;

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the electronic data to the original voter registration application.

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.10. (A) Each designated agency shall designate one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the voter registration program within the agency and its departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no additional compensation for performing such duties.

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and vocational school, public library, and office of a county treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations voter registration applications and assistance in the registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in accordance with this chapter. For purposes of this section, registration to vote includes preregistration to vote in accordance with section 3503.011 of the Revised Code.

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of state that includes all of the following:

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or
update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or decline to register to vote, and the statement, highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at this time.";

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.";

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number for each such official's office.

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each applicant with each application for service or assistance, and with each written application or form for recertification, renewal, or change of address.

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following:

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter
registration program in order to provide to each applicant who
wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same
degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter
registration application as is provided by the agency with
regard to the completion of its own form;

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications and
voter registration change of residence and change of name forms,
and voter registration change of name forms, regardless of
whether the application or form was distributed by the
designated agency, for transmittal to the office of the board of
elections in the county in which the agency is located. Each
designated agency and the appropriate board of elections shall
establish a method by which the voter registration applications
and other voter registration forms are transmitted to that board
of elections within five days after being accepted by the
agency.

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily
engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under
a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a
person with disabilities at a person's home, provide the
services described in divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section
at the person's home;

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the
secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of
an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated
the person's voter registration records, and information
relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection
with a voter registration application issued by a designated
agency.

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit
written instructions on the implementation of the voter registration program within each designated agency, public high school and vocational school, public library, and office of a county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as follows:

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a person's decision to register or not register to vote;

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter registration not seek to influence a person's decision to register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any political preference or party allegiance, and not make any statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to register or not register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class in school, or on credit for a particular class in school;

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in completing the voter registration application, what to do with the completed voter registration application or voter registration update form, and when the application must be transmitted to the appropriate board of elections;

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993;

(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to
questions about voter registration forms and procedures.

(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in-class voter registration program in a public high school or vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during these days when the person designated to assist with voter registration shall provide voter registration assistance;

(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration from the public high school's or vocational school's staff;

(3) Make voter registration applications and materials available, as outlined in the voter registration program established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 3501.05 of the Revised Code;

(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect or be a condition of your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school course or class, participating in a curricular or extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or participating in a program or activity otherwise available to pupils enrolled in this school district's schools."

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration application and other voter registration forms are transmitted to the board of elections within five days after being accepted by the public high school or vocational school.

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter
registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated person, and make available such space as may be necessary, without charge to the county or state.

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a notice that identifies the person designated to assist with voter registration, the nature of that person’s duties, and where and when that person is available for assisting in the registration of voters.

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and services to disseminate information to increase public awareness of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter registration in every designated agency.

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, or promote voluntary election registration programs within a high school or vocational school, including programs in which pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate.

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are transmitted to the board of elections within five days after being accepted by the public library or office of the county treasurer.

(L) The department of job and family services and its departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration of the aspects of the voter registration program for the
department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of state and the requirements of this section and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Sec. 3503.11. (A)(1)(a) The bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary of state, once per business day, electronic records concerning each person who appears to be eligible to register or preregister to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration and about whom the bureau possesses the information listed in division (A)(2) of this section for the purpose of automatically registering or preregistering the person to vote in accordance with this section.

(b) Unless prohibited by federal law and no written consent has been provided by the student, each public or private secondary school shall provide to the secretary of state, in accordance with a schedule established by the secretary of state, electronic records concerning each person who reaches sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen years of age who appears to be eligible to register or preregister to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration, and about whom the school possesses the information listed in division (A)(2) of this section for the purpose of automatically registering or preregistering the person to vote or updating the person's registration or preregistration in accordance with this section.

(2) A bureau or school that is required to transmit information concerning a person under division (A)(1) of this section shall transmit all of the following information concerning that person:

(a) The person's legal name:
(b) The person's residence address;
(c) The person's date of birth;
(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state identification card or the last four digits of the person's social security number;
(e) Whether the person is a United States citizen;
(f) An electronic image of the person's signature.

(B)(1) Upon receiving the information concerning a person under division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall transmit that information to the board of elections of the county in which the person resides. The board shall determine whether the person is eligible to register or preregister to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration and, if the person is eligible, shall send the person a notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that contains all of the following information:

(a) The fact that the person will be registered or preregistered to vote or have the person's registration or preregistration updated unless the person declines to be registered or preregistered to vote or update the person's registration or preregistration;

(b) The procedure to decline to be registered or preregistered to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration;

(c) The bureau or school that provided the information that will be used to register or preregister the person to vote or update the person's registration or preregistration;

(d) The precinct in which the person will be registered or
preregistered to vote;

(e) A statement in bold type as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration notice, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."

(2) The notice shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the notice is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notice to be delivered to the correct address.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(3)(a) of this section, not earlier than twenty-one days after sending the notice described in division (B) of this section to a person, the board of elections shall register or preregister the person to vote or update the person's registration or preregistration, as applicable. The electronic record transmitted to the board of elections under this section shall be considered to be the person's voter registration or preregistration form.

(2)(a) If, after investigating as required under division (B)(2) of this section, the board is unable to verify the person's correct address, it shall register the person to vote
and shall cause the person's name in the official registration
list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to
indicate that the person's notice was returned to the board.

At the first election at which an elector whose name has
been so marked appears to vote, the elector shall be required to
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B)(3)
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct
the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the
indication that the elector's notice was returned from that
elector's name on the official registration list and on the poll
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not
counted pursuant to division (B)(4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of
section 3503.183 of the Revised Code, the elector's registration
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the elector by United
States mail of the cancellation.

(b) If the notice described in division (B)(1) of this
section is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned
undelivered, the person shall be registered or preregistered as
provided in division (C)(1) of this section and sent a
confirmation notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to
respond to the confirmation notice, update the person's
registration or preregistration, or vote by provisional ballot
as provided in division (C)(2)(a) of this section in any
election during the next four-year period, which includes two
federal elections, subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation
notice, the person's registration or preregistration shall be
canceled.

(3)(a) A board of elections shall not register or
preregister a person to vote or update an elector's registration or preregistration under this section if the board determines that the person is not eligible to register or preregister or if the person declines to register or preregister or to update the elector's registration or preregistration.

(b) If, after a person has been registered or preregistered to vote under this section, the person declines to register or preregister, the board of elections shall treat the declination as a request to cancel the person's registration or preregistration.

(c) If, after an elector's registration or preregistration has been updated under this section, the elector declines to update the elector's registration or preregistration, the board of elections shall correct the elector's registration or preregistration to reflect the name, address, or both, as applicable, that it contained before the board updated the elector's registration or preregistration.

Sec. 3503.12. All registrations shall be carefully checked, and in case any person is found to have registered more than once one registration form, the additional registration forms shall be canceled by the board of elections.

Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for registration.

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that
would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of barriers.

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair.

Sec. 3503.13. (A) Except as otherwise provided in sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code or by state or federal law, registration forms submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection at all times when the office of the board of elections is open for business, under such regulations as the board adopts, provided that no person shall be permitted to inspect voter registration forms except in the presence of an employee of the board.

