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A BILL

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 2
3517.11, 3517.13, 3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3
3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 and to 4
repeal section 3517.107 of the Revised Code to 5
modify the campaign finance law and to declare 6
an emergency. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 8
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.11, 3517.13, 9
3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, and 10
5733.27 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 11

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 12
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 13
meets either of the following requirements: 14

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 15
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 16
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 17
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 18

that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 19
division remains a political party for a period of four years 20
after meeting those requirements. 21

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 22
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 23
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 24
all of the following requirements: 25

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 26
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 27
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 28
election for such office. 29

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 30
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 31
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 32
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 33
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 34
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 35

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 36
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 37
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 38
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 39
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 40

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 41
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 42
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 43
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 44
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 45
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 46
the usual place of residence of each of them. 47

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

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

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

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

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

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person who, at any time before or after an election, receives contributions or makes expenditures or other use of contributions, has given consent for another to receive contributions or make expenditures or other use of contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for election to the offices of member of a county or state central

committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 77
convention or conference of a political party. 78

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 79
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 80
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 81
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 82
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 83
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 84
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 85
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 86
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 87
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 88
Revenue Code. 89~~

~~(5) "Contribution" (a) Except as otherwise provided in 90
divisions (C)(4)(b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 91
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 92
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 93
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 94
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 95
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 96
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 97
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 98
results of an election. Any 99~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 100
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 101
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 102
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 103
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 104
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 105
or person other than the person to whom the services are 106

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

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 114
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 115
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 116
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 117
following: 118

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 119
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 120
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 121
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 122
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 123
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 124
another person, that are made to or received by the political 125
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 126
of an election; 127

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 128
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 129
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 130
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 131
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 132
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 133
another person, that are made to or received by the political 134
contributing entity; 135

(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 136

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

party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of 165
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 166

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 167
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 168
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 169
same meaning as in that section. 170

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 171
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 172

~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 173
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 174
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 175
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 176
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 177
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 178
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 179
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 180
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 181
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 182
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 183
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 184
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 185
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 186
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 187
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 188
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 189
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 190
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 191
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 192
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 193
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 194

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

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

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

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

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

~~(9)~~ (8) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a political party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United States senator and representative.

~~(10)~~ (9) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in

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

to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 253

~~(17)~~ (16) (a) "Independent expenditure" means an either of 254
the following: 255

(i) An expenditure or other use of funds or anything of 256
value by a person advocating to advocate the election or defeat 257
of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with 258
the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 259
with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or 260
candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of the 261
candidate or candidates; 262

(ii) An expenditure or other use of funds or things of 263
value by a person to advocate support of or opposition to an 264
identified ballot issue or question. ~~As-~~ 265

(b) As used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 266

~~(a) (i)~~ "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 267
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ candidate, 268
campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, 269
political action committee, political contributing entity, 270
separate segregated fund, association, or other organization or 271
group of persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation-~~ 272
~~unless the labor organization or corporation is a political-~~ 273
~~contributing entity.~~ 274

~~(b) "Advocating"~~ (ii) "Advocate" means to make any 275
communication containing a message advocating the election or 276
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates or advocating 277
support of or opposition to an identified ballot issue or 278
question. 279

~~(e) (iii)~~ "Identified candidate" means that the name of 280
the candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 281

appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 282
by unambiguous reference. 283

~~(d)~~ (iv) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or 284
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any 285
candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" 286
means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or 287
direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, 288
or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 289
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 290
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 291

~~(i)~~ (I) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 292
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 293
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 294
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 295

~~(ii)~~ (II) Made by or through any person who is, or has 296
been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, 297
an officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or 298
has been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement 299
from the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or 300
agent; 301

~~(iii)~~ (III) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~ 302
(F) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political 303
party in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made 304
by a political party to conduct voter registration or voter 305
education efforts. 306

~~(e)~~ (v) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 307
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 308
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 309
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 310

candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 311
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 312
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 313

~~(18)~~ (17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an 314
employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, 315
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor 316
union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, 317
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other 318
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that 319
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 320
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 321
and other terms and conditions of employment. 322

~~(19)~~ (18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 323
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 324
Campaign Act. 325

~~(20)~~ (19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 326
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 327
431, et seq., as amended. 328

~~(21)~~ (20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 329
county political party must establish under division (A) (1) of 330
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 331

~~(22)~~ (21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 332
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 333

~~(23)~~ (22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 334
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 335
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 336
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 337
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 338

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 339

section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 340

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 341
entity, including a corporation ~~or~~, labor organization, 342
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 343
association, that may lawfully make makes contributions and or 344
expenditures and that is not an individual ~~or~~, a political 345
action committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, 346
political party, legislative campaign fund, designated state 347
campaign committee, or state candidate fund, or a political club 348
described in division (C) (7) of this section. For purposes of 349
this division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of 350
the Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court 351
of competent jurisdiction. A political committee, as defined in 352
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 353
federal election commission under that act and that makes a 354
contribution or expenditure from its federal account in 355
connection with any state or local election in this state is 356
considered a political contributing entity under this chapter 357
with respect to all such contributions and expenditures. 358

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 359
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 360

Sec. 3517.08. (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 361
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 362
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 363
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 364
of the Revised Code. 365

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 366
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 367
contribution by the political action committee or the political 368
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 369

candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 370
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 371
endorsements. 372

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 373
considered a contribution by the political party or an 374
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 375
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 376
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 377
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 378
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 379
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 380

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political 381
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 382
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 383
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 384
expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing-~~ 385
~~association's,~~ political contributing entity's, or political 386
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 387
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 388

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 389
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 390
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 391
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 392
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 393
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 394
activities. 395

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 396
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 397
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 398

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 399
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 400
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 401
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 402
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 403
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 404
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 405
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 406
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 407
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 408

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 409
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 410
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 411
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 412
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 413
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 414
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 415
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 416
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 417

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 418
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 419
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 420
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 421
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 422
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 423
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 424
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 425
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 426
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 427
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 428
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 429

the following dates: 430

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 431
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 432
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 433
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 434
before the election; 435

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 436
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 437
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 438
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 439
day before the filing of the statement; 440

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 441
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 442
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 443
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 444
the last day of December of the previous year; 445

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 446
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 447
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 448
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 449
day of June of that year. 450

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 451
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 452
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 453
committee's candidate. 454

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 455
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 456
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 457
party, or political contributing entity that has received 458

contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 459
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 460
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 461
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 462
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 463

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 464
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 465
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 466
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 467
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 468
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 469
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 470
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 471
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 472
days before the general election. 473

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 474
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 475
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 476
this section. 477

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 478
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 479
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 480
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 481
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 482
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 483
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 484
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 485
party, or political contributing entity. 486

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 487
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 488

committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 489
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 490
(A) (4) of this section. 491

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 492
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 493
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 494
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 495
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 496
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 497
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 498
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 499
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 500

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 501
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 502
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 503
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 504
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 505
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 506
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 507
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 508
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 509
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 510
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 511

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 512
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 513
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 514
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 515
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 516
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 517
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 518

campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 519
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 520
under this section and made under penalty of election 521
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 522
this section, as applicable. 523

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 524
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 525
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 526
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 527
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 528
statement not later than three business days after the last day 529
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 530
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 531
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 532
extending through the day of that general election, each time 533
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 534
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 535
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 536
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 537
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 538
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 539
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 540
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 541
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 542
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 543
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 544
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 545
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 546
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 547
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 548
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 549

to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 550
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 551
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 552
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 553
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 554
required by this section. 555

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 556
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 557
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 558
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 559
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 560
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 561
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 562
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 563
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 564
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 565
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 566
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 567
Revised Code. 568

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 569
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 570
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 571
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 572
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 573
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 574
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 575
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 576
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 577
previously filed statement. 578

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 579

this section, each statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain the following information: 580
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(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; 582
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(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the candidate's full name and address; 587
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(b) In the case of a political action committee, the registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 589
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(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be a general, primary, or special election; 592
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(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall include the following information: 594
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(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 596

