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A BILL

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 2
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised 3
Code to modify the campaign finance law, to name 4
this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act, and to 5
amend the versions of sections 3517.10, 6
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that 7
are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, to 8
continue the provisions of this act on and after 9
that effective date. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 11
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3599.03, 12
3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 13
follows: 14

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 15
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 16
meets either of the following requirements: 17

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 18

most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 19
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 20
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 21
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 22
division remains a political party for a period of four years 23
after meeting those requirements. 24

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 25
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 26
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 27
all of the following requirements: 28

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 29
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 30
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 31
election for such office. 32

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 33
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 34
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 35
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 36
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 37
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 38

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 39
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 40
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 41
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 42
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 43

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 44
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 45
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 46
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 47

petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 48
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 49
the usual place of residence of each of them. 50

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 51
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 52
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 53
mislead the voters at an election. 54

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 55
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 56
name. 57

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 58
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 59
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 60
Revised Code: 61

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 62
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 63
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 64
contributions and make expenditures. 65

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 66
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 67

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 68
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 69
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 70
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 71
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 72
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 73
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 74
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 75
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 76

and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 77
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 78
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 79
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 80
convention or conference of a political party. 81

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 82
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 83
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 84
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 85
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 86
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 87
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 88
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 89
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 90
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 91
Revenue Code. 92~~

~~(5) "Contribution" (a) Except as otherwise provided in 93
divisions (C)(4)(b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 94
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 95
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 96
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 97
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 98
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 99
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 100
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 101
results of an election. Any 102~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 103
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 104
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 105
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 106

campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 107
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 108
or person other than the person to whom the services are 109
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 110
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 111
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 112
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 113
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 114
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 115
of contributions filed under that section. 116

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 117
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 118
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 119
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 120
following: 121

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 122
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 123
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 124
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 125
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 126
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 127
another person, that are made to or received by the political 128
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 129
of an election; 130

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 131
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 132
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 133
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 134
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 135
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 136

<u>another person, that are made to or received by the political</u>	137
<u>contributing entity;</u>	138
<u>(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that</u>	139
<u>separate account.</u>	140
<u>(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow</u>	141
<u>the procedure described in division (C) (4) (c) (i) of this</u>	142
<u>section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of</u>	143
<u>indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds</u>	144
<u>or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an</u>	145
<u>inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the</u>	146
<u>payment by any person other than the person to whom the services</u>	147
<u>are rendered for the personal services of another person, that</u>	148
<u>is made to or received by the political contributing entity is</u>	149
<u>considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or</u>	150
<u>received for the purpose of influencing the results of an</u>	151
<u>election.</u>	152
<u>(d) None of the following are considered a contribution</u>	153
<u>under divisions (C) (4) (a) to (c) of this section:</u>	154
<u>(a) (i) Services provided without compensation by</u>	155
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on	156
behalf of a person;	157
<u>(b) (ii) Ordinary home hospitality;</u>	158
<u>(c) (iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by</u>	159
that volunteer campaign worker;	160
<u>(d) (iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section</u>	161
3517.101 of the Revised Code;	162
<u>(e) (v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011</u>	163
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the	164

direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 165
communication; 166

~~(f)~~ (vi) Any gift given to a state or county political 167
party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of 168
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 169

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 170
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 171
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 172
same meaning as in that section. 173

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 174
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 175

~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 176
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 177
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 178
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 179
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 180
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 181
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 182
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 183
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 184
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 185
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 186
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 187
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 188
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 189
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 190
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 191
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 192
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 193
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 194

independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 195
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 196
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 197

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 198
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 199
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 200
Code. 201

~~(7)~~ (6) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited 202
to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, 203
personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 204

~~(8)~~ (7) "Political action committee" means a combination 205
of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is 206
to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, 207
or to influence the result of any election through express 208
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 209
committee, ~~a political contributing entity,~~ or a legislative 210
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 211
~~either of the following:—~~ 212

~~(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for— 213
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering— 214
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;— 215~~

~~(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social 216
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 217
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 218
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 219
aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 220
calendar year. 221~~

~~(9)~~ (8) "Public office" means any state, county, 222
municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a 223

political party, that is filled by an election and the offices	224
of United States senator and representative.	225
(10) <u>(9)</u> "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in	226
section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	227
(11) <u>(10)</u> "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a	228
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a	229
campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a	230
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a	231
campaign fund exists.	232
(12) <u>(11)</u> "Campaign fund" means money or other property,	233
including contributions.	234
(13) <u>(12)</u> "Public official or employee" has the same	235
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	236
(14) <u>(13)</u> "Caucus" means all of the members of the house	237
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the	238
general assembly who are members of the same political party.	239
(15) <u>(14)</u> "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is	240
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and	241
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	242
(16) <u>(15)</u> "In-kind contribution" means anything of value	243
other than money that is used to influence the results of an	244
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in	245
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative	246
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or	247
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent	248
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at	249
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee,	250
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination,	251
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any	252

broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 253
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 254
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 255
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 256

~~(17)~~ (16) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure 257
or other use of funds or anything of value by a person 258
~~advocating to advocate~~ the election or defeat of an identified 259
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 260
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 261
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 262
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 263
used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 264

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 265
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 266
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 267
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 268
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 269
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 270
~~contributing entity.~~ 271

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 272
communication containing a message advocating the election or 273
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 274

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 275
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 276
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 277
by unambiguous reference. 278

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 279
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 280
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 281

pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 282
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 283
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 284
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 285
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 286

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 287
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 288
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 289
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 290

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 291
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 292
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 293
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 294
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 295

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 296
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 297
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 298
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 299
efforts. 300

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 301
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 302
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 303
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 304
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 305
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 306
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 307

~~(18)~~ (17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an 308
employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, 309
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor 310

union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, 311
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other 312
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that 313
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 314
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 315
and other terms and conditions of employment. 316

~~(19)~~ (18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 317
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 318
Campaign Act. 319

~~(20)~~ (19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 320
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 321
431, et seq., as amended. 322

~~(21)~~ (20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 323
county political party must establish under division (A) (1) of 324
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 325

~~(22)~~ (21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 326
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 327

~~(23)~~ (22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 328
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 329
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 330
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 331
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 332

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 333
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 334

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 335
entity, including a corporation ~~or,~~ labor organization, 336
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 337
association, that may lawfully make ~~makes~~ contributions ~~and or~~ 338
expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action 339

committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, political 340
party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign 341
committee, or state candidate fund. ~~For purposes of this~~ 342
~~division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the~~ 343
~~Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of~~ 344
~~competent jurisdiction.~~ 345

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 346
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 347

Sec. 3517.08. (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 348
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 349
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 350
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 351
of the Revised Code. 352

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 353
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 354
contribution by the political action committee or the political 355
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 356
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 357
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 358
endorsements. 359

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 360
considered a contribution by the political party or an 361
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 362
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 363
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 364
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 365
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 366
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 367

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political 368

contributing entity~~7~~ or political party shall not be considered 369
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 370
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 371
expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing-~~ 372
~~association's,~~ political contributing entity's~~7~~ or political 373
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 374
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 375

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 376
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 377
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 378
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 379
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 380
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 381
activities. 382

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 383
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 384
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 385

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 386
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 387
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 388
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 389
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 390
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 391
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 392
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 393
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 394
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 395

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 396
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 397
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 398

described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c) 399
(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 400
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 401
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 402
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 403
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 404

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 405
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 406
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 407
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 408
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 409
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 410
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 411
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 412
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 413
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 414
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 415
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 416
the following dates: 417

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 418
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 419
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 420
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 421
before the election; 422

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 423
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 424
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 425
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 426
day before the filing of the statement; 427

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 428

reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 429
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 430
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 431
the last day of December of the previous year; 432

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 433
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 434
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 435
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 436
day of June of that year. 437

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 438
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 439
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 440
committee's candidate. 441

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 442
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 443
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 444
party, or political contributing entity that has received 445
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 446
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 447
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 448
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 449
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 450

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 451
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 452
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 453
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 454
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 455
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 456
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 457
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 458

for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 459
days before the general election. 460

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 461
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 462
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 463
this section. 464

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 465
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 466
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 467
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 468
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 469
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 470
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 471
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 472
party, or political contributing entity. 473

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 474
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 475
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 476
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 477
(A) (4) of this section. 478

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 479
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 480
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 481
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 482
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 483
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 484
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 485
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 486
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 487

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 488
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 489
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 490
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 491
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 492
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 493
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 494
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 495
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 496
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 497
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 498