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary of state, provided that the board includes the required voter registration information in the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.14. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form and content of the registration, change of residence, and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following:

(1) The voter's name;

(2) The voter's address;

(3) The current date;

(4) The voter's date of birth;

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following:
   (a) The voter's driver's license number, if any;
   (b) The last four digits of the voter's social security number, if any;
   (c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the voter's name and address.

(6) The voter's signature.

The registration form shall include a space on which the person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and provide the person's address and a space on which the person registering an applicant shall name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant.
Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric character of the information provided by the voter so as to accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of that data to the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code.

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's address, or name the employer who is employing the person to register an applicant on a form prepared under this section:

(1) An election official;
(2) A county treasurer;
(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;
(4) An employee of a designated agency;
(5) An employee of a public high school;
(6) An employee of a public vocational school;
(7) An employee of a public library;
(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;
(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;
(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;
(11) An employee of an election official.

(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.
Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.

(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant as required under division (A) of this section.

(E) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election and signature-matching purposes.

(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3503.15. (A) (1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of state and made continuously available to each board of elections.
and to other agencies as authorized by law.

(2) (a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state that is collected in the course of normal business and that is necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no public official or employee, shall sell that information or data or use that information or data for profit.

(b) Information provided under this division for maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall not be used to update the name or address of a registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both.

(c) Except for cases in which an elector's registration or preregistration is updated through the system described in
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D)(7) of this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if that information does not conform with information provided under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.

(3)(a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements to share information or data that is in the possession of the secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the state providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state.

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise confidential information or data to persons or organizations that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or organizations who may receive that information or data. The secretary of state shall not share that information or data with a person or organization not identified in those rules. The secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization that receives confidential information or data under this division keeps the information or data confidential in the
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under
this division shall include a requirement that the person or
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement.

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data
under division (A)(3) of this section shall sell the information
or data or use the information or data for profit.

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state
receives under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section that is
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable
state and federal law:

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each
registered elector appears in the database, that only
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are
eliminated from the database;

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from
the database;

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors
are not removed in error from the database.

(B) The statewide voter registration database established
under this section shall be the official list of registered voters for all elections conducted in this state.

(C) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and with the offices of all other boards of elections;

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records contained in the database with records maintained by each board of elections;

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to the records contained in the database by each board of elections and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct updates of the database;

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered voters and their registration information by name, driver's license number, birth date, social security number, or current address;

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter registration information is maintained;

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records for not less than five years after they are canceled and to record the reason for their cancellation.

(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following:
(1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter registration database;

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter registration records into the statewide voter registration database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, if new registration information is received;

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled voter registration records from the statewide voter registration database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter registration database and to make updates of that database;

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the information contained in the statewide voter registration database;

(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary of state under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information and data; Specifying methods to prevent disclosure of any information that is exempt from disclosure under section 111.44, 149.43, or 3503.22 of the Revised Code;

(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (A)(2)(a) or (3)
(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that the information in the registration record does not conform to records maintained by such an agency.

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's name and voter registration information from the statewide voter registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by the secretary of state under division (D)(3) of this section after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code.

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the operation of the statewide voter registration database to each board of elections and to any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct updates of the database.

(G)(1) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall be made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of this section and in sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code, the following information from the statewide voter registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made available on the web site:

(i) The voter's name;

(ii) The voter's address;

(iii) The voter's precinct number;

(iv) The voter's voting history.

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or
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general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter registration database shall permit a voter to search for the polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of updating the information made available on the secretary of state's web site under division (G)(1)(b) of this section. Those rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the secretary of state within one business day of any change to the location of a precinct polling place within the county.

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, not later than one business day after receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G)(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose of division (G)(1)(b) of this section.

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review of the statewide voter registration database as follows:

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information in the statewide voter registration database with the information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of motor vehicles under division (A)(2) of this section to identify any person who does all of the following, in the following order:

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;  

(b) Registers, submits a has the person's voter registration change of residence or change of name form updated, or votes in this state;  

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen.  

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen or to submit a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly shall send the person a second notice and form.  

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.  

(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2) of this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration.
(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under division (H)(2) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney general for further investigation and possible prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify the attorney general of the cancellation.

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal office.

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered elector changes the place of residence of that registered elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that registered elector shall report the change by delivering doing any of the following:

(1) Delivering a change of residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, the office of the county
treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any voter registration, change of address, or change of name application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or the board of elections.

A registered elector also may update the registration of that registered elector by filing—

(2) Submitting the elector's current residence or name information to the bureau of motor vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner directed by the bureau or by the designated agency, as applicable;

(3) Submitting the elector's current residence or name information to a public high school or vocational school in the manner directed by the school and upon the elector reaching at least eighteen years of age;

(4) Submitting an application through the online voter registration system created under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code;

(5) Filing a change of residence or change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general election at the polling place in the precinct in which that registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at another site designated by the board.

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

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

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to another within a county or moves from one precinct to another and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a notice of reported the change of residence or change of name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with the board of elections division (A) of this section may vote in that election if that registered elector complies with division (G) of this section or does all of the following:
(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of the election at either of the following locations:

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

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections.

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

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered elector as changed, whichever is appropriate;
(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that that registered elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that registered elector resides, at the office of the board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other location for that particular election.

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

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

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

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

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that that registered elector has moved from one county to another county within the state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code, the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other location for that particular election.
(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant to division (G) of this section shall not make written application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted.

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

(E) Upon Except as provided in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, upon receiving a notice of change of residence or change of name form, the board of elections shall immediately send the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the information necessary to complete or update that registrant's registration.

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

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

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote on the day of the election if that registered elector does all of the following:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3503.18. (A)(1) Not later than the last day of each month, the director of health shall file with the secretary of state the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, dates of death, and residences of all persons, over eighteen sixteen years of age, who have died within this state or another state during the period beginning on the date of the most recent filing and ending on the day before the date of the current filing. If the director is notified of the death of such a person after the director has filed the report for the period
during which the person died, the director shall file with the secretary of state a supplemental report containing that information concerning the person not later than one month after the director is notified of the person's death.

(2) The secretary of state and the director of health shall jointly establish a secure electronic system through which they shall exchange the information described in division (A)(1) of this section regarding the death of a registered elector or preregistered person.

(B) At least once each month, each probate judge in this state shall file with the board of elections the names and residence addresses of all persons over eighteen years of age who have been adjudicated incompetent for the purpose of voting, as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code.

(C) At least once each month the clerk of the court of common pleas shall file with the board the names and residence addresses of all persons who have been convicted during the previous month of crimes that would disfranchise such persons under existing laws of the state. Reports of conviction of crimes under the laws of the United States that would disfranchise an elector and that are provided to the secretary of state by any United States attorney shall be forwarded by the secretary of state to the appropriate board of elections.

(D) Upon receiving a report required by this section, the board of elections shall promptly cancel the registration or preregistration of each elector or person named in the report in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code. If the report contains a residence address of an elector in a county other than the county in which the board of elections is located, the director shall promptly send a copy of the report
to the appropriate board of elections, which shall cancel the registration or preregistration in accordance with that section.