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity from whom contributions are received and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this section. The requirement of filing the full address does not apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 597
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the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 609

(ii) If a political action committee, political 610
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 611
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 612
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 613
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 614
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 615
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 616
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 617
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 618
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 619

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 620
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 621
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 622
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 623
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 624
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 625
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 626
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 627
of which the employees are members, if any. 628

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 629
than money; 630

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 631

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 632
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 633
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 634
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 635
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 636
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 637

of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 638
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 639
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 640
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 641
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 642
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 643
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 644
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 645
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 646
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 647
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 648
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 649
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 650
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 651
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 652
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 653
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 654
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 655
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 656
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 657
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 658
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 659
those dues. 660

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 661
separately from all other contributions. The information 662
required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided 663
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 664
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 665

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 666
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 667
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 668

to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 669
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 670
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 671
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 672
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 673
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 674
this division: 675

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 676
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 677

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 678
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 679
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 680
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 681
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 682
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 683

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 684
following information: 685

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 686

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 687
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 688
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 689
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 690
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 691
section; 692

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 693
made; 694

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 695

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 696

shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 697
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 698
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 699
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 700
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 701
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 702
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 703
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 704
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 705
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 706
in ink on a printed form. 707

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 708
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 709
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 710
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 711
donor. 712

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 713
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 714
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 715
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 716
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 717
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 718

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 719
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 720
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 721
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 722
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 723
division (A) (2) of this section. 724

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 725
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 726

certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 727
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 728
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 729
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 730
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 731
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 732
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 733
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 734
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 735
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 736
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 737
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 738
national convention or conference of a political party. 739

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 740
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 741
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 742
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 743
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 744

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 745
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 746
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 747
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 748
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 749
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 750
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 751
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 752
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 753
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 754
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 755
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 756
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 757

(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 758
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 759
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 760
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 761
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 762
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 763
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 764
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 765
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 766
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 767
in that format. 768

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 769
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 770
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 771
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 772
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 773
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 774
~~partnerships, or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 775
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 776
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 777
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 778
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 779
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 780
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 781
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 782
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 783
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 784
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 785
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 786
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 787
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 788

communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 789
appropriate. 790

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 791
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 792
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 793
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 794
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 795

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 796
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 797
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 798
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 799
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 800
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 801
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 802
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 803
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 804
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 805
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 806
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 807
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 808
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 809
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 810
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 811
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 812
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 813
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 814
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 815
number to each political action committee that files a 816
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 817
division if the political action committee is required by 818
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 819

the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 820
state. 821

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D)(1) of this 822
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 823
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 824

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 825
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 826
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 827
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 828
campaign committee. 829

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 830
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 831
separate from all other funds. 832

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 833
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 834
state or county political party may deposit into its state 835
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 836
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 837
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 838
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 839
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 840
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 841
candidate fund. 842

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 843
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 844
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 845
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 846
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 847
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 848

are members of that political party to the house of the general 849
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 850
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 851
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 852
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 853
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 854
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 855
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 856

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 857
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 858
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 859
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 860
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 861
(4) of this section. 862

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 863
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 864
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 865
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 866
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 867
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 868
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 869

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 870
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 871
following: 872

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 873
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 874
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 875
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 876
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 877
of the Revised Code; 878

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

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available online to the public through the internet the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in all of the following documents:

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

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

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

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 909
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 910
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 911
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 912
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 913
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 914
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 915
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 916
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 917
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 918
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 919

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 920
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 921
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 922
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 923
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 924
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 925
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 926
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 927
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 928
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 929
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 930

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 931
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 932
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 933
section, that committee is considered to have met the 934
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 935
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 936
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 937
written request for the information required under division (B) 938
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 939

information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 940
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 941

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 942
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 943
name and address of the committee and the registration number 944
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 945

(F) As used in this section: 946

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 947
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 948
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 949
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 950
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 951
post-office box. 952

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 953
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 954
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 955
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 956
highway name and number. 957

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 958
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 959
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 960
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 961
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 962
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 963
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 964
to that address. 965

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 966
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 967
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 968

one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign committee:	969 970
(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this section;	971 972
(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address.	973 974 975
(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post-office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office box number.	976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986
(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.	987 988 989 990 991 992
(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, or coroner.	993 994 995 996 997

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 998
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 999
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1000
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1001
Revised Code. 1002

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1003
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1004
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1005
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1006
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1007
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1008
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1009
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1010
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1011
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1012
combined reporting periods. 1013

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1014
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1015
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1016
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1017
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1018
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1019
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1020
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1021
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1022
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1023
election periods. 1024

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1025
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1026
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1027

the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1028
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1029
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1030
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1031
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1032
candidates. 1033

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1034
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1035
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1036
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1037

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1038
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1039
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1040
member making the contribution. 1041

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1042
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1043
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1044
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1045
following: 1046

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1047
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1048
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1049
the partners, owners, or members; or 1050

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1051
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1052
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1053
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1054
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1055
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1056

the contribution. 1057

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1058
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1059
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 1060
section. 1061

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1062
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1063
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1064
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1065
contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 1066
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 1067

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1068
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1069
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1070

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 1071
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 1072
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 1073
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 1074
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1075

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1076
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1077
candidate or holds office. 1078

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1079
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1080
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1081
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1082
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1083
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1084
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1085

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

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1094
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1095
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1096
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1097
be a write-in candidate. 1098

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1099
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1100
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1101
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1102

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1103
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1104
limitations described in that division during an election 1105
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1106
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1107
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1108
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1109
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1110
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1111
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1112
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1113
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1114
write-in candidate. 1115

(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.

(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 making those contributions, for each filing period under divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this section, including, when applicable, the name of the current employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a political contributing entity with regard to contributions it receives from all other contributors.

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

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state

board of education, member of the general assembly, chief	1146
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court.	1147
(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate"	1148
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and	1149
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary	1150
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney	1151
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice	1152
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.	1153
(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of	1154
state senator.	1155
(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of	1156
state representative.	1157
(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on	1158
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period	1159
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised	1160
Code and ends on the day of the primary election.	1161
(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election	1162
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately	1163
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an	1164
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on	1165
the thirty-first day of December following that general	1166
election.	1167
(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund	1168
established by a state or county political party under division	1169
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	1170
(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement	1171
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised	1172
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general	1173
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by	1174

legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1175
numbered year. 1176

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1177
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1178
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1179

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1180
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1181

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1182
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1183
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1184
member of the general assembly. 1185

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1186
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1187
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1188
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1189
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1190

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1191
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1192
following: 1193

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1194
member of the same party that established the legislative 1195
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1196
campaign fund is associated; 1197

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1198
member of the same party that established the legislative 1199
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1200
campaign fund is associated. 1201

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1202

campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1203
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1204
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1205
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1206
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1207
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1208
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1209
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1210

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1211
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1212
than: 1213

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1214
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1215
general election period; 1216

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1217
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1218
general election period; 1219

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1220
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1221
general election period; 1222

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1223
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1224
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1225
year; 1226

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1227
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1228

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1229
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1230

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

committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 1258
year. This division does not apply to a political action 1259
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 1260
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 1261
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 1262
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 1263
political contributing entity if they are both established, 1264
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 1265
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1266
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1267
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1268
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1269

(b) No political action committee shall make a 1270
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1271
the party's state candidate fund. 1272

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1273
contributions aggregating more than: 1274

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1275
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1276
general election period; 1277

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1278
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1279
general election period; 1280

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1281
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 1282
election period; 1283

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1284
committee in a calendar year; 1285

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing 1286

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

shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1314
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1315
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1316
period, aggregating more than: 1317

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1318
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1319

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1320
one senate candidate; 1321

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1322
any one house candidate. 1323

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1324
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1325
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1326
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1327
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1328

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1329
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1330

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1331
committee of any one senate candidate; 1332

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1333
any one house candidate. 1334

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1335
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1336
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1337
more than: 1338

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1339
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1340
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1341

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1342
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1343
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1344

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1345
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1346
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1347

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1348
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1349
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1350
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1351
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1352
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1353
any primary election period or general election period. 1354