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 499
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 500
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 501
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 502
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 503
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 504
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 505
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 506
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 507
under this section and made under penalty of election 508
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 509
this section, as applicable. 510

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 511
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 512
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 513
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 514
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 515
statement not later than three business days after the last day 516
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 517
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 518

which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 519
extending through the day of that general election, each time 520
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 521
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 522
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 523
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 524
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 525
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 526
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 527
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 528
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 529
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 530
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 531
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 532
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 533
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 534
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 535
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 536
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 537
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 538
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 539
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 540
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 541
required by this section. 542

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 543
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 544
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 545
and (D) (6) of this section and division (H) (1) of section 546
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 547
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 548
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 549

statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 550
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 551
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 552
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 553
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 554
Revised Code. 555

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 556
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 557
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 558
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 559
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 560
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 561
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 562
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 563
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 564
previously filed statement. 565

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 566
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 567
section shall contain the following information: 568

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 569
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 570
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 571
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 572
and expenditure statement; 573

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 574
candidate's full name and address; 575

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 576
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 577
(1) of this section; 578

<u>(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is</u>	579
<u>a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following:</u>	580
<u>(i) The name of each officer, director, principal</u>	581
<u>shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or</u>	582
<u>unincorporated business;</u>	583
<u>(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is</u>	584
<u>controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name</u>	585
<u>of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and</u>	586
<u>the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder,</u>	587
<u>partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or</u>	588
<u>unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a</u>	589
<u>corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control</u>	590
<u>another corporation or unincorporated business if the</u>	591
<u>corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly,</u>	592
<u>or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns,</u>	593
<u>controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any</u>	594
<u>class of voting securities of, the other corporation or</u>	595
<u>unincorporated business.</u>	596
(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be	597
a general, primary, or special election;	598
(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall	599
include the following information:	600
(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution;	601
(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political	602
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political	603
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom	604
contributions are received and the registration number assigned	605
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this	606
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not	607

apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section.

(ii) If a political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political party that is required to file campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any;

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division (A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization of which the employees are members, if any.

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

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

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall include a description of and the value of each in-kind contribution received at that activity from any person who made one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or address of any members who paid those dues.

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized separately from all other contributions. The information

required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided 668
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 669
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 670

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 671
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 672
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 673
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 674
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 675
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 676
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 677
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 678
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 679
this division: 680

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 681
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 682

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 683
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 684
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 685
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 686
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 687
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 688

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 689
following information: 690

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 691

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 692
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 693
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 694
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 695
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 696

section;	697
(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;	698 699
(d) The amount of each expenditure.	700
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (H) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	713 714 715 716 717
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.	718 719 720 721 722 723
(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with the	724 725

nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 726
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 727
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 728
division (A) (2) of this section. 729

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 730
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 731
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 732
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 733
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 734
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 735
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 736
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 737
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 738
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 739
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 740
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 741
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 742
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 743
national convention or conference of a political party. 744

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 745
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 746
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 747
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 748
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 749

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 750
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 751
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 752
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 753
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 754
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 755

structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 756
electronic means of transmission under division (A) of this 757
section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, 758
division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 759
3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) 760
and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to 761
division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of 762
section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division 763
(B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 764
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 765
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 766
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 767
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 768
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 769
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 770
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 771
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 772
format. 773

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 774
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 775
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 776
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 777
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 778
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 779
~~partnerships, or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 780
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 781
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 782
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 783
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 784
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 785
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 786

training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 787
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 788
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 789
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 790
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 791
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 792
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 793
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 794
appropriate. 795

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 796
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 797
the information required by divisions (B)(1) to (4), (C)(2), 798
and, if appropriate, (C)(3) of this section. Each statement 799
shall be signed as required by division (C)(1) of this section. 800

(D)(1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 801
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 802
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 803
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 804
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 805
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 806
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 807
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 808
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 809
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 810
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 811
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 812
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 813
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 814
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 815
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 816
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 817

of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 818
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 819
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 820
number to each political action committee that files a 821
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 822
division if the political action committee is required by 823
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 824
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 825
state. 826

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 827
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 828
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 829

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 830
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 831
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 832
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 833
campaign committee. 834

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 835
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 836
separate from all other funds. 837

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 838
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 839
state or county political party may deposit into its state 840
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 841
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 842
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 843
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 844
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 845
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 846
candidate fund. 847

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 848
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 849
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 850
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 851
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 852
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 853
are members of that political party to the house of the general 854
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 855
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 856
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 857
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 858
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 859
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 860
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 861

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 862
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 863
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 864
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 865
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 866
(4) of this section. 867

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 868
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 869
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 870
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 871
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 872
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 873
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 874

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 875
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 876
following: 877

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 878
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 879
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 880
of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 881
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 882
Code; 883

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 884
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 885
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 886
disbursement information in the statements described in division 887
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 888
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 889
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 890
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 891
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 892
of transmission. 893

(7) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (I) of 894
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 895
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 896
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 897
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 898
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, 899
amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended 900
statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or 901
other means of transmission under this section, division (B) (2) 902
(b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 903
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the 904
Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information 905
from the internet after a reasonable period of time. 906

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 907

legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 908
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 909
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 910
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 911
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 912
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 913
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 914
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 915
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 916
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 917

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 918
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 919
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 920
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 921
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 922
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 923
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 924
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 925
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 926
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 927
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 928

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 929
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 930
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 931
section, that committee is considered to have met the 932
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 933
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 934
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 935
written request for the information required under division (B) 936
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 937
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 938

section from whoever transmits the contribution. 939

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 940
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 941
name and address of the committee and the registration number 942
assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section. 943

(F) As used in this section: 944

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 945
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 946
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 947
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 948
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 949
post-office box. 950

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 951
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 952
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 953
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 954
highway name and number. 955

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 956
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 957
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 958
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 959
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 960
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 961
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 962
to that address. 963

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 964
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 965
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 966
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 967

committee:	968
(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this section;	969 970
(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address.	971 972 973
(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post-office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office box number.	974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984
(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.	985 986 987 988 989 990
(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, or coroner.	991 992 993 994 995
<u>(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a</u>	996

sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 997
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 998
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 999

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1000
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1001
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1002
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1003
Revised Code. 1004

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1005
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1006
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1007
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1008
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1009
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1010
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1011
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1012
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1013
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1014
combined reporting periods. 1015

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1016
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1017
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1018
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1019
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1020
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1021
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1022
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1023
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1024
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1025
election periods. 1026

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1027
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1028
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1029
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1030
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1031
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1032
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1033
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1034
candidates. 1035

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1036
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1037
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1038
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1039

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1040
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1041
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1042
member making the contribution. 1043

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1044
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1045
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1046
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1047
following: 1048

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1049
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1050
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1051
the partners, owners, or members; or 1052

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1053
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1054
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1055

contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1056
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1057
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1058
the contribution. 1059

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1060
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1061
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1062
section. 1063

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1064
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1065
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1066
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1067
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1068
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1069

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1070
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1071
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1072

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 1073
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 1074
~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 1075
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 1076
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1077

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1078
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1079
candidate or holds office. 1080

(K)(1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1081
of a treasurer under division (D)(1) of this section, the 1082
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1083
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1084

thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1085
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1086
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1087
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1088
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1089
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1090
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1091
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1092
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1093
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1094
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1095

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1096
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1097
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1098
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1099
be a write-in candidate. 1100

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1101
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1102
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1103
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1104

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1105
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1106
limitations described in that division during an election 1107
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1108
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1109
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1110
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1111
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1112
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1113
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1114

candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1115
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1116
write-in candidate. 1117

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1118
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1119
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1120
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1121
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1122
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1123
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1124
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1125

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1126
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1127
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1128
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1129
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1130
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1131
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1132
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1133
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1134
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1135
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1136
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1137
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1138
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1139
receives from all other contributors. 1140

Sec. 3517.102. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1141
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1142
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 1143

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 1144

of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 1145
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1146
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1147
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1148
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1149

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1150
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1151
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1152
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1153
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1154
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1155

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1156
state senator. 1157

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1158
state representative. 1159

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1160
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1161
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1162
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1163

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1164
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1165
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1166
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1167
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1168
election. 1169

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1170
established by a state or county political party under division 1171
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1172

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1173

filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1174
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general 1175
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by 1176
legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1177
numbered year. 1178

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1179
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1180
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1181

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1182
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1183

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1184
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1185
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1186
member of the general assembly. 1187

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1188
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1189
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1190
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1191
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1192

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1193
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1194
following: 1195

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1196
member of the same party that established the legislative 1197
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1198
campaign fund is associated; 1199

