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**A BILL**

To amend sections 9.03, 120.54, 181.21, 325.33, 1  
345.13, 517.23, 1317.07, 1901.02, 1901.123, 2  
1901.261, 1907.11, 1907.143, 1907.261, 2303.081, 3  
2303.201, 2505.02, 2929.20, 2967.26, 3517.01, 4  
3517.10, 3517.12, 3517.13, 3517.155, 3517.992, 5  
3517.993, 4507.112, 4509.101, and 4517.261; to 6  
enact new section 135.032 and sections 181.26, 7  
1901.313, 1907.202, and 3109.055; and to repeal 8  
sections 135.032 and 135.321 of the Revised Code 9  
to address the laws governing financial and 10  
administrative matters of the courts, judgeships 11  
and court jurisdiction in Conneaut and Ashtabula 12  
County, appeals related to enforcement of state 13  
law, conciliation in family law proceedings, the 14  
use of financial assistance by legal aid 15  
societies, allocation of funds to the Indigent 16  
Support Defense Fund, political subdivision 17

soldiers' memorials, maintenance of a mausoleum 18  
or columbarium, third-party administration of 19  
driving tests, motor vehicle documentary service 20  
charges, and public depositories; to establish a 21  
standing juvenile committee of the Criminal 22  
Sentencing Commission; to prohibit chartered 23  
counties and municipal corporations from using 24  
public funds for certain purposes; to modify the 25  
Campaign Finance Law; and to reiterate the 26  
effective date of judicial release and 27  
transitional control provisions enacted in S.B. 28  
288 of the 134th General Assembly. 29

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

**Section 1.** That sections 9.03, 120.54, 181.21, 325.33, 30  
345.13, 517.23, 1317.07, 1901.02, 1901.123, 1901.261, 1907.11, 31  
1907.143, 1907.261, 2303.081, 2303.201, 2505.02, 2929.20, 32  
2967.26, 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.12, 3517.13, 3517.155, 3517.992, 33  
3517.993, 4507.112, 4509.101, and 4517.261 be amended and new 34  
section 135.032 and sections 181.26, 1901.313, 1907.202, and 35  
3109.055 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 36

**Sec. 9.03.** (A) As used in this section: 37

(1) "Political subdivision" means any body corporate and 38  
politic, ~~except a municipal corporation that has adopted a~~ 39  
~~charter under Section 7 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, and~~ 40  
~~except a county that has adopted a charter under Sections 3 and~~ 41  
~~4 of Article X, Ohio Constitution,~~ to which both of the 42  
following apply: 43

(a) It is responsible for governmental activities only in a geographic area smaller than the state.	44 45
(b) It is subject to the sovereign immunity of the state.	46
(2) "Cigarettes" and "tobacco product" have the same meanings as in section 5743.01 of the Revised Code.	47 48
(3) "Transaction" has the same meaning as in section 1315.51 of the Revised Code.	49 50
(4) "Campaign committee," "campaign fund," "candidate," "legislative campaign fund," "political action committee," "political committee," "political party," and "separate segregated fund" have the same meanings as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code.	51 52 53 54 55
(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the governing body of a political subdivision may use public funds to publish and distribute newsletters, or to use any other means, to communicate information about the plans, policies, and operations of the political subdivision to members of the public within the political subdivision and to other persons who may be affected by the political subdivision.	56 57 58 59 60 61 62
(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (7) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code, no governing body of a political subdivision shall use public funds to do any of the following:	63 64 65 66
(1) Publish, distribute, or otherwise communicate information that does any of the following:	67 68
(a) Contains defamatory, libelous, or obscene matter;	69
(b) Promotes alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or other tobacco products, or any illegal product, service, or activity;	70 71

(c) Promotes illegal discrimination on the basis of race,	72
color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or ancestry;	73
(d) Supports or opposes any labor organization or any	74
action by, on behalf of, or against any labor organization;	75
(e) Supports or opposes the nomination or election of a	76
candidate for public office, the investigation, prosecution, or	77
recall of a public official, or the passage of a levy or bond	78
issue.	79
(2) Compensate any employee of the political subdivision	80
for time spent on any activity to influence the outcome of an	81
election for any of the purposes described in division (C) (1) (e)	82
of this section. Division (C) (2) of this section does not	83
prohibit the use of public funds to compensate an employee of a	84
political subdivision for attending a public meeting to present	85
information about the political subdivision's finances,	86
activities, and governmental actions in a manner that is not	87
designed to influence the outcome of an election or the passage	88
of a levy or bond issue, even though the election, levy, or bond	89
issue is discussed or debated at the meeting.	90
(D) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (7) of	91
section 340.03 of the Revised Code or in division (E) of this	92
section, no person shall knowingly conduct a direct or indirect	93
transaction of public funds to the benefit of any of the	94
following:	95
(1) A campaign committee;	96
(2) A political action committee;	97
(3) A legislative campaign fund;	98
(4) A political party;	99

(5) A campaign fund;	100
(6) A political committee;	101
(7) A separate segregated fund;	102
(8) A candidate.	103
(E) Division (D) of this section does not prohibit the utilization of any person's own time to speak in support of or in opposition to any candidate, recall, referendum, levy, or bond issue unless prohibited by any other section of the Revised Code.	104 105 106 107 108
(F) Nothing in this section prohibits or restricts any political subdivision from sponsoring, participating in, or doing any of the following:	109 110 111
(1) Charitable or public service advertising that is not commercial in nature;	112 113
(2) Advertising of exhibitions, performances, programs, products, or services that are provided by employees of a political subdivision or are provided at or through premises owned or operated by a political subdivision;	114 115 116 117
(3) Licensing an interest in a name or mark that is owned or controlled by the political subdivision.	118 119
(G) Whoever violates division (D) of this section shall be punished as provided in section 3599.40 of the Revised Code.	120 121
<b>Sec. 120.54.</b> (A) A legal aid society that receives financial assistance from the legal aid fund under section 120.53 of the Revised Code shall use the financial assistance for only the following purposes:	122 123 124 125
(1) To defray the costs of providing legal services to	126

indigents;	127
(2) To provide legal training and legal technical	128
assistance to other eligible legal aid societies; and	129
(3) If the legal aid society has entered into an agreement	130
pursuant to division (H) of section 120.53 of the Revised Code	131
and in accordance with the description and list of conditions	132
set forth in its application pursuant to division (B) (9) of that	133
section, to provide funds for the services, programs, training,	134
and legal technical assistance provided to the legal aid society	135
under the contract.	136
(B) No financial assistance received by a legal aid	137
society from the legal aid fund pursuant to section 120.53 of	138
the Revised Code shall be used for the provision of legal	139
services in <del>relation to</del> any criminal case or proceeding or in	140
<del>relation to</del> the provision of legal assistance in any fee	141
generating case.	142
<u>Sec. 135.032. (A) For the purposes of this section,</u>	143
<u>"institution" means an institution eligible to become a public</u>	144
<u>depository under section 135.03 or 135.32 of the Revised Code or</u>	145
<u>an eligible credit union, as defined in section 135.62 of the</u>	146
<u>Revised Code.</u>	147
<u>(B) An institution designated as a public depository under</u>	148
<u>this chapter shall notify each governing board that made such</u>	149
<u>designation if the institution becomes party to an active prompt</u>	150
<u>corrective action directive issued by a regulatory authority of</u>	151
<u>the United States.</u>	152
<u>(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this</u>	153
<u>section, an institution is ineligible to become a public</u>	154
<u>depository under this chapter or to have active, interim, or</u>	155

inactive deposits awarded, placed, purchased, made, or 156  
designated pursuant to this chapter, if the institution is party 157  
to an active prompt corrective action directive issued by a 158  
regulatory authority of the United States. 159

(D) If a governing board receives notice under division 160  
(B) of this section, or otherwise becomes aware that an 161  
institution the board designated as a public depository is party 162  
to an active prompt corrective action directive issued by a 163  
regulatory authority of the United States, the board may do 164  
either or both of the following, if the board determines that it 165  
is in the public interest: 166

(1) Allow the public depository to continue to have 167  
active, interim, or inactive deposits awarded, placed, 168  
purchased, made, or designated for the remainder of the 169  
designation period; 170

(2) Designate the institution as a public depository for 171  
additional succeeding designation periods. 172

(E) If a governing board determines that one or both of 173  
the actions permitted by division (D) of this section are in the 174  
public interest, and public moneys are lost due to the failure 175  
of the public depository subject to the active prompt correction 176  
directive, all of the following are relieved from any liability 177  
for that loss: 178

(1) The governing board's treasurer and deputy treasurer; 179

(2) An executive director, director, or other person 180  
employed by the governing board, its treasurer, or its deputy 181  
treasurer; 182

(3) Bondspersons and surety of any person described in 183  
divisions (E) (1) and (2) of this section. 184

**Sec. 181.21.** (A) There is hereby created within the 185  
supreme court the state criminal sentencing commission, 186  
consisting of thirty-one members. One member shall be the chief 187  
justice of the supreme court, who shall be the chairperson of 188  
the commission. The following ten members of the commission, no 189  
more than six of whom shall be members of the same political 190  
party, shall be appointed by the chief justice: one judge of a 191  
court of appeals, three judges of courts of common pleas who are 192  
not juvenile court judges, three judges of juvenile courts, and 193  
three judges of municipal courts or county courts. Four members 194  
shall be the superintendent of the state highway patrol, the 195  
state public defender, the director of youth services, and the 196  
director of rehabilitation and correction, or their individual 197  
designees. The following twelve members, no more than seven of 198  
whom shall be members of the same political party, shall be 199  
appointed by the governor after consulting with the appropriate 200  
state associations, if any, that are represented by these 201  
members: one sheriff; two county prosecuting attorneys, at least 202  
one of whom shall be experienced in the prosecution of cases in 203  
juvenile court involving alleged delinquent children, unruly 204  
children, and juvenile traffic offenders; two peace officers of 205  
a municipal corporation or township, at least one of whom shall 206  
be experienced in the investigation of cases involving 207  
juveniles; one former victim of a violation of Title XXIX of the 208  
Revised Code; one attorney whose practice of law primarily 209  
involves the representation of criminal defendants; one member 210  
of the Ohio state bar association; one attorney whose practice 211  
of law primarily involves the representation in juvenile court 212  
of alleged delinquent children, unruly children, and juvenile 213  
traffic offenders; one full-time city prosecuting attorney; one 214  
county commissioner; and one mayor, city manager, or member of a 215  
legislative authority of a municipal corporation. Two members 216



shall be members of the senate, one appointed by the president 217  
of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the 218  
senate. Two members shall be members of the house of 219  
representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of 220  
representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the 221  
house of representatives. 222

The chief justice shall become a member of the commission 223  
on August 22, 1990, and the chief justice's successors in office 224  
shall become members of the commission on the day that they 225  
assume the office of chief justice. The term of office of the 226  
chief justice as a member of the commission shall continue for 227  
as long as that person holds the office of chief justice. The 228  
term of office of the member who is an attorney whose practice 229  
of law primarily involves the representation of criminal 230  
defendants, the term of office of the member who is an attorney 231  
whose practice of law primarily involves the representation in 232  
juvenile court of alleged delinquent children, unruly children, 233  
and juvenile traffic offenders, and the term of office of the 234  
former victim of a violation of Title XXIX of the Revised Code 235  
shall be four years. The term of office of the superintendent of 236  
the state highway patrol, the state public defender, the 237  
director of youth services, and the director of rehabilitation 238  
and correction, or their individual designees, as members of the 239  
commission shall continue for as long as they hold the office of 240  
superintendent of the state highway patrol, state public 241  
defender, director of youth services, or director of 242  
rehabilitation and correction. The term of office of a municipal 243  
corporation or township peace officer as a member of the 244  
commission shall be the lesser of four years or until that 245  
person ceases to be a peace officer of a municipal corporation 246  
or township. Unless the full-time city prosecuting attorney is 247

an elected official, the term of office of the full-time city 248  
prosecuting attorney shall be the lesser of four years or until 249  
the full-time city prosecuting attorney ceases to be a full-time 250  
city prosecuting attorney. All of the members of the commission 251  
who are elected officials shall serve the lesser of four years 252  
or until the expiration of their term of office. Any vacancy on 253  
the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the 254  
original appointment. 255

When the chief justice and governor make their 256  
appointments to the commission, they shall consider adequate 257  
representation by race and gender. 258

(B) The commission shall select a vice-chairperson and any 259  
other necessary officers and adopt rules to govern its 260  
proceedings. The commission shall meet as necessary at the call 261  
of the chairperson or on the written request of eight or more of 262  
its members. Sixteen members of the commission constitute a 263  
quorum, and the votes of a majority of the quorum present shall 264  
be required to validate any action of the commission. All 265  
business of the commission shall be conducted in public 266  
meetings. 267

The members of the commission shall serve without 268  
compensation, but each member shall be reimbursed for the 269  
member's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the 270  
performance of the member's official duties on the commission. 271  
In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall 272  
perform the duties of the chairperson. 273

(C) The commission shall establish an office and shall 274  
appoint and fix the compensation of a project director and any 275  
other employees necessary to assist the commission in the 276  
execution of its authority under sections 181.21 to 181.25 of 277

the Revised Code. The project director shall have a thorough 278  
understanding of the criminal laws of this state and experience 279  
in committee-oriented research. The other employees may include 280  
a research coordinator with experience and training in policy- 281  
oriented research; professional staff employees with backgrounds 282  
in criminal law, criminal justice, political science, or related 283  
fields of expertise; administrative assistants; and secretaries. 284  
The commission also may appoint and fix the compensation of 285  
part-time data collectors, clerical employees, and other 286  
temporary employees as needed to enable the commission to 287  
execute its authority under sections 181.21 to 181.25 of the 288  
Revised Code. 289

(D) (1) The sentencing commission shall establish a 290  
standing juvenile committee. The committee may consist of the 291  
following commission members: 292

(a) The chief justice of the supreme court or the chief 293  
justice's designee; 294

(b) The director of youth services, or the director's 295  
designee; 296

(c) The three juvenile court judges; 297

(d) One court of common pleas judge who is not a juvenile 298  
court judge; 299

(e) One county prosecuting attorney who is experienced in 300  
the prosecution of cases in juvenile court involving alleged 301  
delinquent children, unruly children, and juvenile traffic 302  
offenders; 303

(f) The attorney whose practice of law primarily involves 304  
the representation in juvenile court of alleged delinquent 305  
children, unruly children, and juvenile traffic offenders; 306

<u>(g) The former victim of a violation of Title XXIX of the Revised Code;</u>	307 308
<u>(h) The county commissioner;</u>	309
<u>(i) One legislator from each political party;</u>	310
<u>(j) The sheriff;</u>	311
<u>(k) One municipal corporation or township peace officer who is experienced in the investigation of cases involving juveniles;</u>	312 313 314
<u>(l) Any other persons that the chief justice or the chairperson of the committee designates.</u>	315 316
<u>(2) The members may serve on the committee by designation of the chief justice or the chairperson of the committee.</u>	317 318
<u>(3) The chief justice shall designate a member to serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall select a vice-chairperson and any other necessary officers and adopt rules to govern its proceedings.</u>	319 320 321 322
<u>(4) The committee shall meet as necessary at the call of the chairperson or on the written request of four or more of the committee's members. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum, and the votes of a majority of the quorum present are required to validate any action of the committee, including recommendations to the commission.</u>	323 324 325 326 327 328
<u>(5) The committee and the commission shall comply with section 181.26 of the Revised Code.</u>	329 330
<b>Sec. 181.26.</b> <u>(A) In addition to its duties set forth in this chapter, the state criminal sentencing commission shall do all of the following:</u>	331 332 333