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1355
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1356
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1357

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1358
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1359
contributions aggregating more than: 1360

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1361
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1362
general election period; 1363

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1364
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1365
general election period; 1366

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1367
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1368
general election period; 1369

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative	1370
campaign fund in a calendar year;	1371
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1372
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1373
(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political	1374
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a	1375
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political	1376
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political	1377
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated	1378
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing	1379
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity	1380
or with a political action committee if they are both	1381
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they	1382
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization,	1383
continuing association, or other person, including any parent,	1384
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation,	1385
organization, labor organization, continuing association, or	1386
other person.	1387
(b) No political contributing entity shall make a	1388
contribution or contributions to a county political party for	1389
the party's state candidate fund.	1390
(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no	1391
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the	1392
following:	1393
(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from	1394
any individual who is under seven years of age;	1395
(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	1396
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is	1397
seven years of age or older, from any one political action	1398

committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1399
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1400
in a general election period; 1401

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1402
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1403
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1404
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1405

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1406
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1407
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1408
a general election period from a county political party that has 1409
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1410
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1411

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1412
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1413
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1414
following: 1415

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1416
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1417

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1418
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1419
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1420
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1421
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1422
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1423
in a general election period. 1424

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1425
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1426
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1427

a general election period from a county political party that has 1428
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1429
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1430

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1431
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1432
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1433

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1434
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1435

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1436
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1437
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1438
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1439
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1440
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1441
in a general election period. 1442

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1443
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1444
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1445
a general election period from a county political party that has 1446
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1447
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1448

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1449
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1450
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1451
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1452
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1453
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1454
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1455
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1456

older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1457

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1458
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1459
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1460
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1461
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1462
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1463
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1464
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1465
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1466
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1467
committee or any political contributing entity. 1468

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1469
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1470
party. 1471

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1472
political party shall do either of the following: 1473

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1474
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1475

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1476
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1477
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1478
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1479
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 1480
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 1481
a calendar year. 1482

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no 1483
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 1484

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1485

any individual who is under seven years of age;	1486
(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	1487
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who	1488
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action	1489
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from	1490
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state	1491
campaign committee, in a calendar year.	1492
(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept	1493
a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1494
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a	1495
primary election period or a general election period more than:	1496
(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1497
campaign committee of a statewide candidate;	1498
(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1499
campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1500
(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign	1501
committee of a house candidate.	1502
(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a	1503
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1504
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than:	1505
(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or	1506
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in	1507
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1508
(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election	1509
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period,	1510
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.	1511
(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of	1512
member of the general assembly, including a designated state	1513

campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1514
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1515
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1516
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1517

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1518
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1519

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1520
committee of a house candidate. 1521

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1522
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1523
shall do either of the following: 1524

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1525
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1526

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1527
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1528
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1529
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1530

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1531
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1532
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1533
another political action committee or from a political 1534
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1535
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1536
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1537
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1538
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1539
division does not apply to a political action committee or 1540
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1541
political action committee or political contributing entity 1542

affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1543
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1544
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1545
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1546
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing-~~ 1547
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1548
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1549
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1550

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1551
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1552
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1553
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1554
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1555
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1556
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1557
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1558
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1559
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1560
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1561
from a single political action committee. 1562

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1563
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1564
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1565
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1566
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1567
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1568
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1569
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including 1570
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1571
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing-~~ 1572
~~association,~~ or other person, are considered to have been made 1573

by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1574

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1575
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1576
does not include a political action committee that ~~is organized~~ 1577
~~to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes~~ 1578
~~no contributions to or only independent expenditures on behalf~~ 1579
~~of a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign~~ 1580
~~fund, or contributions to political action committee, committees~~ 1581
or political contributing ~~entity entities that make only~~ 1582
independent expenditures. As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), 1583
(B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political 1584
contributing entity" does not include a political contributing 1585
entity that ~~is organized to support or oppose a ballot issue or~~ 1586
~~question and that makes no contributions to or only independent~~ 1587
~~expenditures on behalf of a political party, campaign committee,~~ 1588
~~legislative campaign fund, or contributions to political action~~ 1589
~~committee, committees or political contributing entity entities~~ 1590
that make only independent expenditures. 1591

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1592
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1593
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1594
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1595
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1596
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1597
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1598

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1599
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1600
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1601
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1602
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1603

fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1604

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1605
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1606
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1607
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1608
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1609
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1610
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1611
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1612
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1613
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1614
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1615
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1616
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1617
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1618
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1619
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1620
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1621
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1622
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1623
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1624
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1625
of state considers necessary. 1626

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1627
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1628
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1629
any of the following: 1630

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1631
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1632
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1633

3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1634

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1635
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1636
all or part of their contributions; 1637

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1638
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1639
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1640

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1641
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1642

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1643
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1644
section. 1645

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1646
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1647
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1648

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1649
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1650
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1651
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1652
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1653

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1654
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1655
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1656
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1657
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1658
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1659
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1660

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1661

political action committee or political contributing entity with 1662
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1663
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1664
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1665
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1666
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1667
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1668
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1669
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1670
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1671
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1672
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1673
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1674
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1675
following: 1676

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1677
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1678
candidate's campaign committee; 1679

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1680
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1681
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1682
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1683
of the Revised Code. 1684

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1685
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1686
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1687
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1688
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1689
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1690
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1691

fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1692
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1693
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1694

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity, 1695
except a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1696
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1697
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1698
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1699
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity shall 1700
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1701
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1702
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1703
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1704
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1705
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1706
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1707
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1708
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1709
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1710
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1711
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1712
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1713
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1714
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1715
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1716
election falsification. 1717

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ 1718
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1719
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1720
campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, or whenever a 1721
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1722

fewer than ten members makes an independent expenditure in 1723
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1724
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1725
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1726
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1727
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1728
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1729
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1730
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1731
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1732
both of the following: 1733

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1734
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1735
issue committee; 1736

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1737
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 1738
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1739
that has paid for the communication or public political 1740
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1741
Code. 1742

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1743
~~campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party,~~ 1744
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 1745
makes an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to 1746
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 1747
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 1748
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 1749
~~Code, and~~ the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1750
political party, ~~or political action committee, or political~~ 1751
contributing entity shall report the independent expenditure and 1752

identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1753
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1754
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1755
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1756
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1757

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 1758
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 1759
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1760
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1761
independent expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1762
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1763
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 1764
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1765
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1766
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1767
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1768
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 1769
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1770
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1771
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1772
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1773
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1774
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1775
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1776
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1777
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1778
amount of each independent expenditure and the ballot issue or 1779
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1780
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1781

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1782
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 1783

~~organization political contributing entity~~, or other 1784
organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 1785
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 1786
support of or opposition to any candidate or any ballot issue or 1787
question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign 1788
committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1789
committee, ~~corporation, labor organization political~~ 1790
contributing entity, or other organization or association does 1791
not actually exist or operate, if the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1792
~~organization, or other~~ organization or association has failed to 1793
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 1794
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 1795
committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action 1796
committee, or political contributing entity has failed to file a 1797
designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required 1798
to do so by division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1799
Code. 1800

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1801
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1802
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1803
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1804
section. 1805

Sec. 3517.106. (A) As used in this section: 1806

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 1807
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1808
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 1809
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1810

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 1811
other correction to that statement. 1812

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 1813
following information on computer: 1814

(1) The information contained in statements of 1815
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 1816
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 1817
statements of independent expenditures required to be filed 1818
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 1819
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 1820
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 1821

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 1822
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 1823
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 1824

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 1825
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1826
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1827

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 1828
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1829
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1830

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 1831
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1832
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1833

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1834
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1835
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1836
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1837
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1838
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by 1839
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news 1840
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 1841

computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 1842
state's method of storing the information contained in the 1843
statements. 1844

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1845
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1846
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1847
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1848
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1849
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1850
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1851

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1852
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1853
least six years. 1854

(E)(1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 1855
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1856
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1857
state prescribes pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section and 1858
divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1859
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1860
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 1861
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1862
transmission, as applicable: 1863

