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A BILL

To amend sections 111.30, 145.053, 742.042, 1
3307.072, 3309.072, 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.081, 2
3517.10, 3517.101, 3517.102, 3517.104, 3517.105, 3
3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.108, 3517.109, 4
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.11, 3517.12, 3517.13, 5
3517.151, 3517.154, 3517.155, 3517.992, 3599.03, 6
3599.031, 4123.442, and 5505.044 of the Revised 7
Code to modify the Campaign Finance Law. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 111.30, 145.053, 742.042, 9
3307.072, 3309.072, 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.081, 3517.10, 10
3517.101, 3517.102, 3517.104, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 11
3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.11, 3517.12, 12
3517.13, 3517.151, 3517.154, 3517.155, 3517.992, 3599.03, 13
3599.031, 4123.442, and 5505.044 of the Revised Code be amended 14
to read as follows: 15

Sec. 111.30. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 16
forms for campaign finance disclosure statements and independent 17
expenditure statements for the purpose of sections 145.053, 18

742.042, 3307.072, 3309.072, and 5505.044 of the Revised Code 19
and accept the forms from candidates and persons making 20
independent expenditures filing them with the secretary pursuant 21
to those sections. 22

(B) (1) In January of each odd-numbered year, the secretary 23
of state, in accordance with this division, shall adjust each 24
amount specified in sections 145.053, 742.042, 3307.072, 25
3309.072, and 5505.044 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 26
state shall base the adjustment on the yearly average of the 27
previous two years of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban 28
Consumers or its successive equivalent, as determined by the 29
United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, 30
or its successor in responsibility, for all items, Series A. 31
Using the 2016 yearly average as the base year, the secretary of 32
state shall compare the most current average consumer price 33
index with that determined in the preceding odd-numbered year, 34
and shall determine the percentage increase or decrease. The 35
secretary of state shall multiply the percentage increase or 36
decrease by each actual dollar figure specified in those 37
sections as determined in the previous odd-numbered year, and 38
shall add or subtract the product from its corresponding actual 39
dollar figure, as necessary, for that previous odd-numbered 40
year. The secretary of state shall round the resulting amount to 41
the nearest one hundred dollars. 42

(2) The secretary of state shall calculate the adjustment 43
under division (B) (1) of this section and shall report the 44
calculations and necessary materials to the auditor of state not 45
later than the thirty-first day of January of each odd-numbered 46
year. The secretary of state shall base the adjustment on the 47
most current consumer price index that is described in division 48
(B) (1) of this section and that is in effect as of the first day 49

of January of each odd-numbered year. 50

(3) The auditor of state shall certify the calculations 51
made by the secretary of state under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of 52
this section not later than the fifteenth day of February of 53
each odd-numbered year. 54

(4) Not later than the twenty-fifth day of February of 55
each odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall prepare a 56
report setting forth the amounts specified in sections 145.053, 57
742.042, 3307.072, 3309.072, and 5505.044 of the Revised Code 58
for reporting contributions, in-kind contributions, and 59
expenditures, as calculated and certified under divisions (B) 60
(1), (2), and (3) of this section. The report and all documents 61
relating to the calculations contained in the report are public 62
records. The report shall contain an indication of the period in 63
which the reporting amounts apply, a summary of how the 64
reporting amounts were calculated, and a statement that the 65
report and all related documents are available for inspection 66
and copying at the office of the secretary of state. The 67
secretary of state shall send a copy of the report to the public 68
employees retirement board, the board of trustees of the police 69
and fire pension fund, the state teachers retirement board, the 70
school employees retirement board, and the state highway patrol 71
retirement board and shall make the report available to the 72
public on the secretary of state's official web site. 73

Sec. 145.053. (A) As used in this section: 74

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 75
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to 76
receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make 77
expenditures on behalf of the candidate. 78

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated 79
pursuant to division (C) or (D) of section 145.05 of the Revised 80
Code for election to the public employees retirement board or 81
who is seeking to be elected to fill a vacancy on the board 82
pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code. 83

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 84
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, in-kind 85
contribution, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value 86
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 87
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 88
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 89
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 90
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 91
results of an election to the public employees retirement board 92
under section 145.05 of the Revised Code, including a special 93
election provided for by section 145.051 of the Revised Code, or 94
the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board 95
pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" 96
does not include: 97

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 98
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 99
person; 100

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 101

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 102
volunteer campaign worker. 103

(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to 104
the situation: 105

(a) The first Monday in October of a year for which 106
section 145.05 of the Revised Code specifies that an election 107

for a member of the public employees retirement board be held; 108

(b) If, pursuant to section 145.052 of the Revised Code, 109
no election is held, the first Monday in October of a year that 110
the election would have been held if not for section 145.052 of 111
the Revised Code; 112

(c) If the election is a special election provided for by 113
section 145.051 of the Revised Code, a day that the board shall 114
specify that is consistent with requirements for a special 115
election established by section 145.051 of the Revised Code. 116

(5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 117
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 118
election to the public employees retirement board under section 119
145.05 of the Revised Code, including a special election 120
provided for by section 145.051 of the Revised Code, or the 121
results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant 122
to section 145.06 of the Revised Code. 123

(6) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by an 124
individual, partnership, or other entity advocating the election 125
or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not 126
made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or 127
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any 128
candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of 129
the candidate or candidates. An independent expenditure shall 130
not be construed as being a contribution. As used in division 131
(A) (6) of this section: 132

(a) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 133
message advocating election or defeat. 134

(b) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 135
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 136

appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 137
by unambiguous reference. 138

(c) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 139
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 140
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 141
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 142
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 143
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 144
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 145
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 146

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 147
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 148
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 149
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 150

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 151
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 152
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 153
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 154
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 155

(iii) Made by a political party in support of a candidate, 156
unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct 157
voter registration or voter education efforts. 158

(d) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 159
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 160
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 161
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 162
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 163
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 164
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 165

(7) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election to the public employees retirement board under section 145.05 of the Revised Code, including a special election provided for by section 145.051 of the Revised Code, or the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code, or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate.

(8) "Personal expenses" includes ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~(E) of this section, each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions totaling one~~exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~or has makes expenditures ~~totaling one~~exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~in a given filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts to be elected to the public employees retirement board shall file with the secretary of state ~~two a complete, and accurate, and itemized statements~~statement setting forth ~~in detail the~~ contributions, ~~in-kind contributions,~~ and expenditures. The ~~statements~~statement shall be filed regardless of whether the election is a regular election or, pursuant to section 145.051

of the Revised Code, a special election. The ~~statements~~ 197
statement shall also be filed regardless of whether, pursuant to 198
section 145.052 of the Revised Code, ~~no~~an election is held. The 199
~~statements~~statement shall be made on a form prescribed under 200
section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every~~ 201

(1) The statement shall contain the following information 202
concerning contributions: 203

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the 204
applicable filing period; 205

(b) All of the following information concerning each 206
person or entity from which the filer received contributions 207
that exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 208
applicable filing period: 209

(i) The month, day, and year of each contribution; 210

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity 211
from which the contribution or contributions were received; 212

(iii) A description of each contribution received, if 213
other than money; 214

(iv) The value in dollars and cents of each contribution. 215

(2) The statement shall contain the following information 216
concerning expenditures: 217

(a) The total amount of expenditures made during the 218
applicable filing period; 219

(b) All of the following information concerning any person 220
or entity to which the filer made expenditures that exceed one 221
hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing period: 222

(i) The month, day, and year of each expenditure; 223

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity to 224
which the expenditure or expenditures were made. If an 225
expenditure was made to a person or entity for which no address 226
is available or if the expenditure was for a purchase made 227
online through the internet, the filer may provide the uniform 228
resource locator of the person's or entity's web site instead of 229
an address. 230

(iii) The object or purpose for which each expenditure was 231
made; 232

(iv) The amount of each expenditure. 233

(3) Each expenditure reported under division (B) (2) (b) of 234
this section shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, ~~stating~~ 235
~~the purpose of the expenditures,~~ that shall be filed with the 236
statement; ~~a.~~ A canceled check with a notation of the purpose 237
of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, 238
amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill for 239
purposes of this division. 240

(C) ~~The first~~ statement described in division (B) of this 241
section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times: 242

(1) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 243
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 244
~~not~~ to reflect contributions received and expenditures made from 245
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 246
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 247
the twentieth day before election day; 248

(2) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 249
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 250
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind~~ 251
~~contributions received and expenditures made to the close of~~ 252

~~business on the twentieth day before election day. The second-~~ 253
~~statement shall to~~ reflect contributions ~~and in-kind-~~ 254
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made during the period 255
beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending 256
on the close of business on the seventh day after election day. 257

~~(C)-(D) (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity~~ 258
that makes ~~an independent expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 259
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with ~~the-~~ 260
a candidate's efforts to be elected to the public employees 261
retirement board shall file with the secretary of state ~~two a~~ 262
complete, and accurate, and itemized statements statement for 263
that period setting forth in detail the information described in 264
division (B) (2) of this section concerning the independent 265
expenditures. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be filed regardless 266
of whether the election is a regular election or, pursuant to 267
section 145.051 of the Revised Code, a special election. The 268
~~statements~~ statement also shall be filed regardless of whether, 269
pursuant to section 145.052 of the Revised Code, ~~no an~~ election 270
is held. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a form 271
prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. 272

(2) The first statement described in division (D) (1) of 273
this section shall be filed not at the following times: 274

(a) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 275
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed-~~ 276
~~not to reflect independent expenditures made from the close of~~ 277
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 278
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 279
before election day; 280

(b) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 281
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 282

~~day. The first statement shall reflect independent expenditures~~ 283
~~made to the close of business on the twentieth day before~~ 284
~~election day. The second statement shall~~ to reflect independent 285
expenditures made during the period beginning on the nineteenth 286
day before election day and ending on the close of business on 287
the seventh day after election day. 288

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) Each candidate who, or whose campaign 289
committee, receives ~~a contribution or in kind contribution~~ 290
contributions exceeding two thousand dollars or makes ~~an~~ 291
~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two thousand dollars in a 292
given filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts 293
to be elected to fill a vacancy in the public employees 294
retirement board pursuant to section 145.06 of the Revised Code 295
shall file with the secretary of state a complete, and accurate, ~~and~~ 296
~~and itemized~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the 297
~~contributions, in kind contributions, and expenditures~~ 298
information described in divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 299
section and the receipted bills described in division (B) (3) of 300
this section. The statement shall be made on a form prescribed 301
under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every expenditure~~ 302
~~shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of~~ 303
~~the expenditures, that shall be filed with the statement; a~~ 304
~~anceled check with a notation of the purpose of the expenditure~~ 305
~~is a receipted bill for purposes of this division.~~ 306

(2) The statement described in division (E) (1) of this 307
section shall be filed within thirty-eight days after the day 308
the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes 309
office. The statement shall reflect contributions ~~and in kind~~ 310
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made from the close of 311
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 312
statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day 313

after the day the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the 314
vacancy takes office. 315

(F) Not later than ten days after a person becomes a 316
candidate under this section, the public employees retirement 317
board shall mail a copy of the most recent report released under 318
division (B) of section 111.30 of the Revised Code to the 319
person. 320

Sec. 742.042. (A) As used in this section: 321

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 322
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to 323
receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make 324
expenditures on behalf of the candidate. 325

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated 326
pursuant to section 742.04 of the Revised Code for election to 327
the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund 328
or who is seeking to be elected to fill a vacancy on the board 329
pursuant to section 742.05 of the Revised Code. 330

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 331
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, in-kind 332
contribution, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value 333
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 334
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 335
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 336
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 337
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 338
results of an election to the board of trustees of the Ohio 339
police and fire pension fund under section 742.04 of the Revised 340
Code or the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the 341
board pursuant to section 742.05 of the Revised Code. 342

"Contribution" does not include:	343
(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals	344
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a	345
person;	346
(b) Ordinary home hospitality;	347
(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that	348
volunteer campaign worker.	349
(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to	350
the situation:	351
(a) The third Tuesday in May of a year for which section	352
742.04 of the Revised Code specifies that an election for a	353
member of the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire	354
pension fund be held;	355
(b) If, pursuant to section 742.041 of the Revised Code,	356
no election is held, the third Tuesday in May of a year that the	357
election would have been held if not for section 742.041 of the	358
Revised Code.	359
(5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a	360
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an	361
election to the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire	362
pension fund under section 742.04 of the Revised Code or the	363
results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant	364
to section 742.05 of the Revised Code.	365
(6) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by an	366
individual, partnership, or other entity advocating the election	367
or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not	368
made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or	369
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any	370

candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of 371
the candidate or candidates. An independent expenditure shall 372
not be construed as being a contribution. As used in division 373
(A) (6) of this section: 374

(a) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 375
message advocating election or defeat. 376

(b) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 377
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 378
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 379
by unambiguous reference. 380

(c) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 381
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 382
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 383
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 384
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 385
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 386
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 387
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 388

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 389
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 390
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 391
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 392

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 393
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 394
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 395
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 396
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 397

(iii) Made by a political party in support of a candidate, 398
unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct 399

voter registration or voter education efforts. 400

(d) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 401
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 402
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 403
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 404
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 405
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 406
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 407

(7) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 408
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 409
to the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension 410
fund under section 742.04 of the Revised Code or the results of 411
an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 412
742.05 of the Revised Code or is transferred to or used in 413
support of or in opposition to a candidate and that is made with 414
the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 415
with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited 416
candidate. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or 417
 republication, in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any 418
written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared 419
by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their 420
authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate 421
and an expenditure by the candidate. 422

(8) "Personal expenses" includes ordinary expenses for 423
accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or 424
airplane, and home telephone. 425

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~ (E) of 426
this section, each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, 427
receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions totaling one~~ 428
exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~ or ~~has~~ makes expenditures 429

~~totaling one~~ exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more in a given~~ 430
filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts to be 431
elected to the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire 432
pension fund shall file with the secretary of state ~~two a~~ 433
complete, and accurate, and itemized statements ~~statement~~ 434
setting forth ~~in detail~~ the contributions, ~~in kind~~ 435
~~contributions,~~ and expenditures. The ~~statements~~ statement shall 436
be filed regardless of whether, pursuant to section 742.041 of 437
the Revised Code, ~~no an~~ an election is held. The ~~statements~~ 438
statement shall be made on a form prescribed under section 439
111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every~~ 440

(1) The statement shall contain the following information 441
concerning contributions: 442

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the 443
applicable filing period; 444

(b) All of the following information concerning each 445
person or entity from which the filer received contributions 446
that exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 447
applicable filing period: 448

(i) The month, day, and year of each contribution; 449

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity 450
from which the contribution or contributions are received; 451

(iii) A description of each contribution received, if 452
other than money; 453

(iv) The value in dollars and cents of each contribution. 454

(2) The statement shall contain the following information 455
concerning expenditures: 456

(a) The total amount of expenditures made during the 457

applicable filing period; 458

(b) All of the following information concerning any person 459
or entity to which the filer made expenditures that exceed one 460
hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing period: 461

(i) The month, day, and year of each expenditure; 462

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity to 463
which the expenditure or expenditures were made. If an 464
expenditure was made to a person or entity for which no address 465
is available or if the expenditure was for a purchase made 466
online through the internet, the filer may provide the uniform 467
resource locator of the person's or entity's web site instead of 468
an address. 469

(iii) The object or purpose for which each expenditure was 470
made; 471

(iv) The amount of each expenditure. 472

(3) Each expenditure reported under division (B) (2) (b) of 473
this section shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, ~~stating~~ 474
~~the purpose of the expenditures,~~ that shall be filed with the 475
statement; ~~a.~~ A canceled check with a notation of the purpose 476
of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, 477
amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill for 478
purposes of this division. 479

(C) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (B) of this 480
section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times: 481

(1) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 482
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 483
~~not~~ to reflect contributions received and expenditures made 484
from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 485

previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 486
the twentieth day before election day; 487

(2) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 488
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 489
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind~~ 490
~~contributions received and expenditures made to the close of~~ 491
~~business on the twentieth day before election day. The second~~ 492
~~statement shall~~ to reflect contributions and in-kind 493
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made during the period 494
beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending 495
on the close of business on the seventh day after election day. 496

~~(C)~~ (D) (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity 497
who makes ~~an independent expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 498
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with the 499
a candidate's efforts to be elected to the board of trustees of 500
the police and fire pension fund shall file with the secretary 501
of state ~~two a complete, and accurate, and itemized statements~~ 502
statement for that period setting forth in detail the 503
information described in division (B) (2) of this section 504
concerning the independent expenditures. The statements 505
statement shall be filed regardless of whether, pursuant to 506
section 742.041 of the Revised Code, ~~no an~~ an election is held. The 507
~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a form prescribed under 508
section 111.30 of the Revised Code. 509

(2) The first statement described in division (D) (1) of 510
this section shall be filed not at the following times: 511

(a) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 512
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 513
~~not~~ to reflect independent expenditures made from the close of 514
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 515

statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 516
before election day; 517

(b) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 518
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 519
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect independent expenditures~~ 520
~~made to the close of business on the twentieth day before~~ 521
~~election day. The second statement shall~~ to reflect independent 522
expenditures made during the period beginning on the nineteenth 523
day before election day and ending on the close of business on 524
the seventh day after election day. 525

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) Each candidate who, or whose campaign 526
committee, receives ~~a contribution or in-kind contribution~~ 527
contributions exceeding two thousand dollars or makes ~~an~~ 528
~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two thousand dollars in 529
connection with the candidate's efforts to be elected to fill a 530
vacancy in the board of trustees of the police and fire pension 531
fund pursuant to section 742.05 of the Revised Code shall file 532
with the secretary of state a complete, and accurate, ~~and~~ 533
~~itemized~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail the contributions,~~ 534
~~in-kind contributions, and expenditures~~ information described in 535
divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this section and the receipted bills 536
described in division (B) (3) of this section. The statement 537
shall be made on a form prescribed under section 111.30 of the 538
Revised Code. ~~Every expenditure shall be vouched for by a~~ 539
~~receipted bill, stating the purpose of the expenditures, that~~ 540
~~shall be filed with the statement; a canceled check with a~~ 541
~~notation of the purpose of the expenditure is a receipted bill~~ 542
~~for purposes of this division.~~ 543

(2) The statement described in division (E) (1) of this 544
section shall be filed within thirty-eight days after the day 545

the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes 546
office. The statement shall reflect contributions ~~and in-kind~~ 547
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made from the close of 548
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 549
statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day 550
after the day the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the 551
vacancy takes office. 552

(F) Not later than ten days after a person becomes a 553
candidate under this section, the board of trustees of the 554
police and fire pension fund shall mail a copy of the most 555
recent report released under division (B) of section 111.30 of 556
the Revised Code to the person. 557

Sec. 3307.072. (A) As used in this section: 558

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 559
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to 560
receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make 561
expenditures on behalf of the candidate. 562

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated 563
pursuant to section 3307.07 of the Revised Code for election to 564
the state teachers retirement board or who is seeking to be 565
elected to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) 566
of section 3307.06 of the Revised Code. 567

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 568
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, in-kind 569
contribution, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value 570
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 571
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 572
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 573
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 574

is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 575
results of an election to the state teachers retirement board 576
under section 3307.07 of the Revised Code or the results of an 577
election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) 578
of section 3307.06 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" does not 579
include: 580

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 581
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 582
person; 583

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 584

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 585
volunteer campaign worker. 586

(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to 587
the situation: 588

(a) The first Monday in May of a year for which section 589
3307.06 of the Revised Code specifies that an election for a 590
member of the state teachers retirement board be held; 591

(b) If, pursuant to section 3307.071 of the Revised Code, 592
no election is held, the first Monday in May of a year that the 593
election would have been held if not for section 3307.071 of the 594
Revised Code. 595

(5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 596
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 597
election to the state teachers retirement board under section 598
3307.07 of the Revised Code or the results of an election to 599
fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) of section 600
3307.06 of the Revised Code. 601

(6) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by an 602

individual, partnership, or other entity advocating the election 603
or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not 604
made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or 605
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any 606
candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of 607
the candidate or candidates. An independent expenditure shall 608
not be construed as being a contribution. As used in division 609
(A) (6) of this section: 610

(a) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 611
message advocating election or defeat. 612

(b) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 613
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 614
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 615
by unambiguous reference. 616

(c) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 617
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 618
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 619
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 620
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 621
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 622
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 623
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 624

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 625
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 626
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 627
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 628

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 629
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 630
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 631

been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 632
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 633

(iii) Made by a political party in support of a candidate, 634
unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct 635
voter registration or voter education efforts. 636

(d) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 637
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 638
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 639
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 640
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 641
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 642
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 643

(7) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 644
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 645
to the state teachers retirement board under section 3307.07 of 646
the Revised Code or the results of an election to fill a vacancy 647
on the board pursuant to division (D) of section 3307.06 of the 648
Revised Code or is transferred to or used in support of or in 649
opposition to a candidate and that is made with the consent of, 650
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 651
request or suggestion of the benefited candidate. The financing 652
of the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole 653
or part, of any broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other 654
form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate, the 655
candidate's campaign committee, or their authorized agents is an 656
in-kind contribution to the candidate and an expenditure by the 657
candidate. 658

(8) "Personal expenses" includes ordinary expenses for 659
accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or 660
airplane, and home telephone. 661

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~ (E) of 662
this section, each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, 663
receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions totaling one~~ 664
exceeding two thousand dollars or more or ~~has~~ makes expenditures 665
~~totaling one~~ exceeding two thousand dollars or more in a given 666
filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts to be 667
elected to the state teachers retirement board shall file with 668
the secretary of state ~~two a complete, and accurate, and~~ 669
~~itemized statements~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the 670
contributions, ~~in-kind contributions,~~ and expenditures. The 671
~~statements~~ statement shall be filed regardless of whether, 672
pursuant to section 3307.071 of the Revised Code, ~~no~~ an election 673
is held. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a form 674
prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every~~ 675

(1) The statement shall contain the following information 676
concerning contributions: 677

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the 678
applicable filing period; 679

(b) All of the following information concerning each 680
person or entity from which the filer received contributions 681
that exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 682
applicable filing period: 683

(i) The month, day, and year of each contribution; 684

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity 685
from which the contribution or contributions are received; 686

(iii) A description of each contribution received, if 687
other than money; 688

(iv) The value in dollars and cents of each contribution. 689

(2) The statement shall contain the following information 690
concerning expenditures: 691

(a) The total amount of expenditures made during the 692
applicable filing period: 693

(b) All of the following information concerning any person 694
or entity to which the filer made expenditures that exceed one 695
hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing period: 696

(i) The month, day, and year of each expenditure; 697

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity to 698
which the expenditure or expenditures were made. If an 699
expenditure was made to a person or entity for which no address 700
is available or if the expenditure was for a purchase made 701
online through the internet, the filer may provide the uniform 702
resource locator of the person's or entity's web site instead of 703
an address. 704