<u>(1) Review all statutes governing delinquent child, unruly</u>	334
<u>child, and juvenile traffic offender dispositions in this state;</u>	335
<u>(2) Review state and local resources, including facilities</u>	336
<u>and programs, used for delinquent child, unruly child, and</u>	337
<u>juvenile traffic offender dispositions and the populations of</u>	338
<u>youthful offenders in the facilities and programs;</u>	339
<u>(3) Develop a juvenile justice policy for the state. The</u>	340
<u>policy shall be designed to:</u>	341
<u>(a) Assist in the managing of the number of persons in,</u>	342
<u>operation of, and costs of the facilities, the programs, and</u>	343
<u>other resources used in delinquent child, unruly child, and</u>	344
<u>juvenile traffic offender dispositions;</u>	345
<u>(b) Further the purposes for disposition under section</u>	346
<u>2152.01 of the Revised Code;</u>	347
<u>(c) Provide greater certainty, proportionality,</u>	348
<u>uniformity, fairness, and simplicity in delinquent child, unruly</u>	349
<u>child, and juvenile traffic offender dispositions while</u>	350
<u>retaining reasonable judicial discretion.</u>	351
<u>(B) The commission shall do all of the following:</u>	352
<u>(1) Assist in the implementation of statutes governing</u>	353
<u>delinquent child, unruly child, and juvenile traffic offender</u>	354
<u>dispositions in this state;</u>	355
<u>(2) Monitor the operation of statutes governing delinquent</u>	356
<u>child, unruly child, and juvenile traffic offender dispositions</u>	357
<u>in this state, periodically report to the general assembly on</u>	358
<u>the statutes' operation and the statutes' impact on resources</u>	359
<u>used in delinquent child, unruly child, and juvenile traffic</u>	360
<u>offender dispositions, and recommend necessary changes in the</u>	361

statutes to the general assembly in the biennial monitoring 362  
report described in section 181.25 of the Revised Code; 363

(3) Review all bills that are introduced in the general 364  
assembly related to delinquent child, unruly child, and juvenile 365  
traffic offender dispositions, determine if those bills are 366  
consistent with the juvenile justice policy adopted under 367  
division (A) (3) of this section, recommend to the general 368  
assembly amendments to those bills if necessary, and assist the 369  
general assembly in making legislation consistent with the 370  
juvenile justice policy adopted under division (A) (3) of this 371  
section. 372

**Sec. 325.33.** (A) Notwithstanding sections 325.27 and 373  
325.31 of the Revised Code, all fees retained by the clerk of 374  
courts under Chapters 1548., 4505., and 4519. of the Revised 375  
Code, all fees the clerk of courts receives as a third-party 376  
administrator of the motor vehicle skills test under section 377  
4507.112 of the Revised Code, and all fees the clerk of courts 378  
receives in the capacity of deputy registrar under section 379  
4503.03 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the county 380  
treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 381  
administration fund, which is hereby created. Fees credited to 382  
the fund shall be used as follows: 383

(1) To pay the costs incurred by the clerk of courts in 384  
processing titles under Chapters 1548., 4505., and 4519. of the 385  
Revised Code; 386

(2) To pay the clerk of courts an eight thousand dollar 387  
annual pay supplement for performing the duties of a deputy 388  
registrar if the clerk is not a limited authority deputy 389  
registrar, as described in section 4501:1-6-04 of the Ohio 390  
Administrative Code. 391

(B) If the board of county commissioners and the clerk of courts agree that the money in the fund exceeds what is needed to pay the costs specified in division (A) of this section, the excess may be transferred to the county general fund and used for other county purposes. If the board of county commissioners and the clerk of courts are unable to agree on the amount of any such excess, the county budget commission shall determine the amount that will be transferred to the county general fund.

**Sec. 345.13.** A soldiers' memorial, provided for by section 345.01 of the Revised Code, shall be maintained so as to commemorate the services of all members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States. The board of trustees shall make rules and regulations for the use, administration, and maintenance of such memorial as is fitting and necessary to carry out the purposes thereof. The board of trustees may make rules and regulations for entertainment, retail, educational, sporting, social, cultural, or arts opportunities at the memorial.

When such memorial is a building, it shall provide suitable apartments of sufficient dimensions to commemorate the soldiers, sailors, marines, and all members of the armed forces of the United States, so designated by congress, ~~both men and women of the county,~~ who have lost their lives while in the service of the country. Suitable tablets shall be maintained with the names of such soldiers, sailors, and marines inscribed thereon. The building may include a public auditorium, music hall, and recreational facilities.

The board may establish rental fees and other charges for the use of the memorial, and it may waive any portion of such charges.

With the approval of the board of county commissioners, 422  
the board of trustees may enter into contracts with political 423  
subdivisions or nonprofit organizations for the use of other 424  
facilities separate and apart from the memorial, and to provide 425  
other services. Such use shall adhere to the rules and 426  
regulations established by the board of trustees to carry out 427  
the purposes of the memorial. 428

**Sec. 517.23.** (A) Subject to divisions (B), (D), ~~and (E),~~ 429  
and (F) of this section, the board of township trustees, the 430  
trustees or directors of a cemetery association, or the other 431  
officers having control and management of a cemetery or the 432  
officer of a municipal corporation who has control and 433  
management of a municipal cemetery shall disinter or grant 434  
permission to disinter any remains ~~buried~~ interred in the 435  
cemetery in either of the following circumstances: 436

(1) Within thirty days after an application for 437  
disinterment is filed with the cemetery in accordance with 438  
division (A) of section 517.24 of the Revised Code and payment 439  
of the reasonable costs and expense of disinterment is made by 440  
the following applicants: 441

(a) A designated representative, or successor, to whom the 442  
decedent had assigned the right of disposition in a written 443  
declaration pursuant to section 2108.70 of the Revised Code and 444  
who had exercised such right at the time of the declarant's 445  
death; 446

(b) If no designated representative exercised the right of 447  
disposition pursuant to section 2108.70 of the Revised Code, the 448  
surviving spouse of the decedent who is eighteen years of age or 449  
older. 450



(2) On order of a probate court issued under division (B) 451  
of section 517.24 of the Revised Code and payment by the person 452  
who applied for the order under that division of the reasonable 453  
costs and expense of disinterment. 454

(B) No disinterment shall be made pursuant to this section 455  
and section 517.24 of the Revised Code if the decedent died of a 456  
contagious or infectious disease until a permit has been issued 457  
by the board of health of a general health district or of a city 458  
health district. This division does not apply to cremated 459  
remains. 460

(C) Upon disinterment of remains under division (A) (1) or 461  
(2) of this section, the involved board, trustees, directors, 462  
other officers, or officer of the municipal corporation shall 463  
deliver or cause to be delivered the disinterred remains to the 464  
applicant under division (A) (1) of this section or, if the 465  
disinterment was pursuant to court order issued under division 466  
(B) of section 517.24 of the Revised Code, to the person who 467  
applied for the order under that division. 468

(D) The board of township trustees, the trustees or 469  
directors of a cemetery association, or the other officers 470  
having control and management of a cemetery or the officer of a 471  
municipal corporation who has control and management of a 472  
municipal cemetery may disinter or grant permission to disinter 473  
and, if appropriate, may reinter or grant permission to reinter 474  
any remains ~~buried~~ interred in the cemetery to correct an 475  
interment error in the cemetery if the board, trustees, 476  
directors, other officers, or officer of the municipal 477  
corporation comply with the internal rules of the cemetery 478  
pertaining to disinterments and if the board, trustees, 479  
directors, other officers, or officer of the municipal 480

corporation provide notice of the disinterment to the person who 481  
has been assigned or reassigned the rights of disposition for 482  
the deceased person under the provisions of section 2108.70 or 483  
2108.81 of the Revised Code. The board, trustees, directors, 484  
other officers, or officer of the municipal corporation may 485  
correct an interment error under this division without a court 486  
order or an application by a person. 487

(E) (1) A person who is an interested party and who is 488  
eighteen years of age or older and of sound mind may apply to 489  
the probate court of the county in which the decedent is ~~buried-~~ 490  
interred for an order to prevent the applicant under division 491  
(A) (1) of this section from having the remains of the decedent 492  
disinterred. An application to prevent the disinterment of the 493  
remains of the decedent shall be in writing, subscribed and 494  
verified by oath, and include all of the following: 495

(a) If applicable, a statement that the applicant assumed 496  
financial responsibility for the funeral and ~~burial-interment~~ 497  
expenses of the decedent; 498

(b) If division (E) (1) (a) of this section is inapplicable 499  
relative to the applicant, a statement that the applicant did 500  
not assume financial responsibility for the funeral and ~~burial-~~ 501  
interment expenses of the decedent; 502

(c) A statement that the applicant is eighteen years of 503  
age or older and of sound mind; 504

(d) The relationship of the applicant to the decedent; 505

(e) A statement of the applicant's reasons to oppose the 506  
disinterment of the remains of the decedent. 507

(2) An applicant for an order to prevent the disinterment 508  
of the remains of the decedent under division (E) of this 509

section promptly shall give notice of the filing of the 510  
application by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the 511  
applicant under division (A) (1) of this section. The notice 512  
shall indicate that the applicant has filed an application for 513  
an order to prevent the disinterment of the remains of the 514  
decedent. 515

~~(F)~~ (F) (1) If the repair or replacement of a mausoleum or 516  
columbarium necessitates the disinterment of one or more sets of 517  
remains, the board, trustees, directors, other officers, or 518  
officer of the municipal corporation, shall file a single 519  
application with the probate court in the county where the 520  
mausoleum or columbarium is situated for a disinterment order 521  
that authorizes the disinterment and reinterment of those 522  
affected remains in the mausoleum or columbarium. Upon the 523  
filing of the application, the probate court shall schedule a 524  
hearing. 525

(2) The board, trustees, directors, other officers, or 526  
officer of the municipal corporation promptly shall provide 527  
notice to the surviving spouses of the affected decedents and to 528  
the persons who have been assigned or reassigned the rights of 529  
disposition for the affected remains under the provisions of 530  
sections 2108.70 to 2108.90 of the Revised Code. The notice 531  
shall state that an application for disinterment has been filed 532  
and shall provide the time, date, and location of the hearing. 533  
The notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt 534  
requested, or, if the names or addresses of such persons are 535  
unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, the 536  
notice shall be made by publication in a newspaper of general 537  
circulation in the county where the probate court is located and 538  
as otherwise required by the probate court. 539

(3) Upon conducting the hearing, the court shall issue an order of disinterment if all of the following are satisfied: 540  
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(a) The affected remains shall be held in a permanent or temporary structure on cemetery property that allows for access for visitation during the times that the cemetery's other grounds and facilities are open for visitation, shall be properly identified and held in a secure manner without any commingling of cremated remains, and shall not be held for a period exceeding eighteen months unless an extension of time is granted by the probate court for good cause; 542  
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(b) If a mausoleum or columbarium is being replaced, the replacement mausoleum or columbarium shall be built on property that is owned by the cemetery and that is either the same property upon which the original mausoleum or columbarium was located or property that is contiguous thereto; 550  
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(c) The cemetery provided notice as required under division (F) (2) of this section; 555  
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(d) Upon considering all of the following, the court finds there are one or more compelling reasons to issue the requested order of disinterment: 557  
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(i) The cost, feasibility, and timetable for the repairs or replacement; 560  
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(ii) The current condition of the structure to be repaired or replaced; 562  
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(iii) The location, design, features, and overall quality of the proposed replacement structure; 564  
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(iv) The input of the persons receiving notice under division (F) (2) of this section. 566  
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(4) A cemetery is not liable in damages in a civil action 568  
if the cemetery changes the specific location of entombment 569  
rights or columbarium rights due to the repair or replacement of 570  
a mausoleum or columbarium made in accordance with an order 571  
issued by the probate court under division (F)(3) of this 572  
section. 573

(G) As used in this section and in section 517.24 of the 574  
Revised Code: 575

(1) "Cemetery" and "interment" have the same meanings as 576  
in section 1721.21 of the Revised Code. 577

(2) "Disinterment" means the recovery of human remains by 578  
exhumation, disentombment, or disinurnment. "Disinterment" does 579  
not include the raising and lowering of remains to accommodate 580  
two interments within a single grave and does not include the 581  
repositioning of an outside burial container that encroaches an 582  
adjoining burial space. 583

**Sec. 1317.07.** No retail installment contract authorized by 584  
section 1317.03 of the Revised Code that is executed in 585  
connection with any retail installment sale shall evidence any 586  
indebtedness in excess of the time balance fixed in the written 587  
instrument in compliance with section 1317.04 of the Revised 588  
Code, but it may evidence in addition any agreements of the 589  
parties for the payment of delinquent charges, as provided for 590  
in section 1317.06 of the Revised Code, taxes, and any lawful 591  
fee actually paid out, or to be paid out, by the retail seller 592  
to any public officer for filing, recording, or releasing any 593  
instrument securing the payment of the obligation owed on any 594  
retail installment contract. No retail seller, directly or 595  
indirectly, shall charge, contract for, or receive from any 596  
retail buyer, any further or other amount for examination, 597



court";	628
(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court";	629 630
(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court";	631 632
(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court";	633 634
(6) The municipal court established in London that shall be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court";	635 636
(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court";	637 638
(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court";	639 640
(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal court";	641 642 643
(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court";	644 645
(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court";	646 647
(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court";	648 649
(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court";	650 651
(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court";	652 653

- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 654  
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 655
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 656  
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 657
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 658  
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 659  
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 660  
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 661  
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 662
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 663  
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 664  
"Clinton county municipal court"; 665
- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 666  
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal 667  
court"; 668
- (20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 669  
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 670  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 671
- (21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 672  
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 673  
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 674  
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 675  
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 676
- (22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 677  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 678  
"Brown county municipal court"; 679
- (23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 680  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 681



"Morrow county municipal court";	682
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that,	683
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the	684
"Darke county municipal court";	685
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that,	686
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	687
"Holmes county municipal court";	688
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that,	689
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	690
"Carroll county municipal court";	691
(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in	692
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or	693
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within	694
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by	695
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January	696
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal	697
court";	698
(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that,	699
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the	700
"Putnam county municipal court";	701
(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery	702
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory	703
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of	704
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering,	705
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West	706
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington	707
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that	708
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and	709
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court";	710

(30) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 711  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 712  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 713

(31) The municipal court established in New Lexington 714  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 715  
the "Perry county municipal court"; 716

(32) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 717  
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 718  
"Paulding county municipal court"; 719

(33) The municipal court established in Wauseon that, 720  
beginning January 1, 2024, shall be styled and known as the 721  
"Fulton county municipal court." 722