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 1864
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1865
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 1866
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1867
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 1868
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1869
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1870
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1871

transmission. 1872

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1873
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1874
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 1875
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1876
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 1877
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 1878
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 1879
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 1880
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1881
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1882
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1883
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1884

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 1885
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 1886
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 1887
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 1888
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 1889
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 1890

(d) A political action committee and a political 1891
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1892
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 1893
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 1894
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1895
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1896
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1897
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 1898
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1899
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1900
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1901

exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1902
electronic means of transmission. 1903

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1904
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1905
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1906
to the office of the secretary of state. 1907

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1908
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1909
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1910

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1911
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1912
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1913
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1914
to the board of elections. 1915

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1916
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1917
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 1918
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 1919
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 1920
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1921
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 1922
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 1923
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 1924
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 1925

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1926
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1927
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 1928
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 1929
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 1930

statement specified in that division by electronic means of 1931
transmission to the board of elections. 1932

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1933
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1934
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1935
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1936
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1937
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1938
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1939
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1940
received the addendum or amended statement. 1941

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 1942
of this section, within five business days after a statement 1943
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 1944
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1945
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1946
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 1947
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1948
statement. 1949

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1950
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1951
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1952
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1953
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1954
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1955
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1956
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1957
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1958
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1959
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1960

statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1961
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1962
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1963
office. 1964

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1965
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1966
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1967
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1968
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 1969
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1970
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1971
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 1972
statement. 1973

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1974
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1975
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1976
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 1977
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1978
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 1979
section. 1980

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 1981
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 1982
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 1983
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 1984
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 1985
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 1986
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 1987
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 1988
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 1989
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 1990

statement, addendum, or amended statement. 1991

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1992
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 1993
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 1994
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 1995
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 1996
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 1997
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 1998
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 1999
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2000
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2001
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2002
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2003
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2004
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2005
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2006
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2007
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2008
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2009
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2010
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2011

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2012

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2013

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2014
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2015
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2016

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2017
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2018
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2019

electronic signature is invalidated. 2020

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2021
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2022
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2023
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2024
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2025
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2026
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2027
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2028
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2029
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2030
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2031
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2032
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2033
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2034
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2035
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2036
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2037
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2038
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2039
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2040

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2041
information available online to the public by any means that are 2042
searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2043

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2044
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2045
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2046
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2047
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2048
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2049

section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2050
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2051

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2052
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2053
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2054
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2055
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2056
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2057

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2058
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2059

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2060
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2061

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2062
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2063

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2064
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2065
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2066
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2067
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2068
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2069
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2070

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2071
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2072
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2073
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2074
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2075
public. 2076

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2077
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2078

transmission pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 2079
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2080
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2081
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2082
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2083
statements may be filed. 2084

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2085
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2086
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2087
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2088
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2089
that is accessible to the public. 2090

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2091
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2092
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2093
fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~any~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, or other 2094
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2095
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2096
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2097
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2098
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2099
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2100
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2101
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2102
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, 2103
~~partnership~~, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2104
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2105
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2106
failed to so file: 2107

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2108

political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2109
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2110
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2111
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2112
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2113
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2114
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2115

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2116
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2117
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2118
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2119
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2120
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2121
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2122
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2123
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2124
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2125

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2126
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2127
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2128
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2129
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2130
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2131
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2132
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2133
described in division (I)(2) of this section. 2134

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2135
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2136
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2137
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2138

the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2139
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2140
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2141
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2142
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2143
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2144
provide for all of the following: 2145

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2146
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2147
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2148
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2149
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2150
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2151
statement. 2152

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2153
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2154
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2155
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2156
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2157
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2158
section. 2159

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2160
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2161
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2162
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2163
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2164
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2165
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2166

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2167
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2168

division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2169
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2170
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2171
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2172
for the eligible campaign committee. 2173

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2174
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 2175
section shall review the contribution and information made 2176
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2177
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2178
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2179
available on that web site. 2180

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2181
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2182
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2183
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2184
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 2185
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2186
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2187
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2188
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2189
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2190

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2191
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2192
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2193
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2194
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 2195
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2196
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2197
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2198

of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2199
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) (1) 2200
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2201
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2202
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2203
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2204
process is in effect and available for use. 2205

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2206
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2207
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2208
secretary of state pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section 2209
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2210
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2211
secretary of state. 2212

Sec. 3517.1011. (A) As used in this section: 2213

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 2214
of the Revised Code. 2215

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 2216
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 2217
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 2218
system. 2219

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 2220
of the Revised Code. 2221

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 2222
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 2223
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 2224
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 2225
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 2226
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 2227

another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 2228
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2229
communications. 2230

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 2231
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 2232
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 2233
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 2234
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 2235
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 2236
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 2237
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 2238
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 2239
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 2240
communication" when it is either of the following: 2241

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 2242
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 2243
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 2244
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 2245
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 2246
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 2247
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 2248
toward having the communication made; 2249

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 2250
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 2251
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 2252
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 2253
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 2254
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 2255
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 2256
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 2257

the candidate's campaign committee. 2258

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 2259
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 2260
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 2261
made through any person who provides a service that does not 2262
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 2263
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 2264
also affects the content of the communication. 2265

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 2266

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 2267
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 2268
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 2269
ten thousand dollars; 2270

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 2271
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 2272
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 2273
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 2274
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 2275
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 2276
dollar. 2277

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 2278
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 2279
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 2280
following periods of time: 2281

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 2282
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 2283
election to that office, between the date that the person 2284
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 2285
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 2286

thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 2287
will be elected to that office; 2288

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 2289
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 2290
election to that office, between the date of the primary 2291
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 2292
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 2293

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 2294
the following: 2295

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 2296
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 2297
satellite television or radio station. For example, 2298
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 2299
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 2300
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 2301
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 2302
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 2303
telephone communications. 2304

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 2305
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 2306
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 2307
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 2308
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 2309
party, political committee, or candidate; 2310

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or 2311
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised 2312
Code; 2313

(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate 2314
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and 2315

is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum.	2316 2317
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3517.109 of the Revised Code.	2318 2319
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as amended.	2320 2321 2322
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any political organization considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.	2323 2324 2325 2326
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	2327
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2328 2329 2330 2331 2332
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	2333
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	2334 2335
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2336 2337
(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2338 2339 2340
(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year.	2341 2342

(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, 2343
cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 2344

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that 2345
the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, 2346
or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through 2347
an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief 2348
justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member 2349
of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," 2350
"mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous 2351
reference to the person's status as a candidate. 2352

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be 2353
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered 2354
into a contract to make the disbursement. 2355

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 2356
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 2357
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 2358
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 2359
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 2360
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 2361
make such disbursements. 2362

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 2363
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 2364
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 2365
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 2366
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 2367
electioneering communications statement containing the following 2368
information: 2369

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 2370
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 2371

control over the activities of the person making the 2372
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 2373
the person making the disbursement; 2374

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 2375
the disbursement, if not an individual; 2376

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 2377
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 2378
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 2379

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 2380
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 2381
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 2382

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 2383
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 2384
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 2385
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 2386
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 2387
the account for electioneering communications, the information 2388
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 2389
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 2390
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 2391
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 2392
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 2393
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 2394
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 2395
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 2396
other than electioneering communications. 2397

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 2398
described in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, the information 2399
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 2400

contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 2401
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 2402
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 2403
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 2404
section during the period covered by the statement. 2405

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 2406
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 2407
all of the following shall be reported: 2408

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 2409
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 2410
more; 2411

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 2412
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 2413
registration number assigned to the political action committee 2414
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2415

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 2416
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 2417
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 2418
individual's business, if any; 2419

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 2420
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 2421
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 2422
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 2423
division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 2424
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 2425
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 2426

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 2427
money; 2428

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 2429

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2430
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2431
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 2432
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division (F) (1) of section 2433
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2434
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 2435
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2436
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 2437
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 2438
of state. 2439

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2440
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2441
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 2442
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 2443
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 2444
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 2445

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 2446
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 2447
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2448
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 2449
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 2450
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 2451
correction to the statement that provides the information 2452
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 2453
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 2454
statement. 2455