(iii) The object or purpose for which each expenditure was 705
made; 706

(iv) The amount of each expenditure. 707

(3) Each expenditure reported under division (B) (2) (b) of 708
this section shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, ~~stating~~ 709
the purpose of the expenditures, that shall be filed with the 710
statement; ~~a.~~ A canceled check with a notation of the purpose 711
of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, 712
amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill for 713
purposes of this division. 714

(C) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (B) of this 715
section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times: 716

(1) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 717

days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 718
~~not to reflect contributions received and expenditures made~~ 719
~~from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last~~ 720
~~previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on~~ 721
~~the twentieth day before election day;~~ 722

(2) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 723
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 724
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind~~ 725
~~contributions received and expenditures made to the close of~~ 726
~~business on the twentieth day before election day. The second~~ 727
~~statement shall~~ to reflect contributions and in-kind 728
contributions received and expenditures made during the period 729
beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending 730
on the close of business on the seventh day after election day. 731

~~(C)-(D)~~ (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity 732
who makes ~~an independent expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 733
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with ~~the~~ 734
a candidate's efforts to be elected to the state teachers 735
retirement board shall file with the secretary of state ~~two a~~ 736
complete, and accurate, and itemized statements ~~statement for~~ 737
that period setting forth in detail the information described in 738
division (B) (2) of this section concerning the independent 739
expenditures. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be filed regardless 740
of whether, pursuant to section 3307.071 of the Revised Code, ~~no~~ 741
an election is held. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a 742
form prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. 743

(2) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (D) (1) of 744
this section shall be filed ~~not at the following times:~~ 745

(a) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 746
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 747

~~not to reflect independent expenditures made from the close of~~ 748
~~business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed~~ 749
~~statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day~~ 750
~~before election day;~~ 751

(b) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 752
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 753
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect independent expenditures~~ 754
~~made to the close of business on the twentieth day before~~ 755
~~election day. The second statement shall~~ to reflect independent 756
expenditures made during the period beginning on the nineteenth 757
day before election day and ending on the close of business on 758
the seventh day after election day. 759

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) Each candidate who, or whose campaign 760
committee, receives ~~a contribution or in-kind contribution~~ 761
~~contributions exceeding two thousand dollars~~ or makes ~~an~~ 762
~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two thousand dollars in a 763
given filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts 764
to be elected to fill a vacancy in the state teachers retirement 765
board pursuant to division (D) of section 3307.06 of the Revised 766
Code shall file with the secretary of state a complete, and 767
~~accurate, and itemized~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the 768
~~contributions, in-kind contributions, and expenditures~~ 769
information described in divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 770
section and the receipted bills described in division (B) (3) of 771
this section. The statement shall be made on a form prescribed 772
under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every expenditure~~ 773
~~shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of~~ 774
~~the expenditures, that shall be filed with the statement; a~~ 775
~~canceled check with a notation of the purpose of the expenditure~~ 776
~~is a receipted bill for purposes of this division.~~ 777

(2) The statement described in division (E) (1) of this 778
section shall be filed within thirty-eight days after the day 779
the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes 780
office. The statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind 781
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 782
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 783
statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day 784
after the day the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the 785
vacancy takes office. 786

(F) Not later than ten days after a person becomes a 787
candidate under this section, the state teachers retirement 788
board shall mail a copy of the most recent report released under 789
division (B) of section 111.30 of the Revised Code to the 790
person. 791

Sec. 3309.072. (A) As used in this section: 792

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 793
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to 794
receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make 795
expenditures on behalf of the candidate. 796

(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated 797
pursuant to section 3309.07 of the Revised Code for election to 798
the school employees retirement board or who is seeking to be 799
elected to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) 800
of section 3309.06 of the Revised Code. 801

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 802
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, in-kind 803
contribution, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value 804
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 805
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 806

person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 807
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 808
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 809
results of an election to the school employees retirement board 810
under section 3309.07 of the Revised Code or the results of an 811
election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (C) 812
of section 3309.06 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" does not 813
include: 814

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 815
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 816
person; 817

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 818

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 819
volunteer campaign worker. 820

(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to 821
the situation: 822

(a) The first Monday in March of a year for which section 823
3309.06 of the Revised Code specifies that an election for a 824
member of the school employees retirement board be held; 825

(b) If, pursuant to section 3309.071 of the Revised Code, 826
no election is held, the first Monday in March of a year that 827
the election would have been held if not for section 3309.071 of 828
the Revised Code. 829

(5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 830
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 831
election to the school employees retirement board under section 832
3309.07 of the Revised Code or the results of an election to 833
fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to division (D) of section 834
3309.06 of the Revised Code. 835

(6) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by an individual, partnership, or other entity advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. An independent expenditure shall not be construed as being a contribution. As used in division (A) (6) of this section:

(a) "Advocating" means any communication containing a message advocating election or defeat.

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

(c) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is presumed to be so made when it is any of the following:

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

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an

officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent;

(iii) Made by a political party in support of a candidate,
unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct
voter registration or voter education efforts.

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

(7) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other
than money that is used to influence the results of an election
to the school employees retirement board under section 3309.07
of the Revised Code or the results of an election to fill a
vacancy on the board pursuant to division (C) of section 3309.06
of the Revised Code or is transferred to or used in support of
or in opposition to a candidate and that is made with the
consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with,
or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate. The
financing of the dissemination, distribution, or republication,
in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any written, graphic,
or other form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate,
the candidate's campaign committee, or their authorized agents
is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and an expenditure
by the candidate.

(8) "Personal expenses" includes ordinary expenses for
accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or

airplane, and home telephone. 895

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~ (E) of 896
this section, each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, 897
receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions totaling one~~ 898
exceeding two thousand dollars or more or ~~has~~ makes expenditures 899
totaling one exceeding two thousand dollars or more in a given 900
filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts to be 901
elected to the school employees retirement board under section 902
3309.07 of the Revised Code shall file with the secretary of 903
state ~~two a complete, and accurate, and itemized statements~~ 904
statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the contributions, ~~in-kind~~ 905
~~contributions,~~ and expenditures. The ~~statements~~ statement shall 906
be filed regardless of whether, pursuant to section 3309.071 of 907
the Revised Code, ~~no~~ an election is held. The ~~statements~~ 908
statement shall be made on a form prescribed under section 909
111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every~~ 910

(1) The statement shall contain the following information 911
concerning contributions: 912

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the 913
applicable filing period; 914

(b) All of the following information concerning each 915
person or entity from which the filer received contributions 916
that exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 917
applicable filing period: 918

(i) The month, day, and year of each contribution; 919

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity 920
from which the contribution or contributions are received; 921

(iii) A description of each contribution received, if 922
other than money; 923

<u>(iv) The value in dollars and cents of each contribution.</u>	924
<u>(2) The statement shall contain the following information concerning expenditures:</u>	925
<u>(a) The total amount of expenditures made during the applicable filing period;</u>	926
<u>(b) All of the following information concerning any person or entity to which the filer made expenditures that exceed one hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing period:</u>	927
<u>(i) The month, day, and year of each expenditure;</u>	928
<u>(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity to which the expenditure or expenditures were made. If an expenditure was made to a person or entity for which no address is available or if the expenditure was for a purchase made online through the internet, the filer may provide the uniform resource locator of the person's or entity's web site instead of an address.</u>	929
<u>(iii) The object or purpose for which each expenditure was made;</u>	930
<u>(iv) The amount of each expenditure.</u>	931
<u>(3) Each expenditure in excess of twenty five dollars reported under division (B) (2) (b) of this section shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of the expenditures, that shall be filed with the statement; a. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of this division.</u>	932
<u>(C) The first statement described in division (B) of this</u>	933
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section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times: 952

(1) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 953
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 954
~~not~~ to reflect contributions received and expenditures made 955
from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 956
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 957
the twentieth day before election day; 958

(2) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 959
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 960
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind~~ 961
~~contributions received and expenditures made to the close of~~ 962
~~business on the twentieth day before election day. The second~~ 963
~~statement shall~~ to reflect contributions and in-kind 964
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made during the period 965
beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending 966
on the close of business on the seventh day after election day. 967

~~(C)~~ (D) (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity 968
who makes an independent ~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 969
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with ~~the~~ 970
a candidate's efforts to be elected to the school employees 971
retirement board under section 3309.07 of the Revised Code shall 972
file with the secretary of state ~~two~~ a complete, and accurate, 973
~~and itemized statements~~ statement for that period setting forth 974
~~in detail~~ the information described in division (B) (2) of this 975
section concerning the independent expenditures. The ~~statements~~ 976
statement shall be filed regardless of whether, pursuant to 977
section 3309.071 of the Revised Code, ~~no~~ an election is held. 978
The ~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a form prescribed 979
under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. 980

(2) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (D) (1) of 981

this section shall be filed ~~not at the following times:~~ 982

(a) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 983
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 984
~~not~~ to reflect independent expenditures made from the close of 985
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 986
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 987
before election day; 988

(b) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 989
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 990
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect independent expenditures~~ 991
~~made to the close of business on the twentieth day before~~ 992
election day. ~~The second statement shall~~ to reflect independent 993
expenditures made during the period beginning on the nineteenth 994
day before election day and ending on the close of business on 995
the seventh day after election day. 996

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) Each candidate who, or whose campaign 997
committee, receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions~~ 998
~~totaling one~~ exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more or has makes~~ 999
expenditures ~~totaling one~~ exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~ 1000
in a given filing period in connection with the candidate's 1001
efforts to be elected to fill a vacancy in the school employees 1002
retirement board pursuant to division (C) of section 3309.06 of 1003
the Revised Code shall file with the secretary of state a 1004
complete, and accurate, ~~and itemized~~ statement setting forth in 1005
~~detail the contributions, in-kind contributions, and~~ 1006
~~expenditures~~ information described in divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 1007
this section and the receipted bills described in division (B) 1008
(3) of this section. The statement shall be made on a form 1009
prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every~~ 1010
~~expenditure in excess of twenty five dollars shall be vouched~~ 1011

~~for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of the~~ 1012
~~expenditures, that shall be filed with the statement; a canceled~~ 1013
~~check with a notation of the purpose of the expenditure is a~~ 1014
~~receipted bill for purposes of this division.~~ 1015

(2) The statement described in division (E) (1) of this 1016
section shall be filed within thirty-eight days after the day 1017
the candidate person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes 1018
office. The statement shall reflect contributions ~~and in-kind~~ 1019
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made from the close of 1020
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 1021
statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day 1022
after the day the ~~candidate person who is elected to fill the~~ 1023
vacancy takes office. 1024

~~(E)~~ (F) (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity 1025
that makes ~~an independent expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 1026
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with the 1027
a candidate's efforts to be elected to fill a vacancy in the 1028
school employees retirement board under division (C) of section 1029
3309.06 of the Revised Code shall file with the secretary of 1030
state a complete, and accurate, ~~and itemized~~ statement setting 1031
forth ~~in detail~~ the information described in division (B) (2) of 1032
this section concerning the independent expenditures. The 1033
statement shall be made on a form prescribed under section 1034
111.30 of the Revised Code. 1035

(2) The statement described in division (F) (1) of this 1036
section shall be filed not later than thirty-eight days after 1037
the day the candidate person who is elected to fill the vacancy 1038
takes office. The statement shall reflect independent 1039
expenditures made from the close of business on the last day 1040
reflected in the last previously filed statement, if any, to the 1041

close of business on the seventh day after the day the ~~candidate~~ 1042
person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes office. 1043

(G) Not later than ten days after a person becomes a 1044
candidate under this section, the school employees retirement 1045
board shall mail a copy of the most recent report released under 1046
division (B) of section 111.30 of the Revised Code to the 1047
person. 1048

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 1049
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 1050
meets either of the following requirements: 1051

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 1052
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 1053
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 1054
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 1055
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 1056
division remains a political party for a period of four years 1057
after meeting those requirements. 1058

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 1059
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 1060
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 1061
all of the following requirements: 1062

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 1063
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 1064
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 1065
election for such office. 1066

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 1067
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 1068
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 1069
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 1070

districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 1071
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 1072

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 1073
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 1074
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 1075
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 1076
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 1077

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 1078
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 1079
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 1080
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 1081
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 1082
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 1083
the usual place of residence of each of them. 1084

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 1085
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 1086
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 1087
mislead the voters at an election. 1088

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 1089
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 1090
name. 1091

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 1092
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1093
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 1094
Revised Code: 1095

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 1096
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 1097
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 1098
contributions and make expenditures. 1099

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 1100
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 1101

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 1102
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 1103
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 1104
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 1105
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 1106
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 1107
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 1108
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 1109
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 1110
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 1111
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 1112
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 1113
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 1114
convention or conference of a political party. 1115

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 1116
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 1117
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 1118
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 1119
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 1120
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 1121
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 1122
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 1123
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 1124
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 1125
Revenue Code. 1126

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 1127
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 1128
transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 1129

funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, which contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, or person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, that is made, received, or used by a state or county political party, other than moneys a state or county political party receives from the Ohio political party fund pursuant to section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and the moneys an entity may receive under sections 3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement of contributions filed under that section.

"Contribution" does not include any of the following:

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person;

(b) Ordinary home hospitality;

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker;

(d) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section

3517.101 of the Revised Code;	1159
(e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of	1160
the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the	1161
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering	1162
communication;	1163
(f) Any gift given to a state or county political party	1164
for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of section	1165
3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	1166
(g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit	1167
in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised	1168
Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same	1169
meaning as in that section.	1170
(h) Any donation given to a transition fund under section	1171
3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	1172
(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a	1173
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an	1174
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G)	1175
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use	1176
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an	1177
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the	1178
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made	1179
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08	1180
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of	1181
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	1182
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election,	1183
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing	1184
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a	1185
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for	1186
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and	1187

shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 1188
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 1189
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 1190
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 1191
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 1192
required to be reported under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of 1193
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1194

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 1195
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 1196
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 1197
Code. 1198

(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, 1199
ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal 1200
motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 1201

(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of 1202
two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to 1203
support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or 1204
to influence the result of any election through express 1205
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 1206
committee, a political contributing entity, or a legislative 1207
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 1208
either of the following: 1209

(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for 1210
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1211
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy; 1212

(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social 1213
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 1214
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 1215
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 1216

aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 1217
calendar year. 1218

(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, 1219
township, or district office, except an office of a political 1220
party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United 1221
States senator and representative. 1222

(10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in 1223
section 1.03 of the Revised Code. 1224

(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a 1225
public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund 1226
exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or 1227
public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign 1228
fund exists. 1229

(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, 1230
including contributions. 1231

(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as 1232
in section 102.01 of the Revised Code. 1233

(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of 1234
representatives or all of the members of the senate of the 1235
general assembly who are members of the same political party. 1236

(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is 1237
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and 1238
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. 1239

(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 1240
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 1241
or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a 1242
candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1243
political party, political action committee, or political 1244

contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in 1245
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 1246
request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, 1247
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, 1248
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any 1249
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 1250
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 1251
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 1252
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 1253

(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure or 1254
other use of funds or things of value by a person ~~advocating to~~ 1255
advocate the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1256
candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in 1257
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 1258
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 1259
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates or an 1260
expenditure or other use of funds or things of value by a person 1261
to advocate support of or opposition to an identified ballot 1262
issue or question. As used in division (C)(17) of this section: 1263

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, 1264
unincorporated business organization or association, political 1265
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 1266
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 1267
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 1268
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 1269
~~contributing entity.~~ 1270

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means any communication 1271
containing a message advocating the election or defeat of an 1272
identified candidate or candidates or advocating support of or 1273
opposition to an identified ballot issue or question. 1274

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

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is presumed to be so made when it is any of the following:

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

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

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

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate,

or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 1304
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 1305
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 1306
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 1307

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee 1308
organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or 1309
other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, 1310
employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, 1311
locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide 1312
organization in which employees participate and that exists for 1313
the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 1314
concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other 1315
terms and conditions of employment. 1316

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 1317
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 1318
Campaign Act. 1319

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal 1320
Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et 1321
seq., as amended. 1322

(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county 1323
political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 1324
3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 1325

(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning 1326
as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1327

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 1328
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 1329
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 1330
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 1331
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 1332

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 1333
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1334

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, 1335
including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully 1336
make contributions ~~and~~or expenditures and that is not an 1337
individual or a political action committee, continuing 1338
association, campaign committee, political party, legislative 1339
campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state 1340
candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means 1341
not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized 1342
by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 1343

Sec. 3517.08. (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 1344
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 1345
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 1346
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 1347
of the Revised Code. 1348

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 1349
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 1350
contribution by the political action committee or the political 1351
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 1352
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 1353
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 1354
endorsements. 1355

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 1356
considered a contribution by the political party or an 1357
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 1358
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 1359
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 1360
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 1361
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 1362

voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 1363

(C) An expenditure by a continuing association, political 1364
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 1365
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 1366
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 1367
expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the continuing 1368
association's, political contributing entity's, or political 1369
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 1370
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 1371

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 1372
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 1373
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 1374
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 1375
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 1376
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 1377
activities. 1378

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 1379
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 1380
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 1381

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 1382
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 1383
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 1384
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 1385
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 1386
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 1387
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 1388
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 1389
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 1390
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 1391

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 1392
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 1393
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1394
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 1395
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 1396
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 1397
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 1398
division shall be ~~separately itemized on statements made~~ 1399
reported pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1400

Sec. 3517.081. (A) Each candidate shall have no more than 1401
one campaign committee for purposes of receiving contributions 1402
and making expenditures. No campaign committee shall receive any 1403
contribution or make any expenditure other than through the 1404
campaign treasurer. The campaign treasurer shall file all 1405
statements required of a candidate or campaign committee under 1406
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1407

The candidate shall designate the candidate or a member of 1408
the candidate's campaign committee as the candidate's campaign 1409
treasurer as required by division ~~(D)~~(E) of section 3517.10 of 1410
the Revised Code. The campaign treasurer may appoint deputy 1411
campaign treasurers as required. Deputy campaign treasurers may 1412
exercise any of the powers and duties of a campaign treasurer 1413
when specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer 1414
or the candidate. 1415

Each candidate shall file a written statement, as required 1416
by division ~~(D)~~(E) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 1417
setting forth the full name and address of the campaign 1418
treasurer and also of each deputy treasurer. Each candidate 1419
shall file supplemental statements giving the full name and 1420
address of each deputy treasurer at the time of appointment. 1421

A candidate may remove the campaign treasurer or any 1422
deputy campaign treasurer at any time. In the case of death, 1423
resignation, or removal of the treasurer or deputy treasurer 1424
before compliance with all obligations of a campaign treasurer, 1425
the candidate shall fill the vacancy thus created in the same 1426
manner as provided in the case of an original appointment. 1427

(B) (1) Two or more candidates may be the beneficiaries of 1428
a single campaign committee if all of the following apply: 1429

(a) Each candidate is seeking nomination or election to 1430
the same office at the same election. 1431

(b) The office for which each candidate is seeking 1432
nomination or election is the office of member of a board, 1433
commission, or other similar body of elected officials to which 1434
multiple members are nominated or elected at the same election. 1435

(c) The number of candidates who will be the beneficiaries 1436
of the campaign committee does not exceed the number of open 1437
positions on the board, commission, or other similar body of 1438
elected officials to which the candidates are seeking nomination 1439
or election. 1440

(d) The candidates jointly designate one of the candidates 1441
or one member of the campaign committee as the treasurer of that 1442
campaign committee as required under division (A) of this 1443
section. 1444

(e) The candidates jointly file the written statements 1445
required under division (A) of this section. 1446

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division, any 1447
penalty that may be imposed on a candidate under section 1448
3517.992 of the Revised Code for a violation of this chapter 1449
shall be imposed jointly and severally on each beneficiary of a 1450

multi-beneficiary campaign committee. If the Ohio elections 1451
commission or the appropriate prosecutor is able to determine 1452
that a specific beneficiary of a multi-beneficiary campaign 1453
committee violated this chapter, the applicable penalty under 1454
section 3517.992 of the Revised Code shall be imposed only on 1455
that candidate and not on the other beneficiaries of that multi- 1456
beneficiary campaign committee. 1457

(3) (a) If any of the following occur after a multi- 1458
beneficiary campaign committee is established, that campaign 1459
committee shall be terminated: 1460

(i) The beneficiaries of the campaign committee disagree 1461
as to the designation or removal of a campaign treasurer. 1462

(ii) Any beneficiary of the campaign committee desires to 1463
end the beneficiary's candidacy for the office for which the 1464
beneficiaries are seeking nomination or election. 1465

(iii) Any beneficiary of the campaign committee desires to 1466
form an individual campaign committee. 1467

(b) Prior to the termination of a multi-beneficiary 1468
campaign committee in accordance with division (B) (3) (a) of this 1469
section, any contributions received by that campaign committee 1470
that have not been expended shall be disposed of in the manner 1471
provided in division (C) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1472
Code. No contributions from the multi-beneficiary campaign 1473
committee shall be contributed or transferred into any 1474
candidate's individual campaign committee. 1475

(4) No candidate who has a campaign committee for which 1476
that candidate is the sole beneficiary shall become the 1477
beneficiary of a campaign committee with multiple beneficiaries 1478
under division (B) (1) of this section unless the candidate first 1479

terminates the candidate's individual campaign committee. Prior 1480
to the termination of that individual campaign committee, any 1481
contributions received by that campaign committee that have not 1482
been expended shall be disposed of in the manner provided in 1483
division (C) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code. No 1484
contributions from the candidate's individual campaign committee 1485
shall be contributed or transferred into the multi-beneficiary 1486
campaign committee. 1487

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this~~ 1488
division (B) of this section, every campaign committee, 1489
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1490
party, and political contributing entity that made or received a 1491
contribution or made an expenditure in connection with the 1492
nomination or election of any candidate or in connection with 1493
any ballot issue or question at any election held or to be held 1494
in this state shall file, on a form prescribed under this 1495
section or by electronic means of transmission as provided in 1496
this section and section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, a full, ~~and~~ 1497
and true, and itemized statement, made under penalty of election 1498
falsification, setting forth in detail the contributions and 1499
expenditures, not later than four p.m. of the following dates: 1500

(1) The twelfth day before ~~the~~ a primary or general 1501
election to reflect contributions received and expenditures made 1502
from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1503
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1504
the twentieth day before the election; 1505

(2) The thirty-eighth day after ~~the~~ a primary election to 1506
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1507
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1508
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1509

the seventh day before the filing of the statement; 1510

(3) The seventh day of January after a general election to 1511
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1512
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1513
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1514
the seventh day before the filing of the statement; 1515

(4) The last business day of January of every year to 1516
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1517
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1518
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1519
the last day of December of the previous year; 1520