Sec. 3503.19. (A) Persons (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, persons qualified to register or to change their registration because of a change of address or change of name may register or change their registration

(a) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person or through another person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a branch office established by the board of elections, or in;

(b) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the secretary of state or at the office of any board of elections. A registered elector may also change the elector's registration on;

(c) Submitting the required information to the bureau of motor vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner directed by the bureau or by the designated agency, as applicable;

(d) Submitting the required information to a public or private secondary school in the manner directed by the school and upon the elector reaching at least eighteen years of age;

(e) Being registered or having the elector's registration updated through the automated voter registration system under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code;

(f) Submitting an application through the online voter
registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code;

(g) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person to the election officials on election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any voter registration application or change of registration form that it receives to the board of elections of the county in which the state or local office is located, within five days after receiving the voter registration application or change of registration form.

(3) An otherwise valid voter registration application that is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or general election for the person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid registration application received after that day entitles the elector to vote at all subsequent elections.

(b)(i) A person who is eligible to register to vote and has submitted information to the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code in order to be registered to
vote is considered to be registered to vote upon submitting that information to the bureau. The person shall be eligible to vote at the next election that occurs within the time frame required that a person be registered to vote.

(ii) A person who is eligible to register to vote and has had the person's information transmitted to the secretary of state under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code in order to be registered to vote is considered to be registered to vote upon that information being transmitted by the public or private secondary school. The person shall be eligible to vote at the next election that occurs within the time frame required that a person be registered to vote.

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a registration application or change of name or change of address form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the identity of the state or local office that receives the registration.

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or general election in order for the person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid voter registration application that is returned by mail does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be valid for that election if received by the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or
general election.

(B)(1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C.
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration
forms by electronic means to the office of the secretary of
state or to the board of elections of the county in which the
person's voting residence is located pursuant to section
3503.191 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code.

(b) Subject to division (B)(2)(c) of this section, an
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form
through another person to any board of elections or the office
of the secretary of state.

(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a
voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that
person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the office of the secretary of state.

(d) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within ten days after receiving the application. If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that election.

(C)(1)(a) A board of elections that receives a voter registration application or change of address or change of name form and is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in the registration form shall register the applicant or update the elector's registration, as applicable, not later than twenty business days after receiving the application, unless that application is received during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each or elector an acknowledgment notice that includes all of the following:

(a)(i) The applicant's registration fact that the person has been registered to vote or had the person's registration updated, as applicable;
(b) (ii) The precinct in which the applicant person is to vote;

(e) (iii) In bold type as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than this a voter registration notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."

(iv) If the person was registered to vote or had the person's registration updated through the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the process to cancel the person's registration or to submit corrected registration information to the board of elections.

The notification acknowledgment notice shall be sent by nonforwardable mail. If the mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notification acknowledgment notice to be delivered to the correct address.

(b) If the board of elections receives a voter registration or change of address or change of name form that is incomplete, the board shall send the applicant or elector an
acknowledgment notice informing the person of the information necessary to complete or update the person's registration.

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) (1) (a) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned to the board.

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to provide identification to the election officials and to vote by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the voter's notification was returned from that voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to division (B) (4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United States mail of the cancellation.

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of this section in any election during the period of two federal
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, the person's registration shall be canceled.

Sec. 3503.192. (A) When a board of elections receives a completed application to register to vote to which all of the following apply, the board shall retain the application and treat it as a preregistration application:

(1) The applicant is sixteen or seventeen years of age and will not be eighteen years of age on or before the date of the next general election.

(2) But for the applicant's age, the applicant would be eligible to register to vote.

(3) The applicant has provided all of the information required to register to vote.

(B) Upon receiving a preregistration application, the board shall send the applicant an acknowledgment notice on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(C)(1) The board shall maintain a preregistration application separately from the county's voter registration records and shall not include the preregistration in the statewide voter registration database until the board registers the person under division (D) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the information contained in a preregistration application is not a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be open to inspection by members of the public.

(2) The number of preregistered persons residing in each precinct in the county shall be available to the public.

(D) As of the ninetieth day before the date of the first
election in which a preregistered person will be eligible to vote, the board of elections shall register the person and shall send the person a notification of registration in accordance with division (C) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code. The person's preregistration form shall be considered to be the person's registration form.

Sec. 3503.20. (A) The secretary of state shall establish a secure online voter registration system. The system shall provide for all of the following:

(1) An applicant to submit a voter registration application to the secretary of state online through the internet;

(2) The online applicant to be registered to vote, if all of the following apply:

(a) The application contains all of the following information:

(i) The applicant's name;

(ii) The applicant's address;

(iii) The applicant's date of birth;

(iv) The last four digits of the applicant's social security number;

(v) The applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of the applicant's state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code.

(b) The applicant's name, address, and date of birth, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number, and the applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of
the applicant's state identification card as they are provided in the application are not inconsistent with the information on file with the bureau of motor vehicles;

(c) The applicant is a United States citizen, will have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election, will be at least eighteen years of age on or before the day of the next general election, and is otherwise eligible to register to vote;

(d) The applicant attests to the truth and accuracy of the information submitted in the online application under penalty of election falsification.

(B) If an individual registers to vote or a registered elector updates the elector's name, address, or both under this section, the secretary of state shall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's or elector's signature that is on file with the bureau of motor vehicles. That electronic signature shall be used as the applicant's or elector's signature on voter registration records, for all election and signature-matching purposes.

(C) The secretary of state shall employ whatever security measures the secretary of state considers necessary to ensure the integrity and accuracy of voter registration information submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in processing voter registration applications in the online system shall not prevent an applicant from becoming registered or from voting.

(D) The online voter registration application established under division (A) of this section shall include the following language:
"By clicking the box below, I affirm all of the following under penalty of election falsification, which is a felony of the fifth degree:

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio.

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

(3) I am a United States citizen.

(4) I will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately preceding the next election.

(5) I will be at least eighteen years of age on or before the day of the next general election.

(6) I authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to transmit to the Ohio Secretary of State my signature that is on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and I understand and agree that the signature transmitted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be used by the Secretary of State to validate this electronic voter registration application as if I had signed this form personally."

In order to register to vote or update a voter registration under division (A) of this section, an applicant or elector shall be required to mark the box in the online voter registration application that appears in conjunction with the previous statement.

(E) The online voter registration process established under division (A) of this section shall be in operation and available for use by individuals who wish to register to vote or
update their voter registration information online not earlier than January 1, 2017. During the period beginning on the first day after the close of voter registration before an election and ending on the day of the election, the online voter registration system shall display a notice indicating that the applicant will not be registered to vote for the purposes of that election.

(F) Notwithstanding section 1.50 of the Revised Code, if any provision of this section or of division (E) of section 3503.14 of the Revised Code is held invalid, or if the application of any provision of this section or of that division to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this section and that division cease to operate.

Sec. 3503.21. (A) The registration of a registered elector or preregistration shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) The filing by a registered elector or preregistered person of a written request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the elector or the preregistered person, that the registration or preregistration be canceled. The filing of such a request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from reregistering to vote, or a person who is otherwise qualified to preregister to vote from preregistering to vote, at any time.