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2456
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2457
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 2458
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 2459

division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering communication is not authorized by the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee;

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

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in-

kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 2489
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 2490
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 2491
costs of producing or airing the communication. 2492

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 2493
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 2494
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 2495
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 2496
received from a corporation or labor organization. 2497~~

Sec. 3517.11. (A) (1) Campaign committees of candidates for 2498
statewide office or the state board of education, political 2499
action committees or political contributing entities that make 2500
contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are 2501
required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2502
the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action 2503
committees or political contributing entities that make 2504
contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of 2505
the general assembly, political action committees or political 2506
contributing entities that make contributions to state and 2507
national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, 2508
political action committees or political contributing entities 2509
that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection 2510
with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or 2511
political contributing entities that make contributions to other 2512
political action committees or political contributing entities, 2513
political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth 2514
in division (A) (3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, 2515
and state and national political parties shall file the 2516
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2517
with the secretary of state. 2518

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of 2519
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of 2520
candidates for all other offices shall file the statements 2521
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board 2522
of elections where their candidates are required to file their 2523
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 2524

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 2525
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2526
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 2527
file two copies of the printed version of any statement, 2528
addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file 2529
pursuant to division (E) or (J) of section 3517.106 of the 2530
Revised Code but files by printed version only with the 2531
appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall 2532
send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy 2533
to the secretary of state before the close of business on the 2534
day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or 2535
amended statement. 2536

(3) Political action committees or political contributing 2537
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 2538
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 2539
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 2540
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 2541
general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 2542
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 2543
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 2544
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 2545
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 2546
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 2547
having a population greater than that of any other county 2548
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 2549

as the case may be. 2550

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(1)(e) of 2551
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 2552
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 2553
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2554
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 2555

(B)(1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 2556
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 2557
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 2558
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 2559
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 2560
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 2561
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 2562
receipt in writing. 2563

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 2564
statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 2565
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every 2566
candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 2567
3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code of the requirements and 2568
applicable penalties of those sections. The secretary of state 2569
shall notify all candidates required to file those statements 2570
with the secretary of state's office either by certified mail, 2571
or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet 2572
identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary 2573
mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board of 2574
elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any 2575
candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board 2576
on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to 2577
be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of 2578
state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the 2579

candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The 2580
board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of 2581
state. The board shall notify all other candidates required to 2582
file those statements with it either by certified mail, or, if 2583
the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of 2584
record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by 2585
that internet identifier of record. 2586

(3) (a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 2587
3517.081 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code that is found to be 2588
incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted 2589
shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who 2590
filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the 2591
incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary 2592
of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the 2593
office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the 2594
office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and 2595
accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness 2596
and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates 2597
for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign 2598
committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of 2599
appeals file pursuant to division (E) or (J) of section 3517.106 2600
of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of elections 2601
where a statement filed for a candidate for the office of member 2602
of the general assembly or for a candidate for the office of 2603
judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the statement to 2604
be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall immediately 2605
notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or inaccurate 2606
nature. If either an officer at the board of elections or the 2607
secretary of state finds a statement filed for a candidate for 2608
the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate 2609
for the office of judge of a court of appeals to be incomplete 2610

or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall send the 2611
notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature of the 2612
statement. 2613

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 2614
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 2615
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 2616
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 2617
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 2618
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 ~~or section~~ 2619
~~3517.107~~ of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 2620
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 2621
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 2622
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 2623
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2624
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 2625
the office of the secretary of state or a board of elections 2626
pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient 2627
of the notice described in this division file by electronic 2628
means of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 2629
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 2630

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 2631
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 2632
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 2633
filed: 2634

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 2635
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2636

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 2637
statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the 2638
Revised Code; 2639

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed	2640
under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	2641
(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under	2642
section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code;	2643
(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under	2644
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	2645
An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement	2646
that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to	2647
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same	2648
manner as the statement.	2649
The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011,	2650
3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code	2651
pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and	2652
expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure	2653
of electioneering communications statements, deposit and	2654
disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and	2655
donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of	2656
transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or	2657
other corrections to those statements by electronic means of	2658
transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic	2659
means of transmission.	2660
(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state	2661
receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an	2662
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an	2663
amended statement under division (B) (3) (a) of this section, the	2664
secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I)	2665
of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the	2666
Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure,	2667
contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift	2668

and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in 2669
that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement 2670
available online to the public through the internet. 2671

(4) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 2672
shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 2673
3517.08 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code. 2674

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 2675
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 2676
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 2677
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 2678
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 2679
Revised Code. 2680

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 2681
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 2682
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 2683
conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 2684
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 2685
reported to the secretary of state. 2686

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 2687
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 2688
3517.14 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 2689
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 2690
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 2691
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 2692
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 2693
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 2694
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 2695
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 2696
Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has 2697
jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 2698

report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 2699
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 2700
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 2701
Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 2702
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 2703
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 2704

(2) For purposes of division (C)(1) of this section, a 2705
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2706
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 2707
sections 3517.081 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code is incomplete 2708
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 2709
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 2710
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 2711
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 2712
be reported under sections 3517.10, ~~3517.107~~, 3517.108, 2713
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 2714
Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 2715
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 2716
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 2717
deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 2718
during the reporting period. 2719

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 2720
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 2721
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 2722
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 2723
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 2724
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2725

Sec. 3517.13. (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2726
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2727
required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2728

Code.	2729
(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2730 2731 2732 2733 2734 2735 2736
As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2737 2738 2739
(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2740 2741 2742
(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2743 2744 2745
(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2746 2747 2748
(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code.	2749 2750 2751
(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, or general election.	2752 2753 2754
(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other	2755 2756

information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2757
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2758

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2759
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2760
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2761
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2762
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2763
person. 2764

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2765
another when either of the following applies: 2766

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2767
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2768
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2769
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2770
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2771
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2772

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2773
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2774

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2775
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2776
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2777
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2778
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2779
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2780
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2781
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2782
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2783
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2784
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2785

advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign
committees. 2786
2787

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2788
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2789
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2790
exceeds: 2791

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2792
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2793
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2794
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2795
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2796
period; 2797

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2798
of that station by its other users. 2799

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2800
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2801
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2802
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2803
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2804
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2805
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2806
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2807
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2808
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2809
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2810
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2811
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2812
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2813
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2814
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2815

campaign committee. 2816

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2817
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2818
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2819
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2820
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2821
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2822
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2823
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2824
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2825
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2826
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2827
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2828
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2829
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2830
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2831
officer's campaign committee. 2832

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2833
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2834
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2835
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2836
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2837
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2838
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2839
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2840
award of the contract. 2841

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2842
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2843
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2844
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2845

executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2846
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2847
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2848
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2849
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2850
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2851
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2852

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2853
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2854
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2855
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2856
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2857
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2858
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2859
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2860
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2861
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2862
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2863
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2864
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2865
contract for goods or services. 2866

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2867
actions of the controlling board. 2868

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2869
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2870
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2871
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2872
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2873
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2874
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2875

holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2876
time of the award of the contract. 2877

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2878
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2879
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2880
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2881
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2882
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2883
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2884
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2885
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2886
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2887
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2888
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2889
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2890
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2891
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2892
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2893
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2894
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2895
action brought solely for legal separation. 2896

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2897
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2898
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2899
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2900
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2901
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2902
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2903
reimbursement for any of the following: 2904

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2905

incurred by the beneficiary;	2906
(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior	2907
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties	2908
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation,	2909
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or	2910
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public	2911
office would normally be expected;	2912
(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior	2913
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the	2914
following:	2915
(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to	2916
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or	2917
ballot issue;	2918
(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action	2919
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign	2920
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	2921
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party,	2922
political action committee, political contributing entity,	2923
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	2924
(d) Attending a political party convention or other	2925
political meeting.	2926
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred	2927
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated	2928
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit	2929
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on	2930
account.	2931
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly	2932
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of	2933

a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2934
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2935
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2936
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2937
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2938
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2939
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2940
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2941