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1200
member of the same party that established the legislative 1201
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1202

campaign fund is associated. 1203

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1204
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1205
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1206
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1207
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1208
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1209
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1210
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1211
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1212

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1213
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1214
than: 1215

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1216
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1217
general election period; 1218

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1219
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1220
general election period; 1221

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1222
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1223
general election period; 1224

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1225
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1226
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1227
year; 1228

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1229
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1230

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1231 1232
(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1233 1234
(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1235 1236
(b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political party of any county other than the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located.	1237 1238 1239 1240
(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.	1241 1242
(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:	1243 1244 1245
(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1246 1247 1248
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1249 1250 1251
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1252 1253 1254
(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;	1255 1256
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1257

party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1258

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action 1259
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 1260
year. This division does not apply to a political action 1261
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 1262
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 1263
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 1264
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 1265
political contributing entity if they are both established, 1266
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 1267
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1268
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1269
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1270
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1271

(b) No political action committee shall make a 1272
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1273
the party's state candidate fund. 1274

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1275
contributions aggregating more than: 1276

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1277
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1278
general election period; 1279

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1280
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1281
general election period; 1282

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1283
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 1284
election period; 1285

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1286

committee in a calendar year;	1287
(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1288 1289
(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no political party shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee or to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1290 1291 1292 1293 1294
(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.	1295 1296
(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:	1297 1298 1299 1300
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	1301 1302
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	1303 1304
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	1305 1306
(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:	1307 1308 1309
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county.	1310 1311
(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the	1312 1313

population of that county at the time the contribution is made. 1314

(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party 1315
shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1316
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1317
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1318
period, aggregating more than: 1319

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1320
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1321

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1322
one senate candidate; 1323

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1324
any one house candidate. 1325

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1326
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1327
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1328
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1329
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1330

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1331
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1332

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1333
committee of any one senate candidate; 1334

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1335
any one house candidate. 1336

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1337
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1338
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1339
more than: 1340

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1341
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1342
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1343

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1344
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1345
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1346

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1347
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1348
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1349

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1350
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1351
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1352
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1353
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1354
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1355
any primary election period or general election period. 1356

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1357
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1358
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1359

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1360
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1361
contributions aggregating more than: 1362

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1363
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1364
general election period; 1365

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1366
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1367
general election period; 1368

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political contributing entity or to a political action committee in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity or with a political action committee if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person.

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund.

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1398
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1399
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1400
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1401
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1402
in a general election period; 1403

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1404
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1405
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1406
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1407

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1408
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1409
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1410
a general election period from a county political party that has 1411
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1412
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1413

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1414
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1415
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1416
following: 1417

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1418
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1419

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1420
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1421
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1422
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1423
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1424
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1425
in a general election period. 1426

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1427
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1428
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1429
a general election period from a county political party that has 1430
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1431
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1432

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1433
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1434
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1435

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1436
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1437

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1438
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1439
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1440
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1441
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1442
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1443
in a general election period. 1444

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1445
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1446
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1447
a general election period from a county political party that has 1448
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1449
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1450

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1451
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1452
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1453
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1454
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1455

state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1456
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1457
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1458
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1459

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1460
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1461
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1462
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1463
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1464
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1465
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1466
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1467
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1468
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1469
committee or any political contributing entity. 1470

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1471
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1472
party. 1473

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1474
political party shall do either of the following: 1475

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1476
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1477

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1478
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1479
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1480
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1481
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 1482
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 1483
a calendar year. 1484

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following:

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year.

(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a primary election period or a general election period more than:

(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a statewide candidate;

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;

(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.

(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a legislative campaign fund aggregating more than:

(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period,

in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1513

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1514
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 1515
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1516
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1517
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1518
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1519

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1520
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1521

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1522
committee of a house candidate. 1523

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1524
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1525
shall do either of the following: 1526

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1527
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1528

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1529
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1530
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1531
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1532

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1533
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1534
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1535
another political action committee or from a political 1536
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1537
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1538
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1539
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1540
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1541

division does not apply to a political action committee or 1542
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1543
political action committee or political contributing entity 1544
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1545
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1546
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1547
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1548
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1549
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1550
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1551
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1552

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1553
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1554
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1555
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1556
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1557
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1558
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1559
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1560
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1561
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1562
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1563
from a single political action committee. 1564

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1565
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1566
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1567
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1568
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1569
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1570
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1571
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including 1572

any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1573
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1574
~~association,~~ or other person, are considered to have been made 1575
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1576

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1577
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1578
does not include a political action committee that is organized 1579
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 1580
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 1581
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1582
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 1583
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 1584
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 1585
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 1586
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 1587
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 1588
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1589
committee, or political contributing entity. 1590

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1591
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1592
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1593
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1594
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1595
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1596
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1597

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1598
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1599
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1600
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1601
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1602

fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1603

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1604
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1605
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1606
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1607
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1608
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1609
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1610
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1611
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1612
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1613
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1614
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1615
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1616
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1617
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1618
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1619
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1620
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1621
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1622
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1623
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1624
of state considers necessary. 1625

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1626
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1627
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1628
any of the following: 1629

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1630
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1631
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1632

3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1633

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1634
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1635
all or part of their contributions; 1636

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1637
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1638
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1639

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1640
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1641

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1642
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1643
section. 1644

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1645
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1646
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1647

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1648
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1649
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1650
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1651
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1652

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1653
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1654
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1655
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1656
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1657
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1658
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1659

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1660

political action committee or political contributing entity with 1661
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1662
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1663
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1664
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1665
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1666
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1667
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1668
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1669
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1670
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1671
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1672
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1673
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1674
following: 1675

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1676
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1677
candidate's campaign committee; 1678

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1679
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1680
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1681
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1682
of the Revised Code. 1683

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1684
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1685
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1686
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1687
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1688
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1689
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1690

fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1691
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1692
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1693

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity, 1694
except a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, campaign committee, 1695
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1696
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1697
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1698
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity shall 1699
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1700
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1701
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1702
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1703
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1704
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1705
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1706
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1707
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1708
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1709
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1710
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1711
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1712
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1713
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1714
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1715
election falsification. 1716

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, 1717
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1718
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1719
campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1720
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1721

fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~-expenditure in 1722
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1723
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1724
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1725
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1726
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1727
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1728
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1729
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1730
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1731
both of the following: 1732

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1733
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1734
issue committee; 1735

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor-~~ 1736
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or-~~ 1737
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1738
that has paid for the communication or public political 1739
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1740
Code. 1741

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1742
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1743
~~or~~ political action committee, or political contributing entity 1744
makes an ~~independent~~-expenditure in support of or opposition to 1745
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor-~~ 1746
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in-~~ 1747
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised-~~ 1748
~~Code, and~~ the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1749
political party, ~~or~~ political 1750
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~-expenditure and 1751

identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1752
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1753
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1754
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1755
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1756

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 1757
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 1758
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1759
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1760
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1761
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1762
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 1763
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1764
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1765
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1766
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1767
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 1768
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1769
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1770
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1771
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1772
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1773
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1774
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1775
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1776
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1777
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1778
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1779
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1780

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1781
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 1782

~~organization~~political contributing entity, or other organization 1783
or association shall use or cause to be used a false or 1784
fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in support 1785
of or opposition to any candidate, or in making an expenditure 1786
in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A 1787
name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, 1788
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 1789
~~corporation, labor organization~~political contributing entity, or 1790
other organization or association does not actually exist or 1791
operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ 1792
organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name 1793
or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is 1794
required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, 1795
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action committee, or 1796
political contributing entity has failed to file a designation 1797
of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by 1798
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1799

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1800
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1801
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1802
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1803
section. 1804

Sec. 3517.106. (A) As used in this section: 1805

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 1806
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1807
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 1808
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1809

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 1810
other correction to that statement. 1811

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1812
information contained in statements of contributions and 1813
expenditures and monthly statements required to be filed under 1814
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in statements of 1815
~~independent~~ expenditures required to be filed under section 1816
3517.105 of the Revised Code by any of the following: 1817

(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide 1818
office; 1819

(b) The political action committees and political 1820
contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section 1821
3517.11 of the Revised Code; 1822

(c) Legislative campaign funds; 1823

(d) State political parties; 1824

(e) ~~Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1825
~~organizations,~~ or ~~other~~ entities that make independent 1826
expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide 1827
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1828
statewide ballot issue or question; 1829

(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office 1830
of member of the general assembly; 1831

(g) County political parties, with respect to their state 1832
candidate funds. 1833

(2) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1834
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 1835
communications statements required to be filed under section 1836
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1837

(3) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1838
information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 1839

required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1840
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 1841