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered elector or preregistered person as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified copy of the death certificate of a registered elector or the
preregistered person by the deceased elector's or preregistered person's spouse, parent, or child, by the administrator of the deceased elector's or preregistered person's estate, or by the executor of the deceased elector's or preregistered person's will;

(4) The conviction of the registered elector or the preregistered person of a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code;

(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a location outside the county of registration in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either any of the following:

(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;

(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;

(c) Sign an election petition;

(d) Communicate in any way to a board of elections or the secretary of state that the elector is still eligible to vote in Ohio.
(8) The declination of an elector who has been registered
to vote or a person who has been preregistered to vote under
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, as described in division
(C)(3)(b) of that section;

(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the
Revised Code.

(B)(1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of
the national change of address service provided by the United
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so
prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior
to the date of any primary or general election for federal
office.

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the
confirmation notice.

(C) The registration of a registered elector or
preregistration of a preregistered person shall not be canceled
except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of the
Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised
Code, division (C)(3)(b) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code,
division (C)(2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, or
division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code.

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter
registration information to the secretary of state as required
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send
the information to the national change of address service
described in division (B) of this section and request that
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or
correct the change of address information.

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in
division (A)(7) or (B)(2) of this section shall be canceled not
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second-
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later.

(F)(C)(1) When a registration or preregistration is canceled pursuant to division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was registered or the person was preregistered, informing the recipient that the elector's registration or the person's preregistration has been canceled, of the reason for the cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, the elector or the preregistered person may contact the board of elections to correct the error.

(2) If the elector's registration or the person's preregistration is canceled pursuant to division (A)(2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be restored and treated as though it were never canceled.

Sec. 3503.22. (A) An elector whose residence address is exempt from disclosure under division (A)(1)(p) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code may submit a written notice of that fact to the board of elections on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed under penalty of election falsification.

(B) Upon receiving a properly completed notice under division (A) of this section, the board of elections shall do all of the following:

(1) Remove the elector's residence address and precinct information from the version of the statewide voter registration database that is available to the public and from any version of an official registration list or other list of electors that is available to the public;
(2) Exclude the elector from any precinct registration list that is available to the public;

(3) Prevent any member of the public from inspecting the elector's registration form at the office of the board.

(C) The secretary of state shall prescribe methods by which the secretary of state and the boards of elections shall note on the elector's registration record that the elector has submitted a notice under division (A) of this section, such that the note is maintained as associated with the registration record in the statewide voter registration database and in the records of the board whenever the elector has a change of residence or change of name.

Sec. 3503.24. (A) Application for the correction of any precinct registration list or a challenge of the right to vote of any registered elector may be made by any qualified elector at the office of the board of elections not later than the thirtieth day before the day of the election. The applications or challenges, with the reasons for the application or challenge, shall be filed with the board in person or by mail on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be signed under penalty of election falsification.

(B) On receiving an application or challenge filed under this section, the board of elections promptly shall review the board's records. If the board is able to determine that an application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on the basis of the records maintained by the board, the board immediately shall vote to grant or deny that application or challenge.

If the board is not able to determine whether an
application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on the basis of the records maintained by the board, the director shall promptly set a time and date for a hearing before the board. The hearing shall be held, and the application or challenge shall be decided, no later than ten days after the board receives the application or challenge. The director shall send written notice to any elector whose right to vote is challenged and to any person whose name is alleged to have been omitted from a registration list. The notice shall inform the person of the time and date of the hearing, and of the person's right to appear and testify, call witnesses, and be represented by counsel. The notice shall be sent by first class mail no later than three days before the day of any scheduled hearing. Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, the director shall also provide the person who filed the application or challenge with such written notice of the date and time of the hearing.

At the request of either party or any member of the board, the board shall issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and testify before the board at a hearing held under this section. All witnesses shall testify under oath. The board shall reach a decision on all applications and challenges immediately after hearing.

(C) If the board decides that any such person is not entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's registration forms canceled. If the board decides that the name of any such person should appear on the registration list, it shall be added to the list, and the person's registration forms placed in the proper registration files. All such corrections and additions shall be made on a copy of the precinct lists,
which shall constitute the poll lists, to be furnished to the respective precincts with other election supplies on the day preceding the election, to be used by the election officials in receiving the signatures of voters and in checking against the registration forms.

(D) If an elector who is the subject of an application or challenge hearing has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, or if the elector has submitted a notice under section 3503.22 of the Revised Code that the elector's residence address is exempt from public disclosure under division (A)(1)(p) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) If the elector's right to vote has been challenged, the person who filed the challenge shall not receive notice of the date and time of any hearing held concerning the challenge, shall not be permitted to attend the hearing, and shall not receive notice of the disposition of the challenge.

(2) If the elector is the subject of an application for the correction of the precinct registration list and the elector is not the person who filed the application, the person who filed the application shall not receive notice of the date and time of any hearing held concerning the application, shall not be permitted to attend the hearing, and shall not receive notice of the disposition of the application.

(3) Notwithstanding section 121.22 of the Revised Code, any hearing held concerning the application or challenge shall not be open to the public.

(4) Any records created as a result of the application or challenge that include the elector's residence address or...
Sec. 3503.26. (A) All registration forms and lists, when not in official use by the registrars or precinct election officials, shall be in the possession of the board of elections. Names and addresses of electors may be copied from the registration lists only in the office of the board when it is open for business; but no such copying shall be permitted during the period of time commencing twenty-one days before an election and ending on the eleventh day after an election if such copying will, in the opinion of the board, interfere with the necessary work of the board. Except as provided in sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code, the board shall keep in convenient form and available for public inspection a correct set of the registration lists of all precincts in the county.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, and except as provided in sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall maintain and make available for public inspection and copying at a reasonable cost all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of voter registration lists, including the names and addresses of all registered electors sent confirmation notices and whether or not the elector responded to the confirmation notice. The board shall maintain all records described in this division for a period of two years.

Sec. 3503.28. (A) The secretary of state shall develop an information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following information:

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or
for returning an applicant's completed registration form;

(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's completed registration form if the person returning the form is being compensated for registering voters; manner in which an eligible person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age may preregister to vote;

(3) The locations to which and manner in which a person may return an applicant's completed registration form to register or be registered to vote;

(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for registering voters may return an applicant's completed registration form;

(5) The registration and affirmation requirements applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;

(6) The manner in which a person may decline to be registered to vote under the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code;

(5) The manner in which a person whose residence address is exempt from disclosure under division (A)(1)(p) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code may notify the board of elections of that fact under section 3503.22 of the Revised Code;

(6) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high school, public vocational school, public library, office of a county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who requests more than two voter registration forms at one time.

(C)(1) The secretary of state shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on that web site.

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this section to any of the following officials or employees who are
requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in the course of the official's or employee's normal duties:

(1) An election official;

(2) A county treasurer;

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(4) An employee of a designated agency;

(5) An employee of a public high school;

(6) An employee of a public vocational school;

(7) An employee of a public library;

(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;

(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;

(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(11) An employee of an election official.

