A BILL

To amend sections 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.04, and 3511.10 and to enact sections 3501.19, 3701.02, and 3709.212 of the Revised Code to create a procedure to conduct an election entirely by mail in the case of a public health emergency, to modify certain deadlines for absent voting, and to direct the Secretary of State's use of federal CARES Act funds.

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

Section 1. That sections 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.04, and 3511.10 be amended and sections 3501.19, 3701.02, and 3709.212 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3501.19. (A) In the case of a public health emergency, not later than the sixtieth day before the day of an election, the governor and the director of health may jointly recommend to the general assembly that the election be conducted in accordance with division (B) of this section. That recommendation shall be valid only if, not later than the third...
day after the governor and the director make the recommendation, 20
the general assembly adopts a joint resolution approving the 21
recommendation.

(B) If the general assembly approves a recommendation 22
under division (A) of this section concerning an election, then 23
notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, all 24
of the following shall apply with respect to the election:

(1) All polling places shall be closed on the day of the 25
election, and absent voter's ballots and provisional ballots 26
shall not be available to cast in person for the election, 27
except as permitted under this section.

(2) As soon as possible after the joint resolution is 28
adopted and filed with the secretary of state, the secretary of 29
state shall send a postcard to each registered elector in this 30
state, notifying the elector of the procedures to apply for and 31
return absent voter's ballots and the applicable deadlines.

(3)(a) Any elector may apply to receive absent voter's 32
ballots by mail in accordance with Chapters 3509. and 3511. of 33
the Revised Code.

(b) If the board of elections determines that an 34
application submitted under division (B)(3)(a) of this section 35
is valid, the board promptly shall deliver absent voter's 36
ballots to the elector. The board shall deliver those ballots by 37
mail, except as otherwise provided in division (B)(4) of this 38
section and except in the case of an elector whom the board 39
assists in casting the elector's ballots in accordance with 40
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code.

(c) If the board of elections determines that an 41
application submitted under division (B)(3)(a) of this section
is not valid because the applicant is an elector who has moved or had a change of name without updating the elector's registration, as described in section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, or for any other reason, the board promptly shall deliver a provisional ballot to the applicant. The board shall deliver the ballot by mail, except as otherwise provided in division (B) (4) of this section and except in the case of an elector whom the board assists in casting the elector's ballot in accordance with section 3509.08 of the Revised Code. The board shall include all of the following with the provisional ballot:

(i) The reason the applicant has received a provisional ballot instead of absent voter's ballots;

(ii) Instructions for the applicant to complete the provisional ballot affirmation, including an option to submit a copy of a form of identification described in section 3505.182 of the Revised Code;

(iii) Instructions for the applicant to return the provisional ballot in the same manner as absent voter's ballots and a return envelope in which the applicant may return the provisional ballot;

(iv) Instructions for the applicant to ascertain the status of the applicant's provisional ballot, as described in section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(4) An elector to whom one of the following applies may appear at the office of the board of elections not later than seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election and cast absent voter's ballots or a provisional ballot, as applicable, in person:

(a) An elector who has a disability and who wishes to cast
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ballots using a direct recording electronic voting machine or marking device that is accessible for voters with disabilities, including nonvisual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other voters. Each board shall have at least one such machine or device available for use at the office of the board.

(b) An elector who is unable to receive mail at the place where the elector resides or at another location.

(5) An elector who submitted an application for absent voter's ballots under this section not later than the applicable deadline but who has not received the elector's ballots or whose ballots are lost, stolen, destroyed, or defaced may appear at the office of the board of elections not later than seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election and cast a provisional ballot in person. The board shall process the provisional ballot in accordance with sections 3505.183, 3509.09, and 3511.13 of the Revised Code, and the provisional ballot shall not be eligible to be counted if the board determines that the elector did not submit an application for absent voter's ballots under this section not later than the applicable deadline.

(6) All persons waiting in line to cast ballots in person under division (B)(4) or (5) of this section as of seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election shall be permitted to cast ballots.

(7) The board of elections shall place a secure receptacle outside the office of the board for the return of ballots under this section.

(8) In all other respects, the election shall be conducted
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. An application to receive absent voter's ballots by mail shall be delivered to the director not later than twelve noon of the third-tenth 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 Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered. A person who wishes to receive absent voter's ballots in person to at the office of the board shall appear at the office of the board not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election.