(4) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1842
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 1843
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1844
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. 1845

(5) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1846
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 1847
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1848
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1849

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1850
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1851
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1852
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1853
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1854
entities described in division (B) of this section, and to 1855
members of the news media and other interested persons, for a 1856
reasonable fee, computer programs that are compatible with the 1857
secretary of state's method of storing the information contained 1858
in the statements. 1859

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1860
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1861
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1862
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1863
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1864
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1865
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1866

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1867
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1868

least six years. 1869

(E) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 1870
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1871
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1872
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 1873
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1874
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1875
means of transmission, the campaign committee of each candidate 1876
for statewide office may file the statements prescribed by 1877
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1878
transmission or, if the total amount of the contributions 1879
received or the total amount of the expenditures made by the 1880
campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as 1881
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1882
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1883
electronic means of transmission. 1884

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 1885
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 1886
a candidate for statewide office is received by the secretary of 1887
state by electronic or other means of transmission, the 1888
secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1889
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1890
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1891
statement. The secretary of state shall not make available 1892
online to the public through the internet any contribution or 1893
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1894
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1895
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1896
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1897
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1898
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1899

secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1900
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1901
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1902
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1903
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1904
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1905
office. 1906

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1907
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1908
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1909
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 1910
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission any 1911
addendum to the statement that provides the information 1912
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 1913
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 1914
statement. 1915

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1916
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide 1917
office an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1918
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1919
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1920
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1921
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1922
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1923
division (I) of this section. 1924

(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1925
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1926
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1927
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1928
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1929

statements by electronic means of transmission, a political 1930
action committee and a political contributing entity described 1931
in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign 1932
fund, and a state political party may file the statements 1933
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1934
means of transmission or, if the total amount of the 1935
contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures 1936
made by the political action committee, political contributing 1937
entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for 1938
the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1939
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1940
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1941
transmission. 1942

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1943
political action committee or a political contributing entity 1944
described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative 1945
campaign fund, or a state political party is received by the 1946
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1947
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1948
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1949
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1950
statement. 1951

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1952
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1953
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1954
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the political 1955
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative 1956
campaign fund, or state political party shall file by electronic 1957
means of transmission any addendum to the statement that 1958
provides the information necessary to complete or correct the 1959
statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that 1960

division, an amended statement. 1961

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1962
receives from a political action committee or a political 1963
contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this 1964
section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party 1965
an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1966
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1967
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1968
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1969
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1970
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1971
division (I) of this section. 1972

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1973
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1974
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1975
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1976
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1977
statements by electronic means of transmission, a county 1978
political party shall file the statements prescribed by section 1979
3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate 1980
fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 1981
secretary of state. 1982

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1983
county political party with respect to its state candidate fund 1984
is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of 1985
transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online 1986
to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) 1987
of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in 1988
that statement. 1989

If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate 1990

after the examination of the statement for completeness and 1991
accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of 1992
the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by 1993
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1994
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1995
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1996
that division, an amended statement. 1997

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1998
receives from a county political party an addendum to the 1999
statement or an amended statement by electronic means of 2000
transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of 2001
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state 2002
shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the 2003
addendum or amended statement available online to the public 2004
through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 2005
section. 2006

(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 2007
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 2008
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 2009
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 2010
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2011
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 2012
means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for 2013
the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign 2014
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of 2015
appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2016
the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 2017
3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of 2018
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 2019
total amount of the contributions received by the campaign 2020
committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in 2021

division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten 2022
thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic 2023
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 2024

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 2025
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 2026
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 2027
a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 2028
court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by 2029
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 2030
state shall make available online to the public through the 2031
internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the 2032
contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The 2033
secretary of state shall not make available online to the public 2034
through the internet any contribution or expenditure information 2035
contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary 2036
of state is able to make available online to the public through 2037
the internet the contribution and expenditure information for 2038
all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable 2039
filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is 2040
sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of 2041
the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates 2042
for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing 2043
deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the 2044
secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to 2045
the public through the internet the information for all 2046
candidates for that office. 2047

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 2048
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 2049
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2050
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 2051
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the 2052

office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement 2053
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 2054
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 2055
that division, an amended statement. 2056

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2057
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office 2058
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2059
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an 2060
addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic 2061
or other means of transmission under this division or division 2062
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary 2063
of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information 2064
in the addendum or amended statement available online to the 2065
public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 2066
section. 2067

(2) If a statement, addendum, or amended statement is not 2068
filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2069
secretary of state but is filed by printed version only under 2070
division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code with the 2071
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee of a 2072
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a 2073
campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 2074
court of appeals shall file two copies of the printed version of 2075
the statement, addendum, or amended statement with the board of 2076
elections. The board of elections shall send one of those copies 2077
by certified mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of 2078
state before the close of business on the day the board of 2079
elections receives the statement, addendum, or amended 2080
statement. 2081

(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2082

tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2083
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 2084
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 2085
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2086
statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, ~~2087
partnership,~~ or other entity that makes independent expenditures 2088
in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or 2089
expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide ballot 2090
issue or question as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 2091
of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 2092
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 2093
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 2094
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 2095
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 2096
electronic means of transmission. 2097

Within five business days after a statement filed by an 2098
individual,~~partnership,~~ or other entity is received by the 2099
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 2100
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 2101
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 2102
section, the expenditure information in that statement. 2103

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 2104
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 2105
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2106
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 2107
individual,~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file by 2108
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 2109
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 2110
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 2111
that division, an amended statement. 2112

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2113
receives from an individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity 2114
described in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 2115
of the Revised Code an addendum to the statement or an amended 2116
statement by electronic or other means of transmission under 2117
this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the 2118
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the expenditure 2119
information in the addendum or amended statement available 2120
online to the public through the internet as provided in 2121
division (I) of this section. 2122

(H) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 2123
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 2124
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits by 2125
electronic means a statement of contributions and expenditures, 2126
a statement of independent expenditures, a disclosure of 2127
electioneering communications statement, a deposit and 2128
disbursement statement, a gift and disbursement statement, or a 2129
donation and disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those 2130
statements, an amended statement of contributions and 2131
expenditures, an amended statement of independent expenditures, 2132
an amended disclosure of electioneering communications 2133
statement, an amended deposit and disbursement statement, an 2134
amended gift and disbursement statement, or an amended donation 2135
and disbursement statement, under this section or section 2136
3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 2137
of the Revised Code shall electronically sign the statement, 2138
addendum, or amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the 2139
secretary of state pursuant to this division shall create an 2140
electronic signature that satisfies all of the following: 2141

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2142

(b) It objectively identifies the signer.	2143
(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised.	2144 2145 2146
(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the electronic signature is invalidated.	2147 2148 2149 2150
(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of state under division (H) (1) of this section shall be attached to or associated with the statement of contributions and expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	2151 2152 2153 2154 2155 2156 2157 2158 2159 2160 2161 2162 2163 2164 2165 2166 2167 2168 2169 2170
(I) The secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit and	2171 2172

disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and 2173
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the 2174
statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the 2175
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission 2176
under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 2177
3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code 2178
available online to the public by any means that are searchable, 2179
viewable, and accessible through the internet. 2180

(J) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2181
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2182

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2183
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2184

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2185
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2186

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2187
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2188
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2189
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2190
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2191
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2192
pursuant to division (I) of this section may be accessed. 2193

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2194
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2195
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2196
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2197
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2198
public. 2199

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2200
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2201

transmission pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 2202
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2203
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2204
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2205
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2206
statements may be filed. 2207

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2208
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2209
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2210
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2211
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2212
that is accessible to the public. 2213

(K) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2214
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2215
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2216
fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~any~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, or other 2217
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2218
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2219
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2220
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2221
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2222
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2223
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2224
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2225
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, 2226
~~partnership~~, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2227
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2228
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2229
failed to so file: 2230

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2231

political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2232
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2233
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2234
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2235
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2236
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2237
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2238

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2239
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2240
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2241
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2242
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2243
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2244
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2245
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2246
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2247
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2248

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2249
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2250
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2251
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2252
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2253
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2254
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2255
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2256
described in division (K) (2) of this section. 2257

(L) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2258
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2259
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2260
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2261

the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2262
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2263
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2264
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2265
division (E) or (F) of this section to file those statements by 2266
paper with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules 2267
shall provide for all of the following: 2268

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2269
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2270
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2271
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2272
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2273
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2274
statement. 2275

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2276
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2277
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2278
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2279
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2280
to an electronic format as required under division (I) of this 2281
section. 2282