~~(4)~~ (5) The last business day of July of every year to 1521
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1522
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1523
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1524
the last day of June of that year. 1525

(B) (1) A campaign committee shall only be required to file 1526
the statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) ~~and~~, (2), and 1527
(3) of this section in connection with the nomination or 1528
election of the committee's candidate. 1529

(2) The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 1530
section shall not be required of any ~~campaign committee,~~ 1531
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1532
party, or political contributing entity that has received 1533
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 1534
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 1535
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 1536
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 1537
statement required under division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, 1538

as applicable. 1539

(3) If an election to select candidates to appear on the 1540
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 1541
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 1542
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 1543
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 1544
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 1545
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 1546
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 1547
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 1548
days before the general election. 1549

(4) If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 1550
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 1551
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 1552
this section. 1553

(5) No statement under division (A) ~~(3)~~ (4) of this section 1554
shall be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 1555
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1556
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 1557
postgeneral election statement under division (A) ~~(2)~~ (3) of this 1558
section. However, a statement under division (A) ~~(3)~~ (4) of this 1559
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 1560
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1561
party, or political contributing entity. 1562

(6) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1563
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 1564
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 1565
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 1566
(A) ~~(4)~~ (5) of this section. 1567

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this ~~paragraph~~ 1568
~~division~~ and ~~in the next paragraph~~ ~~division~~ (B) (8) of this 1569
section, the only campaign committees required to file a 1570
statement under division (A) ~~(4)~~ (5) of this section are the 1571
campaign committee of a statewide candidate and the campaign 1572
committee of a candidate for county office. The campaign 1573
committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial office is 1574
required to file a statement under division (A) ~~(4)~~ (5) of this 1575
section if that campaign committee receives, during that period, 1576
contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 1577

(8) No statement under division (A) ~~(4)~~ (5) of this section 1578
shall be required of a campaign committee, a political action 1579
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 1580
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 1581
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1582
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 1583
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 1584
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 1585
~~(4)~~ (5) of this section may be filed at the option of the 1586
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 1587
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing 1588
entity. 1589

(9) No statement under division (A) ~~(3)~~ ~~(4)~~ or ~~(4)~~ (5) of 1590
this section shall be required if the ~~campaign committee,~~ 1591
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1592
party, or political contributing entity has no contributions 1593
that it has received and no expenditures that it has made since 1594
the last date reflected in its last previously filed statement. 1595
However, the ~~campaign committee,~~ political action committee, 1596
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 1597
contributing entity shall file a statement to that effect, on a 1598

form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 1599
election falsification, on the date required in division (A) ~~(3)~~ 1600
(4) or ~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ of this section, as applicable. 1601

(10) No statement under this section shall be required of 1602
a campaign committee if the campaign committee has received 1603
contributions of less than two thousand dollars and has made 1604
expenditures, including independent expenditures, of less than 1605
two thousand dollars since the last date reflected in its last 1606
previously filed statement. 1607

(11)(a) The campaign committee of a statewide candidate 1608
shall file a monthly statement of contributions received during 1609
each of the months of July, August, and September in the year of 1610
the general election in which the candidate seeks office. The 1611
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file the 1612
monthly statement not later than three business days after the 1613
last day of the month covered by the statement. During the 1614
period beginning on the nineteenth day before the general 1615
election in which a statewide candidate seeks election to office 1616
and extending through the day of that general election, each 1617
time the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the 1618
offices of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate 1619
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 1620
treasurer of state, or attorney general receives a contribution 1621
from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of 1622
contributions received from that contributor during that period 1623
to equal or exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the 1624
campaign committee of a candidate for the office of chief 1625
justice or justice of the supreme court receives a contribution 1626
from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of 1627
contributions received from that contributor during that period 1628
to exceed ten thousand dollars, the campaign committee shall 1629

file a two-business-day statement reflecting that contribution. 1630
Contributions reported on a two-business-day statement required 1631
to be filed by a campaign committee of a statewide candidate in 1632
a primary election shall also be included in the postprimary 1633
election statement required to be filed by that campaign 1634
committee under division (A) (2) of this section. A two-business- 1635
day statement required by this paragraph shall be filed not 1636
later than two business days after receipt of the contribution. 1637
The statements required by this paragraph shall be filed in 1638
addition to any other statements required by this section. 1639

(b) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1640
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1641
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions ~~(C)~~ (D) (6) (b) 1642
and ~~(D)~~ (E) (6) of this section and division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of section 1643
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1644
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 1645
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 1646
statement under ~~the preceding paragraph~~ division (B) (11) (a) of 1647
this section by electronic means of transmission if the campaign 1648
committee is required to file a pre-election, postelection, or 1649
monthly statement of contributions and expenditures by 1650
electronic means of transmission under this section or section 1651
3517.106 of the Revised Code. 1652

(c) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 1653
statement required by division (B) (11) (a) of this section shall 1654
contain the information required by divisions (C) (1) to (4) of 1655
this section. Each statement shall be signed as required by 1656
division (D) (1) of this section. 1657

(12) If a campaign committee or political action committee 1658
has no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and 1659

desires to terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, with the official with whom it files a statement under division (A) of this section after filing a final statement of contributions and a final statement of expenditures, if contributions have been received or expenditures made since the period reflected in its last previously filed statement.

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

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

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

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the registration number assigned to the committee under division ~~(D)~~ (E)(1) of this section.

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

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

(a) A statement of the total amount of contributions received during the applicable filing period;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (C) (4) (c),

(d), and (e) of this section, a statement of all of the 1688
following information concerning each person, political party, 1689
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1690
committee, or political contributing entity from which the 1691
filing entity received contributions that exceed one hundred 1692
dollars in the aggregate during the applicable filing period and 1693
concerning the source of each contribution to the campaign 1694
committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office 1695
of member of the general assembly transmitted pursuant to 1696
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 1697
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in 1698
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the applicable filing 1699
period: 1700

(i) The month, day, and year of ~~the~~ each contribution; 1701

~~(b) (i)~~ (ii) The full name and address of each ~~the~~ person, 1702
political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1703
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1704
from ~~whom~~ which the contribution or contributions are received 1705
and, if the contributor is a political action committee, the 1706
registration number assigned to the political action committee 1707
under division ~~(D)~~ (E) (1) of this section. The requirement of 1708
filing the full address does not apply to any statement filed by 1709
a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance 1710
committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a 1711
state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. 1712
Notwithstanding division ~~(F)~~ (G) of this section, the 1713
requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as 1714
being met if the address filed is the same address the 1715
contributor provided under division ~~(E)~~ (F) (1) of this section. 1716

~~(ii)~~ (iii) If a political action committee, political- 1717

~~contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political~~ 1718
~~party that is required to file campaign finance statements by~~ 1719
~~electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the~~ 1720
~~Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or~~ 1721
~~candidate for the office of member of the general assembly~~ 1722
~~receives~~ a contribution from an individual ~~that~~ exceeds one 1723
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 1724
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 1725
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 1726

~~(iii)~~ (iv) If a campaign committee of a statewide 1727
candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general 1728
assembly receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 1729
3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the 1730
wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the 1731
aggregate one hundred dollars during any one filing period ~~under~~ 1732
~~division (A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section,~~ the full name 1733
of the employees' employer and the full name of the labor 1734
organization of which the employees are members, if any; ~~i~~ 1735

~~(e)~~ (v) If a campaign committee of a candidate who holds 1736
public office receives a contribution from an employee in any 1737
unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and 1738
control, an affirmation that the contribution was voluntarily 1739
made; 1740

(vi) A description of ~~the~~ each contribution received, if 1741
other than money; 1742

~~(d)~~ (vii) The value in dollars and cents of ~~the~~ each 1743
contribution; 1744

~~(e)~~ A separately itemized account of all contributions and 1745
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 1746

~~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 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 (c) A separate statement that includes all of the applicable information required under listed in division (B)(C)(4)(b) of this section shall be provided for all other income itemized. As used in this~~

~~paragraph, "other income" means a~~ concerning the source of any 1778
loan, investment income, or interest income that exceeds one 1779
hundred dollars in the aggregate during the applicable filing 1780
period. 1781

~~(f)~~ (d) In the case of a campaign committee of a state 1782
elected officer, if a person doing business with the state 1783
elected officer in the officer's official capacity makes a 1784
contribution to the campaign committee of that officer that 1785
exceeds one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 1786
applicable filing period, a separate statement that includes all 1787
of the applicable information required under listed in division 1788
~~(B)~~ (C) (4) (b) of this section in regard to that contribution, ~~7~~ 1789
~~which shall be filed together with and considered a part of the~~ 1790
~~committee's statement of contributions as required under~~ 1791
~~division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a separate~~ 1792
~~form provided by the secretary of state. As used in this~~ 1793
division: 1794

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 1795
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 1796

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 1797
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 1798
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 1799
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 1800
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 1801
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 1802

(e) A separate statement, made under penalty of election 1803
falsification, of each anonymous contribution that exceeds one 1804
hundred dollars received during the applicable filing period, 1805
the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it 1806
cannot be attributed to a specific donor. 1807

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 1808
following ~~information~~: 1809

(a) A statement of the total amount of expenditures made 1810
during the applicable filing period; 1811

(b) All of the following information concerning any person 1812
or entity to whom the filing entity made expenditures that 1813
exceed one hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable 1814
filing period: 1815

(i) The month, day, and year of ~~the each~~ expenditure; 1816

~~(b)~~ (ii) The full name and address of each ~~the~~ person, 1817
political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1818
political action committee, or political contributing entity to 1819
whom the expenditure ~~was or~~ expenditures were made and, if they 1820
were made to a political action committee, the registration 1821
number assigned to the political action committee under division 1822
~~(D)~~ (E) (1) of this section; 1823

~~(c)~~ . If an expenditure was made to a person or entity for 1824
whom no address is available or if the expenditure was for a 1825
purchase made online through the internet, the filing entity may 1826
provide the uniform resource locator of the person's or entity's 1827
web site instead of an address. 1828

(iii) The object or purpose for which ~~the each~~ expenditure 1829
was made; 1830

~~(d)~~ (iv) The amount of each expenditure. 1831

~~(c)~~ (c) A separate statement containing all of the 1832
information described in divisions (C) (5) (b) (i) to (iv) of this 1833
section concerning any organization to which the filing entity 1834
made expenditures for the purpose of a charitable donation under 1835

division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code that exceed 1836
one hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing 1837
period. 1838

(d) A receipted bill for each expenditure reported under 1839
division (C) (5) (b) or (c) of this section. For the purpose of 1840
this division, a canceled check with a notation of the purpose 1841
of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, 1842
amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill. 1843

(D) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 1844
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 1845
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 1846
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 1847
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 1848
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 1849
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 1850
division ~~(H)~~ (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall 1851
be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 1852
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 1853
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 1854
in ink on a printed form. 1855

~~(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of~~ 1856
~~election falsification, shall include with it a list of each~~ 1857
~~anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was~~ 1858
~~received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific~~ 1859
~~donor.~~ 1860

~~(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate~~ 1861
~~who holds public office shall contain a designation of each~~ 1862
~~contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under~~ 1863
~~the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space~~ 1864
~~provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall~~ 1865

~~affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.~~ 1866

~~(4) A campaign committee that did not receive~~ 1867
~~contributions or make expenditures in connection with the~~ 1868
~~nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement~~ 1869
~~to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made~~ 1870
~~under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in~~ 1871
~~division (A) (2) of this section.~~ 1872

~~(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to~~ 1873
~~become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become~~ 1874
~~certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for~~ 1875
~~placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or~~ 1876
~~special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time~~ 1877
~~prior to or after an election, receives contributions of two~~ 1878
~~thousand dollars or more or makes expenditures of two thousand~~ 1879
~~dollars or more, or has given consent for another to receive~~ 1880
~~contributions or make expenditures in that amount, for the~~ 1881
~~purpose of bringing about the person's nomination or election to~~ 1882
~~public office, shall file the statement or statements prescribed~~ 1883
~~by this section and a termination statement, if applicable.~~ 1884
~~Division (C) (5) (D) (2) of this section does not apply to any~~ 1885
~~person with respect to an election to the offices of member of a~~ 1886
~~county or state central committee, presidential elector, or~~ 1887
~~delegate to a national convention or conference of a political~~ 1888
~~party.~~ 1889

~~(6) (a) (3) The statements required to be filed under this~~ 1890
~~section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign~~ 1891
~~committee, political action committee, legislative campaign~~ 1892
~~fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the~~ 1893
~~disposition intended to be made of that balance.~~ 1894

~~(b) (4) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form~~ 1895

for all statements required to be filed under this section and 1896
shall furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the 1897
several counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed 1898
copies of those forms without charge. The secretary of state 1899
shall prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data 1900
file structure for statements required or permitted to be filed 1901
by electronic means of transmission under ~~division (A) of this~~ 1902
section, ~~divisions~~ division (E), ~~(F), and (G)~~ of section 1903
3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of 1904
section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 1905
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1906
Subject to division (A) of this section, ~~divisions~~ division (E), ~~—~~ 1907
~~(F), and (G)~~ of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 1908
3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of 1909
section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 1910
3517.1014 of the Revised Code, the statements required to be 1911
stored on computer by the secretary of state under division (B) 1912
of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in 1913
whatever format the secretary of state considers necessary to 1914
enable the secretary of state to store the information contained 1915
in the statements on computer. Any such format shall be of a 1916
type and nature that is readily available to whoever is required 1917
to file the statements in that format. 1918

~~(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for~~ 1919
~~training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by~~ 1920
~~electronic means of transmission and regarding associated~~ 1921
~~technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political~~ 1922
~~action committees, legislative campaign funds, political~~ 1923
~~parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals,~~ 1924
~~partnerships, or other entities, for persons making~~ 1925
~~disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing~~ 1926

~~electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition- 1927
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic- 1928
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 1929
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 1930
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 1931
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 1932
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 1933
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 1934
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 1935
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 1936
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 1937
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1938
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 1939
appropriate. 1940~~

~~(7) Each monthly statement and each two business day 1941
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 1942
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 1943
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 1944
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 1945~~

~~(D)(E) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 1946
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 1947
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1948
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 1949
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 1950
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 1951
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 1952
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1953
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 1954
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 1955
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1956
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 1957~~

~~statements under section 3517.11 secretary of the Revised Code~~ 1958
~~state.~~ The name of a campaign committee shall include at least 1959
the last name of the campaign committee's candidate. If two or 1960
more candidates are the beneficiaries of a single campaign 1961
committee under division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised 1962
Code, the name of the campaign committee shall include at least 1963
the last name of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that 1964
campaign committee. The secretary of state shall assign a 1965
registration number to each political action committee that 1966
files a designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 1967
~~division if the political action committee is required by~~ 1968
~~division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file~~ 1969
~~the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of~~ 1970
~~state.~~ 1971

(2) The treasurer appointed under division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of 1972
this section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, 1973
from whom received and the purpose for which they were 1974
disbursed. 1975

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 1976
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 1977
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 1978
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 1979
campaign committee. 1980

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 1981
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 1982
separate from all other funds. 1983

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 1984
state candidate fund that is separate from an account that 1985
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 1986
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from 1987

all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit 1988
into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary 1989
contributions that are made to or accepted by the political 1990
party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed 1991
in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county 1992
political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions 1993
received by the party into one or more accounts that are 1994
separate from its state candidate fund and from its account that 1995
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 1996
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 1997

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 1998
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 1999
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 2000
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 2001
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 2002
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 2003
are members of that political party to the house of the general 2004
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 2005
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 2006
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 2007
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 2008
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 2009
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 2010
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 2011

~~(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 2012
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 2013
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 2014
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 2015
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 2016
(4) of this section. 2017~~

~~(5)~~—The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 2018
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 2019
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 2020
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 2021
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 2022
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 2023
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 2024

~~(6)~~—(5) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant 2025
to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of 2026
the following: 2027

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 2028
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 2029
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 2030
of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 2031
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2032
Code; 2033

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 2034
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2035
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2036
disbursement information in the statements described in division 2037
~~(D)~~—~~(6)~~—(E) (5) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall 2038
preserve the contribution and expenditure, contribution and 2039
disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, 2040
or donation and disbursement information in those statements for 2041
at least ten years after the year in which they are filed by 2042
electronic means of transmission. 2043

~~(7)~~—(6) The secretary of state, pursuant to division ~~(I)~~— 2044
(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make 2045
available online to the public through the internet the 2046
contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 2047

deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2048
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, 2049
amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended 2050
statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or 2051
other means of transmission under this section, division (B)(2) 2052
(b) or (C)(2)(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 2053
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the 2054
Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information 2055
from the internet after a reasonable period of time. 2056

~~(E)~~(F)(1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 2057
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 2058
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 2059
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 2060
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 2061
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 2062
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 2063
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 2064
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 2065
division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of this section to the recipient of the 2066
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 2067

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 2068
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 2069
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 2070
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 2071
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 2072
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 2073
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 2074
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 2075
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 2076
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 2077
apply to division ~~(E)~~(F)(2) of this section. 2078

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 2079
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 2080
required under divisions ~~(B)~~(C) (4) (b) ~~(ii)~~ and (iii) and (iv) of 2081
this section, that committee is considered to have met the 2082
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 2083
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 2084
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 2085
written request for the information required under division ~~(B)~~ 2086
(C) (4) (b) ~~(ii)~~-(iii) of this section from the contributor or the 2087
information required under division ~~(B)~~(C) (4) (b) ~~(iii)~~-(iv) of 2088
this section from whoever transmits the contribution. 2089

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 2090
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 2091
name and address of the committee and the registration number 2092
assigned to the committee under division ~~(D)~~(E) (1) of this 2093
section. 2094

~~(F)~~(G) As used in this section: 2095

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(F)~~(G) (1) 2096
of this section, "address" means all of the following if they 2097
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 2098
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 2099
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 2100
post-office box. 2101

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(F)~~(G) (1) of 2102
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 2103
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 2104
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 2105
highway name and number. 2106

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 2107

committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 2108
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 2109
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 2110
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 2111
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2112
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 2113
to that address. 2114

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 2115
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 2116
received under division ~~(B)~~(C) (4) of this section, "address" has 2117
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 2118
committee: 2119

(i) The same meaning as in division ~~(F)~~(G) (1) (a) of this 2120
section; 2121

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 2122
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 2123
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 2124

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 2125
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 2126
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 2127
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 2128
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 2129
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 2130
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 2131
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 2132
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 2133
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 2134
box number. 2135

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 2136

the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 2137
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 2138
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 2139
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 2140
the supreme court. 2141

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 2142
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 2143
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 2144
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 2145
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 2146

~~(G)~~ (H) An independent expenditure shall be reported 2147
whenever and in the same manner that an expenditure is required 2148
to be reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant 2149
to division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 2150
Revised Code. 2151

~~(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of~~ 2152
~~this section, if, during the combined pre election and~~ 2153
~~postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign~~ 2154
~~committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or~~ 2155
~~less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five~~ 2156
~~hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect,~~ 2157
~~under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the~~ 2158
~~statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The~~ 2159
~~statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions~~ 2160
~~received and the total amount of expenditures made during those~~ 2161
~~combined reporting periods.~~ 2162

~~(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary~~ 2163
~~election, if either the total contributions received by or the~~ 2164
~~total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee~~ 2165
~~during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral~~ 2166

~~election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars,~~ 2167
~~the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H)~~ 2168
~~(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first~~ 2169
~~statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the~~ 2170
~~general election shall reflect all contributions received and~~ 2171
~~all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary~~ 2172
~~election periods.~~ 2173

~~(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply~~ 2174
~~if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes~~ 2175
~~expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of~~ 2176
~~the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election~~ 2177
~~to office or if the campaign committee does not file a~~ 2178
~~termination statement with its postprimary election statement in~~ 2179
~~the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with~~ 2180
~~its postgeneral election statement in the case of other~~ 2181
~~candidates.~~ 2182

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 2183
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 2184
business from any funds of the partnership or other 2185
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 2186

(1) The contribution shall be included in the total amount 2187
of contributions received during the applicable filing period, 2188
as reported under division (C) (4) (a) of this section. 2189

(2) If the contribution must be reported under division 2190
(C) (4) (b), (c), or (d) of this section, the recipient of the 2191
contribution shall report the contribution by listing both the 2192
partnership or other unincorporated business and the name of the 2193
partner, owner, or member making the contribution. 2194

~~(2)-(3) In reporting the contribution under division (C)~~ 2195

(4) (b), (c), or (d) of this section, the recipient of the 2196
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 2197
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 2198
business, provided that the information includes one of the 2199
following: 2200

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 2201
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 2202
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 2203
the partners, owners, or members; or 2204

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 2205
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 2206
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 2207
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 2208
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 2209
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 2210
the contribution. 2211

~~(3)~~(4) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised 2212
Code, the contribution shall be considered to have been made by 2213
the partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) ~~(1)~~(2) 2214
of this section. 2215

~~(4)~~(5) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or 2216
an owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 2217
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 2218
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 2219
contribution under division (I) (1) and (2) of this section 2220
together with the information provided under division (I) ~~(2)~~(3) 2221
of this section. 2222

~~(5)~~(6) No partnership or other unincorporated business 2223
shall make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of 2224

the partnership or other unincorporated business. 2225

~~(6)~~ (7) As used in division (I) of this section, 2226
"partnership or other unincorporated business" includes, but is 2227
not limited to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general 2228
partnership, a limited partnership, a limited partnership 2229
association, a limited liability partnership, and a limited 2230
liability company. 2231

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 2232
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 2233
candidate or holds office. 2234

~~(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 2235
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 2236
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 2237
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 2238
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 2239
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 2240
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 2241
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 2242
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 2243
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 2244
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 2245
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 2246
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 2247
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 2248
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 2249~~

~~The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 2250
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 2251
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 2252
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 2253
be a write-in candidate. 2254~~

~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file the statements required by division (A) of this section.~~ 2255
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~~(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the limitations described in that division during an election period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee is required to file under division (A) of this section after the committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all contributions received and expenditures made from the time the candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.~~ 2259
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~~(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate through the day of the election at which the person seeks nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of the election at which the candidate seeks office.~~ 2272
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~~(L) A political contributing entity that receives contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions received from those contributors and the number of individuals~~ 2280
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making those contributions, for each filing period under 2285
~~divisions~~ division (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, 2286
rather than reporting information as required under ~~division (B)~~ 2287
divisions (C) (4) (b), (c), and (d) of this section, including, 2288
when applicable, the name of the current employer, if any, of a 2289
contributor whose contribution exceeds one hundred dollars or, 2290
if such a contributor is self-employed, the contributor's 2291
occupation and the name of the contributor's business, if any. 2292
~~Division (B)~~ Divisions (C) (4) (b), (c), and (d) of this section 2293
~~applies~~ apply to a political contributing entity with regard to 2294
contributions it receives from all other contributors. 2295

