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To amend sections 3503.16, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, and 3511.04 and to enact section 3501.40 of the Revised Code 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 3503.16, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, and 3511.04 be amended and section 3501.40 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3501.40. Except as permitted under section 161.09 of the Revised Code, and notwithstanding any other contrary provision of the Revised Code, no public official shall cause an election to be conducted other than in the time, place, and manner prescribed by the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "public official" means any elected or appointed officer, employee, or agent of the state or any political subdivision, agency, board, commission, bureau, or other public body established by law.
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 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 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 change of residence with the board of elections 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 change of name with the board of elections 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 change of residence or change of name, whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections 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 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 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 receiving a notice of change of residence or change of name, 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 seventh day 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. 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 seventh day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, or . An application to receive absent voter's ballots in person shall be delivered to the director 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 in person to the office of the board.

(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 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) 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 ________________, ___.

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 seventh 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 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 seventh day preceding the day of the election, or. An application to receive uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots in person shall be delivered to the director 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) 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 seventh 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.

Section 2. That existing sections 3503.16, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3511.02, and 3511.04 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 pay any costs associated with recruiting and
training precinct election officials and temporary employees of
the boards of elections for the general election to be held on
November 3, 2020;

   (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;

   (E) To pay the cost of mailing an application for absent
voter's ballots to each elector in this state for the general
election to be held on November 3, 2020, if the Controlling
Board approves the transfer of CARES Act funds for that purpose
instead of the transfer of moneys from the Controlling Board
Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) for that
purpose, as permitted under Section 395.20 of H.B. 166 of the
133rd General Assembly.

**Section 4.** The items of law contained in this act, and
their applications, are severable. If any item of law contained
in this act, or if any application of any item of law contained
in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect
other items of law contained in this act and their applications
that can be given effect without the invalid item of law or
application.