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2283
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2284
division (L) of this section to be made available online to the 2285
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2286
times, as information is made available under divisions (E), 2287
(F), and (I) of this section for candidates whose campaign 2288
committees file those statements by electronic means of 2289
transmission. 2290

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2291

intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2292
division (L) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2293
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2294
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2295
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2296
for the eligible campaign committee. 2297

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2298
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (L) of this 2299
section shall review the contribution and information made 2300
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2301
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2302
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2303
available on that web site. 2304

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2305
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2306
(L)(1)(d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2307
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2308
rules adopted under division (L)(1)(a) of this section, 2309
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2310
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2311
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2312
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2313
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2314

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2315
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2316
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2317
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2318
to be developed under division (L)(1) of this section shall be 2319
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2320
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2321

filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2322
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2323
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 2324
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2325
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2326
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2327
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2328
process is in effect and available for use. 2329

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2330
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2331
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2332
secretary of state pursuant to division (L)(1) of this section 2333
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2334
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2335
secretary of state. 2336

Sec. 3517.107. (A) As used in this section, "federal 2337
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 2338
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 2339
federal election commission under that act. 2340

(B) Any federal political committee may make 2341
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 2342
its federal account in connection with any state or local 2343
election in Ohio. Prior to making any such contribution, 2344
expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political 2345
committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a 2346
copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A 2347
federal political committee registered with the secretary of 2348
state under this division shall file with the secretary of state 2349
any amendment to its statement of organization that is required 2350
under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the 2351

federal election commission. 2352

(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the 2353
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee 2354
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2355
from its federal account in connection with a state or local 2356
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of 2357
state not later than the date on which its report is required to 2358
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under 2359
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages 2360
from that report: 2361

(1) The summary page; 2362

(2) The detailed summary page; 2363

(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the 2364
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made 2365
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio. 2366

The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and 2367
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local 2368
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a 2369
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe. 2370

(D) When, during any calendar year, a federal political 2371
committee makes a contribution from its federal account in 2372
connection with a state or local election in Ohio to a state or 2373
local political action committee that is required under section 2374
3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement prescribed by 2375
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and the federal political 2376
committee and state or local political action committee are 2377
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same 2378
corporation, organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other 2379
person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, department, 2380

or unit of that corporation, organization, ~~continuing~~ 2381
~~association,~~ or other person, the federal political committee 2382
shall file a statement with the secretary of state not later 2383
than the last business day of January of the next calendar year. 2384
The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2385
state and shall include a list of the names and addresses of 2386
contributors that are residents of Ohio that made contributions 2387
to the federal political committee during the calendar year 2388
covered by the statement and, for each name listed, the 2389
aggregate total amount contributed by each contributor during 2390
the reporting period. 2391

Sec. 3517.13. (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2392
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2393
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2394
Code. 2395

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2396
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 2397
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 2398
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 2399
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 2400
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 2401
Code. 2402

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 2403
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 2404
Revised Code. 2405

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2406
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 2407
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2408

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2409

and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 2410
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2411

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2412
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of 2413
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2414

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 2415
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 2416
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code. 2417

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 2418
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 2419
or general election. 2420

(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 2421
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 2422
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2423
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2424

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2425
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2426
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2427
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2428
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2429
person. 2430

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2431
another when either of the following applies: 2432

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2433
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2434
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2435
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2436
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2437
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2438

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2439
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2440

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2441
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2442
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2443
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2444
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2445
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2446
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2447
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2448
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2449
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2450
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2451
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 2452
committees. 2453

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2454
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2455
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2456
exceeds: 2457

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2458
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2459
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2460
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2461
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2462
period; 2463

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2464
of that station by its other users. 2465

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2466
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2467

subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2468
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2469
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2470
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2471
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2472
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2473
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2474
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2475
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2476
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2477
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2478
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2479
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2480
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2481
campaign committee. 2482

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2483
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2484
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2485
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2486
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2487
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2488
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2489
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2490
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2491
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2492
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2493
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2494
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2495
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2496
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2497
officer's campaign committee. 2498

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2499
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2500
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2501
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2502
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2503
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2504
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2505
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2506
award of the contract. 2507

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2508
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2509
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2510
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2511
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2512
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2513
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2514
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2515
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2516
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2517
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2518

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2519
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2520
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2521
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2522
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2523
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2524
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2525
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2526
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2527
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2528
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2529

judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2530
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2531
contract for goods or services. 2532

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2533
actions of the controlling board. 2534

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2535
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2536
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2537
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2538
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2539
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2540
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2541
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2542
time of the award of the contract. 2543

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2544
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2545
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2546
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2547
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2548
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2549
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2550
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2551
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2552
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2553
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2554
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2555
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2556
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2557
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2558
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2559

after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2560
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2561
action brought solely for legal separation. 2562

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2563
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2564
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2565
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2566
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2567
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2568
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2569
reimbursement for any of the following: 2570

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2571
incurred by the beneficiary; 2572

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2573
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 2574
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 2575
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 2576
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 2577
office would normally be expected; 2578

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2579
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 2580
following: 2581

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2582
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 2583
ballot issue; 2584

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 2585
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2586
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 2587

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 2588

political action committee, political contributing entity, 2589
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 2590

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 2591
political meeting. 2592

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2593
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 2594
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 2595
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 2596
account. 2597

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 2598
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 2599
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2600
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2601
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2602
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2603
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2604
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2605
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2606
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2607

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2608
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2609
political party, political action committee, political 2610
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2611
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2612
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2613
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2614
value from a political party, political action committee, 2615
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2616
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2617

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2618
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2619
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2620
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2621
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2622
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2623
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2624
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2625

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2626
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2627

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2628
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2629

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2630
political meeting. 2631

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2632
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2633
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2634
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2635
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2636
political party, political action committee, political 2637
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2638
committee. 2639

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2640
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2641
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2642
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2643
political party, political action committee, political 2644
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2645
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2646

employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2647
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2648
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2649
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2650
employee's campaign committee. 2651

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2652
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2653
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2654
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2655
services on account. 2656

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2657
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2658
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2659
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2660
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2661
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2662
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2663

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2664
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2665
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2666
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2667
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2668
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2669
surrounding circumstances. 2670

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2671
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2672
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2673
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2674
expenses allowable. 2675

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section:	2676
(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.	2677 2678
(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2679 2680
(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2681 2682 2683
(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate for state elective office.	2684 2685 2686 2687 2688 2689
(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's nomination or election to the federal office.	2690 2691 2692 2693 2694
(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the following:	2695 2696 2697 2698 2699
(a) A state candidate fund;	2700
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	2701
(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of	2702 2703

state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2704
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 2705

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 2706
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 2707
division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 2708
contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section. 2709

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 2710
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 2711

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 2712
required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2713
Code. 2714

(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 2715
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 2716
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 2717
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 2718
independent expenditure ~~in support of or opposition to a~~ 2719
~~candidate for any elective office in this state, including an~~ 2720
~~office of a political party.~~ 2721

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 2722
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2723
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 2724
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 2725
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 2726
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 2727
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 2728
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2729
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2730
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2731
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2732

the value of it, to the contributor. 2733

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2734
national" ~~has~~ means any of the same meaning as in following: 2735

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2736
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2737

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2738
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2739
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2740
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2741
United States; 2742

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2743
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2744
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2745
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2746
United States. 2747

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2748
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2749
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2750
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2751

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2752
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2753
restricted fund. 2754

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2755
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2756

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 2757
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 2758
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 2759
any one state or county political party for the party's 2760

restricted fund in a calendar year. 2761

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 2762
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 2763
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 2764
organization in a calendar year. 2765

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 2766
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 2767
county political party. 2768

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 2769
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 2770
Revised Code. 2771

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2772
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2773
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 2774
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2775
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2776
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2777
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2778
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2779
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 2780
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 2781
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 2782
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 2783
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 2784
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 2785
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 2786
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2787

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2788
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2789

conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 2790
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2791
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2792
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 2793
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 2794
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 2795
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 2796
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 2797
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 2798
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 2799
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 2800
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 2801
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2802

Sec. 3599.03. (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 2803
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 2804
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 2805
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 2806
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 2807
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F)~~ of this section, no 2808
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 2809
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 2810
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 2811
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 2812
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 2813
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 2814
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 2815
public office, a political action committee including a 2816
political action committee of the corporation or labor 2817
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 2818
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 2819
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 2820

an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 2821
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 2822
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 2823
political action committee if an employee's or labor 2824
organization member's right to attend such an event is 2825
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 2826
corporation's or labor organization's political action 2827
committee. 2828