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2942
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2943
political party, political action committee, political 2944
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2945
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2946
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2947
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2948
value from a political party, political action committee, 2949
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2950
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2951

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2952
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2953
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2954
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2955
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2956
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2957
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2958
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2959

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2960
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2961

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2962
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2963

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2964
political meeting. 2965

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2966
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2967
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2968
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2969
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2970
political party, political action committee, political 2971
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2972
committee. 2973

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2974
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2975
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2976
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2977
political party, political action committee, political 2978
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2979
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2980
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2981
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2982
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2983
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2984
employee's campaign committee. 2985

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2986
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2987
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2988
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2989
services on account. 2990

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2991
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2992
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2993

which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2994
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2995
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2996
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2997

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2998
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2999
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 3000
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 3001
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 3002
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 3003
surrounding circumstances. 3004

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 3005
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 3006
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 3007
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 3008
expenses allowable. 3009

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 3010

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 3011
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 3012

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 3013
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 3014

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 3015
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 3016
Federal Election Campaign Act. 3017

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 3018
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 3019
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 3020
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 3021
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 3022

candidate for state elective office. 3023

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 3024
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 3025
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 3026
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 3027
nomination or election to the federal office. 3028

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 3029
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 3030
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 3031
than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 3032
following: 3033

(a) A state candidate fund; 3034

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 3035

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3036
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3037
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 3038
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 3039

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 3040
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 3041
division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 3042
contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section. 3043

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 3044
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 3045

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 3046
required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 3047
Code. 3048

(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 3049
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 3050

expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 3051
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 3052
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a 3053
candidate for any elective office in this state, including an 3054
office of a political party. 3055

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 3056
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 3057
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 3058
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 3059
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 3060
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 3061
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 3062
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 3063
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 3064
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 3065
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 3066
the value of it, to the contributor. 3067

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 3068
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 3069
Federal Election Campaign Act. 3070

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 3071
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 3072
political party into which contributions may be made or from 3073
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 3074

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 3075
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 3076
restricted fund. 3077

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 3078
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 3079

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 3080
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 3081
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 3082
any one state or county political party for the party's 3083
restricted fund in a calendar year. 3084

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 3085
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 3086
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 3087
organization in a calendar year. 3088

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 3089
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 3090
county political party. 3091

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 3092
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 3093
Revised Code. 3094

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 3095
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 3096
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 3097
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 3098
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 3099
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 3100
association, including, without limitation, a professional 3101
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 3102
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 3103
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 3104
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 3105
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 3106
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 3107
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 3108
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 3109

any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 3110

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 3111
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 3112
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 3113
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 3114
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 3115
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 3116
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 3117
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 3118
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 3119
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 3120
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 3121
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 3122
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 3123
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 3124
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 3125

Sec. 3517.154. (A) (1) The full-time attorney for the Ohio 3126
elections commission shall review each complaint filed with the 3127
commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code, shall 3128
determine the nature of the complaint, and, unless division (A) 3129
(2) (a) of this section requires that the complaint receive an 3130
automatic expedited hearing, shall make a recommendation to the 3131
commission for its disposition, in accordance with this section. 3132
The attorney shall make the determination and the 3133
recommendation, if required, not later than one business day 3134
after the complaint is filed. 3135

(2) (a) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3136
forth a violation of division (B) of section 3517.21 or division 3137
(B) of section 3517.22 of the Revised Code and that the 3138
complaint is filed during one of the periods of time specified 3139

in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the 3140
complaint shall receive an automatic expedited hearing under 3141
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code. 3142

(b) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3143
forth a failure to comply with or a violation of division (G), 3144
(I), (J), (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13, division (A) of 3145
section 3517.21, or division (A) of section 3517.22 of the 3146
Revised Code and that the complaint is filed during one of the 3147
periods of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 3148
of the Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the 3149
commission that the complaint receive an expedited hearing under 3150
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, and the complaint shall 3151
receive such a hearing. 3152

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3153
forth a failure to comply with or a violation of a section of 3154
the Revised Code over which the commission has jurisdiction to 3155
hear complaints other than the sections described in divisions 3156
(A) (2) (a) and (b) of this section, and unless the attorney makes 3157
a determination as provided for in division (A) (3) of this 3158
section, the attorney shall recommend to the commission that the 3159
complaint be submitted to the commission under section 3517.155 3160
of the Revised Code. After the attorney makes that 3161
recommendation, the attorney shall notify all parties to the 3162
complaint of the attorney's recommendation. 3163

(3) (a) If a complaint sets forth a failure to comply with 3164
or a violation of a section of the Revised Code over which the 3165
commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints other than the 3166
sections described in divisions (A) (2) (a) and (b) of this 3167
section and if the complaint is filed during one of the periods 3168
of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the 3169

Revised Code, the attorney may determine that the complaint 3170
should receive an expedited hearing under that section. The 3171
attorney shall make that determination by considering one or 3172
more of the following: 3173

(i) The number of prior failures to comply with or 3174
violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code that the person or 3175
entity against whom the complaint has been brought has committed 3176
and any prior penalties the commission has imposed on the person 3177
or entity; 3178

(ii) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 3179
filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 3180
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3181
3517.1012, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code or an addendum 3182
required to be filed under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code 3183
that is filed late, how late the filing is and how much time has 3184
elapsed between the deadline for filing the statement or 3185
addendum and the filing of the complaint; 3186

(iii) If the complaint involves contributions and 3187
expenditures, contributions and disbursements, deposits and 3188
disbursements, gifts and disbursements, or donations and 3189
disbursements required to be reported under section 3517.10, 3190
division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3191
3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3192
3517.1014 of the Revised Code that are either not reported or 3193
reported late, the number of contributions and expenditures, 3194
contributions and disbursements, deposits and disbursements, 3195
gifts and disbursements, or donations and disbursements not 3196
reported or how late they were reported; 3197

(iv) If the complaint involves contributions required to 3198
be reported by a campaign committee under section 3517.10, 3199

division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3200
3517.108, or 3517.109 of the Revised Code that are not reported, 3201
whether any of the contributors of the contributions not 3202
reported have a personal or professional relationship with the 3203
campaign committee's candidate; 3204

(v) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 3205
filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 3206
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3207
3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code that is 3208
incomplete, the degree to which it is incomplete; 3209

(vi) If the complaint involves the receipt of 3210
contributions in violation of section 3599.03 of the Revised 3211
Code, the dollar amount and number of contributions received in 3212
violation of that section; 3213

(vii) If the complaint involves a failure to make the 3214
identification or a misstatement of the identification required 3215
under section 3517.105 or 3517.20 of the Revised Code, whether 3216
the failure or misstatement was purposely made; 3217

(viii) If the complaint sets forth a failure to comply 3218
with or a violation of a section of the Revised Code described 3219
in division (A) (2) (c) of this section, whether the person or 3220
entity against whom the complaint has been made has committed 3221
more than one such failure or violation within a reasonable 3222
amount of time, or whether the cumulative nature of the failures 3223
or violations indicates a systematic disregard for the law. 3224

(b) Prior to making a determination under division (A) (3) 3225
(a) of this section that the complaint should receive an 3226
expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, 3227
the attorney shall take into consideration the number of panels 3228

of the commission that have cases pending before them and the 3229
number of cases pending before the panels and shall not make a 3230
determination that will place an undue burden on a panel of the 3231
commission. 3232

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint should 3233
receive an expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the 3234
Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the commission 3235
that the complaint receive an expedited hearing, and, if a 3236
majority of the members of the commission agrees with the 3237
recommendation, the complaint shall receive an expedited hearing 3238
under that section. 3239

(4) The attorney may join two or more complaints if the 3240
attorney determines that the allegations in each complaint are 3241
of the same or similar character, are based on the same act or 3242
failure to act, or are based on two or more acts or failures to 3243
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If one 3244
complaint contains two or more allegations, the attorney may 3245
separate the allegations if they are not of the same or similar 3246
character, if they are not based on the same act or failure to 3247
act, or if they are not based on two or more acts or failures to 3248
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If the 3249
attorney separates the allegations in a complaint, the attorney 3250
may make separate recommendations under division (A) (2) or (3) 3251
of this section for each allegation. 3252