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 723  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 724  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 725

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 726  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 727  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 728  
county. 729

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 730  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 731  
county. 732

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 733  
Ashland county. 734

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 735  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 736

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 737  
Athens county. 738

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction	739
within Auglaize county.	740
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	741
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	742
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	743
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	744
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	745
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	746
Summit county.	747
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	748
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	749
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	750
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	751
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	752
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	753
Logan county.	754
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	755
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	756
in Sandusky county.	757
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	758
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	759
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	760
township, in Cuyahoga county.	761
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	762
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	763
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	764
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	765
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston; within Bloom,	766
Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	767

Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county; and on and after January 2, 2024, within Perry township in Wood county.	768 769 770
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	771 772
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams county.	773 774
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within Guernsey county.	775 776
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	777 778
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	779 780 781
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	782 783
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	784 785
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	786 787
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	788 789
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	790 791
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	792 793
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	794

Clark county.	795
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	796
within Clermont county.	797
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	798
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	799
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	800
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	801
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	802
within Columbiana county.	803
<u>Beginning January 1, 2025, the Conneaut municipal court</u>	804
<u>has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of North</u>	805
<u>Kingsville, and within Kingsville, Monroe, and Sheffield</u>	806
<u>townships, in Ashtabula county.</u>	807
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	808
Coshocton county.	809
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	810
within Crawford county.	811
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	812
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	813
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	814
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	815
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	816
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	817
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	818
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	819
municipal corporation of Bradford.	820
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	821

Defiance county.	822
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	823
Delaware county.	824
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	825
county.	826
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	827
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	828
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	829
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	830
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	831
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	832
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	833
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	834
Vermilion.	835
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	836
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	837
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	838
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	839
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	840
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction, until	841
January 2, 2024, within all of Hancock county except within	842
Washington township, and on and after January 2, 2024, within	843
all of Hancock county.	844
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	845
Franklin township in Warren county.	846
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	847
within Franklin county.	848

The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	849
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	850
Beginning January 1, 2024, the Fulton county municipal	851
court has jurisdiction within Fulton county.	852
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	853
Gallia county.	854
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	855
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	856
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	857
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	858
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	859
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	860
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	861
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	862
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	863
within Hamilton county.	864
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	865
Hardin county.	866
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	867
of Highland county except within Madison township.	868
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	869
Hocking county.	870
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	871
Holmes county.	872
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	873
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	874
corporation of Sandusky.	875

The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	876
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	877
townships in Lawrence county.	878
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	879
Jackson county.	880
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	881
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	882
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	883
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	884
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	885
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	886
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	887
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	888
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	889
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	890
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	891
Licking county.	892
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	893
county.	894
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	895
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	896
township, in Lorain county.	897
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	898
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	899
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	900
county.	901
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	902



Madison county.	903
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	904
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	905
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	906
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	907
Richland county.	908
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	909
Washington county.	910
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	911
county.	912
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	913
Union county.	914
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	915
Deerfield township in Warren county.	916
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	917
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	918
townships in Stark county.	919
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	920
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	921
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	922
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	923
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	924
county.	925
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	926
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	927
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	928
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	929
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	930

Medina county.	931
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	932
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	933
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	934
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	935
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	936
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	937
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	938
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	939
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	940
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except	941
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	942
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal	943
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except	944
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton,	945
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood,	946
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German,	947
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships.	948
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal	949
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	950
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within	951
Knox county.	952
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	953
county.	954
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction	955
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn,	956
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover,	957
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in	958

Tuscarawas county.	959
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	960
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	961
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	962
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	963
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	964
township in Trumbull county.	965
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	966
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	967
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	968
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	969
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	970
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	971
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	972
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	973
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	974
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	975
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	976
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	977
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the	978
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	979
Toledo municipal court.	980
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	981
Ottawa county.	982
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	983
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in	984
Lake county.	985
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	986

municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale,	987
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn	988
Heights in Cuyahoga county.	989
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal	990
court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	991
Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal	992
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.	993
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	994
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	995
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships,	996
in Wood county.	997
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	998
Portage county.	999
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	1000
Scioto county.	1001
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1002
Putnam county.	1003
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	1004
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	1005
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	1006
Cuyahoga county.	1007
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1008
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	1009
Perkins township, in Erie county.	1010
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	1011
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	1012
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	1013

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 1014  
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 1015  
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 1016  
in Richland county. 1017

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 1018  
county. 1019

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 1020  
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 1021  
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 1022  
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 1023  
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 1024  
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 1025

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1026  
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 1027  
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 1028  
county. 1029

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1030  
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 1031  
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 1032  
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 1033  
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 1034  
in Lucas county. 1035

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 1036  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 1037  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 1038  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 1039  
and beginning on January 1, 2014, and until January 2, 2024, has 1040  
jurisdiction within Washington township in Hancock county, and 1041  
within Perry township, except within the municipal corporation 1042

of West Millgrove, in Wood county.	1043
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within	1044
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of	1045
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	1046
The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within	1047
Wyandot county.	1048
The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1049
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and	1050
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery	1051
county.	1052
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van	1053
Wert county.	1054
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1055
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within	1056
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal	1057
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	1058
The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1059
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and	1060
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer,	1061
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county.	1062
The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren	1063
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township	1064
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull	1065
county.	1066
The Washington Court House municipal court has	1067
jurisdiction within Fayette county.	1068
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1069
Wayne county.	1070

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1071  
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 1072  
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 1073  
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 1074  
county. 1075

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 1076  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 1077

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 1078  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 1079  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 1080  
Greene county. 1081

(C) As used in this section: 1082

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 1083  
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 1084  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 1085  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 1086  
governmentally a part of the township. 1087

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 1088  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 1089  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 1090  
corporation. 1091

**Sec. 1901.123.** (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 1092  
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 1093  
which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court 1094  
is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an 1095  
acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), 1096  
or (C) (1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled 1097  
pursuant to division (A) (1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised 1098  
Code. 1099

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~The treasurer of a~~ A county that, pursuant to division (A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay the per diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is entitled, shall submit to the administrative director of the supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause reimbursements of the state portion of the per diem amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative director



verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. If the 1130  
county fails to submit a request within one year after the per 1131  
diem compensation was paid, the administrative director shall 1132  
refuse to cause reimbursement to be issued. 1133

(C) If the supreme court, pursuant to division (A) (4) of 1134  
this section, is required to pay the per diem compensation to 1135  
which an assigned judge is entitled, annually, on the first day 1136  
of August, the administrative director of the supreme court 1137  
shall issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to 1138  
which such a judge was assigned to a municipal court for 1139  
reimbursement of the county or local portion of the per diem 1140  
compensation previously paid by the supreme court for the 1141  
twelve-month period preceding the last day of June. The county 1142  
or local portion of the per diem compensation shall be that part 1143  
of each per diem paid by the state which is proportional to the 1144  
county or local shares of the total compensation of a resident 1145  
judge of such court. The county treasurer shall forward the 1146  
payment within thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the 1147  
county treasurer shall seek reimbursement from the applicable 1148  
local municipalities as appropriate. 1149

**Sec. 1901.261.** (A) (1) A municipal court may determine that 1150  
for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are 1151  
required to computerize the court, to make available 1152  
computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 1153  
a determination that additional funds are required for either or 1154  
both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule 1155  
of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code one 1156  
additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each 1157  
cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in 1158  
division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code 1159  
and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee. 1160

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 1161  
or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 1162  
which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court is 1163  
a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if 1164  
the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The 1165  
treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 1166  
to be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 1167  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 1168  
is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 1169  
authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 1170  
county-operated municipal court, or upon an order of the court, 1171  
subject to the court making an annual report available to the 1172  
public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not 1173  
greater than the actual cost to the court of computerizing the 1174  
court, procuring and maintaining computerized legal research 1175  
services, or both. 1176

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 1177  
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 1178  
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 1179  
described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 1180  
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 1181  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 1182  
is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 1183  
authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 1184  
county-operated municipal court, expend those surplus funds, or 1185  
upon an order of the court, subject to the court making an 1186  
annual report available to the public listing the use of all 1187  
such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate 1188  
technological expenses of the court. 1189

~~(B) (1) A(B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (b)~~ 1190  
of this section, the clerk of a municipal court may determine 1191

that, for the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of 1192  
the municipal court, additional funds are required to 1193  
computerize the office of the clerk of the court and, upon that 1194  
determination, may ~~include in its schedule of fees and costs~~ 1195  
~~under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code an additional~~ 1196  
authorize and direct that a computerization fee not to exceed 1197  
~~ten twenty~~ dollars be charged on the filing of each cause of 1198  
action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 1199  
each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 1200  
of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 1201  
modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in 1202  
division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the 1203  
Revised Code. 1204

(b) In a county in which the clerk of the municipal court 1205  
is appointed, the municipal court may make the determination 1206  
described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section and, upon that 1207  
determination, may include such a computerization fee in its 1208  
schedule of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised 1209  
Code. 1210

(2) Subject to division ~~(B)(2)~~(B)(3) of this section, all 1211  
moneys collected under division ~~(B)(1)~~(B)(1)(a) of this section 1212  
shall be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month 1213  
following the month in which they are collected to the county 1214  
treasurer if the court is a county-operated municipal court or 1215  
to the city treasurer if the court is not a county-operated 1216  
municipal court. The treasurer shall place the funds from the 1217  
fees in a separate fund to be disbursed, ~~upon an order of the~~ 1218  
~~municipal court and~~ subject to an appropriation made by the 1219  
board of county commissioners if the court is a county-operated 1220  
municipal court or by the legislative authority of the municipal 1221  
corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal 1222

court, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court 1223  
of procuring and maintaining computer systems for the office of 1224  
the clerk of the municipal court. 1225

~~(2)~~(3) If a municipal court or the clerk of a municipal 1226  
court makes the determination described in division ~~(B) (1)~~(B) (1) 1227  
(a) of this section, the board of county commissioners of the 1228  
county if the court is a county-operated municipal court or the 1229  
legislative authority of the municipal corporation if the court 1230  
is not a county-operated municipal court, may issue one or more 1231  
general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and 1232  
maintaining the computer systems for the office of the clerk of 1233  
the municipal court. In addition to the purposes stated in 1234  
division ~~(B) (1)~~(B) (1) (a) of this section for which the moneys 1235  
collected under that division may be expended, the moneys 1236  
additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and financing 1237  
costs related to any general obligation bonds issued pursuant to 1238  
division ~~(B) (2)~~(B) (3) of this section as they become due. 1239  
General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division ~~(B) (2)~~(B) 1240  
(3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities. 1241

**Sec. 1901.313.** (A) Beginning not later than two hundred 1242  
seventy days after the effective date of this section, pleadings 1243  
or documents may be filed with the clerk of court either in 1244  
paper format or in electronic format. 1245

(B) (1) The clerk shall determine whether the filing of 1246  
pleadings or documents in electronic format may be accomplished 1247  
either by electronic mail or through the use of an online 1248  
platform. 1249

(2) The fee for filing pleadings or documents in 1250  
electronic format may be paid after the filing. The clerk shall 1251  
not require that any fee for the filing of pleadings or 1252

documents in electronic format be paid before the filing, unless 1253  
the clerk has provided for an electronic payment system for such 1254  
filing. 1255

(3) The clerk shall not require a fee for the filing of 1256  
pleadings or documents in electronic format that is greater than 1257  
the applicable fee for the filing of pleadings or documents in 1258  
paper format. 1259

(C) Pleadings and documents filed in paper format may be 1260  
converted to an electronic format. Documents created by the 1261  
clerk of court in the exercise of the clerk's duties may be 1262  
created in an electronic format. 1263

(D) When pleadings or documents are received or created 1264  
in, or converted to, an electronic format as provided in this 1265  
section, the pleadings or documents in that format shall be 1266  
considered the official version of the record. 1267

**Sec. 1907.11.** (A) Each county court district shall have 1268  
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1269

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1270  
shall be elected in 1982. 1271

~~In~~ Until December 31, 2030, in the Ashtabula county county 1272  
court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one 1273  
part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Notwithstanding any 1274  
contrary provision of division (C) of section 1907.13 of the 1275  
Revised Code, the part-time judge to be elected in 2028 shall be 1276  
elected for a term of two years commencing on January 1, 2029, 1277  
and ending on December 31, 2030. The Ashtabula county county 1278  
court part-time judgeships cease to exist on January 1, 2031. 1279  
One full-time judge shall be elected in 2030, for a six-year 1280  
term to commence on January 1, 2031. Effective January 1, 2031, 1281

notwithstanding division (A) (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised 1282  
Code and division (A) of section 1907.16 of the Revised Code, 1283  
the full-time judge of the Ashtabula county county court under 1284  
this section shall receive the compensation set forth in 1285  
division (A) (5) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code. 1286

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1287  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1288  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1289  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1290

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1291  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1292  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1293  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1294

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1295  
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1296  
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1297

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1298  
shall be elected in 1982. 1299

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1300  
shall be elected in 1982. 1301

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1302  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1303  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1304  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1305

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1306  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1307  
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1308  
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1309  
1995, respectively. 1310

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1311 1312
In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1313 1314
In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1315 1316
In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1317 1318 1319
In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1320 1321
In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1322 1323
In the Sandusky county county court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2024, term to commence on January 2, 2025. Effective January 2, 2025, notwithstanding division (A) (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code and division (A) of section 1907.16 of the Revised Code, the full-time judge of the Sandusky county county court under this section shall receive the compensation set forth in division (A) (5) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.	1324 1325 1326 1327 1328 1329 1330 1331
In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1994.	1332 1333 1334
In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1335 1336
In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1337 1338

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1339  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1340  
elected in 1982. 1341

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1342  
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1343  
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1344

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1345  
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1346  
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1347  
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1348

**Sec. 1907.143.** (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 1349  
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 1350  
which a county court is located shall pay the per diem 1351  
compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to 1352  
division (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), or (C) (1) of section 1907.141 of the 1353  
Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (A) of section 1354  
1907.142 of the Revised Code. 1355

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county court is 1356  
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 1357  
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 1358  
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 1359  
pursuant to division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1907.142 of the 1360  
Revised Code. 1361

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 1362  
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is 1363  
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 1364  
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 1365  
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 1366  
pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1907.142 of the Revised 1367



Code. 1368

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this 1369  
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation 1370  
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), 1371  
(A)(2)(b), (B)(2), or (C)(2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised 1372  
Code is entitled pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 1907.142 1373  
of the Revised Code. 1374

(B) ~~The treasurer of a~~ A county that, pursuant to division 1375  
(A)(1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay the per diem 1376  
compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 1377  
entitled, shall submit to the administrative director of the 1378  
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 1379  
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 1380  
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 1381  
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 1382  
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 1383  
reimbursements of the state portion of the per diem amounts paid 1384  
to be issued to the county if the administrative director 1385  
verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. If the 1386  
county fails to submit a request within one year after the per 1387  
diem compensation was paid, the administrative director shall 1388  
refuse to cause reimbursement to be issued. 1389