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 2829
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 2830
dollars. 2831

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 2832
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 2833
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 2834
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 2835
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 2836
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 2837

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 2838
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 2839
more than one year, or both. 2840

(C) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of~~ 2841
~~section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit~~ 2842
~~corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or~~ 2843
~~property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or~~ 2844
~~certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be~~ 2845
~~reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports~~ 2846
~~of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues~~ 2847
~~shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~ 2848
~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2849
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2850

~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2851
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2852
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2853
~~section~~ accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the 2854
Revised Code. 2855

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2856
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2857
501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2858
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2859
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2860
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2861
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2862
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2863
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2864

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2865
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2866
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2867

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2868
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2869
this section. 2870

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2871
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2872
this section. 2873

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2874
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2875
violation of this section. 2876

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2877
institution to a state political party for services rendered 2878
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2879

do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2880
section of the Revised Code. 2881

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2882
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2883
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2884
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2885
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2886
recipients of the communication. 2887

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2888
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2889
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2890
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2891
organization. 2892

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2893
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2894
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2895
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2896
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2897
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2898
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2899
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2900
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2901
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2902
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2903
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2904

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2905
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2906
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2907
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2908
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2909

that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2910
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2911

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2912
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2913

Sec. 3921.22. (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 2914
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 2915
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 2916
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 2917
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 2918
as provided in the benefit contract. 2919

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 2920
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 2921
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 2922
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 2923
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 2924
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 2925
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 2926
entity, or any other political organization. 2927

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 2928
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 2929
accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 2930
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 2931
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 2932
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 2933
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 2934
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 2935
society may do any of the following: 2936

(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the 2937
business and affairs of a separate account; 2938

(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the account, provide special voting and other rights, including special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, investment advisory services, selection of certified public accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business and affairs of the account;

(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions (B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply.

Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy registrar in each county:

(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section;

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section;

(iii) An individual;

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of section 1702.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or less according to the most recent federal decennial census and if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to act as a deputy registrar.

(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal census. In a county with a population greater than forty

thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last 2967
federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible 2968
to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the 2969
competitive selection process for the award of a deputy 2970
registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other 2971
person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for 2972
conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the 2973
county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 2974
administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised 2975
Code. 2976

Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in 2977
division (A) (1) (b) of this section, if no person applies to act 2978
under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county 2979
auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar 2980
may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the 2981
deputy registrar for that county. 2982

(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy 2983
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer 2984
service performance record of any person previously awarded a 2985
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A) (1) of this 2986
section. 2987

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 2988
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 2989
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 2990
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 2991
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 2992
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 2993
county. 2994

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 2995
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 2996

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 2997
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 2998
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 2999
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 3000
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 3001
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 3002
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 3003
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 3004
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 3005
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 3006
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 3007
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4)~~ of section 3008
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 3009
defined in ~~division (C) (8)~~ of that section that is primarily 3010
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 3011
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 3012
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 3013
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 3014
with contributions to that political party. 3015

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 3016
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 3017
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 3018
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 3019
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 3020
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 3021
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 3022
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 3023

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 3024
following to act as a deputy registrar: 3025

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 3026

auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) (b) of this section, 3027
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 3028
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 3029
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 3030
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 3031
office of a political subdivision; 3032

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 3033
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 3034
Revised Code. 3035

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 3036
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 3037
Revised Code. 3038

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 3039
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 3040
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 3041
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 3042
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 3043
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 3044
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 3045
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 3046
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 3047
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 3048
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 3049
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 3050
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 3051
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 3052
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 3053
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 3054
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 3055
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 3056

the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 3057
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 3058
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 3059

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 3060
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 3061
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 3062
Revised Code. 3063

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 3064
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 3065
do all of the following: 3066

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 3067
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 3068
services to be performed; 3069

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 3070
be given as provided in this section; 3071

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 3072
of the deputy's office; 3073

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 3074
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 3075
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 3076
use of the equipment; 3077

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 3078
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 3079
operation by means of public service announcements; 3080

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 3081
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 3082
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 3083
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 3084

the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause; 3085
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(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in each county be open to the public for at least four hours each weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 3087
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(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, provide any person with information about the location and office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 3093
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(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 3096
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(j) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of this section, prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one deputy registrar's office at any time; 3098
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(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple established internet-based mapping services. 3101
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(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 3107
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and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 3114
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 3115
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 3116
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 3117
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 3118
with accepting reinstatement fees. 3119

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 3120
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3121
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3122
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3123

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3124
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3125
vending machine; 3126

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3127
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3128

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1)(j) of this section, 3129
the rules may allow both of the following: 3130

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3131
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3132
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3133

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3134
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3135
public and that provides such services from more than one 3136
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3137
any location. 3138

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3139
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3140
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3141
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3142

service to a member of the public. 3143

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3144
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3145
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3146
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3147
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3148
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3149

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3150
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3151
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3152
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3153
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3154

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3155
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3156
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3157
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3158
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3159
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3160
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3161
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3162
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3163
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3164

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3165
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3166
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3167

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3168
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3169
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3170
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3171

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3172
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3173
more than three years; 3174

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3175
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3176
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3177
registrar. 3178

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3179
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3180
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3181
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3182
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3183
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3184

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3185
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3186
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3187
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3188
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3189
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3190
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3191
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3192
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3193
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3194
office. 3195

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3196
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3197
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3198
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3199
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3200
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3201

registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3202
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3203
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3204
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3205
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3206
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3207
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3208
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3209
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3210
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3211
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3212
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3213
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3214
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3215
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3216
paid. 3217

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3218
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3219
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3220
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3221
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3222
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3223
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3224
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3225
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3226

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3227
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3228
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3229
with the approval of the director, for cause. 3230

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3231

Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3232
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3233
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3234
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3235
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3236
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3237
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3238
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3239
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3240
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3241
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3242
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3243

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3244
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3245
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3246
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3247
the series assigned. Each deputy shall be required to give bond 3248
in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or in 3249
such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, based 3250
on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3251
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3252
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3253
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3254
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3255
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3256
department. 3257

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3258
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3259
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3260

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3261

physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 3262
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 3263
Revised Code. 3264

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 3265
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 3266
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 3267
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 3268
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 3269
registration applications declined. 3270

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3271
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3272
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 3273
repealed. 3274

Section 3. That the versions of sections 3517.10, 3275
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 3276
take effect January 1, 2021, be amended to read as follows: 3277

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 3278
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 3279
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 3280
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 3281
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 3282
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 3283
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 3284
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 3285
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 3286
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 3287
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 3288
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 3289
the following dates: 3290

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 3291
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 3292
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 3293
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 3294
before the election; 3295

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 3296
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3297
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3298
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 3299
day before the filing of the statement; 3300

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 3301
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 3302
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 3303
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 3304
the last day of December of the previous year; 3305

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 3306
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3307
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3308
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 3309
day of June of that year. 3310

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 3311
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 3312
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 3313
committee's candidate. 3314

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 3315
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 3316
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3317
party, or political contributing entity that has received 3318
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 3319

expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 3320
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 3321
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 3322
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 3323

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 3324
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 3325
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 3326
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 3327
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 3328
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 3329
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 3330
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 3331
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 3332
days before the general election. 3333

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 3334
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 3335
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 3336
this section. 3337

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 3338
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 3339
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3340
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 3341
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 3342
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 3343
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 3344
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3345
party, or political contributing entity. 3346

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3347
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 3348
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 3349

this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 3350
(A) (4) of this section. 3351

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 3352
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 3353
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 3354
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 3355
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 3356
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 3357
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 3358
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 3359
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 3360

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 3361
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 3362
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 3363
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 3364
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3365
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 3366
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 3367
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 3368
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 3369
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3370
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 3371

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 3372
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 3373
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3374
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 3375
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 3376
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 3377
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 3378
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 3379

shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 3380
under this section and made under penalty of election 3381
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 3382
this section, as applicable. 3383

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 3384
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 3385
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 3386
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 3387
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 3388
statement not later than three business days after the last day 3389
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 3390
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 3391
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 3392
extending through the day of that general election, each time 3393
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 3394
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 3395
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 3396
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 3397
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 3398
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 3399
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 3400
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 3401
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 3402
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 3403
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 3404
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 3405
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 3406
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 3407
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 3408
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 3409
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 3410

this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 3411
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 3412
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 3413
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 3414
required by this section. 3415

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 3416
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 3417
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 3418
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 3419
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 3420
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 3421
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 3422
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 3423
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 3424
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 3425
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 3426
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 3427
Revised Code. 3428