(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3503.30. (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has caused himself the elector to be registered in a precinct which was that is not his the elector's place of residence, the board of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was committed by mistake, may, on his the elector's personal application and proof of his the elector's true residence, correct his the elector's registration form. The board may correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of
fraudulent intent.

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been registered under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code in a precinct or under a name that is not the elector's place of residence or name, the board of elections, upon proof of the elector's true residence or name, as applicable, shall correct the elector's registration form. If the elector casts a provisional ballot because the elector's registration has been updated erroneously under that section, the elector's provisional ballot shall be eligible to be counted, as described in division (E) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.33. (A) If an elector applying for registration is already registered in another state or in another county within this state, the elector shall declare this fact to the registration officer and shall sign on the registration form, which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, if the board is aware of the person's previous residence address and that address is located in another state or in another county within this state, the board shall create a notice to cancel the previous registration for the purpose of complying with division (C) of this section.

(C) The director of the board of elections shall mail all such authorizations and notices described in division (A) or (B) of this section to the board of elections or comparable agency of the proper state and county. In the case of a notice described in division (B) of this section, the board shall include with the notice a copy of the elector's most recent
registration form. Upon the receipt of this authorization from
the forwarding county, the director of a board of elections in
Ohio, upon a comparison of the elector's signature with the
elector's signature as it appears on the registration files,
shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and
place it with the cancellation authorization in a separate file
which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years.

The board shall notify the elector at the present address
as shown on the cancellation authorization or notice that his
the elector's prior registration has been canceled.

(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior
registration under division (C) of this section, the board of
elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this
section receives a declination to register or to update the
elector's registration under section 3503.11 of the Revised
Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or
comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under
division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous
registration and treat it as though it were never canceled.

Sec. 3505.18. (A)(1) When an elector appears in a polling
place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct
election officials the elector's full name and current address
and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a
current and valid photo identification, a military
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,
that shows the name and current address of the elector.

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to
the precinct election officials any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code and do either of the following:

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number on the provisional ballot envelope; or

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the election and provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector's driver's license or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the elector's social security number.

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full name and current address and provided any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector shall write sign the elector's name and address signature at the proper place in the poll list or signature pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an elector is unable to write sign the elector's name and current address signature in the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the elector's name signature, and a precinct election official shall write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark.
Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in accordance with that section.

The elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's signature on the elector's registration form or a digitized signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the same person, the election officials shall enter the date of the election on the registration form or shall record the date by other means prescribed by the secretary of state. The validity of an attorney in fact's signature on behalf of an elector shall be determined in accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

If the right of the elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the person who voted the ballot.
Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election:

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote;

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of section 3505.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and who appears to vote at the polling place;

(4) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked because the individual's notification of registration has been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked under division (C)(2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code;

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code;

(6) An individual who changes the individual's name and remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name change under division (B)(1)(b) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a
county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the individual's name, or moves from one county to another within the state, and completes and signs the required forms and statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code;

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is not that of the person who signed that name in the registration forms.

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot as follows:

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot in that election.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this section, the individual shall complete and execute a written affirmation before an election official at the polling place stating that the individual is both of the following:

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote;

(b) Eligible to vote in that election.

(3) An election official at the polling place shall transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter information contained in the written affirmation executed by the individual under division (B)(2) of this section to an appropriate local election official for verification under division (B)(4) of this section.
(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under division (B)(3) of this section determines that the individual is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall be counted as a vote in that election.

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the individual written information that states that any individual who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under the system established under division (B)(5)(b) of this section whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the reason that the vote was not counted.

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system established under this division also shall provide to an individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information explaining how that individual may contact the board of elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the individual's voter registration.

The appropriate state or local election official shall establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free access system established under this division. The system shall permit an individual only to gain access to information about the individual's own provisional ballot.
(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional ballot, the individual provides identification in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the individual's name and current address, or provides the individual's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number, the individual shall record the type of identification provided or the driver's license, state identification card, or social security number information and include that information on the provisional ballot affirmation under division (B)(3) of this section.

(7) During the seven days after the day of an election, an individual who casts a provisional ballot because the individual does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials any of the required forms of identification or because the individual has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code shall appear at the office of the board of elections and provide to the board any additional information necessary to determine the eligibility of the individual who cast the provisional ballot.

(a) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials any of the required forms of identification to be eligible to be counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of the election, shall do either of the following:

(i) Provide to the board of elections proof of the
individual's identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the individual's name and current address; or

(ii) Provide to the board of elections the individual's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number.

(b) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of that election, shall provide to the board of elections any identification or other documentation required to be provided by the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If an individual declares that the individual is eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the precinct voting location guide using the residential street address provided by the individual, an election official at the precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the election official shall direct the individual to the precinct and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of elections in case the individual has additional questions.

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this section. If the individual is in the correct polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's provisional ballot affirmation:

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct precinct;

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote;

(c) A statement that the election official informed the individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the ballot being rejected;

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the individual is casting a provisional ballot; and

(e) The name of the polling location in which the individual is casting a provisional ballot.

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place on the day of each election.

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and
3505.183 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the following:

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct precinct and polling place for either each specific residential street address in the county or the range of residential street addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county;

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is at a polling place in that county to determine the correct precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides in the county.

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following:

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for that election;

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the hours during which polling places will be open;

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a vote and how to cast a provisional ballot;

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters under applicable federal and state laws;

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;

(f) General information on federal and state laws
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and misrepresentation.

(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two precinct election officials of different political parties. A blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may receive assistance on the day of an election under that section.

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one member of each major political party shall place the sealed provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board receives information regarding the validity of a specific provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted.

(B)(1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable
election. The board shall examine the information contained in
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the
provisional ballot under division (B)(2) of section 3505.181 of
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to
be eligible to be counted:

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of
birth, and current address;

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted;

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted.

(2) In addition to the information required to be included
in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional
information for determining ballot validity provided by the
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections
during the seven days after the day of the election under
division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to
vote.

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this
section and comparing the information required under division
(B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box to be counted:

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly registered to vote.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the individual named on the affirmation is eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(c) The individual provided all of the information required under division (B)(1) of this section in the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number are not different from the last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number contained in the statewide voter registration database.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database.

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other requirements of division (B)(3) of this section.

(f) The elector's current address is not different from the elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in division (A)(6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, and except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this section.

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional information required under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the election.

(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division divisions (D) and (E) of this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information required under division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board determines that any of the following applies, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted:

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not qualified or is not properly registered to vote.

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the
information required under division (B)(1) of this section in
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the
individual cast the provisional ballot.

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any
additional information required under division (B)(7) of section
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of
the election.

(vi) The individual failed to provide a current and valid
photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a
current utility bill, bank statement, government check,
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section
3503.19 of the Revised Code, with the voter's name and current
address, the individual's driver's license or state
identification card number, or the last four digits of the
individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(vii) The last four digits of the elector's social
security number or the elector's driver's license number or
state identification card number are different from the last
four digits of the elector's social security number or the
elector's driver's license number or state identification card
number contained in the statewide voter registration database.

(viii) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the
month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from
the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in
the statewide voter registration database.
This division does not apply to an elector's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the requirements of division (B)(3) of this section, other than the requirements of division (B)(3)(e) of this section.