(E) If the secretary of state or a board of elections that mails an absent voter's ballot application to an elector
under this section, the secretary of state or the board, as applicable, 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 an 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 an 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 a board of elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the application.

Sec. 3509.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required information, the director promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional information required to be provided by the applicant to complete that application.

(B) Upon receipt by the director of elections of an application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the required information, as provided by section 3509.03 and division (G) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, the director, if the director finds that the applicant is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the applicant in person or mail directly to the applicant by special delivery mail, air mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, proper absent voter's ballots. The director shall deliver or mail with the ballots an unsealed identification envelope upon the face of which shall be
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printed a form substantially as follows:

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter

I, ________________________(Name of voter), declare under penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope.

My voting residence in Ohio is

________________________________________________________________

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number)
of ________________________________ (City, Village, or Township) of ________________________________ (City, Village, or Township) Ohio, which is in Ward _____________ Precinct _____________ in that city, village, or township.

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am providing my program participant identification number instead of my residence address: ________________________

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope are primary election ballots of the _____________ Party.

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at the ___________ (general, special, or primary) election to be held on the __________________________ day of _______________ (Month and Day), _______________ (Year).

My date of birth is _______________ (Month and Day), _______________ (Year).

(Voter must provide one of the following:)

My driver's license number is _____________ (Driver's license number).
The last four digits of my Social Security Number are ______________ (Last four digits of Social Security Number).

_____ In lieu of providing a driver's license number or the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am enclosing a copy of one of the following in the return envelope in which this identification envelope will be mailed: a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or 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, that shows my name and address.

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that the statements above are true, as I verily believe.

_________________________
(Signature of Voter)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE."

The director shall mail with the ballots and the unsealed identification envelope an unsealed return envelope upon the face of which shall be printed the official title and post-office address of the director. In the upper left corner on the face of the return envelope, several blank lines shall be printed upon which the voter may write the voter's name and return address. The return envelope shall be of such size that the identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it for returning the identification envelope to the director.

A.The secretary of state or a board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage for those
on any absent voter's ballots.

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 an identification envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an elector's name and address on an identification envelope statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the identification envelope statement of voter.

Sec. 3509.08. (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or primary election may make application in writing for an absent voter's ballot to the director of the board of elections of the elector's county. The application shall include all of the information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code and shall state the nature of the elector's illness, physical disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector is confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's precinct on election day. The application shall not be valid if it is delivered to the director before the ninetieth day or after twelve noon of the third tenth day before the day of the
election at which the ballot is to be voted.

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the board may designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private institution within the county, in which case the board shall designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code.

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two board employees belonging to the two major political parties that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other cause.

When two board employees belonging to the two major political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the
declaration on the identification envelope.

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of
application for absent voter's ballots under this division.

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section.

(B)(1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to
the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any
general, special, or primary election may apply to the director
of the board of elections of the county where the elector is a
qualified elector to vote in the election by absent voter's
ballot if either of the following apply:

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before
the election;

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency
occurring before the election.

(2) The application authorized under division (B)(1) of
this section shall be made in writing, shall include all of the
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code,
and shall be delivered to the director not later than three p.m.
on the day of the election. The application shall indicate the
hospital where the applicant or the applicant's child is
confined, the date of the applicant's or the applicant's child's
admission to the hospital, and the offices for which the
applicant is qualified to vote. The applicant may also request
that a member of the applicant's family, as listed in section
3509.05 of the Revised Code, deliver the absent voter's ballot
to the applicant. The director, after establishing to the
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director's satisfaction the validity of the circumstances claimed by the applicant, shall supply an absent voter's ballot to be delivered to the applicant. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital in the county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the director shall arrange for the delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant, and for its return to the office of the board, by two board employees belonging to the two major political parties according to the procedures prescribed in division (A) of this section. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital outside the county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the director shall arrange for the delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in division (B)(2) of this section may vote in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section if that qualified elector states in the application for absent voter's ballots that that qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector complies with divisions (G)(1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B)(1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for
absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code instead of applying for them under this section.

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), 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;

(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;

(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 . An application to receive uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots by mail or by another method permitted under section 3511.021 of the Revised Code shall be delivered to the director not later than twelve noon of the third tenth 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 . A person who wishes to receive uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots in person to at the office of the board shall appear at the office of the board not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election.