(C) If the supreme court, pursuant to division (A)(4) of 1390  
this section, is required to pay the per diem compensation to 1391  
which an assigned judge is entitled, annually, on the first day 1392  
of August, the administrative director of the supreme court 1393  
shall issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to 1394  
which such a judge was assigned to a county court for 1395  
reimbursement of the county portion of the per diem compensation 1396  
previously paid by the supreme court for the twelve-month period 1397

preceding the last day of June. The county portion of the per 1398  
diem compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by 1399  
the state which is proportional to the county shares of the 1400  
total compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 1401  
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After 1402  
forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek 1403  
reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as 1404  
appropriate. 1405

Sec. 1907.202. (A) Beginning not later than two hundred 1406  
seventy days after the effective date of this section, pleadings 1407  
or documents may be filed with the clerk of the county court 1408  
either in paper format or in electronic format. 1409

(B) (1) The clerk shall determine whether the filing of 1410  
pleadings or documents in electronic format may be accomplished 1411  
either by electronic mail or through the use of an online 1412  
platform. 1413

(2) The fee for filing pleadings or documents in 1414  
electronic format may be paid after the filing. The clerk shall 1415  
not require that any fee for the filing of pleadings or 1416  
documents in electronic format be paid before the filing, unless 1417  
the clerk has provided for an electronic payment system for such 1418  
filing. 1419

(3) The clerk shall not require a fee for the filing of 1420  
pleadings or documents in electronic format that is greater than 1421  
the applicable fee for the filing of pleadings or documents in 1422  
paper format. 1423

(C) Pleadings and documents filed in paper format may be 1424  
converted to an electronic format. Documents created by the 1425  
clerk of the county court in the exercise of the clerk's duties 1426

may be created in an electronic format. 1427

(D) When pleadings or documents are received or created 1428  
in, or converted to, an electronic format as provided in this 1429  
section, the pleadings or documents in that format shall be 1430  
considered the official version of the record. 1431

**Sec. 1907.261.** (A) (1) A county court may determine that 1432  
for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are 1433  
required to computerize the court, to make available 1434  
computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 1435  
a determination that additional funds are required for either or 1436  
both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule 1437  
of fees and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code one 1438  
additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each 1439  
cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in 1440  
division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code 1441  
and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee. 1442

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 1443  
or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 1444  
which they are collected to the county treasurer. The treasurer 1445  
shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be 1446  
disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an 1447  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 1448  
order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 1449  
available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 1450  
amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 1451  
computerizing the court, procuring and maintaining computerized 1452  
legal research services, or both. 1453

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 1454  
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 1455  
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 1456

described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 1457  
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 1458  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those 1459  
surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the 1460  
court making an annual report available to the public listing 1461  
the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other 1462  
appropriate technological expenses of the court. 1463

~~(B) (1) A(B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (b)~~ 1464  
~~of this section, the clerk of a county court may determine that,~~ 1465  
~~for the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of the~~ 1466  
~~court, additional funds are required to computerize the office~~ 1467  
~~of the clerk of the court and, upon that determination, may~~ 1468  
~~include in its schedule of fees and costs under section 1907.24~~ 1469  
~~of the Revised Code an additional~~authorize and direct that a 1470  
computerization fee not to exceed ~~ten~~twenty dollars be charged 1471  
on the filing of each cause of action or appeal, on the filing, 1472  
docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on 1473  
the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition 1474  
to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment that is equivalent to 1475  
one described in division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 1476  
2303.20 of the Revised Code. 1477

(b) In a county in which the clerk of the county court is 1478  
appointed, the county court may make the determination described 1479  
in division (B) (1) (a) of this section and, upon that 1480  
determination, may include such a computerization fee in its 1481  
schedule of fees and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised 1482  
Code. 1483

(2) Subject to division ~~(B) (2)~~ (B) (3) of this section, all 1484  
moneys collected under division ~~(B) (1)~~ (B) (1) (a) of this section 1485  
shall be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month 1486

following the month in which they are collected to the county 1487  
treasurer. The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in 1488  
a separate fund to be disbursed, ~~upon an order of the county~~ 1489  
~~court and~~ subject to an appropriation made by the board of 1490  
county commissioners, in an amount no greater than the actual 1491  
cost to the court of procuring and maintaining computer systems 1492  
for the office of the clerk of the county court. 1493

~~(2)~~(3) If a county court or the clerk of a county court 1494  
makes the determination described in division ~~(B) (1)~~(B) (1) (a) of 1495  
this section, the board of county commissioners of that county 1496  
may issue one or more general obligation bonds for the purpose 1497  
of procuring and maintaining the computer systems for the office 1498  
of the clerk of the county court. In addition to the purposes 1499  
stated in division ~~(B) (1)~~(B) (1) (a) of this section for which the 1500  
moneys collected under that division may be expended, the moneys 1501  
additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and financing 1502  
costs related to any general obligation bonds issued pursuant to 1503  
division ~~(B) (2)~~(B) (3) of this section as they become due. 1504  
General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division ~~(B) (2)~~(B) 1505  
(3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities. 1506

**Sec. 2303.081.** (A) Pleadings or documents may be filed 1507  
with the clerk of court either in paper format or in electronic 1508  
format. 1509

(B) (1) The clerk shall determine whether the filing of 1510  
pleadings or documents in electronic format may be accomplished 1511  
either by electronic mail or through the use of an online 1512  
platform. 1513

(2) The fee for filing pleadings or documents in 1514  
electronic format may be paid after the filing. The clerk shall 1515  
not require that any fee for the filing of pleadings or 1516

documents in electronic format be paid before the filing, unless 1517  
the clerk has provided for an electronic payment system for such 1518  
filing. 1519

(3) The clerk shall not require a fee for the filing of 1520  
pleadings or documents in electronic format that is greater than 1521  
the applicable fee for the filing of pleadings or documents in 1522  
paper format. 1523

(4) Divisions (B) (1), (2), and (3) of this section do not 1524  
apply to the filing of pleadings or documents in a probate court 1525  
or juvenile court. 1526

(C) Pleadings and documents filed in paper format may be 1527  
converted to an electronic format. Documents created by the 1528  
clerk of court in the exercise of the clerk's duties may be 1529  
created in an electronic format. 1530

~~(B)-(D)~~ When pleadings or documents are received or 1531  
created in, or converted to, an electronic format as provided in 1532  
~~division (A) of this section,~~ the pleadings or documents in that 1533  
format shall be considered the official version of the record. 1534

**Sec. 2303.201.** (A) (1) The court of common pleas of any 1535  
county may determine that for the efficient operation of the 1536  
court additional funds are required to computerize the court, to 1537  
make available computerized legal research services, or to do 1538  
both. Upon making a determination that additional funds are 1539  
required for either or both of those purposes, the court shall 1540  
authorize and direct the clerk of the court of common pleas to 1541  
charge one additional fee, not to exceed six dollars, on the 1542  
filing of each cause of action or appeal under divisions (A), 1543  
(Q), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. 1544

(2) All fees collected under division (A) (1) of this 1545

section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer 1546  
shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be 1547  
disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an 1548  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 1549  
order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 1550  
available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 1551  
amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 1552  
procuring and maintaining computerization of the court, 1553  
computerized legal research services, or both. 1554

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 1555  
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 1556  
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 1557  
described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 1558  
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 1559  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those 1560  
surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the 1561  
court making an annual report available to the public listing 1562  
the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other 1563  
appropriate technological expenses of the court. 1564

~~(B) (1) The (B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1)~~ 1565  
~~(b) of this section, the clerk of the court of common pleas of~~ 1566  
any county may determine that, for the efficient operation of 1567  
the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas, additional 1568  
funds are required to make technological advances in or to 1569  
computerize the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas 1570  
and, upon that determination, authorize and direct ~~the clerk of~~ 1571  
~~the court of common pleas to charge that~~ an additional fee, not 1572  
to exceed twenty dollars, on the filing of each cause of action 1573  
or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each 1574  
certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of 1575  
each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a 1576

judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of section 1577  
2303.20 of the Revised Code and not to exceed one dollar each 1578  
for the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), (H), 1579  
and (L) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code, be charged. 1580

(b) In a county in which the clerk of the court of common 1581  
pleas is appointed, the court may make the determination 1582  
described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section and, upon that 1583  
determination, may include such a computerization fee in its 1584  
schedule of fees and costs. 1585

(2) Subject to division ~~(B)(2)~~(B)(3) of this section, all 1586  
moneys collected under division ~~(B)(1)~~(B)(1)(a) of this section 1587  
shall be paid to the county treasurer to be disbursed, ~~upon an 1588  
order of the court of common pleas and subject to an~~  
appropriation made by the board of county commissioners, in an 1589  
amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring 1590  
and maintaining technology and computer systems for the office 1591  
of the clerk of the court of common pleas. 1592  
1593

~~(2)(3)~~ If the court of common pleas or the clerk of the 1594  
court of common pleas of a county makes the determination 1595  
described in division ~~(B)(1)~~(B)(1)(a) of this section, the board 1596  
of county commissioners of that county may issue one or more 1597  
general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and 1598  
maintaining the technology and computer systems for the office 1599  
of the clerk of the court of common pleas. In addition to the 1600  
purposes stated in division ~~(B)(1)~~(B)(1)(a) of this section for 1601  
which the moneys collected under that division may be expended, 1602  
the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on 1603  
and financing costs related to any general obligation bonds 1604  
issued pursuant to division ~~(B)(2)~~(B)(3) of this section as they 1605  
become due. General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division 1606



~~(B) (2)~~ (B) (3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities. 1607

(C) The court of common pleas shall collect the sum of 1608  
twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil 1609  
action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of 1610  
providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that 1611  
operate within the state and to support the office of the state 1612  
public defender. This division does not apply to a juvenile 1613  
division of a court of common pleas, except that an additional 1614  
filing fee of fifteen dollars shall apply to custody, 1615  
visitation, and parentage actions; to a probate division of a 1616  
court of common pleas, except that the additional filing fees 1617  
shall apply to name change, guardianship, adoption, and 1618  
decedents' estate proceedings; or to an execution on a judgment, 1619  
proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment 1620  
proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees 1621  
required to be collected under this division shall be in 1622  
addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or 1623  
proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of 1624  
the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment 1625  
of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or 1626  
proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all 1627  
filing fees in the action or proceeding. All such moneys 1628  
collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one 1629  
per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs 1630  
shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the 1631  
following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of 1632  
state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the 1633  
Ohio access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall 1634  
deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division 1635  
to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established 1636  
under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent 1637

of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the 1638  
legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised 1639  
Code. 1640

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it 1641  
collects under this division to cover administrative costs, 1642  
including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to 1643  
implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the 1644  
treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this 1645  
division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by 1646  
the Ohio access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit 1647  
the moneys the court retains under this division to cover 1648  
administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional 1649  
personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall 1650  
transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under 1651  
this division, including the forfeited amount retained for 1652  
administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund. 1653

(D) On and after the thirtieth day after December 9, 1994, 1654  
the court of common pleas shall collect the sum of thirty-two 1655  
dollars as additional filing fees in each new action or 1656  
proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 1657  
for the purpose of funding shelters for victims of domestic 1658  
violence pursuant to sections 3113.35 to 3113.39 of the Revised 1659  
Code. The filing fees required to be collected under this 1660  
division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed 1661  
in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time 1662  
of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not 1663  
waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new action 1664  
or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 1665  
unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees 1666  
in the action or proceeding. On or before the twentieth day of 1667  
each month, all moneys collected during the immediately 1668

preceding month pursuant to this division shall be deposited by 1669  
the clerk of the court into the county treasury in the special 1670  
fund used for deposit of additional marriage license fees as 1671  
described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code. Upon their 1672  
deposit into the fund, the moneys shall be retained in the fund 1673  
and expended only as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised 1674  
Code. 1675

(E) (1) The court of common pleas may determine that, for 1676  
the efficient operation of the court, additional funds are 1677  
necessary to acquire and pay for special projects of the court, 1678  
including, but not limited to, the acquisition of additional 1679  
facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the 1680  
acquisition of equipment, the hiring and training of staff, 1681  
community service programs, mediation or dispute resolution 1682  
services, the employment of magistrates, the training and 1683  
education of judges, acting judges, and magistrates, and other 1684  
related services. Upon that determination, the court by rule may 1685  
charge a fee, in addition to all other court costs, on the 1686  
filing of each criminal cause, civil action or proceeding, or 1687  
judgment by confession. 1688

If the court of common pleas offers or requires a special 1689  
program or additional services in cases of a specific type, the 1690  
court by rule may assess an additional charge in a case of that 1691  
type, over and above court costs, to cover the special program 1692  
or service. The court shall adjust the special assessment 1693  
periodically, but not retroactively, so that the amount assessed 1694  
in those cases does not exceed the actual cost of providing the 1695  
service or program. 1696

All moneys collected under division (E) of this section 1697  
shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit into either a 1698

general special projects fund or a fund established for a 1699  
specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature 1700  
shall be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 1701  
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount 1702  
no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a 1703  
specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a 1704  
program or service established under division (E) of this 1705  
section, the court may order, subject to an appropriation by the 1706  
board of county commissioners, that moneys remaining in the fund 1707  
be transferred to an account established under this division for 1708  
a similar purpose. 1709

(2) As used in division (E) of this section: 1710

(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation 1711  
of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or 1712  
ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a 1713  
separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may 1714  
be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a 1715  
single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge 1716  
on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" 1717  
does not include separate violations of the same statute or 1718  
ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, 1719  
unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or 1720  
complaint. 1721

(b) "Civil action or proceeding" means any civil 1722  
litigation that must be determined by judgment entry. 1723

**Sec. 2505.02.** (A) As used in this section: 1724

(1) "Substantial right" means a right that the United 1725  
States Constitution, the Ohio Constitution, a statute, the 1726  
common law, or a rule of procedure entitles a person to enforce 1727

or protect.	1728
(2) "Special proceeding" means an action or proceeding that is specially created by statute and that prior to 1853 was not denoted as an action at law or a suit in equity.	1729 1730 1731
(3) "Provisional remedy" means a proceeding ancillary to an action, including, but not limited to, a proceeding for a preliminary injunction, attachment, discovery of privileged matter, suppression of evidence, a prima-facie showing pursuant to section 2307.85 or 2307.86 of the Revised Code, a prima-facie showing pursuant to section 2307.92 of the Revised Code, or a finding made pursuant to division (A) (3) of section 2307.93 of the Revised Code.	1732 1733 1734 1735 1736 1737 1738 1739
(B) An order is a final order that may be reviewed, affirmed, modified, or reversed, with or without retrial, when it is one of the following:	1740 1741 1742
(1) An order that affects a substantial right in an action that in effect determines the action and prevents a judgment;	1743 1744
(2) An order that affects a substantial right made in a special proceeding or upon a summary application in an action after judgment;	1745 1746 1747
(3) An order that vacates or sets aside a judgment or grants a new trial;	1748 1749
(4) An order that grants or denies a provisional remedy and to which both of the following apply:	1750 1751
(a) The order in effect determines the action with respect to the provisional remedy and prevents a judgment in the action in favor of the appealing party with respect to the provisional remedy.	1752 1753 1754 1755