(ix) The elector's current address is different from the elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in division (A)(6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information required under division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to determine either of the following, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted:

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is qualified or properly registered to vote;

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division (B)(4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date and time that the determination was made, and the reason that the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already recorded that information in another database.

(D)(1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the election official failed to direct the individual to the correct precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division (D)(2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the election official correctly completed the form described in division (C)(2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot under division (D)(1) of this section shall remake the provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for which the individual was eligible to vote.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, if an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot
shall not be counted.

(E) Provisional (1) If the board determines that a provisional ballot is not eligible to be counted under this section because the individual's address provided on the provisional ballot affirmation is different from the address contained in the statewide voter registration database, because the individual's name and signature provided on the provisional ballot affirmation are different from the name and signature contained in the statewide voter registration database, or both, and both of the following are true, the board shall correct the individual's voter registration record to reflect the information provided in the provisional ballot affirmation, and the provisional ballot nonetheless shall be eligible to be counted:

(a) The individual's voter registration was most recently updated through the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code and not at the request of the individual or using information the individual submitted to the board of elections or the secretary of state.

(b) The individual's voter registration correctly reflected the individual's address, name, and signature, as provided on the provisional ballot affirmation, immediately before that update occurred.

(2) If an individual who cast a provisional ballot that is eligible to be counted under division (E)(1) of this section cast that ballot in the precinct indicated by the individual's voter registration record as updated through the automated voter registration system, and not in the precinct in which the individual resides, the board shall remake the provisional ballot on a ballot for the precinct in which the individual
resides to reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for which the individual was eligible to vote.

(F) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division (B)(4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(G) Provisional ballots that the board determines are eligible to be counted under division (B)(3) or (D) of this section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of this section for that election. Observers, as provided in section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot.

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(H) of this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and additional information under divisions (B)(1)
and (2) of this section to determine the eligibility of
provisional ballots to be counted during the ten days after the
day of an election.

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions
(B)(1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by
an individual who must provide additional information to the
board of elections under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's
eligibility until the individual provides that information or
until the eleventh day after the day of the election, whichever
is earlier.

Sec. 3509.03. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector
desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall
make written application for those ballots to the director of
elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence
is located.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this
section, the application need not be in any particular form but
shall contain all of the following:

(1) The elector's name;

(2) The elector's signature;

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to
vote;

(4) The elector's date of birth;

(5) One of the following:

(a) The elector's driver's license number;
(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed.

(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the elector may provide the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(D) Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of the third day before the day of the election at which the
ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last 3812
Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are 3813
to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the 3814
office of the board.

(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter's 3816
ballot application to an elector under this section shall not 3817
prepay the return postage for that application.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3819
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3820
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 3821
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 3822
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 3823
applicant's name and address on an application for absent 3824
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 3825
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 3826
registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 3827
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 3828
application.

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent 3830
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 3831
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 3832
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 3833
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 3834
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 3835
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 3836
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 3837
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 3838
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 3839
director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 3840
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 3841
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under penalty of election falsification.

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number on the statement of voter on the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the director from whom it was received in the return envelope, postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the director, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the director. The return envelope shall be transmitted to the director in no other manner, except as provided in section 3509.08 of the Revised Code.

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election falsification.
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the board.

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are received after the close of the polls on election day through the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner provided in division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any such ballots that are received by the director later than the tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as provided in division (A) of this section.

(2) Division (B)(1) of this section shall not apply to any mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1.
Sec. 3511.02. (A) Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff (1986) 52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq., this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located in accordance with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the director of the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located, in one of the following ways:

(1) That person may make written application for those ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to the director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the director. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the application need not be in any particular form but shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The elector's name;

(b) The elector's signature;

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;
(d) The elector's date of birth;

(e) One of the following:

(i) The elector's driver's license number;

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;

(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 20310;

(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, whichever is applicable;

(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the
elector's party affiliation;

(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed;

(l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the
elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they
shall be so sent;

(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the
elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of
elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery,
the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact
information.

(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division
(A)(3) of this section may use a single federal post card
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's
ballots for each election.

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father-
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law,
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in
division (A)(2) of this section. The form of the application
shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The director
shall furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified
in this division desiring to make the application, only upon the
request of such a relative made in person at the office of the
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to
the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in
division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and
sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following:

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are
requested;

(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C.
1973ff-6 20310;

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to
vote;

(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of
residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of
service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or
near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the
United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the
United States, as the case may be;
(e) The elector's date of birth;

(f) One of the following:

(i) The elector's driver's license number;

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.

(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to the elector as specified in division (A)(3) of this section;

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet contact information to which ballots shall be sent through internet delivery;
(l) The signature and address of the person making the application.

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the application may include the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of the election, or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election at which those ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the office of the board.

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors only, the applicant shall submit to the director in addition to the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices.

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card application or other absent voter's ballot application to an elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage for that application.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a
federal post card application or other application for absent
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the
application.

Sec. 3511.09. Upon receiving uniformed services or
overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the
questions on the face of the identification envelope to be
answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the
proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall
declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers
to those questions are true and correct to the best of the
elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note
whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are
any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to
the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the
ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the
markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and
securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then
shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the
return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to
the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed.
The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01
a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the
date of the election. If the elector does not provide the
elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the
elector's social security number on the statement of voter on
the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in
the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of
the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a
military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill,
bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a
board of elections—under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,
that shows the name and address of the elector. Each elector who
will be outside the United States on the day of the election
shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact
and shall mail the return envelope to the director prior to the
close of the polls on election day.

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot
identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following
statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

Sec. 3599.11. (A) No

(a) Knowingly register or make application or attempt to
register in a precinct in which the person is not a qualified
voter; or knowingly

(b) Knowingly aid or abet any person to so register; or

(c) Knowingly attempt to register or knowingly induce or
attempt to induce any person to so register; or knowingly

(d) Knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the
name of another, real or fictitious, in registering or
(e) By false statement or other unlawful means, knowingly procure, aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out on the register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified elector therein; or knowingly

(f) Knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to an elector thereof; or knowingly

(g) Knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a lawful examination by or before any registering officer; or make

(h) Knowingly make, print, or issue any false or counterfeit certificate of registration or knowingly alter any certificate of registration.

No person shall knowingly;

(i) Knowingly register under more than one name or knowingly induce any person to so register.

No person shall knowingly;

(j) Knowingly make any false statement on any form for registration or change of registration or upon any application or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot.

(2)(a) A person whose voter registration or preregistration or voter registration or preregistration update is processed through the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code and who is not a qualified voter or person eligible to preregister in the precinct or under the name indicated violates division (A)(1) of this section only if the person knowingly provides or attempts to provide false information with the intention of registering.
or preregistering or submitting a registration or preregistration update using that information.

(b) A person who aids, abets, induces, or attempts to induce another person to have the other person's voter registration or preregistration or voter registration or preregistration update processed through the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code when the other person is not a qualified voter or person eligible to preregister in the precinct or under the name indicated violates division (A)(1) of this section only if the person knowingly causes or attempts to cause the other person to be registered or preregistered to vote or to have the other person's registration or preregistration updated using information the person knows is false.