Sec. 3517.101. (A) As used in this section: 2296

(1) "Gift" means a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or 2297
deposit of money or anything of value, given to an entity 2298
described in division (C) of this section, that is specifically 2299
designated and used to defray any cost incurred on or after ~~the~~ 2300
~~effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2013, for any of 2301
the following purposes, and that is not used solely for the 2302
purpose of directly influencing the election of any individual 2303
candidate in any particular election for any office: 2304

(a) The construction, renovation, purchase, or lease of an 2305
office facility and any real property taxes associated with the 2306
facility; 2307

(b) Furniture and fixtures to be installed in an office 2308
facility; 2309

(c) Equipment and supplies to be used in an office 2310
facility, including telecommunications and computer hardware and 2311
software; 2312

(d) The operating costs, maintenance, and repair of an 2313

office facility, other than personnel costs. 2314

(2) "Address" has the meaning given in division ~~(F)~~ (G) of 2315
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2316

(3) "Person" means an individual, partnership, 2317
unincorporated business organization or association, political 2318
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 2319
segregated fund, association, labor organization, corporation, 2320
or other organization or group of persons, other than a public 2321
utility as defined in section 4905.02 of the Revised Code. 2322

(4) "Political party" means only a major political party. 2323

(B) Any person may make a gift to an entity described in 2324
division (C) of this section if the gift is specifically 2325
designated and used to defray any cost incurred on or after ~~the~~ 2326
~~effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2013, for the 2327
purposes described in division (A)(1) of this section. A gift of 2328
money shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per calendar year, 2329
as adjusted under section 3517.104 of the Revised Code. Such 2330
gift shall not be considered a contribution or expenditure 2331
prohibited by any section of the Revised Code. 2332

(C) Any of the following entities may receive a gift under 2333
this section: 2334

(1) A state political party; 2335

(2) A county political party; 2336

(3) A legislative campaign fund. 2337

(D)(1) Each entity that receives a gift pursuant to this 2338
section shall file on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2339
state, a full, true, and itemized statement describing the gift 2340
received and how it was disbursed. The statement shall be made 2341

under penalty of election falsification and shall be filed not 2342
later than four p.m. of the last day of January of every year to 2343
reflect gifts received and disbursed during the immediately 2344
preceding calendar year. 2345

(2) Each statement required under division (D)(1) of this 2346
section shall contain all of the following information: 2347

(a) The full name and address of the entity filing the 2348
statement, including its treasurer; 2349

(b) A description of each gift received, which shall 2350
include: 2351

(i) The month, day, and year on which the gift was 2352
received; 2353

(ii) The full name and address of each person from whom or 2354
from which the gift was received; 2355

(iii) The nature of the gift, if other than money; 2356

(iv) The value of the gift in dollars and cents. 2357

Each gift received shall be itemized separately regardless 2358
of its amount or value. 2359

(c) An itemization of how each gift was disbursed; 2360

(d) The total value of gifts received and gifts disbursed 2361
during each reporting period; 2362

(e) The total costs incurred for the purposes for which a 2363
gift is used. 2364

(E)(1) All monetary gifts and all income from the lease or 2365
rental of an office facility for which a gift is used shall be 2366
deposited in an account separate from other funds and maintained 2367
in that separate account. Moneys in the account shall be used 2368

only for the purposes described in division (A) (1) of this section. 2369
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(2) When an entity described in division (C) of this section sells an office facility that was constructed, renovated, or purchased in whole or in part from monetary gifts or sells furniture, fixtures, equipment, or supplies that were purchased in whole or in part from monetary gifts, the entity shall deposit in the account under division (E) (1) of this section an amount that is the same percentage of the total proceeds of the sale as the monetary gifts were of the total cost of those goods or services. Proceeds deposited in the account shall be used only for the purposes described in division (A) (1) of this section. 2371
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(F) A state political party or a legislative campaign fund shall file a statement required under this section with the secretary of state and a county political party shall file a statement required under this section with the board of elections of the county in which the party is located. 2382
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(G) (1) No entity shall fail to file a statement required to be filed under this section. 2387
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(2) No entity shall knowingly fail to report, or shall knowingly misrepresent, a gift required to be reported on a statement required to be filed under this section. 2389
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(H) No entity shall expend or use a gift for a purpose other than the purposes described in division (A) (1) of this section. 2392
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(I) Prior to receiving any gift under this section, every entity shall appoint a treasurer and file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a designation of the appointment, 2395
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including the full name and address of the entity. The 2398
designation shall be filed with the official with whom the 2399
entity is required to file statements under division (E) of this 2400
section. The treasurer shall keep a strict account of all gifts 2401
required to be reported under this section. The secretary of 2402
state or board of elections, as the case may be, shall, if 2403
requested, issue a receipt for each statement filed under this 2404
section and preserve a record of the filing for at least six 2405
years. All such statements shall be open to public inspection in 2406
the office where they are filed, and shall be carefully 2407
preserved for a period of at least six years after the year in 2408
which they are filed. 2409

Sec. 3517.102. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 2410
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 2411
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 2412

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 2413
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 2414
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2415
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2416
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 2417
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 2418

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 2419
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2420
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 2421
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 2422
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 2423
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 2424

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 2425
state senator. 2426

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of state representative.	2427 2428
(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code and ends on the day of the primary election.	2429 2430 2431 2432
(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on the thirty-first day of December following that general election.	2433 2434 2435 2436 2437 2438
(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund established by a state or county political party under division (D) <u>(E)</u> (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2439 2440 2441
(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement filed under division (A) (2) <u>(3)</u> of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even-numbered year.	2442 2443 2444 2445 2446 2447
(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2448 2449 2450
(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means:	2451 2452
(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or	2453 2454 2455

member of the general assembly. 2456

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 2457
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 2458
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 2459
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 2460
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 2461

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 2462
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 2463
following: 2464

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 2465
member of the same party that established the legislative 2466
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 2467
campaign fund is associated; 2468

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 2469
member of the same party that established the legislative 2470
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 2471
campaign fund is associated. 2472

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 2473
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 2474
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 2475
division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 2476
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 2477
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 2478
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 2479
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 2480
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 2481

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 2482
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 2483
than: 2484

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	2485 2486 2487
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	2488 2489 2490
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	2491 2492 2493
(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	2494 2495 2496 2497
(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;	2498 2499
(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	2500 2501
(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	2502 2503
(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	2504 2505
(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.	2506 2507 2508 2509
(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.	2510 2511

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:

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

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

(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 action committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political action committee that makes a contribution to a political action committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political action committee is affiliated with another political action committee or with a political contributing entity 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 action committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund.

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

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

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

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

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.

(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.

(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.

(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:	2569
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	2570 2571
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	2572 2573
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	2574 2575
(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:	2576 2577 2578
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county.	2579 2580
(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the population of that county at the time the contribution is made.	2581 2582 2583
(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party shall make a contribution or contributions, except a contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign committee, in a primary election period or a general election period, aggregating more than:	2584 2585 2586 2587 2588
(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate;	2589 2590
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;	2591 2592
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.	2593 2594
(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county	2595

political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 2596
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 2597
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 2598
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 2599

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 2600
committee of any one statewide candidate; 2601

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 2602
committee of any one senate candidate; 2603

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 2604
any one house candidate. 2605

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 2606
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 2607
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 2608
more than: 2609

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 2610
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 2611
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 2612

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 2613
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 2614
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 2615

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 2616
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 2617
does not include any in-kind contributions. 2618

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 2619
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 2620
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 2621
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 2622
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 2623

exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 2624
any primary election period or general election period. As used 2625
in this division, "other accounts" does not include an account 2626
that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 2627
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 2628

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 2629
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 2630
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 2631

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2632
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 2633
contributions aggregating more than: 2634

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2635
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 2636
general election period; 2637

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2638
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 2639
general election period; 2640

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 2641
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 2642
general election period; 2643

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 2644
campaign fund in a calendar year; 2645

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 2646
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 2647

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political 2648
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a 2649
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political 2650
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political 2651

contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated 2652
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing 2653
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity 2654
or with a political action committee if they are both 2655
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they 2656
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 2657
continuing association, or other person, including any parent, 2658
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 2659
organization, labor organization, continuing association, or 2660
other person. 2661

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a 2662
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 2663
the party's state candidate fund. 2664

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2665
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the 2666
following: 2667

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2668
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2669

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2670
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2671
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2672
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 2673
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2674
in a general election period; 2675

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2676
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 2677
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 2678
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 2679

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2680

accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2681
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2682
a general election period from a county political party that has 2683
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2684
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2685

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 2686
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 2687
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 2688
following: 2689

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2690
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2691

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2692
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2693
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2694
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 2695
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 2696
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2697
in a general election period. 2698

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 2699
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2700
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2701
a general election period from a county political party that has 2702
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2703
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2704

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 2705
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 2706
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 2707

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2708
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2709

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2710
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2711
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2712
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 2713
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 2714
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2715
in a general election period. 2716

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 2717
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2718
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2719
a general election period from a county political party that has 2720
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2721
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2722

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 2723
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 2724
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 2725
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 2726
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 2727
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 2728
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 2729
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 2730
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 2731

(ii) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no county 2732
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 2733
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 2734
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 2735
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 2736
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 2737
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 2738
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 2739

represents all or part of the population of that county at the 2740
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 2741
committee or any political contributing entity. 2742

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 2743
contribution or contributions from any other county political 2744
party. 2745

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no state 2746
political party shall do either of the following: 2747

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2748
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2749

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 2750
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 2751
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 2752
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 2753
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 2754
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 2755
a calendar year. 2756

(5) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2757
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 2758

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2759
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2760

(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2761
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who 2762
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2763
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 2764
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state 2765
campaign committee, in a calendar year. 2766

(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept 2767

a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 2768
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a 2769
primary election period or a general election period more than: 2770

(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 2771
campaign committee of a statewide candidate; 2772

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 2773
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 2774

(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 2775
committee of a house candidate. 2776

(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a 2777
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 2778
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than: 2779

(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 2780
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in 2781
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 2782

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 2783
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, 2784
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 2785

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2786
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 2787
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 2788
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 2789
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 2790
primary election period or a general election period more than: 2791

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 2792
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 2793

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 2794
committee of a house candidate. 2795

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no political action committee and no political contributing entity shall do either 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 more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or from any one political party in a calendar year.

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from another political action committee or from a political contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or from a political action committee in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political action committee or political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a political action committee or political contributing entity affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political action committee is affiliated with another political action committee or with a political contributing entity if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by 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.

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in

division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 2826
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 2827
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 2828
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 2829
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 2830
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 2831
continuing association, or other person, including any parent, 2832
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 2833
organization, labor organization, continuing association, or 2834
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 2835
from a single political action committee. 2836

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 2837
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 2838
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 2839
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 2840
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 2841
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 2842
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 2843
organization, continuing association, or other person, including 2844
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 2845
corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing 2846
association, or other person, are considered to have been made 2847
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 2848

(2) (a) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) 2849
(4) (a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 2850
does not include a political action committee that ~~is organized~~ 2851
~~to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes~~ 2852
~~no contributions to or makes only the following types of~~ 2853
contributions or expenditures: 2854

(i) Independent expenditures on behalf of a political 2855

~~party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ;~~ 2856

(ii) Contributions to political action ~~committee,~~ 2857
committees or political contributing ~~entity~~ entities that make 2858
only independent expenditures. 2859

(b) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) 2860
(4) (a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political contributing 2861
entity" does not include a political contributing entity that ~~is~~ 2862
organized to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and 2863
that makes no contributions to or makes only the following types 2864
of contributions or expenditures: 2865

(i) Independent expenditures ~~on behalf of a political~~ 2866
~~party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ;~~ 2867

(ii) Contributions to political action ~~committee,~~ 2868
committees or political contributing ~~entity~~ entities that make 2869
only independent expenditures. 2870

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 2871
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 2872
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 2873
national political party, a state political party, and a county 2874
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 2875
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 2876
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 2877

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 2878
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 2879
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 2880
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 2881
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 2882
fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 2883

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 2884

amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 2885
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 2886
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 2887
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2888
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 2889
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 2890
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 2891
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 2892
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 2893
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 2894
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 2895
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 2896
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 2897
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 2898
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 2899
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2900
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 2901
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 2902
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2903
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 2904
of state considers necessary. 2905

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 2906
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 2907
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 2908
any of the following: 2909

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 2910
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 2911
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 2912
3517.152 of the Revised Code; 2913

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 2914

contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 2915
all or part of their contributions; 2916

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 2917
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 2918
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 2919

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 2920
statement required by division (E) of this section. 2921

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 2922
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 2923
section. 2924

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 2925
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 2926
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 2927

Sec. 3517.104. (A) (1) (a) In January of each odd-numbered 2928
year, the secretary of state, in accordance with this division 2929
and division (B) of this section, shall adjust each amount 2930
specified in section 3517.102, in division ~~(B) (C) (4) (e)~~ (b) (iv) 2931
of section 3517.10, and in division (B) of section 3517.101 of 2932
the Revised Code. The adjustment shall be based on the yearly 2933
average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index 2934
for All Urban Consumers or its successive equivalent, as 2935
determined by the United States department of labor, bureau of 2936
labor statistics, or its successor in responsibility, for all 2937
items, Series A. Using the 1996 yearly average as the base year, 2938
the secretary of state shall compare the most current average 2939
consumer price index with that determined in the preceding odd- 2940
numbered year, and shall determine the percentage increase or 2941
decrease. The percentage increase or decrease shall be 2942
multiplied by the applicable actual dollar figure ~~for each~~ 2943

~~office or entity specified in the applicable section 3517.102 of~~ 2944
~~the Revised Code and by each actual dollar figure specified in~~ 2945
~~division (B) (4) (e) of section 3517.10 and in division (B) of~~ 2946
~~section 3517.101 of the Revised Code as determined in the~~ 2947
previous odd-numbered year, and the product shall be added to or 2948
subtracted from its corresponding actual dollar figure, as 2949
necessary, for that previous odd-numbered year. 2950

(b) The secretary of state shall adjust the amounts 2951
specified in divisions (B) (10), (C) (4) (b), (C) (4) (c), (C) (4) (d), 2952
(C) (4) (e), (C) (5), and (D) (2) of section 3517.10, divisions (B) 2953
(2) (b) (ii) and (C) (2) (b) (ii) of section 3517.105, and division 2954
(C) of section 3517.12 of the Revised Code in accordance with 2955
division (A) (1) (a) of this section, except that the secretary of 2956
state shall use the 2016 yearly average of the Consumer Price 2957
Index for All Urban Consumers for all items, Series A, as the 2958
base year. 2959

(2) The resulting amount determined under division (A) (1) 2960
(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable, shall be rounded to 2961
the nearest ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred dollars if the calculations 2962
are made regarding the amounts specified in division (B) (4) (e) 2963
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2964

~~If the calculations are made regarding the amounts~~ 2965
~~specified in section 3517.101 or 3517.102 of the Revised Code,~~ 2966
~~the resulting amount shall not be rounded. If that resulting~~ 2967
~~amount is less than one hundred dollars, the secretary of state~~ 2968
~~shall retain a record of the resulting amount and the manner in~~ 2969
~~which it was calculated, but shall not make an adjustment unless~~ 2970
~~the resulting amount, when added to the resulting amount~~ 2971
~~calculated in each prior odd-numbered year since the last~~ 2972
~~adjustment was made, equals or exceeds one hundred dollars.~~ 2973

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall calculate the 2974
adjustment under division (A) of this section and shall report 2975
the calculations and necessary materials to the auditor of 2976
state, on or before the thirty-first day of January of each odd- 2977
numbered year. The secretary of state shall base the adjustment 2978
on the most current consumer price index that is described in 2979
division (A) of this section and that is in effect as of the 2980
first day of January of each odd-numbered year. 2981

(2) The calculations made by the secretary of state under 2982
divisions (A) and (B) (1) of this section shall be certified by 2983
the auditor of state on or before the fifteenth day of February 2984
of each odd-numbered year. 2985

(3) On or before the twenty-fifth day of February of each 2986
odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall prepare a report 2987
setting forth the ~~maximum contribution limitations under section~~ 2988
~~3517.102 of the Revised Code, the maximum amounts, if any, of~~ 2989
~~contributions permitted to be kept under that section, the~~ 2990
~~amounts required under division (B) (4) (c) of section 3517.10 of~~ 2991
~~the Revised Code for reporting contributions and in-kind~~ 2992
~~contributions at social or fund raising activities and~~ 2993
~~contributions from amounts deducted from an employee's wages and~~ 2994
~~salary, and the maximum office facility gift limitations under~~ 2995
~~section 3517.101 of the Revised Code,~~ as calculated and 2996
certified pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) (1) and (2) of this 2997
section. The report and all documents relating to the 2998
calculations contained in the report are public records. The 2999
report shall contain an indication of the period in which the 3000
limitations, the maximum contribution or gift amounts, and the 3001
reporting amounts apply, a summary of how the limitations, the 3002
maximum contribution or gift amounts, and the reporting amounts 3003
were calculated, and a statement that the report and all related 3004

documents are available for inspection and copying at the office 3005
of the secretary of state. 3006

(4) On or before the twenty-fifth day of February of each 3007
odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall transmit the 3008
report to the general assembly and shall send the report by mail 3009
to the board of elections of each county. 3010

(5) The secretary of state shall send the report by mail 3011
to each person who files a declaration of candidacy or 3012
nominating petition with the secretary of state for the office 3013
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3014
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 3015
board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or 3016
justice of the supreme court. The report shall be mailed on or 3017
before the tenth day after the filing. 3018

(6) A board of elections shall send the report by mail to 3019
each person who files a declaration of candidacy or nominating 3020
petition with the board for the office of state representative 3021
or state senator. The report shall be mailed on or before the 3022
tenth day after the filing. 3023

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 3024
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 3025
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 3026
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 3027
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 3028

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 3029
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 3030
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 3031
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 3032
political contributing entity if the person is employed by or 3033

makes one or more contributions to, or pays dues, membership 3034
fees, or other assessments to, that political contributing 3035
entity. 3036

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 3037
political action committee or political contributing entity with 3038
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 3039
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 3040
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 3041
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 3042
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 3043
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 3044
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 3045
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 3046
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 3047
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 3048
for or against an identified candidate through public political 3049
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 3050
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 3051
following: 3052

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 3053
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 3054
candidate's campaign committee; 3055

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 3056
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3057
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 3058
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 3059
of the Revised Code. 3060

(2) (a) ~~Whenever~~ Except as otherwise provided in division 3061
(B) (10) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, any campaign 3062
committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 3063

committee, political contributing entity, or political party 3064
makes an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to 3065
any candidate, the committee, entity, fund, or party shall 3066
report the independent expenditure and identify the candidate on 3067
a statement prescribed by the secretary of state and filed by 3068
the committee, entity, fund, or party as part of its statement 3069
of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of 3070
section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the 3071
Revised Code. 3072

(b) ~~Whenever~~ (i) Except as otherwise provided in division 3073
(B) (2) (b) (ii) of this section, whenever any individual, 3074
partnership, or other entity, except a ~~corporation, labor~~ 3075
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 3076
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3077
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures in 3078
support of or opposition to any candidate, the individual, 3079
partnership, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 3080
state ~~in the case of a statewide candidate, or with the board of~~ 3081
~~elections in the county in which the candidate files the~~ 3082
~~candidate's petitions for nomination or election for district or~~ 3083
~~local office, not later than the dates specified in divisions~~ 3084
division (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the 3085
Revised Code, ~~and, except as otherwise provided in that section,~~ 3086
a statement itemizing concerning all independent expenditures 3087
made during the period since the close of business on the last 3088
day reflected in the last previously filed such statement, if 3089
any. The statement shall include all of the information 3090
described in divisions (C) (5) (a) and (b) of that section, the 3091
receipted bills described in division (C) (5) (d) of that section, 3092
and each candidate on whose behalf the independent expenditures 3093
were made. The statement shall be made on a form prescribed by 3094

the secretary of state or shall be filed by electronic means of 3095
transmission pursuant to division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 3517.106 of 3096
the Revised Code as authorized or required by that division. The 3097
statement shall ~~indicate the date and the amount of each~~ 3098
~~independent expenditure and the candidate on whose behalf it was~~ 3099
~~made and shall be made under penalty of election falsification.~~ 3100

(ii) An individual, partnership, or other entity described 3101
in division (B) (2) (b) (i) of this section is not required to file 3102
a statement under that division if the entity made independent 3103
expenditures totaling less than two thousand dollars since the 3104
last date reflected in its last previously filed statement. 3105

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 3106
campaign committee, political action committee or political 3107
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 3108
campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, or whenever a 3109
political action committee or political contributing entity with 3110
fewer than ten members makes an independent expenditure in 3111
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 3112
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 3113
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 3114
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 3115
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 3116
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 3117
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 3118
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 3119
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 3120
both of the following: 3121

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 3122
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 3123
issue committee; 3124

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor-~~ 3125
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or-~~ 3126
~~political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 3127
that has paid for the communication or public political 3128
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 3129
Code. 3130

(2) (a) ~~Whenever (i) Except as otherwise provided in~~ 3131
~~division (B) (10) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code,~~ 3132
~~whenever any corporation, labor organization, campaign~~ 3133
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, ~~or-~~ 3134
~~political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 3135
makes an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to 3136
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor-~~ 3137
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in-~~ 3138
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised-~~ 3139
~~Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 3140
political party, ~~or~~ political contributing entity 3141
contributing entity shall report the independent expenditure and 3142
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 3143
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 3144
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 3145
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 3146
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 3147

(b) ~~Whenever (i) Except as otherwise provided in division~~ 3148
~~(C) (2) (b) (ii) of this section, whenever any individual,~~ 3149
partnership, or other entity, except a ~~corporation, labor-~~ 3150
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 3151
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3152
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures in 3153
excess of one hundred dollars in support of or opposition to any 3154
ballot issue or question, the individual, partnership, or other 3155

entity shall file with the secretary of state ~~in the case of a~~ 3156
~~statewide ballot issue or question, or with the board of~~ 3157
~~elections in the county that certifies the issue or question for~~ 3158
~~placement on the ballot in the case of a district or local issue~~ 3159
~~or question, not later than the dates specified in divisions~~ 3160
~~division (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the~~ 3161
~~Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided in that section,~~ 3162
a statement ~~itemizing~~ concerning all independent expenditures 3163
made during the period since the close of business on the last 3164
day reflected in the last previously filed such statement, if 3165
any. The statement shall include all of the information 3166
described in divisions (C) (5) (a) and (b) of that section, the 3167
receipted bills described in division (C) (5) (d) of that section, 3168
and each ballot issue or question in support of or opposition to 3169
which the independent expenditures were made. The statement 3170
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 3171
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 3172
division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 3173
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 3174
~~indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure~~ 3175
~~and the ballot issue or question in support of or opposition to~~ 3176
~~which it was made and shall be made under penalty of election~~ 3177
falsification. 3178