(b) The appealing party would not be afforded a meaningful 1756  
or effective remedy by an appeal following final judgment as to 1757  
all proceedings, issues, claims, and parties in the action. 1758

(5) An order that determines that an action may or may not 1759  
be maintained as a class action; 1760

(6) An order determining the constitutionality of any 1761  
changes to the Revised Code made by Am. Sub. S.B. 281 of the 1762  
124th general assembly, including the amendment of sections 1763  
1751.67, 2117.06, 2305.11, 2305.15, 2305.234, 2317.02, 2317.54, 1764  
2323.56, 2711.21, 2711.22, 2711.23, 2711.24, 2743.02, 2743.43, 1765  
2919.16, 3923.63, 3923.64, 4705.15, and 5111.018 (renumbered as 1766  
5164.07 by H.B. 59 of the 130th general assembly), and the 1767  
enactment of sections 2305.113, 2323.41, 2323.43, and 2323.55 of 1768  
the Revised Code or any changes made by Sub. S.B. 80 of the 1769  
125th general assembly, including the amendment of sections 1770  
2125.02, 2305.10, 2305.131, 2315.18, 2315.19, and 2315.21 of the 1771  
Revised Code; 1772

(7) An order in an appropriation proceeding that may be 1773  
appealed pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 163.09 of the 1774  
Revised Code; 1775

(8) An order restraining or restricting enforcement, in 1776  
whole or in part, facially or as applied, of any state statute 1777  
or regulation, including, but not limited, to orders in the form 1778  
of injunctions, declaratory judgments, or writs. 1779

(C) When a court issues an order that vacates or sets 1780  
aside a judgment or grants a new trial, the court, upon the 1781  
request of either party, shall state in the order the grounds 1782  
upon which the new trial is granted or the judgment vacated or 1783  
set aside. 1784

(D) This section applies to and governs any action, 1785  
including an appeal, that is pending in any court on July 22, 1786  
1998, and all claims filed or actions commenced on or after July 1787  
22, 1998, notwithstanding any provision of any prior statute or 1788  
rule of law of this state. 1789

**Sec. 2929.20.** (A) As used in this section: 1790

(1) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (1) (b) of this 1791  
section, "eligible offender" means any person who, on or after 1792  
April 7, 2009, is serving a stated prison term that includes one 1793  
or more nonmandatory prison terms. A person may be an eligible 1794  
offender and also may be an eighty per cent-qualifying offender 1795  
or, during a declared state of emergency, a state of emergency- 1796  
qualifying offender. 1797

(b) "Eligible offender" does not include any person who, 1798  
on or after April 7, 2009, is serving a stated prison term for 1799  
any of the following criminal offenses that was a felony and was 1800  
committed while the person held a public office in this state: 1801

(i) A violation of section 2921.02, 2921.03, 2921.05, 1802  
2921.31, 2921.32, 2921.41, 2921.42, or 2923.32 of the Revised 1803  
Code; 1804

(ii) A violation of section 2913.42, 2921.04, 2921.11, or 1805  
2921.12 of the Revised Code, when the conduct constituting the 1806  
violation was related to the duties of the offender's public 1807  
office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding 1808  
that public office; 1809

(iii) A violation of an existing or former municipal 1810  
ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States 1811  
that is substantially equivalent to any violation listed in 1812  
division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section; 1813

(iv) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any violation listed in division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section, when the conduct constituting the violation was related to the duties of the offender's public office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding that public office;

(v) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A) (1) (b) (i) or described in division (A) (1) (b) (iii) of this section;

(vi) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A) (1) (b) (ii) or described in division (A) (1) (b) (iv) of this section, if the conduct constituting the offense that was the subject of the conspiracy, that would have constituted the offense attempted, or constituting the offense in which the offender was complicit was or would have been related to the duties of the offender's public office or to the offender's actions as a public official holding that public office.

(2) "State of emergency-qualifying offender" means any inmate to whom all of the following apply:

(a) The inmate is serving a stated prison term during a state of emergency that is declared by the governor as a direct response to a pandemic or public health emergency.

(b) The geographical area covered by the declared state of emergency includes the location at which the inmate is serving the stated prison term described in division (A) (2) (a) of this section.

(c) There is a direct nexus between the emergency that is



the basis of the governor's declaration of the state of 1843  
emergency and the circumstances of, and need for release of, the 1844  
inmate. 1845

(3) (a) "Eighty per cent-qualifying offender" means an 1846  
offender who is serving a stated prison term of one year or 1847  
more, on or after April 4, 2023, who has commenced service of 1848  
that stated prison term, who is not serving a stated prison term 1849  
that includes a disqualifying prison term or a stated prison 1850  
term that consists solely of one or more restricting prison 1851  
terms, and to whom either of the following applies: 1852

(i) If the offender is serving a stated prison term of one 1853  
year or more that includes one or more restricting prison terms 1854  
and one or more eligible prison terms, the offender has fully 1855  
served all restricting prison terms and has served eighty per 1856  
cent of that stated prison term that remains to be served after 1857  
all restricting prison terms have been fully served. 1858

(ii) If the offender is serving a stated prison term of 1859  
one year or more that consists solely of one or more eligible 1860  
prison terms, the offender has served eighty per cent of that 1861  
stated prison term. 1862

(b) For purposes of determining whether an offender is an 1863  
eighty per cent-qualifying offender under division (A) (3) (a) of 1864  
this section: 1865

(i) If the offender's stated prison term includes 1866  
consecutive prison terms, any restricting prison terms shall be 1867  
deemed served prior to any eligible prison terms that run 1868  
consecutively to the restricting prison terms, and the eligible 1869  
prison terms are deemed to commence after all of the restricting 1870  
prison terms have been fully served. 1871

- (ii) An offender serving a stated prison term of one year 1872  
or more that includes a mandatory prison term that is not a 1873  
disqualifying prison term and is not a restricting prison term 1874  
is not automatically disqualified from being an eighty per cent- 1875  
qualifying offender as a result of the offender's service of 1876  
that mandatory term for release from prison under this section, 1877  
and the offender may be eligible for release from prison in 1878  
accordance with this division and division (O) of this section. 1879
- (4) "Nonmandatory prison term" means a prison term that is 1880  
not a mandatory prison term. 1881
- (5) "Public office" means any elected federal, state, or 1882  
local government office in this state. 1883
- (6) "Victim's representative" has the same meaning as in 1884  
section 2930.01 of the Revised Code. 1885
- (7) "Imminent danger of death," "medically incapacitated," 1886  
and "terminal illness" have the same meanings as in section 1887  
2967.05 of the Revised Code. 1888
- (8) "Aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms" means 1889  
the aggregate of the following: 1890
- (a) All nonmandatory definite prison terms; 1891
- (b) With respect to any non-life felony indefinite prison 1892  
term, all nonmandatory minimum prison terms imposed as part of 1893  
the non-life felony indefinite prison term or terms. 1894
- (9) "Deadly weapon" and "dangerous ordnance" have the same 1895  
meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code. 1896
- (10) "Disqualifying prison term" means any of the 1897  
following: 1898

(a) A prison term imposed for aggravated murder, murder,	1899
voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, felonious	1900
assault, kidnapping, rape, aggravated arson, aggravated	1901
burglary, or aggravated robbery;	1902
(b) A prison term imposed for complicity in, an attempt to	1903
commit, or conspiracy to commit any offense listed in division	1904
(A) (10) (a) of this section;	1905
(c) A prison term of life imprisonment, including any term	1906
of life imprisonment that has parole eligibility;	1907
(d) A prison term imposed for any felony other than	1908
carrying a concealed weapon an essential element of which is any	1909
conduct or failure to act expressly involving any deadly weapon	1910
or dangerous ordnance;	1911
(e) A prison term imposed for any violation of section	1912
2925.03 of the Revised Code that is a felony of the first or	1913
second degree;	1914
(f) A prison term imposed for engaging in a pattern of	1915
corrupt activity in violation of section 2923.32 of the Revised	1916
Code;	1917
(g) A prison term imposed pursuant to section 2971.03 of	1918
the Revised Code;	1919
(h) A prison term imposed for any sexually oriented	1920
offense.	1921
(11) "Eligible prison term" means any prison term that is	1922
not a disqualifying prison term and is not a restricting prison	1923
term.	1924
(12) "Restricting prison term" means any of the following:	1925

(a) A mandatory prison term imposed under division (B) (1)	1926
(a), (B) (1) (c), (B) (1) (f), (B) (1) (g), (B) (2), or (B) (7) of	1927
section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a specification of the	1928
type described in that division;	1929
(b) In the case of an offender who has been sentenced to a	1930
mandatory prison term for a specification of the type described	1931
in division (A) (12) (a) of this section, the prison term imposed	1932
for the felony offense for which the specification was stated at	1933
the end of the body of the indictment, count in the indictment,	1934
or information charging the offense;	1935
(c) A prison term imposed for trafficking in persons;	1936
(d) A prison term imposed for any offense that is	1937
described in division (A) (12) (d) (i) of this section if division	1938
(A) (12) (d) (ii) of this section applies to the offender:	1939
(i) The offense is a felony of the first or second degree	1940
that is an offense of violence and that is not described in	1941
division (A) (10) (a) or (b) of this section, an attempt to commit	1942
a felony of the first or second degree that is an offense of	1943
violence and that is not described in division (A) (10) (a) or (b)	1944
of this section if the attempt is a felony of the first or	1945
second degree, or an offense under an existing or former law of	1946
this state, another state, or the United States that is or was	1947
substantially equivalent to any other offense described in this	1948
division.	1949
(ii) The offender previously was convicted of or pleaded	1950
guilty to any offense listed in division (A) (10) or (A) (12) (d)	1951
(i) of this section.	1952
(13) "Sexually oriented offense" has the same meaning as	1953
in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code.	1954

(14) "Stated prison term of one year or more" means a 1955  
definite prison term of one year or more imposed as a stated 1956  
prison term, or a minimum prison term of one year or more 1957  
imposed as part of a stated prison term that is a non-life 1958  
felony indefinite prison term. 1959

(B) On the motion of an eligible offender, on the motion 1960  
of a state of emergency-qualifying offender made during the 1961  
declared state of emergency, or on its own motion with respect 1962  
to an eligible offender or with respect to a state of emergency- 1963  
qualifying offender during the declared state of emergency, the 1964  
sentencing court may reduce the offender's aggregated 1965  
nonmandatory prison term or terms through a judicial release 1966  
under this section. 1967

(C) (1) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, an 1968  
eligible offender may file a motion for judicial release with 1969  
the sentencing court, or a state of emergency-qualifying 1970  
offender may file a motion for judicial release with the 1971  
sentencing court during the declared state of emergency, within 1972  
the following applicable periods: 1973

(a) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is 1974  
less than two years, the eligible offender or state of 1975  
emergency-qualifying offender may file the motion at any time 1976  
after the offender is delivered to a state correctional 1977  
institution or, if the prison term includes a mandatory prison 1978  
term or terms, at any time after the expiration of all mandatory 1979  
prison terms. 1980

(b) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is 1981  
at least two years but less than five years, the eligible 1982  
offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender may file the 1983  
motion not earlier than one hundred eighty days after the 1984

offender is delivered to a state correctional institution or, if 1985  
the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not 1986  
earlier than one hundred eighty days after the expiration of all 1987  
mandatory prison terms. 1988

(c) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is 1989  
five years, the eligible offender or state of emergency- 1990  
qualifying offender may file the motion not earlier than the 1991  
date on which the offender has served four years of the 1992  
offender's stated prison term or, if the prison term includes a 1993  
mandatory prison term or terms, not earlier than four years 1994  
after the expiration of all mandatory prison terms. 1995

(d) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is 1996  
more than five years but not more than ten years, the eligible 1997  
offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender may file the 1998  
motion not earlier than the date on which the offender has 1999  
served five years of the offender's stated prison term or, if 2000  
the prison term includes a mandatory prison term or terms, not 2001  
earlier than five years after the expiration of all mandatory 2002  
prison terms. 2003

(e) If the aggregated nonmandatory prison term or terms is 2004  
more than ten years, the eligible offender or state of 2005  
emergency-qualifying offender may file the motion not earlier 2006  
than the later of the date on which the offender has served one- 2007  
half of the offender's stated prison term or the date specified 2008  
in division (C) (1) (d) of this section. 2009

(f) With respect to a state of emergency-qualifying 2010  
offender, if the offender's prison term does not include a 2011  
mandatory prison term or terms, or if the offender's prison term 2012  
includes one or more mandatory prison terms and the offender has 2013  
completed the mandatory prison term or terms, the state of 2014

emergency-qualifying offender may file the motion at any time 2015  
during the offender's aggregated nonmandatory prison term or 2016  
terms, provided that time also is during the declared state of 2017  
emergency. 2018

(2) During any single declared state of emergency, a state 2019  
of emergency-qualifying offender may only file a motion for 2020  
judicial release as a state of emergency-qualifying offender 2021  
with the sentencing court during that declared state of 2022  
emergency once every six months. 2023

(D) (1) (a) Upon receipt of a timely motion for judicial 2024  
release filed by an eligible offender or a state of emergency- 2025  
qualifying offender under division (C) of this section, or upon 2026  
the sentencing court's own motion made within the appropriate 2027  
time specified in that division, the court may deny the motion 2028  
without a hearing or schedule a hearing on the motion. The court 2029  
may grant the motion without a hearing for an offender under 2030  
consideration for judicial release as a state of emergency- 2031  
qualifying offender, but the court shall not grant the motion 2032  
without a hearing for an offender under consideration as an 2033  
eligible offender. If a court denies a motion without a hearing, 2034  
the court later may consider judicial release for that eligible 2035  
offender or that state of emergency-qualifying offender on a 2036  
subsequent motion. For an offender under consideration for 2037  
judicial release as an eligible offender, but not for one under 2038  
consideration as a state of emergency-qualifying offender, the 2039  
court may deny the motion with prejudice. If a court denies a 2040  
motion with prejudice, the court may later consider judicial 2041  
release on its own motion. For an offender under consideration 2042  
for judicial release as a state of emergency-qualifying 2043  
offender, the court shall not deny a motion with prejudice. For 2044  
an offender under consideration for judicial release as an 2045

eligible offender, but not for one under consideration as a 2046  
state of emergency-qualifying offender, if a court denies a 2047  
motion after a hearing, the court shall not consider a 2048  
subsequent motion for that offender based on the offender's 2049  
classification as an eligible offender. The court may hold 2050  
multiple hearings for any offender under consideration for 2051  
judicial release as a state of emergency-qualifying offender, 2052  
but shall hold only one hearing for any offender under 2053  
consideration as an eligible offender. 2054

(b) If an offender is under consideration for judicial 2055  
release as an eligible offender and the motion is denied, and if 2056  
the offender at that time also is or subsequently becomes a 2057  
state of emergency-qualifying offender, the denial does not 2058  
limit or affect any right of the offender to file a motion under 2059  
this section for consideration for judicial release as a state 2060  
of emergency-qualifying offender or for the court on its own 2061  
motion to consider the offender for judicial release as a state 2062  
of emergency-qualifying offender. 2063