(3) Whoever violates this division (A)(1) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.

(B)(1) No person who helps another person register outside an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed registration form. Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree.

(2)(a) No person who helps another person register outside an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to return cause any registration form entrusted to that person to be returned to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days after that registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case the person shall return the registration form to be returned to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its receipt.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of this division—(B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(b) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no person who helps another person register outside an official registration place shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(C)(1) No person who receives compensation for registering
a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form
entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office
of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter-
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth-
day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case
the person shall return the registration form to any board of
elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days
of its receipt.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election-
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)
(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed
to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a
voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to
that person to any location other than any board of elections or
the office of the secretary of state.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election-
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)
(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed
to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3599.18. (A) No election official, person assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer shall knowingly do any of the following:

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful manner applies for registration or preregistration or who should be registered or preregistered or have the person's registration or preregistration updated under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code;

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on a voter registration list;

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the registration card or form of any qualified elector;

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer.

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Sec. 4506.07. (A) An applicant for a commercial driver's license, restricted commercial driver's license, or a commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, or a duplicate of such a license or permit, shall submit an application upon a
form approved and furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles.  
Except as provided in section 4506.24 of the Revised Code in
regard to a restricted commercial driver's license, the
applicant shall sign the application which shall contain the
following information:

(1) The applicant's name, date of birth, social security
account number, sex, general description including height,
weight, and color of hair and eyes, current residence, duration
of residence in this state, state of domicile, country of
citizenship, and occupation;

(2) Whether the applicant previously has been licensed to
operate a commercial motor vehicle or any other type of motor
vehicle in another state or a foreign jurisdiction and, if so, 
when, by what state, and whether the license or driving
privileges currently are suspended or revoked in any
jurisdiction, or the applicant otherwise has been disqualified
from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or is subject to an
out-of-service order issued under this chapter or any similar
law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction and, if so, the
date of, locations involved, and reason for the suspension,
revocation, disqualification, or out-of-service order;

(3) Whether the applicant is afflicted with or suffering
from any physical or mental disability or disease that prevents
the applicant from exercising reasonable and ordinary control
over a motor vehicle while operating it upon a highway or is or
has been subject to any condition resulting in episodic
impairment of consciousness or loss of muscular control and, if
so, the nature and extent of the disability, disease, or
condition, and the names and addresses of the physicians
attending the applicant;
(4) Whether the applicant has obtained a medical examiner's certificate as required by this chapter and, beginning January 30, 2012, the applicant, prior to or at the time of applying, has self-certified to the registrar the applicable status of the applicant under division (A)(1) of section 4506.10 of the Revised Code;

(5) Whether the applicant has pending a citation for violation of any motor vehicle law or ordinance except a parking violation and, if so, a description of the citation, the court having jurisdiction of the offense, and the date when the offense occurred;

(6) If an applicant has not certified the applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift, which shall be given no consideration in the issuance of a license;

(7) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes the license issued to indicate that the applicant has executed the instrument;

(8) Whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the license issued to indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States by a
military designation on the license.

(B) Every applicant shall certify, on a form approved and furnished by the registrar, all of the following:

(1) That the motor vehicle in which the applicant intends to take the driving skills test is representative of the type of motor vehicle that the applicant expects to operate as a driver;

(2) That the applicant is not subject to any disqualification or out-of-service order, or license suspension, revocation, or cancellation, under the laws of this state, of another state, or of a foreign jurisdiction and does not have more than one driver's license issued by this or another state or a foreign jurisdiction;

(3) Any additional information, certification, or evidence that the registrar requires by rule in order to ensure that the issuance of a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit to the applicant is in compliance with the law of this state and with federal law.

(C) Every applicant shall execute a form, approved and furnished by the registrar, under which the applicant consents to the release by the registrar of information from the applicant's driving record.

(D) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an elector any applicant for a commercial driver's license or for a renewal or duplicate of such a license under this chapter, if the applicant appears to be eligible and wishes to be registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the decision of whether to issue the applicant a license or a
renewal or duplicate.

(E) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall offer the opportunity of completing transmit information of a notice of change of residence or change of name to any applicant for a commercial driver's license or for a renewal or duplicate of such a license who is a resident of this state, if the applicant is a registered elector who has changed the applicant's residence or name and has not previously filed such a notice of change of residence or change of name.

(F) In considering any application submitted pursuant to this section, the bureau of motor vehicles may conduct any inquiries necessary to ensure that issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license would not violate any provision of the Revised Code or federal law.

(G) In addition to any other information it contains, the form approved and furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an application for a commercial driver's license, restricted commercial driver's license, or a commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit or an application for a duplicate of such a license or permit shall inform applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify to have the license, or permit, or duplicate indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States based on a request made pursuant to division (A)(8) of this section.

Sec. 4507.06. (A)(1) Every application for a driver's license, motorcycle operator's license or endorsement, or motor-driven cycle or motor scooter license or endorsement, or
duplicate of any such license or endorsement, shall be made upon the approved form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be signed by the applicant.

Every application shall state the following:

(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, social security number if such has been assigned, sex, general description, including height, weight, color of hair, and eyes, residence address, including county of residence, duration of residence in this state, and country of citizenship;

(b) Whether the applicant previously has been licensed as an operator, chauffeur, driver, commercial driver, or motorcycle operator and, if so, when, by what state, and whether such license is suspended or canceled at the present time and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension or cancellation;

(c) Whether the applicant is now or ever has been afflicted with epilepsy, or whether the applicant now is suffering from any physical or mental disability or disease and, if so, the nature and extent of the disability or disease, giving the names and addresses of physicians then or previously in attendance upon the applicant;

(d) Whether an applicant for a duplicate driver's license, duplicate license containing a motorcycle operator endorsement, or duplicate license containing a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter endorsement has pending a citation for violation of any motor vehicle law or ordinance, a description of any such citation pending, and the date of the citation;

(e) If an applicant has not certified the applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to certify
willingness to make such an anatomical gift, which shall be
given no consideration in the issuance of a license or
endorsement;

(f) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable
power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11
to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration
governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or
withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections
2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has
executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes
the applicant's license to indicate that the applicant has
executed the instrument;

(g) On and after October 7, 2009, whether the applicant is
a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the
United States and, if the applicant is such, whether the
applicant wishes the applicant's license to indicate that the
applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed
forces of the United States by a military designation on the
license.

(2) Every applicant for a driver's license shall be
photographed in color at the time the application for the
license is made. The application shall state any additional
information that the registrar requires.

(B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance
with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an
elector or preregister to vote any person who applies for a
license or endorsement under division (A) of this section, or
for a renewal or duplicate of the license or endorsement, if the
applicant is appears to be eligible and wishes to be registered
as an elector or preregistered to vote. The decision of an
applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given no
consideration in the decision of whether to issue the applicant
a license or endorsement, or a renewal or duplicate.