(ii) An individual, partnership, or other entity described 3179
in division (C) (2) (b) (i) of this section is not required to file 3180
a statement under that division if the entity made independent 3181
expenditures totaling less than two thousand dollars since the 3182
last date reflected in its last previously filed statement. 3183

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 3184
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 3185
~~organization~~ political contributing entity, or other 3186

organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 3187
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 3188
support of or opposition to any candidate or any ballot issue or 3189
question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign 3190
committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 3191
committee, ~~corporation, labor organization~~ political 3192
contributing entity, or other organization or association does 3193
not actually exist or operate, if the ~~corporation, labor-~~ 3194
~~organization, or other~~ organization or association has failed to 3195
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 3196
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 3197
committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action 3198
committee, or political contributing entity has failed to file a 3199
designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required 3200
to do so by division ~~(D)~~ (E) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 3201
Code. 3202

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 3203
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 3204
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 3205
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 3206
section. 3207

Sec. 3517.106. (A) As used in this section: 3208

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 3209
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3210
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 3211
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 3212

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 3213
other correction to that statement. 3214

(B) ~~(1)~~ The secretary of state shall store all of the 3215

following information on computer~~the~~; 3216

(1) The information contained in statements of 3217
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 3218
to be filed with the secretary of state under section 3517.10 of 3219
the Revised Code and in statements of independent expenditures 3220
required to be filed with the secretary of state under section 3221
3517.105 of the Revised Code ~~by any of the following:~~ 3222

(a) ~~The campaign committees of candidates for statewide~~ 3223
~~office;~~ 3224

(b) ~~The political action committees and political~~ 3225
~~contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section~~ 3226
~~3517.11 of the Revised Code;~~ 3227

(c) ~~Legislative campaign funds;~~ 3228

(d) ~~State political parties;~~ 3229

(e) ~~Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 3230
~~organizations, or other entities that make independent~~ 3231
~~expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide~~ 3232
~~candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question;~~ 3233

(f) ~~The campaign committees of candidates for the office~~ 3234
~~of member of the general assembly;~~ 3235

(g) ~~County political parties, with respect to their state~~ 3236
~~candidate funds.~~ 3237

(2) ~~The secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 3238
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 3239
communications statements required to be filed under section 3240
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3241

(3) ~~The secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 3242

information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 3243
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 3244
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code-; 3245

(4) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 3246
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 3247
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 3248
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code-; 3249

(5) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 3250
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 3251
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 3252
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 3253

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 3254
campaign committees, political action committees, political 3255
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 3256
parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor 3257
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other 3258
~~entities described in division (B) of this section that are~~ 3259
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 3260
transmission, and to members of the news media and other 3261
interested persons, for a reasonable fee, computer programs that 3262
are compatible with the secretary of state's method of storing 3263
the information contained in the statements. 3264

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 3265
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 3266
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 3267
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 3268
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 3269
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 3270
expressed in division (D) of this section. 3271

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 3272
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 3273
least six years. 3274

(E) (1) Subject to division ~~(I)~~ (J) of this section and 3275
subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, 3276
and verified the successful operation of any system the 3277
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of 3278
this section and divisions ~~(C)~~ (D) (6) (b) and ~~(D)~~ (E) (6) of section 3279
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 3280
statements by electronic means of transmission, ~~the~~ each of the 3281
following entities shall be permitted or required to file 3282
statements by electronic means of transmission, as applicable: 3283

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 3284
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 3285
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 3286
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 3287
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 3288
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 3289
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 3290
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 3291
transmission. 3292

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3293
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 3294
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 3295
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 3296
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 3297
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 3298
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 3299
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 3300
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 3301

section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 3302
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 3303
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 3304

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 3305
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 3306
general assembly, the office of member of the state board of 3307
education, or the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 3308
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 3309
Code by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 3310
secretary of state. 3311

(d) A legislative campaign fund or a state political party 3312
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 3313
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 3314
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 3315
of the expenditures made by the legislative campaign fund or 3316
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 3317
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 3318
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 3319
electronic means of transmission. 3320

(e) A county political party shall file all statements 3321
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 3322
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 3323

(f) A political action committee or political contributing 3324
entity that does any of the following may file the statements 3325
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 3326
means of transmission or, if the total amount of the 3327
contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures 3328
made by the political action committee or political contributing 3329
entity for the applicable reporting period as specified in 3330
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten 3331

thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic 3332
means of transmission; 3333

(i) Makes a contribution to the campaign committee of a 3334
candidate for statewide office, member of the state board of 3335
education, or member of the general assembly, to a state or 3336
national political party, or to a legislative campaign fund; 3337

(ii) Receives contributions or makes expenditures in 3338
connection with a statewide ballot issue; 3339

(iii) Makes contributions to another political action 3340
committee or political contributing entity described in division 3341
(E) (1) (f) of this section. 3342

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 3343
entity that does only the following shall file the statements 3344
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 3345
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state: 3346

(i) Contributes to a county political party or to a 3347
campaign committee of a candidate whose nomination or election 3348
is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 3349
subdivision, or district, excluding a candidate for member of 3350
the general assembly; 3351

(ii) Receives contributions or makes expenditures in 3352
connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted only 3353
to electors within a county, subdivision, or district. 3354

(h) An individual, partnership, or other entity that makes 3355
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 3356
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 3357
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 3358
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 3359
division by electronic means of transmission or, if the total 3360

amount of independent expenditures made during the reporting 3361
period under that division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall 3362
file the statement specified in that division by electronic 3363
means of transmission. 3364

(i) An individual, partnership, or other entity that makes 3365
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 3366
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 3367
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 3368
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code shall file the 3369
statement specified in that division by electronic means of 3370
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 3371

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this division~~ (E) 3372
(2) (b) of this section, within five business days after a 3373
statement filed ~~by a campaign committee of a candidate for~~ 3374
~~statewide office under division (E) (1) of this section~~ is 3375
received by the secretary of state by electronic or other means 3376
of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available 3377
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 3378
division ~~(F)~~ (G) of this section, the contribution and 3379
expenditure information in that statement. ~~The~~ 3380

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 3381
to the public through the internet any contribution or 3382
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 3383
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 3384
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 3385
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 3386
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 3387
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 3388
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 3389
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 3390

office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 3391
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 3392
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 3393
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 3394
office. 3395

(3) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 3396
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 3397
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 3398
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 3399
Code, the ~~campaign committee entity that filed the statement~~ 3400
shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to 3401
the statement that provides the information necessary to 3402
complete or correct the statement or, if required by the 3403
secretary of state under that division, an amended statement. 3404

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 3405
receives ~~from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide-~~ 3406
~~office~~ an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 3407
electronic or other means of transmission ~~under this division or~~ 3408
~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code,~~ the 3409
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 3410
information in the addendum or amended statement available 3411
online to the public through the internet as provided in 3412
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section. 3413

~~(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 3414
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 3415
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of~~ 3416
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section~~ 3417
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance~~ 3418
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, a political-~~ 3419
~~action committee and a political contributing entity described~~ 3420

~~in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign fund, and a state political party may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the total amount of the contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures made by the political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of transmission.~~

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

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

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a political action committee or a political contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic or other means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 3451
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~~(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a county political party shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 3462
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~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a county political party with respect to its state candidate fund is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in that statement.~~ 3472
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~~If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of the statement for completeness and~~ 3479
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~~accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement that provides the information necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that division, an amended statement.~~ 3481-3486

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a county political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 3487-3495

~~(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the contributions received by the campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten~~ 3496-3511

~~thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic 3512
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 3513~~

~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 3514
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 3515
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 3516
a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 3517
court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by 3518
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 3519
state shall make available online to the public through the 3520
internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the 3521
contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The 3522
secretary of state shall not make available online to the public 3523
through the internet any contribution or expenditure information 3524
contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary 3525
of state is able to make available online to the public through 3526
the internet the contribution and expenditure information for 3527
all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable 3528
filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is 3529
sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of 3530
the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates 3531
for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing 3532
deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the 3533
secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to 3534
the public through the internet the information for all 3535
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~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 3537
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 3538
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 3539
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 3540
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the 3541
office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement 3542~~

~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under
that division, an amended statement.~~ 3543
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~~Within five business days after the secretary of state
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an
addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic
or other means of transmission under this division or division
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary
of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information
in the addendum or amended statement available online to the
public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this
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~~(2)-(4) If a campaign committee for the office of member
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for the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement,
addendum, or amended statement is not filed by electronic means
of transmission to the office of the secretary of state but is
filed by printed version only under division (A) (2) of section
3517.11 of the Revised Code with the appropriate board of
elections, the campaign committee of a candidate for the office
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall
file two copies of the printed version of the statement,
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the
statement, addendum, or amended statement.~~ 3557
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~~(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that division by electronic means of transmission or, if the total amount of independent expenditures made during the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by electronic means of transmission.~~

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

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

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

~~(H)~~ (F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more techniques by which a person who executes and transmits by electronic means a statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic signature that satisfies all of the following:

(a) It is unique to the signer.

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 3633

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 3634
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 3635
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 3636

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 3637
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 3638
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 3639
electronic signature is invalidated. 3640

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 3641
state under division ~~(H)~~(F)(1) of this section shall be attached 3642
to or associated with the statement of contributions and 3643
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 3644
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 3645
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 3646
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 3647
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 3648
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 3649
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 3650
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 3651
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 3652
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 3653
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 3654
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 3655
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 3656
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 3657
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 3658
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 3659
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 3660

~~(I)~~(G) The secretary of state shall make the contribution 3661
and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit 3662

and disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and 3663
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the 3664
statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the 3665
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission 3666
under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3667
3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code 3668
available online to the public by any means that are searchable, 3669
viewable, and accessible through the internet. 3670

~~(J)~~(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a 3671
library that is open to the public and that is one of the 3672
following: 3673

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 3674
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 3675

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 3676
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 3677

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 3678
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 3679
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3680
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3681
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 3682
to be made available online to the public through the internet 3683
pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(G) of this section may be accessed. 3684

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 3685
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 3686
location as required by this division, the library shall include 3687
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 3688
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 3689
public. 3690

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 3691

the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 3692
transmission pursuant to division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of this section and 3693
divisions ~~(C)~~(D) (6) (b) and ~~(D)~~(E) (6) of section 3517.10 of the 3694
Revised Code includes filing those statements through the 3695
internet via the world wide web, the secretary of state shall 3696
notify all libraries of the world wide web location at which 3697
those statements may be filed. 3698

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 3699
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 3700
library of that world wide web location as required by this 3701
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 3702
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 3703
that is accessible to the public. 3704

~~(K)~~(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or 3705
charge brought against any campaign committee, political action 3706
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 3707
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 3708
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 3709
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 3710
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 3711
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 3712
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3713
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 3714
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 3715
political action committee, political contributing entity, 3716
legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 3717
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 3718
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3719
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 3720
failed to so file: 3721

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3722
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3723
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3724
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3725
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3726
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 3727
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 3728
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 3729

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3730
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3731
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3732
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3733
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3734
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 3735
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 3736
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 3737
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 3738
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 3739

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3740
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3741
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3742
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3743
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3744
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 3745
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 3746
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 3747
described in division ~~(K)~~(I)(2) of this section. 3748

~~(H)~~(J)(1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules 3749
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a 3750
campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office that 3751

makes expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars 3752
during the filing period or a campaign committee for the office 3753
of member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a 3754
court of appeals that would otherwise be required to file 3755
campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission 3756
under division (E) ~~or (F)~~ of this section to file those 3757
statements by paper with the office of the secretary of state. 3758
Those rules shall provide for all of the following: 3759

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 3760
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 3761
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 3762
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 3763
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 3764
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 3765
statement. 3766

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 3767
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 3768
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 3769
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 3770
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 3771
to an electronic format as required under division ~~(I)~~ (G) of 3772
this section. 3773

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 3774
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 3775
division ~~(L)~~ (J) of this section to be made available online to 3776
the public through the internet in the same manner, and at the 3777
same times, as information is made available under divisions 3778
(E), ~~(F)~~, and ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section for candidates whose 3779
campaign committees file those statements by electronic means of 3780
transmission. 3781

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 3782
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 3783
division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section shall file a notice indicating 3784
that the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 3785
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 3786
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 3787
for the eligible campaign committee. 3788

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 3789
finance statement on paper pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J) of this 3790
section shall review the contribution and information made 3791
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 3792
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 3793
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 3794
available on that web site. 3795

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 3796
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 3797
~~(I)~~(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 3798
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 3799
rules adopted under division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) (a) of this section, 3800
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 3801
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 3802
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 3803
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 3804
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 3805

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 3806
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 3807
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 3808
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 3809
to be developed under division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) of this section shall 3810
be in effect and available for use by eligible campaign 3811

committees for all campaign finance statements that are required 3812
to be filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any 3813
provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process 3814
the secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) 3815
(1) of this section is not in effect and available for use on 3816
and after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of 3817
campaign committees to file campaign finance statements by 3818
electronic means of transmission shall be suspended until such 3819
time as that process is in effect and available for use. 3820

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 3821
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 3822
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 3823
secretary of state pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J)(1) of this 3824
section shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance 3825
statements by electronic means of transmission to the office of 3826
the secretary of state. 3827

Sec. 3517.107. (A) As used in this section, "federal 3828
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 3829
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 3830
federal election commission under that act. 3831

(B) Any federal political committee may make 3832
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 3833
its federal account in connection with any state or local 3834
election in Ohio. ~~Prior to making any such contribution,~~ 3835
~~expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political~~ 3836
~~committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a~~ 3837
~~copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A~~ 3838
~~federal political committee registered with the secretary of~~ 3839
~~state under this division shall file with the secretary of state~~ 3840
~~any amendment to its statement of organization that is required~~ 3841

~~under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the
federal election commission.~~ 3842
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~~(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure
from its federal account in connection with a state or local
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of
state not later than the date on which its report is required to
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages
from that report:~~ 3844
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~~(1) The summary page;~~ 3853

~~(2) The detailed summary page;~~ 3854

~~(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio.~~ 3855
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~~The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe.~~ 3858
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~~(D) When, during any calendar year, Such a federal
political committee makes a contribution from its federal
account in connection with a state or local election in Ohio to
a state or local political action committee that is not required
under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised
Code, and the federal political committee and state or local
political action committee are established, financed,
maintained, or controlled by the same corporation, organization,~~ 3862
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~~continuing association, or other person, including any parent, 3871
subsidiary, division, department, or unit of that corporation, 3872
organization, continuing association, or other person, the 3873
federal political committee shall file a statement with the 3874
secretary of state not later than the last business day of 3875
January of the next calendar year. The statement shall be on a 3876
form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall include a 3877
list of the names and addresses of contributors that are 3878
residents of Ohio that made contributions to the federal 3879
political committee during the calendar year covered by the 3880
statement and, for each name listed, the aggregate total amount 3881
contributed by each contributor during the reporting period this 3882
chapter. 3883~~

Sec. 3517.108. (A) As used in divisions (A) and (B) of 3884
this section: 3885

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 3886
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 3887
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3888
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 3889
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 3890
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 3891

(2) A "general election period" begins on the day after 3892
the primary election immediately preceding the general election 3893
at which a candidate seeks an office specified in division (A) 3894
(1) of this section and ends on the thirty-first day of December 3895
following that general election. 3896

(3) A "primary election period" begins on the first day of 3897
January of the year following the year in which the general 3898
election was held for the office that the candidate seeks, 3899
including any mid-term election, and ends on the day of the 3900

primary election. 3901

(B) Whenever the campaign committee of a candidate has 3902
unpaid debt at the end of a primary election period or at the 3903
end of a general election period, the committee may accept 3904
additional contributions during the immediately following 3905
election period up to the applicable limitation prescribed under 3906
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code from any individual, 3907
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3908
other campaign committee who, during the primary or general 3909
election period for which debt remains unpaid, has contributed 3910
less than the contribution limitations prescribed under section 3911
3517.102 of the Revised Code applicable to that individual, 3912
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3913
other campaign committee. Any additional contribution that a 3914
campaign committee accepts under this division shall count 3915
toward the applicable limitations prescribed under section 3916
3517.102 of the Revised Code for that primary or general 3917
election period at the end of which the debt remains unpaid, and 3918
shall not count toward the applicable limitations for any other 3919
primary or general election period if all of the following 3920
conditions apply: 3921

(1) ~~The (a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (B) 3922
(1) (b) of this section, the campaign committee reports, on the 3923
statement required to be filed under division (A) (2) or (3) of 3924
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable, all debt 3925
remaining unpaid at the end of the election period. The 3926
committee shall also file a separate statement, on a form 3927
prescribed by the secretary of state, at the same time that the 3928
committee is required to file a statement of contributions and 3929
expenditures under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. The 3930
separate statement shall include the name and address of each 3931

contributor who makes an additional contribution under division 3932
(B) of this section, how the contribution was applied to pay the 3933
unpaid debt as required by division (B) (3) of this section, and 3934
the balance of the unpaid debt after each contribution was 3935
applied to it. 3936

(b) If the campaign committee is exempt from the 3937
requirement of filing a statement of contributions and 3938
expenditures under division (B) (10) of section 3517.10 of the 3939
Revised Code, the committee shall file only the separate 3940
statement described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section. 3941

(2) The additional contributions are accepted only during 3942
the primary or general election period, whichever is applicable, 3943
immediately following the election period covered in the 3944
statement filed under division (B) (1) of this section. 3945

(3) All additional contributions made under division (B) 3946
of this section are used by the campaign committee that receives 3947
them only to pay the debt of the committee reported under 3948
division (B) (1) of this section. 3949

(4) The campaign committee maintains a separate account 3950
for all additional contributions made under division (B) of this 3951
section and uses moneys in that account only to pay the unpaid 3952
debt reported under division (B) (1) of this section and to 3953
administer the account. 3954

(5) The campaign committee stops accepting additional 3955
contributions after funds sufficient to repay the unpaid debt 3956
reported under division (B) (1) of this section have been raised 3957
and promptly disposes of any contributions received that exceed 3958
the amount of the unpaid debt by returning the excess 3959
contributions to the contributors or by giving the excess 3960

contributions to an organization that is exempt from federal 3961
income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in 3962
subsection 501(c)(3), (4), (8), (10), or (19) of the Internal 3963
Revenue Code. 3964

Sec. 3517.109. (A) As used in this section: 3965

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 3966
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 3967
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3968
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 3969
board of education, and member of the general assembly. 3970

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 3971
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 3972
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 3973
treasurer of state, attorney general, and member of the state 3974
board of education. 3975

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 3976
state senator. 3977

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 3978
state representative. 3979

(5) "State office" means the offices of governor, 3980
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 3981
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 3982
of education, and member of the general assembly. 3983

(6) "Aggregate contribution" means the total of all 3984
contributions from a contributor during the pre-filing period. 3985

(7) "Allowable aggregate contribution" means all of the 3986
following: 3987

(a) In the case of a contribution from a contributor whose 3988

contributions are subject to the contribution limits described 3989
in division (B) (1), (2), (3), (6) (a), or (7) of section 3517.102 3990
of the Revised Code, that portion of the amount of the 3991
contributor's aggregate contribution that does not exceed the 3992
preprimary contribution limit applicable to that contributor. 3993

(b) In the case of a contribution or contributions from a 3994
contributor whose contributions are not subject to the 3995
contribution limits described in divisions (B) (1), (2), (3), (6) 3996
(a), or (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, the total 3997
of the following: 3998

(i) That portion of the aggregate contribution that was 3999
received as in-kind services; 4000

(ii) That portion of the aggregate contribution that was 4001
received as cash and does not exceed the applicable preprimary 4002
cash transfer or contribution limits described in division (B) 4003
(6) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 4004

(8) "Excess aggregate contribution" means, for each 4005
contributor, the amount by which that contributor's aggregate 4006
contribution exceeds that contributor's allowable aggregate 4007
contribution. 4008

(9) "Pre-filing period" means the period of time ending on 4009
the day that the candidacy petitions are due for the state 4010
office for which the candidate has filed and beginning on the 4011
latest date of the following: 4012

(a) The first day of January of the year following the 4013
general election in which that state office was last on the 4014
ballot; 4015

(b) The first day of January of the year following the 4016
general election in which the candidate was last a candidate for 4017

any office; 4018

(c) The first day of the month following the primary 4019
election in which the candidate was last a candidate for any 4020
office. 4021

(10) "Filing date" means the last date on which a 4022
candidacy petition may be filed for an office. 4023

(11) "Applicable carry-in limit" means thirty-five 4024
thousand dollars if the candidate is a house candidate or a 4025
candidate for the state board of education, one hundred thousand 4026
dollars if the candidate is a senate candidate, and two hundred 4027
thousand dollars if the candidate is a statewide candidate other 4028
than a candidate for the state board of education. 4029

(12) "Campaign asset" means prepaid, purchased, or donated 4030
assets available to the candidate on the date of the filing 4031
deadline for the office the candidate is seeking that will be 4032
consumed or depleted in the course of the candidate's election 4033
campaign, including, but not limited to, postage, prepaid rent 4034
for campaign headquarters, prepaid radio, television, and 4035
newspaper advertising, and other prepaid consulting and personal 4036
services. 4037

(13) "Permitted funds" means the sum of the following: 4038

(a) The total of the allowable aggregate contribution of 4039
each contributor; 4040

(b) The applicable carry-in limit. 4041

(14) "Excess funds" means the amount by which the sum of 4042
the total cash on hand and total reported campaign assets 4043
exceeds permitted funds. 4044

(15) "Covered candidate" means both of the following: 4045

(a) A candidate who, during the pre-filing period, accepts 4046
or has a campaign committee that accepts contributions on the 4047
candidate's behalf for the purpose of nominating or electing the 4048
candidate to any office not subject to the contribution limits 4049
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code; 4050

(b) A person who, during the pre-filing period, accepts or 4051
has a campaign committee that accepts contributions on the 4052
person's behalf prior to the person deciding upon or announcing 4053
the office for which the person will become a candidate for 4054
nomination or election. 4055

(B) Each candidate who files for state office, not later 4056
than the filing date for that office, shall dispose of any 4057
excess funds. Each covered candidate who files for state office, 4058
not later than the filing date for that office, shall dispose of 4059
any excess aggregate contributions. 4060

(C) Any campaign committee that is required to dispose of 4061
excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 4062
(B) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount or 4063
amounts by doing any of the following: 4064

(1) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 4065
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 4066
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 4067
3517.152 of the Revised Code; 4068

(2) Giving the amount to individuals who made 4069
contributions to that campaign committee as a refund of all or 4070
part of their contributions; 4071

(3) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt from 4072
federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in 4073
subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 4074

(D) (1) Subject to division (D) (2) of this section, no candidate or covered candidate shall appear on the ballot, even if certified to appear on the ballot, unless the candidate's or covered candidate's campaign committee has disposed of excess funds, excess aggregate contributions, or both as required by divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(2) If the excess aggregate contributions accepted by a covered candidate or a covered candidate's campaign committee aggregate a total of less than five thousand dollars from all contributors, that candidate shall not be prohibited from appearing on the ballot under division (D) (1) of this section.