If an offender is under consideration for judicial release 2064  
as a state of emergency-qualifying offender and the motion is 2065  
denied, and if the offender at that time also is or subsequently 2066  
becomes an eligible offender, the denial does not limit or 2067  
affect any right of the offender to file a motion under this 2068  
section for consideration for judicial release as an eligible 2069  
offender or for the court on its own motion to consider the 2070  
offender for judicial release as an eligible offender. 2071

(2) (a) With respect to a motion for judicial release filed 2072  
by an offender as an eligible offender or made by the court on 2073  
its own motion for an offender as an eligible offender, a 2074  
hearing under this section shall be conducted in open court not 2075



less than thirty or more than sixty days after the motion is 2076  
filed, provided that the court may delay the hearing for one 2077  
hundred eighty additional days. If the court holds a hearing, 2078  
the court shall enter a ruling on the motion within ten days 2079  
after the hearing. If the court denies the motion without a 2080  
hearing, the court shall enter its ruling on the motion within 2081  
sixty days after the motion is filed. 2082

(b) With respect to a motion for judicial release filed by 2083  
an offender as a state of emergency-qualifying offender or made 2084  
by the court on its own motion for an offender as a state of 2085  
emergency-qualifying offender, the court shall notify the 2086  
prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offender was 2087  
indicted and may order the prosecuting attorney to respond to 2088  
the motion in writing within ten days. The prosecuting attorney 2089  
shall notify the victim pursuant to the Ohio Constitution. The 2090  
prosecuting attorney shall include in the response any statement 2091  
that the victim wants to be represented to the court. The court 2092  
shall consider any response from the prosecuting attorney and 2093  
any statement from the victim in its ruling on the motion. After 2094  
receiving the response from the prosecuting attorney, the court 2095  
either shall order a hearing consistent with divisions (E) to 2096  
(I) of this section as soon as possible, or shall enter its 2097  
ruling on the motion for judicial release as soon as possible. 2098  
If the court conducts a hearing, the hearing shall be conducted 2099  
in open court or by a virtual, telephonic, or other form of 2100  
remote hearing. If the court holds a hearing, the court shall 2101  
enter a ruling on the motion within ten days after the hearing. 2102  
If the court denies the motion without a hearing, the court 2103  
shall enter its ruling on the motion within ten days after the 2104  
motion is filed or after it receives the response from the 2105  
prosecuting attorney. 2106

(E) If a court schedules a hearing under divisions (D) (1) 2107  
and (2) (a) of this section or under divisions (D) (1) and (2) (b) 2108  
of this section, the court shall notify the subject eligible 2109  
offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender and the head 2110  
of the state correctional institution in which that subject 2111  
offender is confined prior to the hearing. The head of the state 2112  
correctional institution immediately shall notify the 2113  
appropriate person at the department of rehabilitation and 2114  
correction of the hearing, and the department within twenty-four 2115  
hours after receipt of the notice, shall post on the database it 2116  
maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code the 2117  
subject offender's name and all of the information specified in 2118  
division (A) (1) (c) (i) of that section. If the court schedules a 2119  
hearing for judicial release, the court promptly shall give 2120  
notice of the hearing to the prosecuting attorney of the county 2121  
in which the subject eligible offender or state of emergency- 2122  
qualifying offender was indicted. Upon receipt of the notice 2123  
from the court, the prosecuting attorney shall do whichever of 2124  
the following is applicable: 2125

(1) Subject to division (E) (2) of this section, notify the 2126  
victim of the offense and the victim's representative, if 2127  
applicable, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and division (B) 2128  
of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code; 2129

(2) If the offense was an offense of violence that is a 2130  
felony of the first, second, or third degree, except as 2131  
otherwise provided in this division, pursuant to the Ohio 2132  
Constitution, notify the victim and the victim's representative, 2133  
if applicable, of the hearing regardless of whether the victim 2134  
or victim's representative has requested the notification. 2135  
Except when notice to the victim is required under the Ohio 2136  
Constitution, the notice of the hearing shall not be given under 2137

this division to a victim or victim's representative if the 2138  
victim or victim's representative has requested pursuant to 2139  
division (B) (2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the 2140  
victim or the victim's representative not be provided the 2141  
notice. If notice is to be provided to a victim or victim's 2142  
representative under this division, the prosecuting attorney may 2143  
give the notice by any reasonable means, including regular mail, 2144  
telephone, and electronic mail, in accordance with division (D) 2145  
(1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. If the notice is 2146  
based on an offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, the 2147  
notice also shall include the opt-out information described in 2148  
division (D) (1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. The 2149  
prosecuting attorney, in accordance with division (D) (2) of 2150  
section 2930.16 of the Revised Code, shall keep a record of all 2151  
attempts to provide the notice, and of all notices provided, 2152  
under this division. Division (E) (2) of this section, and the 2153  
notice-related provisions of division (K) of this section, 2154  
division (D) (1) of section 2930.16, division (H) of section 2155  
2967.12, division (E) (1) (b) of section 2967.19 as it existed 2156  
prior to April 4, 2023, division (A) (3) (b) of section 2967.26, 2157  
division (D) (1) of section 2967.28, and division (A) (2) of 2158  
section 5149.101 of the Revised Code enacted in the act in which 2159  
division (E) (2) of this section was enacted, shall be known as 2160  
"Roberta's Law." 2161

(F) Upon an offender's successful completion of 2162  
rehabilitative activities, the head of the state correctional 2163  
institution may notify the sentencing court of the successful 2164  
completion of the activities. 2165

(G) Prior to the date of the hearing on a motion for 2166  
judicial release made by an eligible offender, by a state of 2167  
emergency-qualifying offender, or by a court on its own under 2168

this section, the head of the state correctional institution in 2169  
which the subject offender is confined shall send to the court 2170  
an institutional summary report on the offender's conduct in the 2171  
institution and in any institution from which the offender may 2172  
have been transferred. Upon the request of the prosecuting 2173  
attorney of the county in which the subject offender was 2174  
indicted or of any law enforcement agency, the head of the state 2175  
correctional institution, at the same time the person sends the 2176  
institutional summary report to the court, also shall send a 2177  
copy of the report to the requesting prosecuting attorney and 2178  
law enforcement agencies. The institutional summary report shall 2179  
cover the subject offender's participation in school, vocational 2180  
training, work, treatment, and other rehabilitative activities 2181  
and any disciplinary action taken against the subject offender. 2182  
The report shall be made part of the record of the hearing. A 2183  
presentence investigation report is not required for judicial 2184  
release. 2185

(H) If the court grants a hearing on a motion for judicial 2186  
release made by an eligible offender, by a state of emergency- 2187  
qualifying offender, or by a court on its own under this 2188  
section, the subject offender shall attend the hearing if 2189  
ordered to do so by the court. Upon receipt of a copy of the 2190  
journal entry containing the order, the head of the state 2191  
correctional institution in which the subject offender is 2192  
incarcerated shall deliver the subject offender to the sheriff 2193  
of the county in which the hearing is to be held. The sheriff 2194  
shall convey the subject offender to and from the hearing. 2195

(I) At the hearing on a motion for judicial release under 2196  
this section made by an eligible offender, by a state of 2197  
emergency-qualifying offender, or by a court on its own, the 2198  
court shall afford the subject offender and the offender's 2199

attorney an opportunity to present written and, if present, oral 2200  
information relevant to the motion. The court shall afford a 2201  
similar opportunity to the prosecuting attorney, the victim, the 2202  
victim's representative, the victim's attorney, if applicable, 2203  
and any other person the court determines is likely to present 2204  
additional relevant information. The court shall consider any 2205  
oral or written statement of a victim, victim's representative, 2206  
and victim's attorney, if applicable, made pursuant to section 2207  
2930.14 or 2930.17 of the Revised Code, any victim impact 2208  
statement prepared pursuant to section 2947.051 of the Revised 2209  
Code, and any report made under division (G) of this section. 2210  
The court may consider any written statement of any person 2211  
submitted to the court pursuant to division (L) of this section. 2212

If the motion alleges that the offender who is the subject 2213  
of the motion is an eligible offender and the court makes an 2214  
initial determination that the offender satisfies the criteria 2215  
for being an eligible offender, or if the motion alleges that 2216  
the offender who is the subject of the motion is a state of 2217  
emergency-qualifying offender and the court makes an initial 2218  
determination that the offender satisfies the criteria for being 2219  
a state of emergency-qualifying offender, the court shall 2220  
determine whether to grant the motion. After ruling on the 2221  
motion, the court shall notify the prosecuting attorney of the 2222  
county in which the eligible offender or state of emergency- 2223  
qualifying offender was indicted of the ruling, and the 2224  
prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim and the victim's 2225  
representative of the ruling in accordance with sections 2930.03 2226  
and 2930.16 of the Revised Code or, if the court granted the 2227  
motion, in accordance with division (K) of this section. 2228

(J) (1) A court shall not grant a judicial release under 2229  
this section to an offender who is imprisoned for a felony of 2230

the first or second degree and who is under consideration as an 2231  
eligible offender, or to an offender who committed an offense 2232  
under Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, who is under 2233  
consideration as an eligible offender, and for whom there was a 2234  
presumption under section 2929.13 of the Revised Code in favor 2235  
of a prison term, unless the court, with reference to factors 2236  
under section 2929.12 of the Revised Code, finds both of the 2237  
following: 2238

(a) That a sanction other than a prison term would 2239  
adequately punish the offender and protect the public from 2240  
future criminal violations by the offender because the 2241  
applicable factors indicating a lesser likelihood of recidivism 2242  
outweigh the applicable factors indicating a greater likelihood 2243  
of recidivism; 2244

(b) That a sanction other than a prison term would not 2245  
demean the seriousness of the offense because factors indicating 2246  
that the offender's conduct in committing the offense was less 2247  
serious than conduct normally constituting the offense outweigh 2248  
factors indicating that the eligible offender's conduct was more 2249  
serious than conduct normally constituting the offense. 2250

(2) A court that grants a judicial release under division 2251  
(J) (1) of this section to an offender who is under consideration 2252  
as an eligible offender shall specify on the record both 2253  
findings required in that division and also shall list all the 2254  
factors described in that division that were presented at the 2255  
hearing. 2256

(3) (a) Subject to division (J) (3) (b) of this section, a 2257  
court shall grant a judicial release under this section to an 2258  
offender who is under consideration as a state of emergency- 2259  
qualifying offender if the court determines that the risks posed 2260

by incarceration to the health and safety of the offender, 2261  
because of the nature of the declared state of emergency, 2262  
outweigh the risk to public safety if the offender were to be 2263  
released from incarceration. 2264

(b) A court shall not grant a judicial release under this 2265  
section to an offender who is imprisoned for a felony of the 2266  
first or second degree and is under consideration for judicial 2267  
release as a state of emergency-qualifying offender unless the 2268  
court, with reference to the factors specified under section 2269  
2929.12 of the Revised Code, finds both of the criteria set 2270  
forth in divisions (J)(1)(a) and (b) of this section. 2271

(K) If the court grants a motion for judicial release 2272  
under this section, the court shall order the release of the 2273  
eligible offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender, 2274  
shall place the offender under an appropriate community control 2275  
sanction, under appropriate conditions, and under the 2276  
supervision of the department of probation serving the court and 2277  
shall reserve the right to reimpose the sentence that it reduced 2278  
if the offender violates the sanction. If the court reimposes 2279  
the reduced sentence, it may do so either concurrently with, or 2280  
consecutive to, any new sentence imposed on the eligible 2281  
offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender as a result 2282  
of the violation that is a new offense. Except as provided in 2283  
division (N)(5)(b) of this section, the period of community 2284  
control shall be no longer than five years. The court, in its 2285  
discretion, may reduce the period of community control by the 2286  
amount of time the offender spent in jail or prison for the 2287  
offense and in prison. If the court made any findings pursuant 2288  
to division (J)(1) of this section, the court shall serve a copy 2289  
of the findings upon counsel for the parties within fifteen days 2290  
after the date on which the court grants the motion for judicial 2291

release. 2292

If the court grants a motion for judicial release, the 2293  
court shall notify the appropriate person at the department of 2294  
rehabilitation and correction, and the department shall post 2295  
notice of the release on the database it maintains pursuant to 2296  
section 5120.66 of the Revised Code. The court also shall notify 2297  
the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the eligible 2298  
offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender was indicted 2299  
that the motion has been granted. When notice to the victim is 2300  
required under the Ohio Constitution, the prosecuting attorney 2301  
shall notify the victim and the victim's representative, if 2302  
applicable, of the judicial release. In all other cases, unless 2303  
the victim or the victim's representative has requested pursuant 2304  
to division (B) (2) of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that 2305  
the victim or victim's representative not be provided the 2306  
notice, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim and the 2307  
victim's representative, if applicable, of the judicial release 2308  
in any manner, and in accordance with the same procedures, 2309  
pursuant to which the prosecuting attorney is authorized to 2310  
provide notice of the hearing pursuant to division (E) (2) of 2311  
this section. If the notice is based on an offense committed 2312  
prior to March 22, 2013, the notice to the victim or victim's 2313  
representative also shall include the opt-out information 2314  
described in division (D) (1) of section 2930.16 of the Revised 2315  
Code. 2316

(L) In addition to and independent of the right of a 2317  
victim to make a statement pursuant to section 2930.14, 2930.17, 2318  
or 2946.051 of the Revised Code and any right of a person to 2319  
present written information or make a statement pursuant to 2320  
division (I) of this section, any person may submit to the 2321  
court, at any time prior to the hearing on the motion for 2322



judicial release of the eligible offender or state of emergency- 2323  
qualifying offender, a written statement concerning the effects 2324  
of the offender's criminal offense, the circumstances 2325  
surrounding the criminal offense, the manner in which the 2326  
criminal offense was perpetrated, and the person's opinion as to 2327  
whether the offender should be released. 2328

(M) (1) The changes to this section that are made on 2329  
September 30, 2011, apply to any judicial release decision made 2330  
on or after September 30, 2011, for any eligible offender, 2331  
subject to division (M) (2) of this section. 2332

(2) The changes to this section that are made on April 4, 2333  
2023, apply to any judicial release application, and any 2334  
judicial release decision, made on or after April 4, 2023, for 2335  
any eligible offender or state of emergency-qualifying offender. 2336

(N) (1) Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements 2337  
specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section and the 2338  
filing time frames specified in division (C) of this section and 2339  
notwithstanding the findings required under division (J) (1) and 2340  
the eligibility criteria specified in division (J) (3) of this 2341  
section, the sentencing court, upon the court's own motion and 2342  
after considering whether the release of the offender into 2343  
society would create undue risk to public safety, may grant a 2344  
judicial release to an offender who is not serving a life 2345  
sentence at any time during the offender's imposed sentence when 2346  
the director of rehabilitation and correction certifies to the 2347  
sentencing court through the chief medical officer for the 2348  
department of rehabilitation and correction that the offender is 2349  
in imminent danger of death, is medically incapacitated, or has 2350  
a terminal illness. 2351

(2) The director of rehabilitation and correction shall 2352

not certify any offender under division (N) (1) of this section 2353  
who is serving a death sentence. 2354