(B) Whenever a person or other entity files a complaint 3253
with the commission setting forth a failure to comply with or a 3254
violation of a section of the Revised Code as described in 3255
division (A) (2) (c) of this section and the complaint is filed 3256
during one of the periods of time specified in division (B) (1) 3257
of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the person or entity 3258

may request an expedited hearing under that section at the time 3259
the complaint is filed. The attorney for the commission shall 3260
inform the members of the commission of that request at the time 3261
the attorney makes a recommendation under division (A) of this 3262
section. The commission may grant the request for an expedited 3263
hearing under this division if it determines that an expedited 3264
hearing is practicable. 3265

Sec. 3517.992. This section establishes penalties only 3266
with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after 3267
August 24, 1995. 3268

(A) (1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates 3269
division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the 3270
Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who 3271
violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than 3272
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 3273

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X) (5) of section 3274
3517.13 or division (E) (1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 3275
Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each 3276
day of violation. 3277

(B) An entity that violates division (G) (1) of section 3278
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 3279
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 3280

(C) Whoever violates division (G) (2) of section 3517.101, 3281
division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E) (2) or (3) of 3282
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 3283
than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who 3284
was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 3285
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 3286
both. 3287

(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 as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly 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 section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any political action committee that violates division (B) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B) (3) or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of

the amount permitted by that division. 3317

(4) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 3318
division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3319
fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or 3320
contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, 3321
as applicable. 3322

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 3323
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 3324
political party that violates division (B) (6) of section 3325
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3326
three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of 3327
the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 3328

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 3329
division (B) (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3330
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 3331
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3332

(5) Any political party that violates division (B) (4) of 3333
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3334
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 3335
amount permitted by that division. 3336

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I) (1), (2), (3), (4), and 3337
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3338
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 3339
shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the 3340
amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 3341
permitted by that division meets either of the following 3342
conditions: 3343

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 3344
after it is accepted. 3345

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 3346
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 3347
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 3348
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 3349
the permitted amount has been received. 3350

(J) (1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 3351
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 3352
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3353
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3354

(2) (a) Any county political party that violates division 3355
(C) (4) (a) (ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 3356
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3357
accepted. 3358

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 3359
(4) (a) (i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 3360
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 3361
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3362
division. 3363

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 3364
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 3365
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 3366
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3367
division. 3368

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 3369
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 3370
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 3371
amount permitted by that division. 3372

(4) Any political action committee or political 3373
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 3374

3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3375
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 3376
permitted by that division. 3377

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 3378
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 3379
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 3380
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 3381
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to 3382
be accepted by that division meets either of the following 3383
conditions: 3384

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 3385
after its acceptance. 3386

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 3387
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 3388
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 3389
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 3390
the permitted amount has been received. 3391

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 3392
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3393
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 3394

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 3395
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 3396
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 3397
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 3398
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 3399
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 3400

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 3401
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 3402

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 3403

section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 3404
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 3405

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 3406
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 3407
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3408
accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 3409
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 3410
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 3411
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 3412
the contributor any amount so accepted. 3413

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 3414
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 3415
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 3416
assets transferred in violation of that division. 3417

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 3418
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 3419
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 3420
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 3421
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3422
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 3423

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 3424
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 3425
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3426
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 3427
violation of that section. 3428

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 3429
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 3430
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 3431

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 3432

3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 3433
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 3434
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 3435
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 3436
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 3437

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 3438
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 3439
of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 3440
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another 3441
person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the 3442
Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 3443

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 3444
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 3445
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 3446
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 3447
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of 3448
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 3449
dollars. 3450

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 3451
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 3452

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 3453
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 3454
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 3455

~~(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 3456
declaration of no limits under division (D) (2) of section 3457
3517.103 of the Revised Code that, before filing that 3458
declaration, accepts a contribution or contributions that exceed 3459
the limitations prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised 3460
Code, shall return that contribution or those contributions to 3461~~

~~the contributor.~~ 3462

~~(X)~~ Any campaign committee that fails to file the 3463
declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of 3464
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five 3465
dollars for each day of violation. 3466

~~(Y) (1)~~ (X) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose 3467
of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 3468
(B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner 3469
required by division (C) of that section shall give to the 3470
treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections 3471
commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152 3472
of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that 3473
division. 3474

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 3475
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 3476
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 3477
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 3478
Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of 3479
pursuant to that division. 3480

~~(Z)~~ (Y) Any individual, campaign committee, political 3481
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative 3482
campaign fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, 3483
or other entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 3484
to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided 3485
for under any other division of this section shall be fined not 3486
more than one thousand dollars. 3487

~~(AA) (1)~~ (Z) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (1) 3488
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3489
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 3490

promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 3491
whichever amount is greater. 3492

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (2) of section 3493
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3494
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of 3495
that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 3496
greater. 3497

~~(BB)~~ (AA) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) 3498
of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 3499
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 3500
dollars for each day of violation. 3501

~~(CC) (1) Subject to division (CC) (2) of this section,~~ 3502
~~whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the~~ 3503
~~Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the~~ 3504
~~amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the~~ 3505
~~communication made in violation of that division.~~ 3506

~~(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections~~ 3507
~~commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease~~ 3508
~~making communications in violation of division (H) of section~~ 3509
~~3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division~~ 3510
~~shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount~~ 3511
~~disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made~~ 3512
~~in violation of that division.~~ 3513

~~(DD) (1)~~ (BB) (1) Any corporation or labor organization that 3514
violates division (X) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 3515
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3516
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3517

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 3518
division (X) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall 3519

be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 3520
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3521

~~(EE) (1)~~ (CC) (1) Any campaign committee or person who 3522
violates division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the 3523
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 3524
amount donated in excess of the amount permitted by that 3525
division. 3526

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 3527
violates division (C) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 3528
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 3529
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3530
division. 3531

Sec. 3599.03. (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 3532
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 3533
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 3534
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 3535
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 3536
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F)~~ of this section, no 3537
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 3538
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 3539
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 3540
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 3541
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 3542
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 3543
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 3544
public office, a political action committee including a 3545
political action committee of the corporation or labor 3546
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 3547
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 3548
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 3549

an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 3550
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 3551
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 3552
political action committee if an employee's or labor 3553
organization member's right to attend such an event is 3554
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 3555
corporation's or labor organization's political action 3556
committee. 3557

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 3558
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 3559
dollars. 3560

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 3561
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 3562
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 3563
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 3564
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 3565
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 3566

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 3567
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 3568
more than one year, or both. 3569

(C) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of 3570
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit 3571
corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or 3572
property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or 3573
certified ballot issue to make an independent expenditure or to 3574
make a contribution to a political action committee or a 3575
political contributing entity that makes only independent 3576
expenditures. A corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 3577
organization that makes a contribution or expenditure is 3578
considered a political contributing entity. Such use of funds or 3579

~~property shall be reported on a form prescribed by the secretary
of state. Reports of contributions in connection with statewide
ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state.
Reports of contributions in connection with local issues shall
be filed with the board of elections of the most populous county
of the district in which the issue is submitted or to be
submitted to the electors. Reports made pursuant to this
division shall be filed by the times specified in divisions (A)
(1) and (2) of section accordance with sections 3517.10 and
3517.105 of the Revised Code.~~

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

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

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

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

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C)(1) of

section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 3609
violation of this section. 3610

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 3611
institution to a state political party for services rendered 3612
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 3613
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 3614
section of the Revised Code. 3615

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 3616
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 3617
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 3618
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 3619
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 3620
recipients of the communication. The nonprofit corporation is 3621
not required to report that use of its money or property as an 3622
independent expenditure. 3623

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 3624
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 3625
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 3626
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 3627
organization. 3628

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 3629
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 3630
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 3631
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 3632
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 3633
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 3634
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 3635
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 3636
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 3637
families of any such individuals or if the communication 3638

intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 3639
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. The 3640
corporation or labor organization is not required to report that 3641
use of its money or property as an independent expenditure. 3642