(E) (1) The campaign committee of each candidate required to dispose of excess funds under this section shall file a report, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, with the ~~official or board with which the candidate is required to file statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code~~ secretary of state. The report shall be filed by the seventh day following the filing deadline for the office the candidate is seeking, shall indicate the amount of excess funds disposed of, and shall describe the manner in which the campaign committee disposed of the excess amount.

(2) In addition to the information required to be included in a report filed under division (E) (1) of this section, the campaign committee of each covered candidate required to dispose of excess aggregate contributions under this section shall include in that report the source and amount of each excess aggregate contribution disposed of and shall describe the manner in which the campaign committee disposed of the excess amount.

(F) (1) Each campaign committee of a candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition for a

state office, not later than seven days after the filing date 4105
for the office the candidate is seeking, shall file a 4106
declaration of filing-day finances, on a form prescribed by the 4107
secretary of state, with the ~~official or board with which the~~ 4108
~~candidate is required to file statements under section 3517.11~~ 4109
~~of the Revised Code~~ secretary of state. 4110

(2) A declaration of filing-day finances shall list all of 4111
the following: 4112

(a) The amount of cash on hand in the candidate's campaign 4113
fund on the filing date for the office the candidate is seeking. 4114

(b) The value and description of all campaign assets worth 4115
five hundred dollars or more available to the candidate on the 4116
filing date. Assets purchased by the campaign shall be valued at 4117
actual cost, and in-kind contributions shall be valued at market 4118
value. 4119

(c) The total of all aggregate contributions; 4120

(d) The total of all allowable aggregate contributions; 4121

(e) The applicable carry-in limit, if any. 4122

(3) In addition to the information required to be included 4123
in a report of filing-day finances filed under division (F) (1) 4124
of this section, the campaign committee of each covered 4125
candidate shall include both of the following in that report: 4126

(a) The total of all excess aggregate contributions; 4127

(b) For each contributor, if any, for whom there is an 4128
excess aggregate contribution, the name, address, aggregate 4129
contribution, and excess aggregate contribution. 4130

(G) A campaign committee of a candidate is not required to 4131

file a declaration of filing-day finances under division (F) of 4132
this section if all of the following apply: 4133

(1) The campaign committee has not accepted, during the 4134
pre-filing period, any aggregate contribution greater than the 4135
applicable amount. 4136

(2) The campaign committee had less than the carry-in 4137
amount in cash on hand at the beginning of the pre-filing 4138
period. 4139

(3) The candidate files a declaration, on a form 4140
prescribed by the secretary of state, with the ~~official or board~~ 4141
~~with which the candidate is required to file statements under~~ 4142
~~section 3517.11 of the Revised Code~~ secretary of state not later 4143
than seven days after the filing date for the office that 4144
candidate is seeking, stating that the candidate's campaign 4145
committee has not accepted aggregate contributions as described 4146
in division (G) (1) of this section and has less than the carry- 4147
in amount in cash on hand as described in division (G) (2) of 4148
this section. 4149

Sec. 3517.1011. (A) As used in this section: 4150

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 4151
of the Revised Code. 4152

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 4153
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 4154
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 4155
system. 4156

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 4157
of the Revised Code. 4158

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 4159

forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 4160
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 4161
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 4162
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 4163
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 4164
another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 4165
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 4166
communications. 4167

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 4168
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 4169
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 4170
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 4171
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 4172
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 4173
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 4174
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 4175
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 4176
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 4177
communication" when it is either of the following: 4178

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 4179
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 4180
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 4181
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 4182
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 4183
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 4184
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 4185
toward having the communication made; 4186

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 4187
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 4188
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 4189

officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 4190
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 4191
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 4192
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 4193
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 4194
the candidate's campaign committee. 4195

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 4196
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 4197
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 4198
made through any person who provides a service that does not 4199
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 4200
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 4201
also affects the content of the communication. 4202

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 4203

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 4204
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 4205
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 4206
ten thousand dollars; 4207

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 4208
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 4209
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 4210
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 4211
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 4212
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 4213
dollar. 4214

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 4215
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 4216
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 4217
following periods of time: 4218

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 4219
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 4220
election to that office, between the date that the person 4221
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 4222
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 4223
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 4224
will be elected to that office; 4225

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 4226
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 4227
election to that office, between the date of the primary 4228
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 4229
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 4230

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 4231
the following: 4232

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 4233
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 4234
satellite television or radio station. For example, 4235
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 4236
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 4237
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 4238
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 4239
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 4240
telephone communications. 4241

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 4242
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 4243
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 4244
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 4245
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 4246
party, political committee, or candidate; 4247

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or	4248
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised	4249
Code;	4250
(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate	4251
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and	4252
is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or	4253
forum.	4254
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section	4255
3517.109 of the Revised Code.	4256
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the	4257
Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C.	4258
1101 et seq., as amended.	4259
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of	4260
the Revised Code and includes any political organization	4261
considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the	4262
Internal Revenue Code.	4263
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	4264
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of	4265
persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one	4266
thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes	4267
expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars	4268
during a calendar year;	4269
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	4270
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political	4271
party that does any of the following:	4272
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five	4273
thousand dollars during a calendar year;	4274

(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions 4275
or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars 4276
during a calendar year; 4277

(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in 4278
excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year. 4279

(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, 4280
cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 4281

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that 4282
the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, 4283
or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through 4284
an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief 4285
justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member 4286
of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," 4287
"mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous 4288
reference to the person's status as a candidate. 4289

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be 4290
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered 4291
into a contract to make the disbursement. 4292

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 4293
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 4294
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 4295
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 4296
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 4297
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 4298
make such disbursements. 4299

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 4300
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 4301
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 4302
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 4303

twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 4304
electioneering communications statement containing the following 4305
information: 4306

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 4307
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 4308
control over the activities of the person making the 4309
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 4310
the person making the disbursement; 4311

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 4312
the disbursement, if not an individual; 4313

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 4314
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 4315
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 4316

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 4317
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 4318
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 4319

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 4320
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 4321
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 4322
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 4323
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 4324
the account for electioneering communications, the information 4325
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 4326
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 4327
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 4328
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 4329
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 4330
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 4331
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 4332

use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 4333
other than electioneering communications. 4334

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 4335
described in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, the information 4336
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 4337
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 4338
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 4339
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 4340
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 4341
section during the period covered by the statement. 4342

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 4343
to be reported under division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, 4344
all of the following shall be reported: 4345

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 4346
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 4347
more; 4348

(b)(i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 4349
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 4350
registration number assigned to the political action committee 4351
under division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 4352

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 4353
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 4354
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 4355
individual's business, if any; 4356

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 4357
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 4358
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 4359
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 4360
division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 4361

full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 4362
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 4363

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 4364
money; 4365

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 4366

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 4367
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 4368
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions ~~(C)~~(D) (6) (b) 4369
and ~~(D)~~(E) (6) of section 3517.10 and division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of 4370
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign 4371
finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a person 4372
shall file the disclosure of electioneering communications 4373
statement prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this 4374
section by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 4375
secretary of state. 4376

Within five business days after the secretary of state 4377
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 4378
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 4379
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 4380
division ~~(I)~~(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 4381
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 4382

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 4383
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after ~~its~~an 4384
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 4385
(B) ~~(3)~~(4) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 4386
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 4387
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 4388
correction to the statement that provides the information 4389
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 4390

by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 4391
statement. 4392

Within five business days after the secretary of state 4393
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 4394
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 4395
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 4396
division or division (B) ~~(3)~~ (4) (a) of section 3517.11 of the 4397
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution 4398
and disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or 4399
other correction to the statement or amended statement available 4400
online to the public through the internet as provided in 4401
division ~~(F)~~ (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 4402

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 4403
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 4404
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 4405
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 4406
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 4407

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 4408
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 4409
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 4410
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 4411
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 4412
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 4413
the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 4414
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 4415

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 4416
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 4417
that does both of the following: 4418

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 4419

communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 4420
candidate's campaign committee; 4421

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 4422
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 4423
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 4424

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 4425
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 4426
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 4427
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 4428
costs of producing or airing the communication. 4429

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 4430
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 4431
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 4432
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 4433
received from a corporation or labor organization. 4434~~

Sec. 3517.1012. (A) (1) Each state and county political 4435
party shall establish a restricted fund that is separate from 4436
all other accounts of the political party. 4437

(2) A state or county political party shall deposit into 4438
its restricted fund all public moneys received from the Ohio 4439
political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code 4440
and all gifts that are made to or accepted by the political 4441
party from a corporation or labor organization subject to the 4442
applicable limitations prescribed in division ~~(X)~~ (W) of section 4443
3517.13 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party 4444
may deposit into its restricted fund any gifts that are made to 4445
or accepted by the political party from a source other than a 4446
corporation or labor organization. 4447

(3) Moneys in a state or county political party's 4448

restricted fund may be disbursed to pay costs incurred for any 4449
of the purposes specified in division (A) of section 3517.18 of 4450
the Revised Code. 4451

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a state 4452
or county political party shall file deposit and disbursement 4453
statements, in the same manner and at the same times as the 4454
party is required to file statements of contributions and 4455
expenditures under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 4456
regarding all deposits made into, and all disbursements made 4457
from, the party's restricted fund. Deposit and disbursement 4458
statements filed in accordance with this division ~~by a county~~ 4459
~~political party~~ shall be filed by electronic means of 4460
transmission to the office of the secretary of state ~~at the~~ 4461
~~times specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the~~ 4462
~~Revised Code for the filing of statements of contributions and~~ 4463
~~expenditures if the county political party accepts gifts from a~~ 4464
~~corporation or labor organization under division (A) (2) of this~~ 4465
~~section.~~ 4466

Sec. 3517.11. (A) (1) Campaign ~~Except as otherwise provided~~ 4467
in division (A) (2) of this section, campaign committees of 4468
~~candidates for statewide office or the state board of education,~~ 4469
political action committees ~~or~~, political contributing entities 4470
~~that make contributions to campaign committees of candidates~~ 4471
~~that are required to file the statements prescribed by section~~ 4472
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code with the secretary of state,~~ 4473
~~political action committees or political contributing entities~~ 4474
~~that make contributions to campaign committees of candidates for~~ 4475
~~member of the general assembly, political action committees or~~ 4476
~~political contributing entities that make contributions to state~~ 4477
~~and national political parties and to legislative campaign~~ 4478
~~funds, political action committees or political contributing~~ 4479

~~entities that receive contributions or make expenditures in~~ 4480
~~connection with a statewide ballot issue, political action~~ 4481
~~committees or political contributing entities that make~~ 4482
~~contributions to other political action committees or political~~ 4483
~~contributing entities, political parties, and campaign~~ 4484
~~committees, except as set forth in division (A) (3) of this~~ 4485
~~section, legislative campaign funds, and state and national~~ 4486
political parties shall file the statements prescribed by 4487
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the secretary of state. 4488

~~(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of~~ 4489
~~section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of~~ 4490
~~candidates for all other offices shall file the statements~~ 4491
~~prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board~~ 4492
~~of elections where their candidates are required to file their~~ 4493
~~petitions or other papers for nomination or election.~~ 4494

~~(b)~~ A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 4495
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 4496
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 4497
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 4498
Code electronically with the office of the secretary of state or 4499
with the board of elections with which the candidate is required 4500
to file the candidate's petition or other papers for nomination 4501
or election, as permitted or required under section 3517.106 of 4502
the Revised Code. If the campaign committee does not file 4503
electronically, the campaign committee shall file two copies of 4504
the printed version of any statement, addendum, or amended 4505
statement ~~if the committee does not file pursuant to division~~ 4506
~~(F) (1) or (L) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code but files~~ 4507
~~by printed version only~~ with the appropriate board of elections. 4508
The board of elections shall send one of those copies by 4509
certified mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state 4510

before the close of business on the day the board of elections 4511
receives the statement, addendum, or amended statement. 4512

~~(3) Political action committees or political contributing 4513
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 4514
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 4515
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 4516
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 4517
general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 4518
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 4519
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 4520
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 4521
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 4522
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 4523
having a population greater than that of any other county 4524
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 4525
as the case may be. 4526~~

~~(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) of 4527
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 4528
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 4529
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 4530
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 4531~~

(B) (1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 4532
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 4533
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 4534
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 4535
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 4536
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 4537
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 4538
receipt in writing. 4539

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 4540

statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 4541
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every 4542
candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 4543
3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code ~~shall be notified of~~ 4544
the requirements and applicable penalties of those sections. The 4545
secretary of state, ~~by certified mail, return receipt requested,~~ 4546
shall notify all prescribe the method or methods by which 4547
~~candidates required to file those statements with the secretary-~~ 4548
~~of state's office shall be notified under this division. The~~ 4549
~~board of elections of every county shall notify by first class~~ 4550
~~mail any candidate who has personally appeared at the office of~~ 4551
~~the board on or before the tenth day before the statements are~~ 4552
~~required to be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the~~ 4553
~~secretary of state, attesting that the candidate has been~~ 4554
~~notified of the candidate's obligations under the campaign~~ 4555
~~finance law. The board shall forward the completed form to the~~ 4556
~~secretary of state. The board shall use certified mail, return~~ 4557
~~receipt requested, to notify all other candidates required to~~ 4558
~~file those statements with it.~~ 4559

(3) At least once per year, the secretary of state shall 4560
provide voluntary training to all of the persons and entities 4561
who are required or permitted to file statements under this 4562
section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 4563
3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. The 4564
training shall include information about the requirements of the 4565
campaign finance law and about the filing of statements under 4566
that law, including information regarding the filing of 4567
statements by electronic means of transmission and regarding 4568
associated technologies. 4569

(4)(a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 4570
3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code that is found to be 4571

incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted 4572
shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who 4573
filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the 4574
incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary 4575
of state may examine statements filed with a board of elections 4576
for candidates for the office of member of the general assembly 4577
and candidates for the office of judge of a court of appeals for 4578
completeness and accuracy. ~~The secretary of state shall examine~~ 4579
~~for completeness and accuracy statements that campaign~~ 4580
~~committees of candidates for the office of member of the general~~ 4581
~~assembly and campaign committees of candidates for the office of~~ 4582
~~judge of a court of appeals file pursuant to division (F) or (L)~~ 4583
~~of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code.~~ If an officer at the 4584
board of elections where a statement filed for a candidate for 4585
the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate 4586
for the office of judge of a court of appeals was submitted 4587
finds the statement to be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer 4588
shall immediately notify the secretary of state of its 4589
incomplete or inaccurate nature. If either an officer at the 4590
board of elections or the secretary of state finds a statement 4591
filed for a candidate for the office of member of the general 4592
assembly or for a candidate for the office of judge of a court 4593
of appeals to be incomplete or inaccurate, only the secretary of 4594
state shall send the notification as to the incomplete or 4595
inaccurate nature of the statement. 4596

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 4597
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 4598
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 4599
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 4600
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 4601
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 ~~or section~~ 4602

~~3517.107~~ of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 4603
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 4604
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 4605
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 4606
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 4607
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 4608
the office of the secretary of state pursuant to section 4609
3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient of the notice 4610
described in this division file by electronic means of 4611
transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 4612
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 4613

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 4614
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 4615
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 4616
filed: 4617

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 4618
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 4619

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 4620
statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the 4621
Revised Code; 4622

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed 4623
under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 4624

(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under 4625
section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 4626

(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under 4627
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 4628

An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement 4629
that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 4630
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same 4631

manner as the statement. 4632

The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 4633
3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code 4634
pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and 4635
expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure 4636
of electioneering communications statements, deposit and 4637
disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and 4638
donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of 4639
transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or 4640
other corrections to those statements by electronic means of 4641
transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic 4642
means of transmission. 4643

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 4644
receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an 4645
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an 4646
amended statement under division (B) ~~(3)~~ (4) (a) of this section, 4647
the secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E) ~~, (F),~~ and (G), 4648
~~and (I)~~ of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 4649
of the Revised Code, shall make the contribution and 4650
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 4651
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 4652
disbursement information in that addendum, amendment, 4653
correction, or amended statement available online to the public 4654
through the internet. 4655

~~(4)~~ (5) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 4656
~~shall may~~ examine all statements any statement for compliance 4657
with sections 3517.08 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code. If the 4658
secretary of state or the board of elections examines a 4659
statement filed by a campaign committee for a particular filing 4660
period, the secretary of state or the board of elections, as 4661

applicable, also shall examine every other statement filed for 4662
that filing period by the campaign committee of a candidate for 4663
the same office. 4664

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 4665
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 4666
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 4667
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 4668
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 4669
Revised Code. 4670

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 4671
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 4672
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 4673
conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 4674
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 4675
reported to the secretary of state. 4676

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 4677
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 4678
3517.17 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 4679
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 4680
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 4681
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 4682
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 4683
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 4684
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 4685
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 4686
Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has 4687
jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 4688
report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 4689
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 4690
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 4691

Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 4692
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 4693
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 4694

(2) For purposes of division (C)(1) of this section, a 4695
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 4696
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 4697
sections 3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code is incomplete 4698
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 4699
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 4700
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 4701
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 4702
be reported under sections 3517.10, ~~3517.107~~, 3517.108, 4703
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 4704
Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 4705
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 4706
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 4707
deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 4708
during the reporting period. 4709

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 4710
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 4711
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 4712
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 4713
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 4714
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 4715

Sec. 3517.12. (A) Prior to receiving a contribution or 4716
making an expenditure, the circulator or committee in charge of 4717
an initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition 4718
for additional signatures, for the submission of a 4719
constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any 4720
law shall appoint a treasurer and shall file with the secretary 4721

of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 4722
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 4723
address of the treasurer and of the circulator or committee. 4724

(B) The circulator or the committee in charge of an 4725
initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition for 4726
additional signatures, for the submission of a constitutional 4727
amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any law shall, 4728
within thirty days after those petition papers are filed, file 4729
with the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the 4730
secretary of state, an itemized statement, made under penalty of 4731
election falsification, showing in detail the following: 4732

(1) All money or things of value paid, given, promised, or 4733
received for circulating the petitions; 4734

(2) All appointments, promotions, or increases in salary, 4735
in positions which were given, promised, or received, or to 4736
obtain which assistance was given, promised, or received as a 4737
consideration for work done in circulating petitions; 4738

(3) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and 4739
state, of all persons to whom such payments or promises were 4740
made and of all persons from whom such payments or promises were 4741
received; 4742

(4) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and 4743
state, of all persons who contributed anything of value to be 4744
used in circulating the petitions, and the amounts of those 4745
contributions; 4746

(5) Time spent and salaries earned while soliciting 4747
signatures to petitions by persons who were regular salaried 4748
employees of some person or whom that employer authorized to 4749
solicit as part of their regular duties. 4750

If no money or things of value were paid or received or if 4751
no promises were made or received as a consideration for work 4752
done in circulating a petition, the statement shall contain 4753
words to that effect. 4754

(C) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 4755
treasurer designated under division (A) of this section shall 4756
file statements of contributions and expenditures in accordance 4757
with section 3517.10 of the Revised Code regarding all 4758
contributions made or received and all expenditures made by that 4759
treasurer or the circulator or committee in connection with the 4760
initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition for 4761
additional signatures, for the submission of a constitutional 4762
amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any law. The 4763
treasurer is not required to file a statement if the treasurer 4764
or the circulator or committee received contributions of less 4765
than two thousand dollars and made expenditures, including 4766
independent expenditures, of less than two thousand dollars 4767
since the last date reflected in its last previously filed 4768
statement. 4769

Sec. 3517.13. (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 4770
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 4771
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4772
Code. 4773

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 4774
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 4775
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 4776
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 4777
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 4778
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 4779
Code. 4780

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 4781
same meaning as in division ~~(F)~~(G)(2) of section 3517.10 of the 4782
Revised Code. 4783

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 4784
and accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 4785
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4786

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 4787
and accurate statement required under division (A)(2) or (3) of 4788
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4789

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 4790
and accurate statement required under division (A) ~~(3) or~~ (4) or 4791
(5) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4792

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 4793
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 4794
3517.10 ~~or 3517.107~~ of the Revised Code. 4795

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 4796
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 4797
or general election. 4798

(G)(1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 4799
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 4800
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 4801
3517.08 to 3517.13 and 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 4802

(2)(a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 4803
committee, political action committee, political contributing 4804
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 4805
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 4806
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 4807
person. 4808

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 4809
another when either of the following applies: 4810

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 4811
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 4812
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 4813
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 4814
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 4815
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4816

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 4817
spouse's name or in both of their names. 4818

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 4819
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 4820
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 4821
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 4822
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 4823
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 4824
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 4825
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 4826
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 4827
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 4828
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 4829
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 4830
committees. 4831

No person within this state, operating a radio or 4832
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 4833
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 4834
exceeds: 4835

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 4836
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 4837

a general or special election in which the candidate of the 4838
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 4839
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 4840
period; 4841

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 4842
of that station by its other users. 4843

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 4844
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 4845
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 4846
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 4847
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 4848
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 4849
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 4850
association, including, without limitation, a professional 4851
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 4852
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 4853
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 4854
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 4855
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 4856
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 4857
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 4858
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 4859
campaign committee. 4860

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 4861
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 4862
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 4863
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 4864
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 4865
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 4866
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 4867

a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 4868
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 4869
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 4870
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 4871
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 4872
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 4873
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 4874
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 4875
officer's campaign committee. 4876

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 4877
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 4878
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 4879
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 4880
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 4881
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 4882
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 4883
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 4884
award of the contract. 4885

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 4886
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 4887
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 4888
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 4889
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 4890
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 4891
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 4892
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 4893
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 4894
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 4895
responsibility for the award of the contract. 4896

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 4897

to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 4898
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 4899
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 4900
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 4901
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 4902
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 4903
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 4904
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 4905
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 4906
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 4907
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 4908
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 4909
contract for goods or services. 4910

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 4911
actions of the controlling board. 4912

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 4913
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 4914
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 4915
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 4916
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 4917
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 4918
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 4919
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 4920
time of the award of the contract. 4921

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 4922
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 4923
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 4924
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 4925
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 4926
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 4927

corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 4928
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 4929
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 4930
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 4931
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 4932
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 4933
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 4934
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 4935
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 4936
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 4937
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 4938
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 4939
action brought solely for legal separation. 4940

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 4941
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 4942
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 4943
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 4944
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 4945
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 4946
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 4947
reimbursement for any of the following: 4948

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 4949
incurred by the beneficiary; 4950