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 3429
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 3430
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 3431
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 3432
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 3433
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 3434
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 3435
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 3436
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 3437
previously filed statement. 3438

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 3439
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 3440

section shall contain the following information: 3441

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 3442
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3443
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 3444
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 3445
and expenditure statement; 3446

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 3447
candidate's full name and address; 3448

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 3449
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 3450
(1) of this section; 3451

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 3452
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 3453

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 3454
shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 3455
unincorporated business; 3456

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 3457
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 3458
of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 3459
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 3460
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 3461
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 3462
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 3463
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 3464
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 3465
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 3466
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 3467
class of voting securities of, the other corporation or 3468
unincorporated business. 3469

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 3470
a general, primary, or special election; 3471

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 3472
include the following information: 3473

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 3474

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 3475
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3476
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 3477
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 3478
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 3479
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 3480
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 3481
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 3482
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 3483
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 3484
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 3485
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 3486
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 3487

(ii) If a political action committee, political 3488
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 3489
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 3490
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 3491
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3492
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 3493
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 3494
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 3495
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 3496
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 3497

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3498

candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 3499
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 3500
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 3501
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 3502
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 3503
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 3504
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 3505
of which the employees are members, if any. 3506

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 3507
than money; 3508

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 3509

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 3510
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 3511
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 3512
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 3513
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 3514
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 3515
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 3516
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 3517
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 3518
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 3519
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 3520
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 3521
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 3522
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 3523
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 3524
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 3525
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 3526
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 3527
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 3528

social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 3529
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 3530
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 3531
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 3532
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 3533
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 3534
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 3535
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 3536
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 3537
those dues. 3538

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 3539
separately from all other contributions. The information 3540
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 3541
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 3542
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 3543

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 3544
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 3545
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 3546
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 3547
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 3548
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 3549
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 3550
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 3551
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 3552
this division: 3553

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 3554
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 3555

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 3556
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 3557
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 3558

behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 3559
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 3560
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 3561

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 3562
following information: 3563

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 3564

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 3565
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3566
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 3567
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 3568
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 3569
section; 3570

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 3571
made; 3572

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 3573

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 3574
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 3575
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 3576
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 3577
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 3578
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 3579
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 3580
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 3581
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 3582
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 3583
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 3584
in ink on a printed form. 3585

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 3586
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 3587

anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 3588
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 3589
donor. 3590

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 3591
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 3592
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 3593
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 3594
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 3595
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 3596

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 3597
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 3598
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 3599
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 3600
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 3601
division (A) (2) of this section. 3602

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 3603
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 3604
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 3605
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 3606
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 3607
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 3608
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 3609
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 3610
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 3611
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 3612
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 3613
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 3614
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 3615
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 3616
national convention or conference of a political party. 3617

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 3618
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 3619
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3620
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 3621
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 3622

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 3623
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 3624
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 3625
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 3626
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 3627
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 3628
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 3629
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 3630
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 3631
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3632
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3633
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3634
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 3635
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3636
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3637
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3638
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 3639
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 3640
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 3641
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 3642
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 3643
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 3644
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 3645
in that format. 3646

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 3647
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 3648

electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 3649
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 3650
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 3651
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 3652
~~partnerships,~~ ~~or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 3653
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 3654
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 3655
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 3656
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3657
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 3658
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 3659
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 3660
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 3661
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 3662
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 3663
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 3664
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 3665
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3666
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 3667
appropriate. 3668

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 3669
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 3670
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 3671
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 3672
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 3673

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 3674
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 3675
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3676
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 3677
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 3678
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 3679

address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 3680
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3681
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 3682
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 3683
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3684
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 3685
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 3686
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 3687
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 3688
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 3689
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 3690
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 3691
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 3692
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 3693
number to each political action committee that files a 3694
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 3695
division if the political action committee is required by 3696
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 3697
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 3698
state. 3699

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 3700
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 3701
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 3702

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 3703
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 3704
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3705
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 3706
campaign committee. 3707

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 3708
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3709

separate from all other funds. 3710

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 3711
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 3712
state or county political party may deposit into its state 3713
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 3714
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 3715
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 3716
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 3717
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 3718
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 3719
candidate fund. 3720

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 3721
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 3722
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 3723
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 3724
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 3725
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 3726
are members of that political party to the house of the general 3727
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 3728
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 3729
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 3730
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 3731
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 3732
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 3733
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 3734

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 3735
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 3736
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 3737
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 3738
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 3739

(4) of this section. 3740

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 3741
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 3742
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 3743
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 3744
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 3745
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 3746
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 3747

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 3748
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 3749
following: 3750

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 3751
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 3752
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 3753
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 3754
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 3755
of the Revised Code; 3756

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 3757
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3758
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3759
disbursement information in the statements described in division 3760
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 3761
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 3762
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3763
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 3764
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 3765
of transmission. 3766

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 3767
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 3768

online to the public through the internet the contribution and 3769
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3770
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3771
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 3772

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 3773
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 3774
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 3775
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 3776
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3777
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 3778

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 3779
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 3780
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 3781
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 3782
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 3783
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 3784

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 3785
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 3786

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 3787
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 3788
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 3789
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 3790
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 3791
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 3792
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 3793
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 3794
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 3795
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 3796
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 3797

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 3798
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 3799
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 3800
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3801
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 3802
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 3803
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 3804
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 3805
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 3806
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 3807
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 3808

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 3809
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 3810
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 3811
section, that committee is considered to have met the 3812
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 3813
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 3814
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 3815
written request for the information required under division (B) 3816
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 3817
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 3818
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 3819

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 3820
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 3821
name and address of the committee and the registration number 3822
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 3823

(F) As used in this section: 3824

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 3825
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 3826
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 3827

number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 3828
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 3829
post-office box. 3830

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 3831
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 3832
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 3833
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 3834
highway name and number. 3835

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 3836
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3837
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 3838
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 3839
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 3840
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3841
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 3842
to that address. 3843

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 3844
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 3845
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 3846
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 3847
committee: 3848

(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this 3849
section; 3850

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 3851
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 3852
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 3853

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 3854
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 3855
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 3856

and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 3857
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 3858
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 3859
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 3860
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3861
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 3862
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 3863
box number. 3864

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 3865
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 3866
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 3867
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 3868
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 3869
the supreme court. 3870

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 3871
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 3872
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 3873
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 3874
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 3875

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 3876
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 3877
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 3878
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 3879

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 3880
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 3881
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 3882
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 3883
Revised Code. 3884

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 3885

this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 3886
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 3887
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 3888
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 3889
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 3890
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 3891
statement required by division (A)(2) of this section. The 3892
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 3893
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 3894
combined reporting periods. 3895

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 3896
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 3897
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 3898
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 3899
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 3900
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 3901
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 3902
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 3903
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 3904
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 3905
election periods. 3906

(3) Divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply 3907
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 3908
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 3909
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 3910
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 3911
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 3912
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 3913
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 3914
candidates. 3915

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

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

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

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

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the date of the contribution or contributions who is participating in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those individuals in accordance with the information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of the contribution.

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

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an

owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 3945
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 3946
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 3947
contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 3948
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 3949

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 3950
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 3951
partnership or other unincorporated business. 3952

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 3953
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 3954
~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 3955
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 3956
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 3957

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 3958
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 3959
candidate or holds office. 3960

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 3961
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 3962
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 3963
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 3964
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 3965
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 3966
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 3967
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 3968
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 3969
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 3970
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 3971
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 3972
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 3973
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 3974

the aggregate two thousand dollars. 3975

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 3976
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 3977
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 3978
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 3979
be a write-in candidate. 3980

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 3981
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 3982
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 3983
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 3984

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 3985
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 3986
limitations described in that division during an election 3987
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 3988
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 3989
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 3990
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 3991
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 3992
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 3993
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 3994
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 3995
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 3996
write-in candidate. 3997

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 3998
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 3999
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 4000
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 4001
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 4002
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 4003
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 4004

the election at which the candidate seeks office. 4005

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 4006
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 4007
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 4008
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 4009
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 4010
making those contributions, for each filing period under 4011
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 4012
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 4013
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 4014
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 4015
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 4016
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 4017
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 4018
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 4019
receives from all other contributors. 4020

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 4021
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 4022
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 4023
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 4024
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 4025

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 4026
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 4027
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 4028
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 4029
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 4030
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 4031
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 4032

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 4033
political action committee or political contributing entity with 4034

ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 4035
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 4036
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 4037
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 4038
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 4039
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 4040
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 4041
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 4042
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 4043
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 4044
for or against an identified candidate through public political 4045
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 4046
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 4047
following: 4048