(C) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance
with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall offer the
opportunity of completing transmit information of a notice of
change of residence or change of name to for any applicant for a
driver's license or endorsement under division (A) of this
section, or for a renewal or duplicate of the license or
endorsement, if the applicant is a registered elector who has
changed the applicant's residence or name and has not previously
filed such a notice of change of residence or change of name.

(D) In addition to any other information it contains, on
and after October 7, 2009, the approved form furnished by the
registrar of motor vehicles for an application for a license or
endorsement or an application for a duplicate of any such
license or endorsement shall inform applicants that the
applicant must present a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or an
equivalent document in order to qualify to have the license or
duplicate indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty,
or reservist of the armed forces of the United States based on a
request made pursuant to division (A)(1)(g) of this section.

Sec. 4507.51. (A)(1) Every application for an
identification card or duplicate shall be made on a form
furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles, shall be signed by
the applicant, and by the applicant's parent or guardian if the
applicant is under eighteen years of age, and shall contain the
following information pertaining to the applicant: name, date of
birth, sex, general description including the applicant's
height, weight, hair color, and eye color, address, and social
security number. The application also shall include, for an applicant who has not already certified the applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift and shall include information about the requirements of sections 2108.01 to 2108.29 of the Revised Code that apply to persons who are less than eighteen years of age. The statement regarding willingness to make such a donation shall be given no consideration in the decision of whether to issue an identification card. Each applicant shall be photographed in color at the time of making application.

(2)(a) The application also shall state whether the applicant has executed a valid durable power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes the identification card issued to indicate that the applicant has executed the instrument.

(b) On and after October 7, 2009, the application also shall state whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the identification card issued to indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States by a military designation on the identification card.
(3) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an elector or preregister to vote any person who applies for an identification card or duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be registered as an elector or preregister to vote. The decision of an applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification card or duplicate.

(B) The application for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall swear that all information given is true. An identification card issued by the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.59 of the Revised Code or an identification card issued by the department of youth services under section 5139.511 of the Revised Code shall be sufficient documentary evidence under this division upon verification of the applicant's social security number by the registrar or a deputy registrar. Upon issuing an identification card under this section for a person who has been issued an identification card under section 5120.59 or section 5139.511 of the Revised Code, the registrar or deputy registrar shall destroy the identification card issued under section 5120.59 or section 5139.511 of the Revised Code.

All applications for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in duplicate, and if submitted to a deputy registrar, a copy shall be forwarded to the registrar. The registrar shall prescribe rules for the manner in which a deputy registrar is to file and maintain applications and other
records. The registrar shall maintain a suitable, indexed record of all applications denied and cards issued or canceled.

(C) In addition to any other information it contains, on and after the date that is fifteen months after April 7, 2009, the form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an application for an identification card or duplicate shall inform applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify to have the card or duplicate indicate that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States based on a request made pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of this section.

Section 2. That existing sections 111.42, 111.44, 149.43, 3501.05, 3503.011, 3503.09, 3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.24, 3503.26, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, 3599.18, 4506.07, 4507.06, and 4507.51 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.29 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The Secretary of State shall implement the automated voter registration program created by this act according to the following schedule:

(A) If this act takes effect before April 1, 2020, not later than August 1, 2020;

(B) If this act takes effect after April 1, 2020, not later than nine months after this act takes effect.

Section 5. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall
provide to the Secretary of State electronic records of the
previous four years concerning each person who appears to be
eligible to register or preregister to vote or to update the
person's registration or preregistration and about whom the
Bureau possesses all of the following information as of the
effective date of this act for the purpose of automatically
registering or preregistering the person to vote or updating the
person's registration or preregistration in accordance with this
section:

(a) The person's legal name;

(b) The person's residence address;

(c) The person's date of birth;

(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state
identification card or the last four digits of the person's
Social Security number;

(e) Whether the person is a United States citizen;

(f) An electronic image of the person's signature.

(2) The Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall not include in the
information transmitted to the Secretary of State under division
(A)(1) of this section any information about a person who
appears to be eligible to vote or preregister to vote or to
update the person's voter registration or preregistration but
who has provided an address designated by the Secretary of State
for participants in the address confidentiality program
described in sections 111.41 to 111.48 of the Revised Code or
otherwise has indicated to the Bureau that the person is a
participant in that program.

(B)(1) Upon receiving information concerning a person
under division (A)(1) of this section, the Secretary of State promptly shall transmit that information to the board of elections of the county in which the person resides. If the board determines that the person appears to be eligible to register or preregister to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration, except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the board shall register or preregister the person to vote or update the person's registration or preregistration, as applicable. The electronic record transmitted to the board of elections under this section shall be considered to be the person's voter registration or preregistration form.

(2) The board shall send the person a notice, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, with return postage prepaid by the board, that contains all of the following information:

(a)(i) The fact that the person will be registered to vote or have the person's registration updated for purposes of the next election occurring at least thirty days after the date the Secretary of State received the person's information, unless the person declines to be registered to vote or to update the person's registration; or

(ii) The fact that the person will be preregistered to vote or have the person's preregistration updated, unless the person declines to be preregistered to vote or to update the person's preregistration.

(b)(i) A statement that in order to register to vote, the person must be a United States citizen, at least eighteen years of age at the time of the next general election, and have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next
(ii) A statement that in order to preregister to vote, the person must be a United States citizen, at least sixteen or seventeen years of age, and have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election.

(c) A statement instructing the person to decline to be registered or preregistered to vote if the person is not eligible to register or preregister;

(d) The procedure to decline to be registered or preregistered to vote or to update the person's registration or preregistration, or to provide corrected registration or preregistration information, by signing and returning the card to the Secretary of State or the board of elections;

(e) The precinct in which the person will be registered or preregistered to vote;

(f) A statement in bold type as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration notice, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."
(3) The notice shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the notice is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notice to be delivered to the correct address. If, after investigating, the board is unable to verify the person's correct address, it shall send the person a confirmation notice by forwardable mail and cause the person's name in the official registration or preregistration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook, if applicable, to be marked to indicate that the person's notice was returned to the board.

At the first election at which an elector whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the elector shall be required to provide identification to the election officials and to vote by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct that elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector's notice was returned from that elector's name on the official registration list and on the poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to division (B)(4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the elector's registration shall be canceled. The board shall notify the elector by United States mail of the cancellation.

(C)(1) A board of elections shall not register or preregister a person to vote or update an elector's registration or preregistration under this section if the board determines that the person is not eligible to register or preregister or to update the elector's registration or preregistration or if the person declines to register or preregister or to update the elector's registration or preregistration.
(2) If, after a person has been registered or preregistered to vote under this section, the person declines to register or preregister, the board of elections shall treat the declination as a request to cancel the person's registration or preregistration.

(3) If, after an elector's registration or preregistration has been updated under this section, the elector declines to update the elector's registration or preregistration, the board of elections shall correct the elector's registration or preregistration to reflect the name, address, or both, as applicable, that it contained before the board updated the elector's registration or preregistration under this section.

(D) The provisions of the Revised Code amended or enacted by this act concerning the automated voter registration system described in section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, apply to this section.

Section 6. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code as amended by S.B. 47, S.B. 109, and S.B. 216, all of the 130th General Assembly.