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 4951
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 4952
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 4953
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 4954
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 4955
office would normally be expected; 4956

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 4957

expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 4958
following: 4959

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 4960
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 4961
ballot issue; 4962

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 4963
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 4964
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 4965

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 4966
political action committee, political contributing entity, 4967
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 4968

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 4969
political meeting. 4970

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 4971
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 4972
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 4973
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 4974
account. 4975

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 4976
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 4977
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 4978
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 4979
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 4980
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 4981
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 4982
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 4983
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 4984
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 4985

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 4986

accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 4987
political party, political action committee, political 4988
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 4989
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 4990
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 4991
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 4992
value from a political party, political action committee, 4993
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 4994
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 4995

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 4996
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 4997
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 4998
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 4999
political action committee, political contributing entity, 5000
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 5001
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 5002
those incurred while doing any of the following: 5003

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 5004
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 5005

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 5006
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 5007

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 5008
political meeting. 5009

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 5010
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 5011
contract to the political party, political action committee, 5012
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 5013
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 5014
political party, political action committee, political 5015

contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 5016
committee. 5017

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 5018
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 5019
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 5020
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 5021
political party, political action committee, political 5022
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 5023
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 5024
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 5025
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 5026
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 5027
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 5028
employee's campaign committee. 5029

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 5030
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 5031
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 5032
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 5033
services on account. 5034

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 5035
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 5036
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 5037
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 5038
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 5039
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 5040
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 5041

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 5042
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 5043
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 5044
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 5045

reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 5046
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 5047
surrounding circumstances. 5048

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 5049
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 5050
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 5051
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 5052
expenses allowable. 5053

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 5054

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 5055
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 5056

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 5057
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 5058

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 5059
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 5060
Federal Election Campaign Act. 5061

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 5062
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 5063
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 5064
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 5065
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 5066
candidate for state elective office. 5067

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 5068
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 5069
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 5070
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 5071
nomination or election to the federal office. 5072

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 5073

of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 5074
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 5075
than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 5076
following: 5077

(a) A state candidate fund; 5078

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 5079

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 5080
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 5081
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 5082
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 5083

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 5084
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 5085
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 5086
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 5087

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 5088
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 5089

~~(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 5090
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 5091
Code. 5092~~

~~(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 5093
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 5094
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 5095
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 5096
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a 5097
candidate for any elective office in this state, including an 5098
office of a political party. 5099~~

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 5100
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 5101

fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 5102
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 5103
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 5104
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 5105
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 5106
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 5107
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 5108
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 5109
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 5110
the value of it, to the contributor. 5111

(3) As used in division ~~(W)~~(V) of this section, "foreign 5112
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 5113
Federal Election Campaign Act. 5114

~~(X)~~(W) (1) No state or county political party shall 5115
transfer any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of 5116
the political party into which contributions may be made or from 5117
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 5118

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 5119
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 5120
restricted fund. 5121

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 5122
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 5123

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 5124
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 5125
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 5126
any one state or county political party for the party's 5127
restricted fund in a calendar year. 5128

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 5129
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 5130

ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 5131
organization in a calendar year. 5132

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 5133
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 5134
county political party. 5135

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 5136
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 5137
Revised Code. 5138

~~(Y)~~(X) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 5139
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 5140
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 5141
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 5142
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 5143
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 5144
association, including, without limitation, a professional 5145
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 5146
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 5147
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 5148
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 5149
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 5150
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 5151
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 5152
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 5153
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 5154

~~(Z)~~(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 5155
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 5156
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 5157
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 5158
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 5159
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 5160

except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 5161
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 5162
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 5163
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 5164
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 5165
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 5166
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 5167
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 5168
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 5169

Sec. 3517.151. (A) On and after January 1, 1996, 5170
complaints with respect to acts or failures to act under the 5171
sections listed in division (A) of section 3517.153 of the 5172
Revised Code shall be filed with the Ohio elections commission 5173
created under section 3517.152 of the Revised Code. 5174

(B) (1) If a complaint filed with the Ohio elections 5175
commission created under section 3517.152 of the Revised Code 5176
alleges an act or failure to act that occurred before August 24, 5177
1995, and the commission imposes a fine, sections 3517.99 and 5178
3517.991 of the Revised Code, and not sections 3517.992 and 5179
3517.993 of the Revised Code, shall apply. 5180

(2) If a complaint filed with the Ohio elections 5181
commission created under section 3517.152 of the Revised Code 5182
alleges an act or failure to act that is a violation of section 5183
3517.13 of the Revised Code, former divisions (A) to (R) of that 5184
section apply to the act or failure to act if it occurred before 5185
August 24, 1995, former divisions (A) to (U) of that section 5186
apply to the act or failure to act if it occurs on or after 5187
August 24, 1995, but before July 13, 1998, former divisions (A) 5188
to (V) of that section apply to the act or failure to act if it 5189
occurs on or after July 13, 1998, but before December 22, 1999, 5190

former divisions (A) to (W) of that section apply to the act or 5191
failure to act if it occurs on or after December 22, 1999, but 5192
before March 31, 2005, former divisions (A) to (X) of that 5193
section apply to the act or failure to act if it occurs on or 5194
after March 31, 2005, and divisions (A) to ~~(Z)~~ (Y) of that 5195
section apply to the act or failure to act if it occurs on or 5196
~~after the effective date of this amendment, September 29, 2005.~~ 5197

(C) The Ohio elections commission created under section 5198
3517.14 of the Revised Code is abolished at the close of 5199
business on December 31, 1995. 5200

Sec. 3517.154. (A) (1) The full-time attorney for the Ohio 5201
elections commission shall review each complaint filed with the 5202
commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code, shall 5203
determine the nature of the complaint, and, unless division (A) 5204
(2) (a) of this section requires that the complaint receive an 5205
automatic expedited hearing, shall make a recommendation to the 5206
commission for its disposition, in accordance with this section. 5207
The attorney shall make the determination and the 5208
recommendation, if required, not later than one business day 5209
after the complaint is filed. 5210

(2) (a) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 5211
forth a violation of division (B) of section 3517.21 or division 5212
(B) of section 3517.22 of the Revised Code and that the 5213
complaint is filed during one of the periods of time specified 5214
in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the 5215
complaint shall receive an automatic expedited hearing under 5216
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code. 5217

(b) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 5218
forth a failure to comply with or a violation of division (G), 5219
(I), (J), (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13, division (A) of 5220

section 3517.21, or division (A) of section 3517.22 of the Revised Code and that the complaint is filed during one of the periods of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the commission that the complaint receive an expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, and the complaint shall receive such a hearing.

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets forth a failure to comply with or a violation of a section of the Revised Code over which the commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints other than the sections described in divisions (A) (2) (a) and (b) of this section, and unless the attorney makes a determination as provided for in division (A) (3) of this section, the attorney shall recommend to the commission that the complaint be submitted to the commission under section 3517.155 of the Revised Code. After the attorney makes that recommendation, the attorney shall notify all parties to the complaint of the attorney's recommendation.

(3) (a) If a complaint sets forth a failure to comply with or a violation of a section of the Revised Code over which the commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints other than the sections described in divisions (A) (2) (a) and (b) of this section and if the complaint is filed during one of the periods of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the attorney may determine that the complaint should receive an expedited hearing under that section. The attorney shall make that determination by considering one or more of the following:

(i) The number of prior failures to comply with or violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code that the person or

entity against whom the complaint has been brought has committed 5251
and any prior penalties the commission has imposed on the person 5252
or entity; 5253

(ii) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 5254
filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 5255
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 5256
3517.1012, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code or an addendum 5257
required to be filed under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code 5258
that is filed late, how late the filing is and how much time has 5259
elapsed between the deadline for filing the statement or 5260
addendum and the filing of the complaint; 5261

(iii) If the complaint involves contributions and 5262
expenditures, contributions and disbursements, deposits and 5263
disbursements, gifts and disbursements, or donations and 5264
disbursements required to be reported under section 3517.10, 5265
division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 5266
3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 5267
3517.1014 of the Revised Code that are either not reported or 5268
reported late, the number of contributions and expenditures, 5269
contributions and disbursements, deposits and disbursements, 5270
gifts and disbursements, or donations and disbursements not 5271
reported or how late they were reported; 5272

(iv) If the complaint involves contributions required to 5273
be reported by a campaign committee under section 3517.10, 5274
division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 5275
3517.108, or 3517.109 of the Revised Code that are not reported, 5276
whether any of the contributors of the contributions not 5277
reported have a personal or professional relationship with the 5278
campaign committee's candidate; 5279

(v) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 5280

filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 5281
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107~~, 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 5282
3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code that is 5283
incomplete, the degree to which it is incomplete; 5284

(vi) If the complaint involves the receipt of 5285
contributions in violation of section 3599.03 of the Revised 5286
Code, the dollar amount and number of contributions received in 5287
violation of that section; 5288

(vii) If the complaint involves a failure to make the 5289
identification or a misstatement of the identification required 5290
under section 3517.105 or 3517.20 of the Revised Code, whether 5291
the failure or misstatement was purposely made; 5292

(viii) If the complaint sets forth a failure to comply 5293
with or a violation of a section of the Revised Code described 5294
in division (A) (2) (c) of this section, whether the person or 5295
entity against whom the complaint has been made has committed 5296
more than one such failure or violation within a reasonable 5297
amount of time, or whether the cumulative nature of the failures 5298
or violations indicates a systematic disregard for the law. 5299

(b) Prior to making a determination under division (A) (3) 5300
(a) of this section that the complaint should receive an 5301
expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, 5302
the attorney shall take into consideration the number of panels 5303
of the commission that have cases pending before them and the 5304
number of cases pending before the panels and shall not make a 5305
determination that will place an undue burden on a panel of the 5306
commission. 5307

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint should 5308
receive an expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the 5309

Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the commission 5310
that the complaint receive an expedited hearing, and, if a 5311
majority of the members of the commission agrees with the 5312
recommendation, the complaint shall receive an expedited hearing 5313
under that section. 5314

(4) The attorney may join two or more complaints if the 5315
attorney determines that the allegations in each complaint are 5316
of the same or similar character, are based on the same act or 5317
failure to act, or are based on two or more acts or failures to 5318
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If one 5319
complaint contains two or more allegations, the attorney may 5320
separate the allegations if they are not of the same or similar 5321
character, if they are not based on the same act or failure to 5322
act, or if they are not based on two or more acts or failures to 5323
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If the 5324
attorney separates the allegations in a complaint, the attorney 5325
may make separate recommendations under division (A) (2) or (3) 5326
of this section for each allegation. 5327

(B) Whenever a person or other entity files a complaint 5328
with the commission setting forth a failure to comply with or a 5329
violation of a section of the Revised Code as described in 5330
division (A) (2) (c) of this section and the complaint is filed 5331
during one of the periods of time specified in division (B) (1) 5332
of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the person or entity 5333
may request an expedited hearing under that section at the time 5334
the complaint is filed. The attorney for the commission shall 5335
inform the members of the commission of that request at the time 5336
the attorney makes a recommendation under division (A) of this 5337
section. The commission may grant the request for an expedited 5338
hearing under this division if it determines that an expedited 5339
hearing is practicable. 5340

Sec. 3517.155. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 5341
division (B) of this section, the Ohio elections commission 5342
shall hold its first hearing on a complaint filed with it, other 5343
than a complaint that receives an expedited hearing under 5344
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, not later than ninety 5345
business days after the complaint is filed unless the commission 5346
has good cause to hold the hearing after that time, in which 5347
case it shall hold the hearing not later than one hundred eighty 5348
business days after the complaint is filed. At the hearing, the 5349
commission shall determine whether or not the failure to act or 5350
the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred and shall do 5351
only one of the following, except as otherwise provided in 5352
division (B) of this section or in division (B) of section 5353
3517.151 of the Revised Code: 5354

(a) Enter a finding that good cause has been shown not to 5355
impose a fine or not to refer the matter to the appropriate 5356
prosecutor; 5357

(b) Impose a fine under section 3517.993 of the Revised 5358
Code; 5359

(c) Refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutor. 5360

(2) As used in division (A) of this section, "appropriate 5361
prosecutor" means a prosecutor as defined in section 2935.01 of 5362
the Revised Code and either of the following: 5363

(a) In the case of a failure to comply with or a violation 5364
of law involving ~~a campaign committee or the committee's~~ 5365
~~candidate, a political party, a legislative campaign fund, a~~ 5366
~~political action committee, or a political contributing entity,~~ 5367
~~that is required to file a statement of contributions and~~ 5368
~~expenditures with the secretary of state under division (A) of~~ 5369

~~section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, any of the following,~~ the 5370
prosecutor of Franklin county: 5371

(i) A campaign committee of a candidate for statewide 5372
office or the state board of education; 5373

(ii) A legislative campaign fund; 5374

(iii) A state or national political party; 5375

(iv) A political action committee or political 5376
contributing entity that does any of the following: 5377

(I) Makes a contribution to a campaign committee of a 5378
candidate for statewide office, the state board of education, or 5379
member of the general assembly, to a state or national political 5380
party, or to a legislative campaign fund; 5381

(II) Receives a contribution or makes an expenditure in 5382
connection with a statewide ballot issue; 5383

(III) Makes a contribution to another political action 5384
committee, political contributing entity, political party, or 5385
campaign committee, except for contributions to political action 5386
committees or political contributing entities that only 5387
contribute to a county political party, contribute to campaign 5388
committees of candidates whose nomination or election is to be 5389
submitted only to electors within a county, subdivision or 5390
district, excluding candidates for member of the general 5391
assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures in 5392
connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted only 5393
to electors within a county, subdivision, or district. 5394

(b) In the case of a failure to comply with or a violation 5395
of law involving any other campaign committee or committee's 5396
candidate, or any other political party, political action 5397

committee, or political contributing entity either of the 5398
following as determined by the commission: 5399

(i) The prosecutor of Franklin county; 5400

(ii) The prosecutor of the county in which the candidacy 5401
or ballot question or issue is submitted to the electors or, if 5402
it is submitted in more than one county, the most populous of 5403
those counties. 5404

(B) If the commission decides that the evidence is 5405
insufficient for it to determine whether or not the failure to 5406
act or the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred, the 5407
commission, by the affirmative vote of five members, may request 5408
that an investigatory attorney investigate the complaint. Upon 5409
that request, an investigatory attorney shall make an 5410
investigation in order to produce sufficient evidence for the 5411
commission to decide the matter. If the commission requests an 5412
investigation under this division, for good cause shown by the 5413
investigatory attorney, the commission may extend by sixty days 5414
the deadline for holding its first hearing on the complaint as 5415
required in division (A) of this section. 5416

(C) The commission shall take one of the actions required 5417
under division (A) of this section not later than thirty days 5418
after the close of all the evidence presented. 5419

(D) (1) The commission shall make any finding of a failure 5420
to comply with or a violation of law in regard to a complaint 5421
that alleges a violation of division (A) or (B) of section 5422
3517.21, or division (A) or (B) of section 3517.22 of the 5423
Revised Code by clear and convincing evidence. The commission 5424
shall make any finding of a failure to comply with or a 5425
violation of law in regard to any other complaint by a 5426

preponderance of the evidence. 5427

(2) If the commission finds a violation of division (B) of 5428
section 3517.21 or division (B) of section 3517.22 of the 5429
Revised Code, it shall refer the matter to the appropriate 5430
prosecutor under division (A)(1)(c) of this section and shall 5431
not impose a fine under division (A)(1)(b) of this section or 5432
section 3517.993 of the Revised Code. 5433

(E) In an action before the commission or a panel of the 5434
commission, if the allegations of the complainant are not 5435
proved, and the commission takes the action described in 5436
division (A)(1)(a) of this section or a panel of the commission 5437
takes the action described in division (C)(1) of section 5438
3517.156 of the Revised Code, the commission or a panel of the 5439
commission may find that the complaint is frivolous, and, if the 5440
commission or panel so finds, the commission shall order the 5441
complainant to pay reasonable attorney's fees and to pay the 5442
costs of the commission or panel as determined by a majority of 5443
the members of the commission. The costs paid to the commission 5444
or panel under this division shall be deposited into the Ohio 5445
elections commission fund. 5446

Sec. 3517.992. This section establishes penalties only 5447
with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after 5448
August 24, 1995. 5449

(A)(1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates 5450
division (A), (B), (C), or (D), ~~or (V)~~ of section 3517.13 of the 5451
Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who 5452
violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than 5453
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 5454

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or ~~(X)~~ (W) (5) of section 5455

3517.13 or division (E) (1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(B) An entity that violates division (G) (1) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(C) Whoever violates division (G) (2) of section 3517.101, division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E) (2) or (3) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or both.

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount contributed.

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that violates division (B) (1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure.

(H) An entity that violates division (H) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use.

(I) (1) Any individual who violates division (B) (1) of 5485
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the 5486
contribution the individual makes violates that division shall 5487
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed 5488
in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5489

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 5490
(B) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 5491
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 5492
the amount permitted by that division. 5493

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B) (3) 5494
or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 5495
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 5496
the amount permitted by that division. 5497

(4) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 5498
division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 5499
fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or 5500
contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, 5501
as applicable. 5502

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 5503
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 5504
political party that violates division (B) (6) of section 5505
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 5506
three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of 5507
the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 5508

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 5509
division (B) (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 5510
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 5511
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5512

(5) Any political party that violates division (B) (4) of 5513

section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 5514
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 5515
amount permitted by that division. 5516

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and 5517
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 5518
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 5519
shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the 5520
amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 5521
permitted by that division meets either of the following 5522
conditions: 5523

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 5524
after it is accepted. 5525

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 5526
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 5527
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 5528
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 5529
the permitted amount has been received. 5530

(J)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 5531
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 5532
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5533
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5534

(2)(a) Any county political party that violates division 5535
(C)(4)(a)(ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 5536
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5537
accepted. 5538

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 5539
(4)(a)(i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 5540
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 5541
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 5542

division. 5543

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 5544
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 5545
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 5546
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 5547
division. 5548

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 5549
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 5550
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 5551
amount permitted by that division. 5552

(4) Any political action committee or political 5553
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 5554
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 5555
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 5556
permitted by that division. 5557

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 5558
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 5559
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 5560
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 5561
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to 5562
be accepted by that division meets either of the following 5563
conditions: 5564

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 5565
after its acceptance. 5566

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 5567
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 5568
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 5569
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 5570
the permitted amount has been received. 5571

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 5572
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 5573
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 5574

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 5575
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 5576
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 5577
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 5578
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 5579
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 5580

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 5581
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 5582

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 5583
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 5584
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 5585

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 5586
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 5587
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5588
accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 5589
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 5590
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 5591
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 5592
the contributor any amount so accepted. 5593

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 5594
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 5595
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 5596
assets transferred in violation of that division. 5597

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 5598
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 5599
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 5600

to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 5601
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5602
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 5603

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 5604
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 5605
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 5606
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 5607
violation of that section. 5608

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 5609
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 5610
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 5611

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 5612
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 5613
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 5614
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 5615
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 5616
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 5617

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 5618
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 5619
of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 5620
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another 5621
person who violates division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 3517.10 of the 5622
Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 5623

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 5624
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 5625
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 5626
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 5627
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of 5628
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 5629

dollars. 5630

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 5631
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 5632

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 5633
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 5634
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 5635

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 5636
declaration of no limits under division (D) (2) of section 5637
3517.103 of the Revised Code that, before filing that 5638
declaration, accepts a contribution or contributions that exceed 5639
the limitations prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised 5640
Code, shall return that contribution or those contributions to 5641
the contributor. 5642

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the 5643
declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of 5644
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five 5645
dollars for each day of violation. 5646

(Y) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of 5647
excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 5648
(B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner 5649
required by division (C) of that section shall give to the 5650
treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections 5651
commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152 5652
of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that 5653
division. 5654

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 5655
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 5656
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 5657
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 5658

Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of 5659
pursuant to that division. 5660

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 5661
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 5662
fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, or other 5663
entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 5664
3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for 5665
under any other division of this section shall be fined not more 5666
than one thousand dollars. 5667

(AA) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division ~~(W)~~ (V) (1) of 5668
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 5669
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 5670
promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 5671
whichever amount is greater. 5672

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division ~~(W)~~ (V) (2) of 5673
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 5674
equal to three times the amount solicited or accepted in 5675
violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever 5676
amount is greater. 5677

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 5678
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 5679
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 5680
dollars for each day of violation. 5681

~~(CC) (1) Subject to division (CC) (2) of this section, 5682
whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the 5683
Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the 5684
amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the 5685
communication made in violation of that division. 5686~~

~~(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections 5687~~

~~commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease-~~ 5688
~~making communications in violation of division (H) of section-~~ 5689
~~3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division-~~ 5690
~~shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount-~~ 5691
~~disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made-~~ 5692
~~in violation of that division.~~ 5693

~~(DD)~~(1) Any corporation or labor organization that 5694
violates division ~~(X)~~(W) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 5695
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5696
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5697

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 5698
division ~~(X)~~(W) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 5699
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5700
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5701

~~(EE)~~(DD) (1) Any campaign committee or person who violates 5702
division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 5703
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 5704
donated in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 5705

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 5706
violates division (C) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 5707
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 5708
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 5709
division. 5710

Sec. 3599.03. (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 5711
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 5712
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 5713
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 5714
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 5715
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section,~~ no 5716

corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 5717
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 5718
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 5719
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 5720
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 5721
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 5722
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 5723
public office, a political action committee including a 5724
political action committee of the corporation or labor 5725
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 5726
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 5727
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 5728
an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 5729
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 5730
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 5731
political action committee if an employee's or labor 5732
organization member's right to attend such an event is 5733
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 5734
corporation's or labor organization's political action 5735
committee. 5736

(2) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of this section shall 5737
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 5738
dollars. 5739

(B)(1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 5740
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 5741
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 5742
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 5743
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 5744
property in violation of division (A)(1) of this section. 5745

(2) Whoever violates division (B)(1) of this section shall 5746

be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 5747
more than one year, or both. 5748

(C) A corporation, a nonprofit corporation, or a labor 5749
organization may use its funds or property ~~for or in aid of or~~ 5750
~~opposition to a proposed or certified ballot issue to make an~~ 5751
independent expenditure or to make a contribution to a political 5752
action committee or political contributing entity that makes 5753
only independent expenditures. A corporation, nonprofit 5754
corporation, or labor organization that makes an independent 5755
expenditure is considered a political contributing entity. Such 5756
use of funds or property shall be reported ~~on a form prescribed~~ 5757
~~by the secretary of state. Reports of contributions in~~ 5758
~~connection with statewide ballot issues shall be filed with the~~ 5759
~~secretary of state. Reports of contributions in connection with~~ 5760
~~local issues shall be filed with the board of elections of the~~ 5761
~~most populous county of the district in which the issue is~~ 5762
~~submitted or to be submitted to the electors. Reports made~~ 5763
~~pursuant to this division shall be filed by the times specified~~ 5764
~~in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of section accordance with sections~~ 5765
3517.10 and 3517.105 of the Revised Code. 5766