(3) A motion made by the court under division (N) (1) of 2355  
this section is subject to the notice, hearing, and other 2356  
procedural requirements specified in divisions (D), (E), (G), 2357  
(H), (I), (K), and (L) of this section with respect to motions 2358  
for a grant of judicial release to eligible offenders, including 2359  
notice to the victim, except for the following: 2360

(a) The court may waive the offender's appearance at any 2361  
hearing scheduled by the court if the offender's condition makes 2362  
it impossible for the offender to participate meaningfully in 2363  
the proceeding. 2364

(b) The court may grant the motion without a hearing, 2365  
provided that the prosecuting attorney, victim, and victim's 2366  
representative, if applicable, to whom notice of the hearing was 2367  
provided under division (E) of this section indicate that they 2368  
do not wish to participate in the hearing or present information 2369  
relevant to the motion. 2370

(4) The court may request health care records from the 2371  
department of rehabilitation and correction to verify the 2372  
certification made under division (N) (1) of this section. 2373

(5) (a) If the court grants judicial release under division 2374  
(N) (1) of this section, the court shall do all of the following: 2375

(i) Order the release of the offender; 2376

(ii) Place the offender under an appropriate community 2377  
control sanction, under appropriate conditions; 2378

(iii) Place the offender under the supervision of the 2379  
department of probation serving the court or under the 2380

supervision of the adult parole authority. 2381

(b) The court, in its discretion, may revoke the judicial 2382  
release if the offender violates the community control sanction 2383  
described in division (N)(5)(a) of this section. The period of 2384  
that community control is not subject to the five-year 2385  
limitation described in division (K) of this section and shall 2386  
not expire earlier than the date on which all of the offender's 2387  
mandatory prison terms expire. 2388

(6) If the health of an offender who is released under 2389  
division (N)(1) of this section improves so that the offender is 2390  
no longer terminally ill, medically incapacitated, or in 2391  
imminent danger of death, the court shall, upon the court's own 2392  
motion, revoke the judicial release. The court shall not grant 2393  
the motion without a hearing unless the offender waives a 2394  
hearing. If a hearing is held, the court shall afford the 2395  
offender and the offender's attorney an opportunity to present 2396  
written and, if the offender or the offender's attorney is 2397  
present, oral information relevant to the motion. The court 2398  
shall afford a similar opportunity to the prosecuting attorney, 2399  
the victim, the victim's representative, the victim's attorney, 2400  
if applicable, and any other person the court determines is 2401  
likely to present additional relevant information. If a hearing 2402  
is held, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim and 2403  
the victim's representative, if applicable, pursuant to the Ohio 2404  
Constitution. A court that grants a motion under this division 2405  
shall specify its findings on the record. 2406

(O)(1) Separate from and independent of the provisions of 2407  
divisions (A) to (N) of this section, the director of the 2408  
department of rehabilitation and correction may recommend in 2409  
writing to the sentencing court that the court consider 2410

releasing from prison, through a judicial release, any offender 2411  
who is confined in a state correctional institution and who is 2412  
an eighty per cent-qualifying offender. The director may file 2413  
such a recommendation for judicial release by submitting to the 2414  
sentencing court a notice, in writing, of the recommendation 2415  
within the applicable period specified in division (A) (3) of 2416  
this section for qualifying as an eighty per cent-qualifying 2417  
offender. 2418

The director shall include with any notice submitted to 2419  
the sentencing court under this division an institutional 2420  
summary report that covers the offender's participation while 2421  
confined in a state correctional institution in school, 2422  
training, work, treatment, and other rehabilitative activities 2423  
and any disciplinary action taken against the offender while so 2424  
confined. The director shall include with the notice any other 2425  
documentation requested by the court, if available. 2426

If the director submits a notice under this division 2427  
recommending judicial release, the department promptly shall 2428  
provide to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the 2429  
offender was indicted a copy of the written notice and 2430  
recommendation, a copy of the institutional summary report, and 2431  
any other information provided to the court, and shall provide a 2432  
copy of the institutional summary report to any law enforcement 2433  
agency that requests the report. The department also shall 2434  
provide written notice of the submission of the director's 2435  
notice to any victim of the offender or victim's representative, 2436  
if applicable, in the same manner as is specified in divisions 2437  
(E) (1) and (2) of this section with respect to notices of 2438  
hearings. 2439

(2) A recommendation for judicial release in a notice 2440

submitted by the director under division (O) (1) of this section 2441  
is subject to the notice, hearing, and other procedural 2442  
requirements specified in divisions (E), (H), (I), and (L) of 2443  
this section, including notice to the victim pursuant to the 2444  
Ohio Constitution, except as otherwise specified in divisions 2445  
(O) (3) to (5) of this section, provided that references in 2446  
divisions (E), (H), (I), (K), and (L) of this section to "the 2447  
motion" shall be construed for purposes of division (O) of this 2448  
section as being references to the notice and recommendation 2449  
specified in division (O) (1) of this section. 2450

(3) The director's submission of a notice under division 2451  
(O) (1) of this section constitutes a recommendation by the 2452  
director that the court strongly consider a judicial release of 2453  
the offender consistent with the purposes and principles of 2454  
sentencing set forth in sections 2929.11 and 2929.13 of the 2455  
Revised Code and establishes a rebuttable presumption that the 2456  
offender shall be released through a judicial release in 2457  
accordance with the recommendation. The presumption of release 2458  
may be rebutted only as described in division (O) (6) of this 2459  
section. Only an offender recommended by the director under 2460  
division (O) (1) of this section may be considered for a judicial 2461  
release under division (O) of this section. 2462

(4) Upon receipt of a notice recommending judicial release 2463  
submitted by the director under division (O) (1) of this section, 2464  
the court shall schedule a hearing to consider the 2465  
recommendation for the judicial release of the offender who is 2466  
the subject of the notice. The hearing shall be conducted in 2467  
open court not less than thirty or more than sixty days after 2468  
the notice is submitted. The court shall inform the department 2469  
and the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offender 2470  
who is the subject of the notice was indicted of the date, time, 2471

and location of the hearing. Upon receipt of the notice from the 2472  
court, the prosecuting attorney shall comply with division (E) 2473  
of this section, including providing notice to the victim and 2474  
the victim's representative, if applicable, pursuant to the Ohio 2475  
Constitution, and the department shall post the information 2476  
specified in that division. 2477

(5) When a court schedules a hearing under division (O) (4) 2478  
of this section, at the hearing, the court shall consider all of 2479  
the following in determining whether to grant the offender 2480  
judicial release under division (O) of this section: 2481

(a) The institutional summary report submitted under 2482  
division (O) (1) of this section; 2483

(b) The inmate's academic, vocational education programs, 2484  
or alcohol or drug treatment programs; or involvement in 2485  
meaningful activity; 2486

(c) The inmate's assignments and whether the inmate 2487  
consistently performed each work assignment to the satisfaction 2488  
of the department staff responsible for supervising the inmate's 2489  
work; 2490

(d) The inmate transferred to and actively participated in 2491  
core curriculum programming at a reintegration center prison; 2492

(e) The inmate's disciplinary history; 2493

(f) The inmate's security level; 2494

(g) All other information, statements, reports, and 2495  
documentation described in division (I) of this section. 2496

(6) If the court that receives a notice recommending 2497  
judicial release submitted by the director under division (O) (1) 2498  
of this section makes an initial determination that the offender 2499

satisfies the criteria for being an eighty per cent-qualifying offender, the court then shall determine whether to grant the offender judicial release. In making the second determination, the court shall grant the offender judicial release unless the prosecuting attorney proves to the court, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the legitimate interests of the government in maintaining the offender's confinement outweigh the interests of the offender in being released from that confinement. If the court grants a judicial release under this division, division (K) of this section applies regarding the judicial release, including notice to the victim and the victim's representative, if applicable, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, provided that references in division (K) of this section to "the motion" shall be construed for purposes of the judicial release granted under this division as being references to the notice and recommendation specified in division (O) (1) of this section.

The court shall enter its ruling on the notice recommending judicial release submitted by the director under division (O) (1) of this section within ten days after the hearing is conducted. After ruling on whether to grant the offender judicial release under division (O) of this section, the court shall notify the offender, the prosecuting attorney, and the department of rehabilitation and correction of its decision, and shall notify the victim of its decision in accordance with the Ohio Constitution and sections 2930.03 and 2930.16 of the Revised Code. If the court does not enter a ruling on the notice within ten days after the hearing is conducted as required under this division, the division of parole and community services of the department of rehabilitation and correction may release the offender.

(P) All notices to a victim of an offense provided under 2530

division (D), (E), (K), (N), or (O) of this section shall be 2531  
provided in accordance with the Ohio Constitution. 2532

**Sec. 2967.26.** (A) (1) The department of rehabilitation and 2533  
correction, by rule, may establish a transitional control 2534  
program for the purpose of closely monitoring a prisoner's 2535  
adjustment to community supervision during the final one hundred 2536  
eighty days of the prisoner's confinement. If the department 2537  
establishes a transitional control program under this division, 2538  
the division of parole and community services of the department 2539  
of rehabilitation and correction may transfer eligible prisoners 2540  
to transitional control status under the program during the 2541  
final one hundred eighty days of their confinement and under the 2542  
terms and conditions established by the department, shall 2543  
provide for the confinement as provided in this division of each 2544  
eligible prisoner so transferred, and shall supervise each 2545  
eligible prisoner so transferred in one or more community 2546  
control sanctions. Each eligible prisoner who is transferred to 2547  
transitional control status under the program shall be confined 2548  
in a suitable facility that is licensed pursuant to division (C) 2549  
of section 2967.14 of the Revised Code, or shall be confined in 2550  
a residence the department has approved for this purpose and be 2551  
monitored pursuant to an electronic monitoring device, as 2552  
defined in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. If the 2553  
department establishes a transitional control program under this 2554  
division, the rules establishing the program shall include 2555  
criteria that define which prisoners are eligible for the 2556  
program, criteria that must be satisfied to be approved as a 2557  
residence that may be used for confinement under the program of 2558  
a prisoner that is transferred to it and procedures for the 2559  
department to approve residences that satisfy those criteria, 2560  
and provisions of the type described in division (C) of this 2561



section. At a minimum, the criteria that define which prisoners 2562  
are eligible for the program shall provide all of the following: 2563

(a) That a prisoner is eligible for the program if the 2564  
prisoner is serving a prison term or term of imprisonment for an 2565  
offense committed prior to March 17, 1998, and if, at the time 2566  
at which eligibility is being determined, the prisoner would 2567  
have been eligible for a furlough under this section as it 2568  
existed immediately prior to March 17, 1998, or would have been 2569  
eligible for conditional release under former section 2967.23 of 2570  
the Revised Code as that section existed immediately prior to 2571  
March 17, 1998; 2572

(b) That no prisoner who is serving a mandatory prison 2573  
term is eligible for the program until after expiration of the 2574  
mandatory term; 2575

(c) That no prisoner who is serving a prison term or term 2576  
of life imprisonment without parole imposed pursuant to section 2577  
2971.03 of the Revised Code is eligible for the program. 2578

(2) At least sixty days prior to transferring to 2579  
transitional control under this section a prisoner who is 2580  
serving a definite term of imprisonment or definite prison term 2581  
of less than one year for an offense committed on or after July 2582  
1, 1996, or who is serving a minimum term of less than one year 2583  
under a non-life felony indefinite prison term, on or after 2584  
April 4, 2023, the division of parole and community services of 2585  
the department of rehabilitation and correction shall give 2586  
notice of the pendency of the transfer to transitional control 2587  
to the court of common pleas of the county in which the 2588  
indictment against the prisoner was found and of the fact that 2589  
the court may disapprove the transfer of the prisoner to 2590  
transitional control and shall include the institutional summary 2591

report prepared by the head of the state correctional 2592  
institution in which the prisoner is confined. The head of the 2593  
state correctional institution in which the prisoner is 2594  
confined, upon the request of the division of parole and 2595  
community services, shall provide to the division for inclusion 2596  
in the notice sent to the court under this division an 2597  
institutional summary report on the prisoner's conduct in the 2598  
institution and in any institution from which the prisoner may 2599  
have been transferred. The institutional summary report shall 2600  
cover the prisoner's participation in school, vocational 2601  
training, work, treatment, and other rehabilitative activities 2602  
and any disciplinary action taken against the prisoner. If the 2603  
court disapproves of the transfer of the prisoner to 2604  
transitional control, the court shall notify the division of the 2605  
disapproval within thirty days after receipt of the notice. If 2606  
the court timely disapproves the transfer of the prisoner to 2607  
transitional control, the division shall not proceed with the 2608  
transfer. If the court does not timely disapprove the transfer 2609  
of the prisoner to transitional control, the division may 2610  
transfer the prisoner to transitional control. 2611

(3) (a) If the victim of an offense for which a prisoner 2612  
was sentenced to a prison term or term of imprisonment has 2613  
requested notification under section 2930.16 of the Revised Code 2614  
and has provided the department of rehabilitation and correction 2615  
with the victim's name and address or if division (A) (3) (b) of 2616  
this section applies, the division of parole and community 2617  
services, at least sixty days prior to transferring the prisoner 2618  
to transitional control pursuant to this section, shall notify 2619  
the victim and the victim's representative, if applicable, of 2620  
the pendency of the transfer and of the victim's and victim's 2621  
representative's right to submit a statement to the division 2622

regarding the impact of the transfer of the prisoner to 2623  
transitional control. If the victim or victim's representative's 2624  
subsequently submits a statement of that nature to the division, 2625  
the division shall consider the statement in deciding whether to 2626  
transfer the prisoner to transitional control. 2627

(b) If a prisoner is incarcerated for the commission of 2628  
aggravated murder, murder, or an offense of violence that is a 2629  
felony of the first, second, or third degree or under a sentence 2630  
of life imprisonment, except as otherwise provided in this 2631  
division, the notice described in division (A) (3) (a) of this 2632  
section shall be given regardless of whether the victim has 2633  
requested the notification. The notice described in division (A) 2634  
(3) (a) of this section shall not be given under this division to 2635  
a victim if the victim has requested pursuant to division (B) (2) 2636  
of section 2930.03 of the Revised Code that the victim not be 2637  
provided the notice. If notice is to be provided to a victim 2638  
under this division, the authority may give the notice by any 2639  
reasonable means, including regular mail, telephone, and 2640  
electronic mail, in accordance with division (D) (1) of section 2641  
2930.16 of the Revised Code. If the notice is based on an 2642  
offense committed prior to March 22, 2013, the notice also shall 2643  
include the opt-out information described in division (D) (1) of 2644  
section 2930.16 of the Revised Code. The authority, in 2645  
accordance with division (D) (2) of section 2930.16 of the 2646  
Revised Code, shall keep a record of all attempts to provide the 2647  
notice, and of all notices provided, under this division. 2648

Division (A) (3) (b) of this section, and the notice-related 2649  
provisions of divisions (E) (2) and (K) of section 2929.20, 2650  
division (D) (1) of section 2930.16, division (H) of section 2651  
2967.12, division (E) (1) (b) of section 2967.19 as it existed 2652  
prior to April 4, 2023, division (D) (1) of section 2967.28, and 2653

division (A) (2) of section 5149.101 of the Revised Code enacted 2654  
in the act in which division (A) (3) (b) of this section was 2655  
enacted, shall be known as "Roberta's Law." 2656