   (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) If the secretary of state or a board of elections that mails a federal post card application or other absent voter's ballot application to an elector under this section, the secretary of state or the board, as applicable, 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. 3511.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections receives an application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required information, the director promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional information required to be provided by the applicant to complete that application.

(B) Not later than the forty-sixth day before the day of each general or primary election, and at the earliest possible time before the day of a special election held on a day other than the day on which a general or primary election is held, the director of the board of elections shall mail, send by facsimile
machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use as provided for in section 3511.03 of the Revised Code and for which the director has received valid applications prior to that time. Thereafter, and until twelve noon of the third tenth day preceding the day of election, the director shall promptly, upon receipt of valid applications for them, mail, send by facsimile machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send to the proper persons all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use.

If, after the seventieth day before the day of a general or primary election, any other question, issue, or candidacy is lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at the general or primary election, the board shall promptly provide a separate official issue, special election, or other election ballot for submitting the question, issue, or candidacy to those electors, and the director shall promptly mail, send by facsimile machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send each such separate ballot to each person to whom the director has previously mailed or sent other uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots.

A The secretary of state or a board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage for those on any uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots. In mailing
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots, the director shall use the fastest mail service available, but the director shall not mail them by certified mail.

Sec. 3511.10. If, after the first day after the close of voter registration before a general or primary election and before the close of the polls on the day of that election, a valid application for (A) uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots is delivered to the director of the board of elections, voter may cast absent voter's ballots in person at the office of the board by a person making the application on the person's own behalf, the director shall forthwith deliver to the person all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use, together with an identification envelope. The person shall then immediately retire to a voting booth in the office of the board, and mark the ballots. The person shall then fold each ballot separately so as to conceal the person's markings thereon, and deposit all of the ballots in the identification envelope and securely seal it. Thereupon the person shall fill in answers to the questions on the face of the identification envelope, and by writing the person's usual signature in the proper place thereon, the person shall declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of that person's knowledge and belief. The person shall then deliver the identification envelope to the director. If thereafter of elections in the same manner as any other absent voter under Chapter 3509. of the Revised Code.

(B) If, after a uniformed services or overseas absent voter casts ballots in person under division (A) of this section and before the third day preceding such election, the board provides additional separate official issue or special election
ballots, as provided for in section 3511.04 of the Revised Code, the director shall promptly, and not later than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of election, mail such additional ballots to such person at the address specified by that person for that purpose. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an application for absent voter's ballots, an identification envelope statement of voter, or an absent voter's ballot requested under this section on behalf of an applicant in accordance with that section.

(C) In the event any person serving in the armed forces of the United States is discharged after the closing date of registration, and that person or that person's spouse, or both, meets all the other qualifications set forth in section 3511.011 of the Revised Code, the person or spouse shall be permitted to vote prior to the date of the election in the office of the board in the person's or spouse's county, as set forth in this section.

Sec. 3701.02. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, the department of health shall not issue any order, make any rule, or otherwise take any action affecting the conduct of an election.

Sec. 3709.212. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, the board of health of a city health district, general health district, or combined health district shall not issue any order, make any rule, or otherwise take any action affecting the conduct of an election.

Section 2. That existing sections 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.04, and 3511.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.
Section 3. Any funds received by the Secretary of State through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act shall be used in accordance with this act. This provision applies to all appropriations made to appropriation item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA), related to funding received through the CARES Act and deposited into the Help America Vote Act Fund (Fund 3AS0) for the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

The Secretary of State shall use the received CARES Act funding described above in the following manner:

(A) To pay all costs associated with the completion of the March 17, 2020, primary election in accordance with H.B. 197 of the 133rd General Assembly;

(B) To provide a one-time incentive bonus payment to precinct election officials and temporary employees of the boards of elections for the general election to be held on November 3, 2020, in a manner to be determined in conjunction with the boards of elections;

(C) To provide personal protective equipment for election officials, and to pay for cleaning and modifying the layout of polling places and the offices of the boards of elections to provide for adequate social distancing;

(D) To provide any additional electronics or related equipment needed to handle increased volumes of mail that may result during the general election to be held on November 3, 2020; and

(E) To pay any costs associated with implementing the voting procedures described in section 3501.19 of the Revised Code, if those procedures are used.
Section 4. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3501.05 of the Revised Code or of section 395.20 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, the Secretary of State shall not mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to any electors for the general election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 5. Section 3511.10 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both S.B. 205 and S.B. 238 of the 130th General Assembly. 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 composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.