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 5767
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 5768
501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 5769
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 5770
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 5771
defined in division (I) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 5772
Code to its political action committee. Contributions received 5773
under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 5774
individuals subject to contribution limits. 5775

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 5776

Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 5777
of any other section of the Revised Code. 5778

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 5779
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 5780
this section. 5781

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 5782
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 5783
this section. 5784

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 5785
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 5786
violation of this section. 5787

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 5788
institution to a state political party for services rendered 5789
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 5790
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 5791
section of the Revised Code. 5792

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 5793
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 5794
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 5795
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 5796
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 5797
recipients of the communication. 5798

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 5799
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 5800
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 5801
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 5802
organization. 5803

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 5804
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 5805

specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 5806
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 5807
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 5808
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 5809
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 5810
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 5811
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 5812
families of any such individuals or if the communication 5813
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 5814
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 5815

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 5816
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 5817
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 5818
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 5819
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 5820
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 5821
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 5822

(I) As used in this section, ~~"labor organization" has~~ 5823
"labor organization," "independent expenditure," "political 5824
action committee," and "political contributing entity" have the 5825
same ~~meaning~~ meanings as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 5826

Sec. 3599.031. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of the 5827
Revised Code to the contrary and subject to division (C) of 5828
section 3517.09 of the Revised Code and division (B) of this 5829
section, any employer may deduct from the wages and salaries of 5830
its employees amounts for an account described in division (B) 5831
of this section, a separate segregated fund, a political action 5832
committee of the employer, a political action committee of a 5833
labor organization of the employer's employees, a political 5834
action committee of an association of which the employer is a 5835

member, a political party, a person making disbursements to pay 5836
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 5837
communications, or a ballot issue that the employee by written 5838
authorization may designate and shall transmit any amounts so 5839
deducted as a separate written authorization described in 5840
division (B) of this section shall direct. Any authorization 5841
authorizing a deduction from an employee's wages or salary may 5842
be on a form that is used to apply for or authorize membership 5843
in or authorize payment of dues or fees to any organization, but 5844
the authorization for a deduction shall be stated and signed 5845
separately from the application for membership or the 5846
authorization for the payment of dues or fees. The employer 5847
either may deduct from the amount to be so transmitted a uniform 5848
amount determined by the employer to be necessary to defray the 5849
actual cost of making such deduction and transmittal, or may 5850
utilize its own funds in an amount it determines is necessary to 5851
defray the actual administrative cost, including making the 5852
deduction and transmittal. 5853

(B) If an employer establishes a separate account in the 5854
name of an employee for the purpose of depositing into the 5855
account amounts deducted from the wages and salary of the 5856
employee pursuant to division (A) of this section or amounts 5857
directly given by the employee to the employer for the support 5858
of a candidate, a separate segregated fund, a political action 5859
committee of the employer, a political action committee of a 5860
labor organization of the employer's employees, a political 5861
action committee of an association of which the employer is a 5862
member, a political party, a legislative campaign fund, a person 5863
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 5864
airing electioneering communications, or a ballot issue, the 5865
employee shall sign a written authorization designating the 5866

recipient of a disbursement from that account. The written 5867
authorization required under this division is separate and 5868
distinct from a written authorization required under division 5869
(A) of this section. The authorization required under this 5870
division shall clearly identify and designate the candidate, 5871
separate segregated fund, political action committee of the 5872
employer, political action committee of a labor organization of 5873
the employer's employees, political action committee of an 5874
association of which the employer is a member, political party, 5875
legislative campaign fund, person making disbursements to pay 5876
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 5877
communications, or ballot issue that is to receive any 5878
disbursement from the account established pursuant to this 5879
division. No person shall designate the recipient of a 5880
disbursement from the account except the employee from whose 5881
account the disbursement is made. No employer shall make a 5882
disbursement from the account of an employee established under 5883
this division unless the employer has received the written 5884
authorization required under this division. 5885

(C) An employer shall furnish the recipient of any amount 5886
transmitted pursuant to this section with the employer's full 5887
name and the full name of the labor organization of which the 5888
employee whose amount is being transmitted is a member, if any. 5889
An employer shall keep and maintain the authorization forms of 5890
all its employees from whose wages and salaries any amounts were 5891
deducted pursuant to division (A) of this section and the 5892
authorizations of disbursements from accounts established under 5893
division (B) of this section for a period of at least six years 5894
after the year in which the deductions and disbursements were 5895
made. 5896

(D) An employee who has made an authorization pursuant to 5897

division (A) or (B) of this section may revoke that 5898
authorization at any time. A revocation of the authorization 5899
does not affect any deduction already made from an employee's 5900
wages and salary or any amounts already transmitted or disbursed 5901
under this section. 5902

(E) For purposes of this section and for the purpose of 5903
the information required to be filed under division ~~(B)~~ (C) (4) (b) 5904
~~(iii)~~ (iv) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code: 5905

(1) If an employer is a corporation, each subsidiary of a 5906
parent corporation shall be considered an entity separate and 5907
distinct from any other subsidiary and separate and distinct 5908
from the parent corporation. 5909

(2) Each national, regional, state, and local affiliate of 5910
a labor organization shall be considered a distinct entity. 5911

(F) Whoever violates division (B) of this section shall be 5912
fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars for 5913
each disbursement made in violation of that division. 5914

(G) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 5915
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 5916
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 5917
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 5918
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 5919
that are entered into on or after ~~the effective date of this~~ 5920
~~amendment~~ March 31, 2005, pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the 5921
Revised Code. 5922

(H) As used in this section: 5923

(1) "Electioneering communication," "legislative campaign 5924
fund," "labor organization," "political action committee," and 5925
"separate segregated fund" have the same meanings as in section 5926

3517.01 of the Revised Code.	5927
(2) "Public employer" means an employer that is the state	5928
or a state agency, authority, commission, or board, a political	5929
subdivision of the state, a school district or state institution	5930
of higher learning, a public or special district, or any other	5931
public employer.	5932
(3) "Employee" includes only an employee who is a resident	5933
of or is employed in this state.	5934
Sec. 4123.442. When developing the investment policy for	5935
the investment of the assets of the funds specified in this	5936
chapter and Chapters 4121., 4127., and 4131. of the Revised	5937
Code, the workers' compensation investment committee shall do	5938
all of the following:	5939
(A) Specify the asset allocation targets and ranges, risk	5940
factors, asset class benchmarks, time horizons, total return	5941
objectives, and performance evaluation guidelines;	5942
(B) Prohibit investing the assets of those funds, directly	5943
or indirectly, in vehicles that target any of the following:	5944
(1) Coins;	5945
(2) Artwork;	5946
(3) Horses;	5947
(4) Jewelry or gems;	5948
(5) Stamps;	5949
(6) Antiques;	5950
(7) Artifacts;	5951
(8) Collectibles;	5952

(9) Memorabilia;	5953
(10) Similar unregulated investments that are not commonly part of an institutional portfolio, that lack liquidity, and that lack readily determinable valuation.	5954 5955 5956
(C) Specify that the administrator of workers' compensation may invest in an investment class only if the bureau of workers' compensation board of directors, by a majority vote, opens that class;	5957 5958 5959 5960
(D) Prohibit investing the assets of those funds in any class of investments the board, by majority vote, closed, or any specific investment in which the board prohibits the administrator from investing;	5961 5962 5963 5964
(E) Not specify in the investment policy that the administrator or employees of the bureau of workers' compensation are prohibited from conducting business with an investment management firm, any investment management professional associated with that firm, any third party solicitor associated with that firm, or any political action committee controlled by that firm or controlled by an investment management professional of that firm based on criteria that are more restrictive than the restrictions described in divisions (Y) <u>(X)</u> and (Z) <u>(Y)</u> of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code.	5965 5966 5967 5968 5969 5970 5971 5972 5973 5974
Sec. 5505.044. (A) As used in this section:	5975
(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate to receive contributions and in-kind contributions and make expenditures on behalf of the candidate.	5976 5977 5978 5979
(2) "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated in accordance with rules adopted under section 5505.047 of the	5980 5981

Revised Code for election to the state highway patrol retirement board or who is seeking to be elected to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 5505.042 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, in-kind contribution, transfer of funds or transfer of anything of value including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, which contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the results of an election to the state highway patrol retirement board under section 5505.041 or 5505.042 of the Revised Code or the results of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 5505.042 of the Revised Code. "Contribution" does not include:

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person;

(b) Ordinary home hospitality;

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker.

(4) "Election day" means the following, as appropriate to the situation:

(a) The last day that ballots for an election to the state highway patrol retirement board under section 5505.041 or 5505.042 of the Revised Code may be returned in order for the ballot to be counted;

(b) If, pursuant to section 5505.043 of the Revised Code,

no election is held, the last day that ballots would have been 6011
required to be returned in order to be counted if an election 6012
was to be held under section 5505.041 or 5505.042 of the Revised 6013
Code. 6014

(5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 6015
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 6016
election to the state highway patrol retirement board under 6017
section 5505.041 or 5505.042 of the Revised Code or the results 6018
of an election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to 6019
section 5505.042 of the Revised Code. 6020

(6) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by an 6021
individual, partnership, or other entity advocating the election 6022
or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not 6023
made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or 6024
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any 6025
candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of 6026
the candidate or candidates. An independent expenditure shall 6027
not be construed as being a contribution. As used in division 6028
(A) (6) of this section: 6029

(a) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 6030
message advocating election or defeat. 6031

(b) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 6032
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 6033
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 6034
by unambiguous reference. 6035

(c) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 6036
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 6037
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 6038
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 6039

candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 6040
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 6041
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 6042
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 6043

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 6044
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 6045
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 6046
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 6047

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 6048
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 6049
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 6050
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 6051
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 6052

(iii) Made by a political party in support of a candidate, 6053
unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct 6054
voter registration or voter education efforts. 6055

(d) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 6056
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 6057
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 6058
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 6059
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 6060
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 6061
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 6062

(7) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 6063
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 6064
to the state highway patrol retirement board under section 6065
5505.041 or 5505.042 of the Revised Code or the results of an 6066
election to fill a vacancy on the board pursuant to section 6067
5505.042 of the Revised Code or is transferred to or used in 6068

support of or in opposition to a candidate and that is made with 6069
the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 6070
with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited 6071
candidate. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or 6072
republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or of any 6073
written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared 6074
by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their 6075
authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate 6076
and an expenditure by the candidate. 6077

(8) "Personal expenses" includes ordinary expenses for 6078
accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or 6079
airplane, and home telephone. 6080

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~(E) of 6081
this section, each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, 6082
receives contributions ~~or in-kind contributions totaling one~~ 6083
exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~ or has makes expenditures 6084
totaling one exceeding two thousand dollars ~~or more~~ in a given 6085
filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts to be 6086
elected to the state highway patrol retirement board shall file 6087
with the secretary of state ~~two a complete, and accurate, and~~ 6088
~~itemized statements~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the 6089
contributions, ~~in-kind contributions,~~ and expenditures. The 6090
~~statements~~ statement shall be filed regardless of whether an 6091
election is held or, pursuant to section 5505.043 of the Revised 6092
Code, an election is not held. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be 6093
made on a form prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised 6094
Code. ~~Every~~ 6095

(1) The statement shall contain the following information 6096
concerning contributions: 6097

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the 6098

applicable filing period; 6099

(b) All of the following information concerning each 6100
person or entity from which the filer received contributions 6101
that exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate during the 6102
applicable filing period: 6103

(i) The month, day, and year of each contribution; 6104

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity 6105
from which the contribution or contributions are received; 6106

(iii) A description of each contribution received, if 6107
other than money; 6108

(iv) The value in dollars and cents of each contribution. 6109

(2) The statement shall contain the following information 6110
concerning expenditures: 6111

(a) The total amount of expenditures made during the 6112
applicable filing period; 6113

(b) All of the following information concerning any person 6114
or entity to which the filer made expenditures that exceed one 6115
hundred dollars aggregated during the applicable filing period: 6116

(i) The month, day, and year of each expenditure; 6117

(ii) The full name and address of the person or entity to 6118
which the expenditure or expenditures were made. If an 6119
expenditure was made to a person or entity for which no address 6120
is available or if the expenditure was for a purchase made 6121
online through the internet, the filer may provide the uniform 6122
resource locator of the person's or entity's web site instead of 6123
an address. 6124

(iii) The object or purpose for which each expenditure was 6125

made; 6126

(iv) The amount of each expenditure. 6127

(3) Each expenditure reported under division (B) (2) (b) of 6128
this section shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, ~~stating~~ 6129
the purpose of the expenditures, that shall be filed with the 6130
statement; ~~a.~~ A canceled check with a notation of the purpose 6131
of the expenditure or a bank statement that includes the date, 6132
amount, and recipient of the expenditure is a receipted bill for 6133
purposes of this division. 6134

(C) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (B) of this 6135
section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times: 6136

(1) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve 6137
days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed~~ 6138
~~not~~ to reflect contributions received and expenditures made 6139
from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 6140
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 6141
the twentieth day before election day; 6142

(2) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after 6143
election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election 6144
day. ~~The first statement shall reflect contributions and in-kind~~ 6145
~~contributions received and expenditures made to the close of~~ 6146
~~business on the twentieth day before election day. The second~~ 6147
~~statement shall~~ to reflect contributions and in-kind 6148
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made during the period 6149
beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending 6150
on the close of business on the seventh day after election day. 6151

~~(C)~~ (D) (1) Each individual, partnership, or other entity 6152
who makes an independent ~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two 6153
thousand dollars in a given filing period in connection with ~~the~~ 6154

a candidate's efforts to be elected to the state highway patrol retirement board shall file with the secretary of state ~~two a~~ complete, and accurate, ~~and itemized statements~~ statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the information described in division (B) (2) of this section concerning the independent expenditures. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be filed regardless of whether an election is held or, pursuant to section 5505.043 of the Revised Code, an election is not held. The ~~statements~~ statement shall be made on a form prescribed under section 111.30 of the Revised Code.

(2) The ~~first~~ statement described in division (D) (1) of this section shall be filed ~~not~~ at the following times:

(a) Not later than four p.m. on the day that is twelve days before election day. ~~The second statement shall be filed not to reflect independent expenditures made from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day before election day;~~

(b) Not sooner than the day that is eight days after election day and not later than thirty-eight days after election day. ~~The first statement shall reflect independent expenditures made to the close of business on the twentieth day before election day. The second statement shall to reflect independent expenditures made during the period beginning on the nineteenth day before election day and ending on the close of business on the seventh day after election day.~~

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) Each candidate who, or whose campaign committee, receives a ~~contribution or in-kind contribution~~ contributions exceeding two thousand dollars or makes an ~~expenditure~~ expenditures exceeding two thousand dollars in a

given filing period in connection with the candidate's efforts 6185
to be elected to fill a vacancy in the public employees 6186
retirement board pursuant to section 5505.042 of the Revised 6187
Code shall file with the secretary of state a complete, and 6188
accurate, and itemized statement setting forth ~~in detail~~ the 6189
~~contributions, in kind contributions, and expenditures~~ 6190
information described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 6191
section and the receipted bills described in division (B)(3) of 6192
this section. The statement shall be made on a form prescribed 6193
under section 111.30 of the Revised Code. ~~Every expenditure~~ 6194
~~shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of~~ 6195
~~the expenditures, that shall be filed with the statement; a~~ 6196
~~canceled check with a notation of the purpose of the expenditure~~ 6197
~~is a receipted bill for purposes of this division.~~ 6198

(2) The statement described in division (E)(1) of this 6199
section shall be filed within thirty-eight days after the day 6200
the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the vacancy takes 6201
office. The statement shall reflect contributions ~~and in kind~~ 6202
~~contributions~~ received and expenditures made from the close of 6203
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 6204
statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day 6205
after the day the ~~candidate~~ person who is elected to fill the 6206
vacancy takes office. 6207

(F) Not later than ten days after a person becomes a 6208
candidate under this section, the state highway patrol 6209
retirement board shall mail a copy of the most recent report 6210
released under division (B) of section 111.30 of the Revised 6211
Code to the person. 6212

Section 2. That existing sections 111.30, 145.053, 6213
742.042, 3307.072, 3309.072, 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.081, 6214

3517.10, 3517.101, 3517.102, 3517.104, 3517.105, 3517.106, 6215
3517.107, 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.11, 6216
3517.12, 3517.13, 3517.151, 3517.154, 3517.155, 3517.992, 6217
3599.03, 3599.031, 4123.442, and 5505.044 of the Revised Code 6218
are hereby repealed. 6219

Section 3. (A) (1) The requirement of section 3517.106 of 6220
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, that the campaign 6221
committee of a candidate for county office file the statements, 6222
amended statements, and addenda prescribed by sections 3517.10 6223
and 3517.11 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 6224
transmission to the office of the Secretary of State applies 6225
beginning with statements filed in the year 2017. Before that 6226
time, the campaign committee shall file those statements, 6227
amended statements, and addenda with the board of elections with 6228
which the candidate is required to file the candidate's 6229
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 6230

(2) The requirements of sections 3517.10 and 3517.109 of 6231
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, that a campaign 6232
committee of a candidate for county office file the designation, 6233
report, and declarations prescribed by those sections in the 6234
office of the Secretary of State applies beginning with 6235
designations, reports, and declarations filed in the year 2017. 6236
Before that time, the campaign committee shall file the 6237
designation, report, and declarations with the board of 6238
elections with which the candidate is required to file the 6239
candidate's petitions or other papers for nomination or 6240
election. 6241

(B) (1) The requirement of section 3517.106 of the Revised 6242
Code, as amended by this act, that a county political party file 6243
the statements, amended statements, and addenda prescribed by 6244

sections 3517.10 and 3517.11 of the Revised Code, other than 6245
statements, amended statements, and addenda filed with respect 6246
to its state candidate fund, by electronic means of transmission 6247
to the office of the Secretary of State applies beginning with 6248
statements, amended statements, and addenda filed in the year 6249
2017. Before that time, the county political party shall file 6250
those statements with the board of elections of its county. 6251

(2) The requirement of section 3517.10 of the Revised 6252
Code, as amended by this act, that a county political party file 6253
the designation prescribed by that section in the office of the 6254
Secretary of State applies beginning with designations filed in 6255
the year 2017. Before that time, the county political party 6256
shall file that designation with the board of elections of its 6257
county. 6258

(C) (1) (a) The requirement of section 3517.106 of the 6259
Revised Code, as amended by this act, that a political action 6260
committee or political contributing entity that does only the 6261
following file the statements, amended statements, and addenda 6262
prescribed by sections 3517.10 and 3517.11 of the Revised Code 6263
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 6264
Secretary of State applies beginning with statements, amended 6265
statements, and addenda filed in the year 2017: 6266

(i) Contributes to a county political party or to a 6267
campaign committee of a candidate whose nomination or election 6268
is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 6269
subdivision, or district, excluding a candidate for member of 6270
the General Assembly; 6271

(ii) Receives contributions or makes expenditures in 6272
connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted only 6273
to electors within a county, subdivision, or district. 6274

(b) Before that time, the political action committee or 6275
political contributing entity shall file those statements, 6276
amended statements, and addenda with the board of elections of 6277
that county or of the county contained in whole or part within 6278
the subdivision or district having a population greater than 6279
that of any other county contained in whole or part within that 6280
subdivision or district, as the case may be. 6281

(2) The requirement of section 3517.10 of the Revised 6282
Code, as amended by this act, that a political action committee 6283
or political contributing entity described in division (C) (1) of 6284
this section file the designation prescribed by section 3517.10 6285
of the Revised Code in the office of the Secretary of State 6286
applies beginning with designations filed in the year 2017. 6287
Before that time, the political action committee or political 6288
contributing entity shall file that designation with the board 6289
of elections of that county or of the county contained in whole 6290
or part within the subdivision or district having a population 6291
greater than that of any other county contained in whole or part 6292
within that subdivision or district, as the case may be. 6293

(D) The requirement of sections 3517.105 and 3517.106 of 6294
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, that an individual, 6295
partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures 6296
in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot issue other 6297
than a statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue as 6298
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 6299
of the Revised Code file the statement specified in that 6300
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 6301
the Secretary of State applies beginning with statements filed 6302
in the year 2017. Before that time, the entity shall file those 6303
statements with the board of elections with which the candidate 6304
files the candidate's petitions for nomination or election or 6305

the board of elections that certifies the issue or question for 6306
placement on the ballot, as applicable. 6307

(E) (1) The requirement of section 3517.106 of the Revised 6308
Code, as amended by this act, that a campaign committee of a 6309
candidate for township office or for the office of member of a 6310
school district board of education file the statements, amended 6311
statements, and addenda prescribed by sections 3517.10 and 6312
3517.11 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 6313
to the office of the Secretary of State applies beginning with 6314
statements filed in the year 2018. Before that time, the 6315
campaign committee shall file those statements, amended 6316
statements, and addenda with the board of elections with which 6317
the candidate is required to file the candidate's petitions or 6318
other papers for nomination or election. 6319

(2) The requirements of sections 3517.10 and 3517.109 of 6320
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, that a campaign 6321
committee of a candidate for township office or for the office 6322
of member of a school district board of education file the 6323
designation, report, and declarations prescribed by those 6324
sections in the office of the Secretary of State applies 6325
beginning with designations, reports, and declarations filed in 6326
the year 2018. Before that time, the campaign committee shall 6327
file the designation, report, and declarations with the board of 6328
elections with which the candidate is required to file the 6329
candidate's petitions or other papers for nomination or 6330
election. 6331

(F) (1) The requirement of section 3517.106 of the Revised 6332
Code, as amended by this act, that a campaign committee of a 6333
candidate for an office other than a statewide office, the 6334
office of member of the General Assembly, the office of member 6335

of the state board of education, the office of judge of a court 6336
of appeals, a county office, a township office, or the office of 6337
member of a school district board of education file the 6338
statements, amended statements, and addenda prescribed by 6339
sections 3517.10 and 3517.11 of the Revised Code by electronic 6340
means of transmission to the office of the Secretary of State 6341
applies beginning with statements filed in the year 2019. Before 6342
that time, the campaign committee shall file those statements, 6343
amended statements, and addenda with the board of elections with 6344
which the candidate is required to file the candidate's 6345
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 6346

(2) The requirements of sections 3517.10 and 3517.109 of 6347
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, that a campaign 6348
committee described in division (F)(1) of this section file the 6349
designation, report, and declarations prescribed by sections 6350
3517.10 and 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the office of the 6351
Secretary of State applies beginning with designations, reports, 6352
and declarations filed in the year 2019. Before that time, the 6353
campaign committee shall file the designation, report, and 6354
declarations with the board of elections with which the 6355
candidate is required to file the candidate's petitions or other 6356
papers for nomination or election. 6357