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 3643
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 3644
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 3645
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 3646
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 3647
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 3648
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 3649

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 3650
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 3651

Sec. 3921.22. (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 3652
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 3653
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 3654
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 3655
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 3656
as provided in the benefit contract. 3657

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 3658
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 3659
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 3660
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 3661
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 3662
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 3663
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 3664
entity, or any other political organization. 3665

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 3666
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 3667

accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 3668
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 3669
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 3670
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 3671
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 3672
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 3673
society may do any of the following: 3674

(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the 3675
business and affairs of a separate account; 3676

(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the 3677
account, provide special voting and other rights, including 3678
special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, 3679
investment advisory services, selection of certified public 3680
accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business 3681
and affairs of the account; 3682

(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions 3683
(B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply. 3684

Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) 3685
of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate 3686
one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy 3687
registrar in each county: 3688

(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division 3689
(A) (1) (b) (i) of this section; 3690

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, 3691
subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section; 3692

(iii) An individual; 3693

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of 3694
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3695

(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or less according to the most recent federal decennial census and if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to act as a deputy registrar. 3696
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(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal census. In a county with a population greater than forty thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the competitive selection process for the award of a deputy registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised Code. 3701
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Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in division (A) (1) (b) of this section, if no person applies to act under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the deputy registrar for that county. 3715
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(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer service performance record of any person previously awarded a deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A) (1) of this section. 3721
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(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 3726
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 3727
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 3728
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 3729
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 3730
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 3731
county. 3732

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 3733
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 3734

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 3735
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 3736
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 3737
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 3738
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 3739
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 3740
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 3741
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 3742
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 3743
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 3744
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 3745
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of~~ section 3746
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 3747
defined in ~~division (C) (8) of~~ that section that is primarily 3748
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 3749
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 3750
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 3751
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 3752
with contributions to that political party. 3753

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 3754
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 3755

pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 3756
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 3757
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 3758
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 3759
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 3760
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 3761

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 3762
following to act as a deputy registrar: 3763

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 3764
auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) (b) of this section, 3765
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 3766
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 3767
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 3768
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 3769
office of a political subdivision; 3770

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 3771
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 3772
Revised Code. 3773

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 3774
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 3775
Revised Code. 3776

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 3777
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 3778
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 3779
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 3780
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 3781
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 3782
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 3783
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 3784

the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 3785
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 3786
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 3787
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 3788
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 3789
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 3790
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 3791
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 3792
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 3793
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 3794
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 3795
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 3796
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 3797

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 3798
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 3799
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 3800
Revised Code. 3801

(D)(1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 3802
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 3803
do all of the following: 3804

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 3805
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 3806
services to be performed; 3807

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 3808
be given as provided in this section; 3809

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 3810
of the deputy's office; 3811

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 3812
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 3813

under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 3814
use of the equipment; 3815

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 3816
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 3817
operation by means of public service announcements; 3818

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 3819
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 3820
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 3821
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 3822
the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable 3823
organization or philanthropic cause; 3824

(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to 3825
the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in 3826
each county be open to the public for at least four hours each 3827
weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located 3828
within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the 3829
office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 3830

(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, 3831
provide any person with information about the location and 3832
office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 3833

(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a 3834
nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 3835

(j) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of this section, 3836
prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one 3837
deputy registrar's office at any time; 3838

(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, 3839
require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in 3840
a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the 3841
deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require 3842

the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple 3843
established internet-based mapping services. 3844

(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 3845
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 3846
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 3847
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 3848
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 3849
under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 3850
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 3851
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 3852
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 3853
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 3854
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 3855
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 3856
with accepting reinstatement fees. 3857

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 3858
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3859
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3860
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3861

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3862
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3863
vending machine; 3864

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3865
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3866

(2) Notwithstanding division (D) (1) (j) of this section, 3867
the rules may allow both of the following: 3868

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3869
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3870
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3871

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3872
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3873
public and that provides such services from more than one 3874
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3875
any location. 3876

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3877
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3878
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3879
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3880
service to a member of the public. 3881

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3882
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3883
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3884
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3885
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3886
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3887

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3888
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3889
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3890
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3891
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3892

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3893
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3894
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3895
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3896
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3897
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3898
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3899
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3900
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3901

necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3902

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3903
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3904
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3905

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3906
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3907
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3908
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3909

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3910
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3911
more than three years; 3912

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3913
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3914
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3915
registrar. 3916

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3917
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3918
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3919
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3920
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3921
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3922

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3923
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3924
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3925
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3926
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3927
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3928
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3929
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3930

conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3931
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3932
office. 3933

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3934
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3935
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3936
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3937
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3938
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3939
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3940
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3941
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3942
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3943
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3944
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3945
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3946
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3947
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3948
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3949
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3950
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3951
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3952
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3953
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3954
paid. 3955

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3956
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3957
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3958
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3959
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3960
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3961

by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3962
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3963
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3964

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3965
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3966
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3967
with the approval of the director, for cause. 3968

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3969
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3970
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3971
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3972
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3973
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3974
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3975
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3976
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3977
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3978
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3979
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3980
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3981

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3982
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3983
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3984
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3985
the series assigned. Each deputy shall be required to give bond 3986
in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or in 3987
such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, based 3988
on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3989
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3990
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3991

registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3992
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3993
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3994
department. 3995

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3996
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3997
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3998

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3999
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 4000
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 4001
Revised Code. 4002

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 4003
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 4004
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 4005
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 4006
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 4007
registration applications declined. 4008

Sec. 5727.61. Every public utility required by law to make 4009
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner under 4010
sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code shall file 4011
therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 4012
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 4013
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such public utility 4014
has not, during the preceding year, except as permitted by 4015
~~sections 3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the 4016
Revised Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, 4017
consented, or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property 4018
~~for or in aid of or opposition~~ to make a contribution to a 4019
political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 4020
public office, ~~or~~ a political action committee, or legislative 4021

campaign fund, ~~or organization that supports or opposes any such~~ 4022
 ~~candidate or in any manner used any of its money or property for~~ 4023
 ~~any partisan political purpose whatever,~~ or for the 4024
reimbursement or indemnification of any person for money or 4025
property so used. Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner 4026
prescribes shall be attached to or made a part of the return, 4027
statement, or report required to be made by such public utility 4028
under sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code. 4029

Sec. 5733.27. Every corporation required by law to make 4030
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner shall 4031
file therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 4032
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 4033
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such corporation has 4034
not, during the preceding year, except as permitted ~~by sections~~ 4035
~~3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the Revised 4036
Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, consented, 4037
or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property ~~for or in~~ 4038
~~aid of or opposition to make a contribution~~ to a political 4039
party, a candidate for election or nomination to public office, 4040
~~or a political action committee, or legislative campaign fund,~~ 4041
~~or organization that supports or opposes any such candidate or~~ 4042
~~in any manner used any of its money or property for any partisan~~ 4043
~~political purpose whatever,~~ or for the reimbursement or 4044
indemnification of any person for money or property so used. 4045
Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner prescribes shall be 4046
attached to or made a part of the return, statement, or report 4047
required to be made by such corporation. 4048

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 4049
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.11, 4050
3517.13, 3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, 4051
and 5733.27 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4052

Section 3. That section 3517.107 of the Revised Code is 4053
hereby repealed. 4054

Section 4. The General Assembly acknowledges the ruling of 4055
the Supreme Court of the United States in *Citizens United v.* 4056
Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), that 4057
corporations and labor organizations have a First Amendment 4058
right to make independent expenditures advocating the election 4059
or defeat of candidates for office in the same manner as other 4060
entities. 4061

Section 5. The General Assembly, applying the principle 4062
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4063
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4064
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4065
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4066
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4067
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4068
as presented in this act: 4069

Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4070
H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General Assembly. 4071

Section 3517.11 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4072
H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General Assembly. 4073

Section 6. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 4074
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 4075
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 4076
ensure the integrity of Ohio's electoral process. Therefore, 4077
this act shall go into immediate effect. 4078