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 4049
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 4050
candidate's campaign committee; 4051

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 4052
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 4053
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 4054
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 4055
of the Revised Code. 4056

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 4057
campaign fund, political action committee, political 4058
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 4059
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 4060
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 4061
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 4062
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 4063
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 4064

expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 4065
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4066

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity, 4067
except a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 4068
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 4069
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 4070
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 4071
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity shall 4072
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 4073
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 4074
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 4075
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 4076
specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 4077
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 4078
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 4079
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 4080
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 4081
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 4082
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 4083
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 4084
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 4085
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 4086
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 4087
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 4088
election falsification. 4089

(C)(1) Whenever a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ 4090
campaign committee, political action committee or political 4091
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 4092
campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 4093
political action committee or political contributing entity with 4094
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 4095

excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 4096
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 4097
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 4098
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 4099
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 4100
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 4101
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 4102
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 4103
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 4104
both of the following: 4105

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 4106
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 4107
issue committee; 4108

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 4109
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 4110
political action committee, or political contributing entity 4111
that has paid for the communication or public political 4112
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 4113
Code. 4114

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 4115
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 4116
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 4117
makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in support of or opposition to 4118
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 4119
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 4120
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 4121
~~Code, and~~ the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 4122
political party, ~~or political action committee, or political~~ 4123
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 4124
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 4125

by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 4126
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 4127
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 4128
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4129

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 4130
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 4131
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 4132
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 4133
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 4134
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 4135
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 4136
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 4137
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 4138
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 4139
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 4140
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 4141
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 4142
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 4143
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 4144
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 4145
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 4146
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 4147
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 4148
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 4149
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 4150
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 4151
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 4152
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 4153

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 4154
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 4155
~~organization~~ political contributing entity, or other 4156

organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 4157
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 4158
support of or opposition to any candidate, or an expenditure in 4159
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A name 4160
is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, 4161
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 4162
~~corporation, labor organization~~ political contributing entity, 4163
or other organization or association does not actually exist or 4164
operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ 4165
organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name 4166
or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is 4167
required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, 4168
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action committee, or 4169
political contributing entity has failed to file a designation 4170
of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by 4171
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4172

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 4173
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 4174
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 4175
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 4176
section. 4177

Sec. 3517.106. (A) As used in this section: 4178

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 4179
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 4180
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 4181
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 4182

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 4183
other correction to that statement. 4184

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 4185

following information on computer:	4186
(1) The information contained in statements of	4187
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required	4188
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in	4189
statements of independent expenditures required to be filed	4190
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of	4191
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state	4192
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section;	4193
(2) The information contained in disclosure of	4194
electioneering communications statements required to be filed	4195
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code;	4196
(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement	4197
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4198
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	4199
(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in	4200
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4201
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code;	4202
(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement	4203
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4204
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	4205
(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the	4206
campaign committees, political action committees, political	4207
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political	4208
parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor	4209
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other	4210
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by	4211
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news	4212
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee,	4213
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of	4214

state's method of storing the information contained in the 4215
statements. 4216

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 4217
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 4218
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 4219
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 4220
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 4221
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 4222
expressed in division (D) of this section. 4223

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 4224
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 4225
least six years. 4226

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 4227
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 4228
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 4229
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 4230
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4231
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 4232
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 4233
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 4234
transmission, as applicable: 4235

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 4236
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 4237
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 4238
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 4239
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 4240
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 4241
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 4242
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 4243
transmission. 4244

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 4245
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 4246
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 4247
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 4248
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 4249
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 4250
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 4251
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 4252
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 4253
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 4254
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 4255
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 4256

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 4257
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 4258
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 4259
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 4260
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 4261
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 4262

(d) A political action committee and a political 4263
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 4264
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 4265
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 4266
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 4267
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 4268
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 4269
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 4270
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 4271
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 4272
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 4273
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 4274
electronic means of transmission. 4275

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 4276
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 4277
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 4278
to the office of the secretary of state. 4279

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 4280
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 4281
means of transmission to the board of elections. 4282

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 4283
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 4284
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 4285
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 4286
to the board of elections. 4287

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity that 4288
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4289
statewide candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition 4290
to a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division 4291
(B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 4292
may file the statement specified in that division by electronic 4293
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state 4294
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 4295
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 4296
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 4297
electronic means of transmission. 4298

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity that 4299
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4300
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4301
ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a statewide 4302
ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of 4303
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 4304
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 4305

to the board of elections. 4306

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 4307
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 4308
to the secretary of state within five business days after 4309
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 4310
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 4311
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 4312
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 4313
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 4314
received the addendum or amended statement. 4315

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 4316
of this section, within five business days after a statement 4317
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 4318
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 4319
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 4320
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 4321
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 4322
statement. 4323

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 4324
to the public through the internet any contribution or 4325
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 4326
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 4327
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 4328
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 4329
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 4330
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 4331
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 4332
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 4333
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 4334
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 4335

state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 4336
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 4337
office. 4338

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 4339
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 4340
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 4341
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 4342
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 4343
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 4344
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 4345
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 4346
statement. 4347

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 4348
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 4349
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 4350
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 4351
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 4352
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 4353
section. 4354

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 4355
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 4356
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 4357
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 4358
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 4359
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 4360
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 4361
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 4362
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 4363
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 4364
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 4365

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 4366
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 4367
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 4368
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 4369
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 4370
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 4371
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 4372
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 4373
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 4374
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 4375
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 4376
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 4377
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 4378
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 4379
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 4380
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 4381
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 4382
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 4383
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 4384
signature that satisfies all of the following: 4385

(a) It is unique to the signer. 4386

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 4387

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 4388
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 4389
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 4390

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 4391
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 4392
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 4393
electronic signature is invalidated. 4394

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of state under division (F) (1) of this section shall be attached to or associated with the statement of contributions and expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.

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

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code;

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 4426
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 4427
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 4428
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 4429
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 4430
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4431

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 4432
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 4433

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 4434
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 4435

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 4436
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 4437

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 4438
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 4439
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 4440
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 4441
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 4442
to be made available online to the public through the internet 4443
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 4444

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 4445
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 4446
location as required by this division, the library shall include 4447
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 4448
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 4449
public. 4450

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 4451
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 4452
transmission pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 4453
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4454

Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 4455
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 4456
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 4457
statements may be filed. 4458

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 4459
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 4460
library of that world wide web location as required by this 4461
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 4462
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 4463
that is accessible to the public. 4464

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 4465
brought against any campaign committee, political action 4466
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 4467
fund, ~~or political party, any individual, partnership,~~ or other 4468
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 4469
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 4470
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 4471
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 4472
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 4473
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 4474
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 4475
political action committee, political contributing entity, 4476
legislative campaign fund, ~~or political party, the individual,~~ 4477
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 4478
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 4479
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 4480
failed to so file: 4481

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4482
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4483
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4484

the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4485
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4486
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 4487
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 4488
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 4489

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4490
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4491
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4492
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4493
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4494
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 4495
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 4496
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 4497
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 4498
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 4499

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4500
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4501
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4502
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4503
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4504
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 4505
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 4506
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 4507
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 4508

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 4509
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 4510
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 4511
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 4512
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 4513
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 4514

of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 4515
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 4516
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 4517
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 4518
provide for all of the following: 4519

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 4520
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 4521
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 4522
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 4523
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 4524
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 4525
statement. 4526

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 4527
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 4528
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 4529
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 4530
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 4531
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 4532
section. 4533

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 4534
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 4535
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 4536
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 4537
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 4538
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 4539
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 4540

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 4541
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 4542
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 4543
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 4544

stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 4545
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 4546
for the eligible campaign committee. 4547

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 4548
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 4549
section shall review the contribution and information made 4550
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 4551
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 4552
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 4553
available on that web site. 4554

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 4555
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 4556
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 4557
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 4558
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 4559
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 4560
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 4561
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 4562
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 4563
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4564

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 4565
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 4566
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 4567
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 4568
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 4569
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 4570
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 4571
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 4572
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 4573
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) (1) 4574

of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 4575
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 4576
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 4577
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 4578
process is in effect and available for use. 4579

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 4580
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 4581
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 4582
secretary of state pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section 4583
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 4584
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 4585
secretary of state. 4586

Section 4. That existing versions of sections 3517.10, 4587
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 4588
take effect January 1, 2021, are hereby repealed. 4589

Section 5. This act shall be known as the Ohio Anti- 4590
Corruption Act. 4591

Section 6. Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code is 4592
presented in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section 4593
as amended by both H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General 4594
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 4595
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 4596
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 4597
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 4598
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 4599
as presented in this act. 4600