(4) The department of rehabilitation and correction, at 2657  
least sixty days prior to transferring a prisoner to 2658  
transitional control pursuant to this section, shall post on the 2659  
database it maintains pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised 2660  
Code the prisoner's name and all of the information specified in 2661  
division (A) (1) (c) (iv) of that section. In addition to and 2662  
independent of the right of a victim to submit a statement as 2663  
described in division (A) (3) of this section or to otherwise 2664  
make a statement and in addition to and independent of any other 2665  
right or duty of a person to present information or make a 2666  
statement, any person may send to the division of parole and 2667  
community services at any time prior to the division's transfer 2668  
of the prisoner to transitional control a written statement 2669  
regarding the transfer of the prisoner to transitional control. 2670  
In addition to the information, reports, and statements it 2671  
considers under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section or that 2672  
it otherwise considers, the division shall consider each 2673  
statement submitted in accordance with this division in deciding 2674  
whether to transfer the prisoner to transitional control. 2675

(B) Each prisoner transferred to transitional control 2676  
under this section shall be confined in the manner described in 2677  
division (A) of this section during any period of time that the 2678  
prisoner is not actually working at the prisoner's approved 2679  
employment, engaged in a vocational training or another 2680  
educational program, engaged in another program designated by 2681  
the director, or engaged in other activities approved by the 2682  
department. 2683

(C) The department of rehabilitation and correction shall 2684  
adopt rules for transferring eligible prisoners to transitional 2685  
control, supervising and confining prisoners so transferred, 2686  
administering the transitional control program in accordance 2687  
with this section, and using the moneys deposited into the 2688  
transitional control fund established under division (E) of this 2689  
section. 2690

(D) The department of rehabilitation and correction may 2691  
adopt rules for the issuance of passes for the limited purposes 2692  
described in this division to prisoners who are transferred to 2693  
transitional control under this section. If the department 2694  
adopts rules of that nature, the rules shall govern the granting 2695  
of the passes and shall provide for the supervision of prisoners 2696  
who are temporarily released pursuant to one of those passes. 2697  
Upon the adoption of rules under this division, the department 2698  
may issue passes to prisoners who are transferred to 2699  
transitional control status under this section in accordance 2700  
with the rules and the provisions of this division. All passes 2701  
issued under this division shall be for a maximum of forty-eight 2702  
hours and may be issued only for the following purposes: 2703

(1) To visit a relative in imminent danger of death; 2704

(2) To have a private viewing of the body of a deceased 2705  
relative; 2706

(3) To visit with family; 2707

(4) To otherwise aid in the rehabilitation of the 2708  
prisoner. 2709

(E) The division of parole and community services may 2710  
require a prisoner who is transferred to transitional control to 2711  
pay to the division the reasonable expenses incurred by the 2712

division in supervising or confining the prisoner while under 2713  
transitional control. Inability to pay those reasonable expenses 2714  
shall not be grounds for refusing to transfer an otherwise 2715  
eligible prisoner to transitional control. Amounts received by 2716  
the division of parole and community services under this 2717  
division shall be deposited into the transitional control fund, 2718  
which is hereby created in the state treasury and which hereby 2719  
replaces and succeeds the furlough services fund that formerly 2720  
existed in the state treasury. All moneys that remain in the 2721  
furlough services fund on March 17, 1998, shall be transferred 2722  
on that date to the transitional control fund. The transitional 2723  
control fund shall be used solely to pay costs related to the 2724  
operation of the transitional control program established under 2725  
this section. The director of rehabilitation and correction 2726  
shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the 2727  
Revised Code for the use of the fund. 2728

(F) A prisoner who violates any rule established by the 2729  
department of rehabilitation and correction under division (A), 2730  
(C), or (D) of this section may be transferred to a state 2731  
correctional institution pursuant to rules adopted under 2732  
division (A), (C), or (D) of this section, but the prisoner 2733  
shall receive credit towards completing the prisoner's sentence 2734  
for the time spent under transitional control. 2735

If a prisoner is transferred to transitional control under 2736  
this section, upon successful completion of the period of 2737  
transitional control, the prisoner may be released on parole or 2738  
under post-release control pursuant to section 2967.13 or 2739  
2967.28 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the department 2740  
of rehabilitation and correction. If the prisoner is released 2741  
under post-release control, the duration of the post-release 2742  
control, the type of post-release control sanctions that may be 2743

imposed, the enforcement of the sanctions, and the treatment of 2744  
prisoners who violate any sanction applicable to the prisoner 2745  
are governed by section 2967.28 of the Revised Code. 2746

Sec. 3109.055. (A) If a child is born to an unmarried 2747  
woman and the father of the child has acknowledged the child and 2748  
that acknowledgment has become final pursuant to section 2749  
2151.232, 3111.25, or 3111.821 of the Revised Code or has been 2750  
determined in an action under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 2751  
to be the father of the child, the court, upon its own motion or 2752  
the motion of one of the parties, may order the parents to 2753  
undergo conciliation with a magistrate in order to resolve any 2754  
disputes regarding the allocation of parental rights and 2755  
responsibilities between the parents in a case pending before 2756  
the court. An order requiring conciliation shall set forth the 2757  
the name of the magistrate who will serve as the conciliator and 2758  
the manner in which the costs of any conciliation procedures are 2759  
to be paid. 2760

(B) A magistrate who serves as a conciliator shall use 2761  
conciliation procedures to resolve a dispute regarding the 2762  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities and, upon 2763  
resolution of the dispute, issue an order regarding the 2764  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, parenting 2765  
time, or companionship or visitation pursuant to section 2766  
2151.23, 3109.04, or 3109.12 of the Revised Code. The 2767  
conciliation procedures may include without limitation the use 2768  
of family counselors and service agencies, community health 2769  
services, physicians, licensed psychologists, or clergy. If the 2770  
magistrate orders the parties to undergo family counseling, the 2771  
magistrate shall name the counselor and set forth the required 2772  
type of counseling, the length of time for the counseling, and 2773  
any other specific conditions. No order regarding the allocation 2774

of parental rights and responsibilities, parenting time, or 2775  
companionship or visitation shall be issued until the 2776  
conciliation has concluded and been reported to the magistrate. 2777

**Sec. 3517.01.** (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 2778  
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 2779  
meets either of the following requirements: 2780

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 2781  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 2782  
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 2783  
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 2784  
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 2785  
division remains a political party for a period of four years 2786  
after meeting those requirements. 2787

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 2788  
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 2789  
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 2790  
all of the following requirements: 2791

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 2792  
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 2793  
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 2794  
election for such office. 2795

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 2796  
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 2797  
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 2798  
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 2799  
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 2800  
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 2801

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 2802  
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 2803



in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 2804  
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 2805  
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 2806

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 2807  
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 2808  
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 2809  
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 2810  
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 2811  
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 2812  
the usual place of residence of each of them. 2813

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 2814  
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 2815  
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 2816  
mislead the voters at an election. 2817

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 2818  
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 2819  
name. 2820

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 2821  
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 2822  
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 2823  
Revised Code: 2824

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 2825  
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 2826  
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 2827  
contributions and make expenditures. 2828

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 2829  
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 2830

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 2831  
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 2832

who, at any time before or after an election, receives 2833  
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 2834  
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 2835  
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 2836  
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 2837  
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 2838  
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 2839  
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 2840  
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 2841  
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 2842  
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 2843  
convention or conference of a political party. 2844

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 2845  
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 2846  
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 2847  
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 2848  
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 2849  
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 2850  
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 2851  
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 2852  
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 2853  
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 2854  
Revenue Code. 2855

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 2856  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 2857  
transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 2858  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 2859  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 2860  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 2861  
another person, which contribution is made, received, or used 2862  
for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any 2863

loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 2864  
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, 2865  
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 2866  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 2867  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 2868  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 2869  
or person other than the person to whom the services are 2870  
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 2871  
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 2872  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 2873  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 2874  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 2875  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 2876  
of contributions filed under that section. 2877

"Contribution" does not include any of the following: 2878

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 2879  
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 2880  
person; 2881

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 2882

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 2883  
volunteer campaign worker; 2884

(d) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 2885  
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 2886

(e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of 2887  
the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 2888  
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 2889  
communication; 2890

(f) Any gift given to a state or county political party 2891  
for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of section 2892

3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	2893
(g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit	2894
in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised	2895
Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same	2896
meaning as in that section.	2897
(h) Any donation given to a transition fund under section	2898
3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	2899
(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a	2900
contribution <u>or other funds</u> for the purpose of influencing the	2901
results of an election or of making a charitable donation under	2902
division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any	2903
disbursement or use of a contribution by a state or county	2904
political party is an expenditure and shall be considered either	2905
to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of an	2906
election or to be made as a charitable donation under division	2907
(G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code and shall be reported	2908
on a statement of expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of	2909
the Revised Code. During the thirty days preceding a primary or	2910
general election, any disbursement to pay the direct costs of	2911
producing or airing a broadcast, cable, or satellite	2912
communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate	2913
shall be considered to be made for the purpose of influencing	2914
the results of that election and shall be reported as an	2915
expenditure or as an independent expenditure under section	2916
3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised Code, as applicable, except	2917
that the information required to be reported regarding	2918
contributors for those expenditures or independent expenditures	2919
shall be the same as the information required to be reported	2920
under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of section 3517.1011 of the	2921
Revised Code.	2922

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

(8) "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) "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) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in

section 1.03 of the Revised Code. 2952

(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a 2953  
public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund 2954  
exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or 2955  
public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign 2956  
fund exists. 2957

(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, 2958  
including contributions. 2959

(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as 2960  
in section 102.01 of the Revised Code. 2961

(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of 2962  
representatives or all of the members of the senate of the 2963  
general assembly who are members of the same political party. 2964

(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is 2965  
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and 2966  
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. 2967

(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 2968  
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 2969  
or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a 2970  
candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 2971  
political party, political action committee, or political 2972  
contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in 2973  
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 2974  
request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, 2975  
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, 2976  
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any 2977  
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 2978  
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 2979  
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 2980

to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 2981

~~(17)~~(17) (a) "Independent expenditure" means ~~an~~ either of  
the following: 2982  
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(i) An expenditure by a person advocating the election or 2984  
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not 2985  
made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or 2986  
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any 2987  
candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of 2988  
the candidate or candidates; 2989

(ii) An expenditure by a person advocating support of or 2990  
opposition to an identified ballot issue or question or to 2991  
achieve the successful circulation of an initiative or 2992  
referendum petition in order to place such an issue or question 2993  
on the ballot, regardless of whether the ballot issue or 2994  
question has yet been certified to appear on the ballot. ~~As-~~ 2995

(b) As used in division ~~(C) (17)~~-(C) (17) (a) of this 2996  
section: 2997

~~(a)~~(i) "Person" means an individual, partnership, 2998  
unincorporated business organization or association, political 2999  
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 3000  
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 3001  
persons, but not a labor organization or a corporation unless 3002  
the labor organization or corporation is a political 3003  
contributing entity. 3004

~~(b)~~(ii) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 3005  
message advocating election or defeat. 3006

~~(c)~~(iii) "Identified candidate" means that the name of 3007  
the candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 3008  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 3009

by unambiguous reference. 3010

~~(d)~~ (iv) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or 3011  
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any 3012  
candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" 3013  
means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or 3014  
direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, 3015  
or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 3016  
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 3017  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 3018

~~(i)~~ (I) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 3019  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 3020  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 3021  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 3022

~~(ii)~~ (II) Made by or through any person who is, or has 3023  
been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, 3024  
an officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or 3025  
has been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement 3026  
from the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or 3027  
agent; 3028

~~(iii)~~ (III) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) 3029  
of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political 3030  
party in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made 3031  
by a political party to conduct voter registration or voter 3032  
education efforts. 3033

~~(e)~~ (v) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 3034  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 3035  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 3036  
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 3037  
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 3038



would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 3039  
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 3040

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee 3041  
organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or 3042  
other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, 3043  
employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, 3044  
locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide 3045  
organization in which employees participate and that exists for 3046  
the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 3047  
concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other 3048  
terms and conditions of employment. 3049

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 3050  
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 3051  
Campaign Act. 3052

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal 3053  
Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et 3054  
seq., as amended. 3055

(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county 3056  
political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 3057  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 3058

(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning 3059  
as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3060

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 3061  
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 3062  
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 3063  
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 3064  
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 3065

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 3066  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3067

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, 3068  
including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully 3069  
make contributions and expenditures and that is not an 3070  
individual or a political action committee, continuing 3071  
association, campaign committee, political party, legislative 3072  
campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state 3073  
candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means 3074  
not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized 3075  
by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 3076

(26) "Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning 3077  
as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 3078

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 3079  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 3080  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 3081  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 3082  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 3083  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 3084  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 3085  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 3086  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 3087  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 3088  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 3089  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 3090  
the following dates: 3091

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 3092  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 3093  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 3094  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 3095  
before the election; 3096

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 3097

the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3098  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3099  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 3100  
day before the filing of the statement; 3101

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 3102  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 3103  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 3104  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 3105  
the last day of December of the previous year; 3106

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 3107  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3108  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3109  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 3110  
day of June of that year. 3111

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 3112  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 3113  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 3114  
committee's candidate. 3115

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 3116  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 3117  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3118  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 3119  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 3120  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 3121  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 3122  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 3123  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 3124

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 3125  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 3126

general election, the campaign committee of a successful 3127  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 3128  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 3129  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 3130  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 3131  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 3132  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 3133  
days before the general election. 3134

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 3135  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 3136  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 3137  
this section. 3138

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 3139  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 3140  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3141  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 3142  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 3143  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 3144  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 3145  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3146  
party, or political contributing entity. 3147

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3148  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 3149  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 3150  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 3151  
(A) (4) of this section. 3152

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 3153  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 3154  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 3155  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 3156

the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 3157  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 3158  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 3159  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 3160  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 3161

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 3162  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 3163  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 3164  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 3165  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3166  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 3167  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 3168  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 3169  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 3170  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3171  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 3172

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 3173  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 3174  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3175  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 3176  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 3177  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 3178  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 3179  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 3180  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 3181  
under this section and made under penalty of election 3182  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 3183  
this section, as applicable. 3184

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 3185  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 3186

months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 3187  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 3188  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 3189  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 3190  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 3191  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 3192  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 3193  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 3194  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 3195  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 3196  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 3197  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 3198  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 3199  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 3200  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 3201  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 3202  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 3203  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 3204  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 3205  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 3206  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 3207  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 3208  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 3209  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 3210  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 3211  
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 3212  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 3213  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 3214  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 3215  
required by this section. 3216

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 3217

tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 3218  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 3219  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 3220  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 3221  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 3222  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 3223  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 3224  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 3225  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 3226  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 3227  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 3228  
Revised Code. 3229

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 3230  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 3231  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 3232  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 3233  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 3234  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 3235  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 3236  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 3237  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 3238  
previously filed statement. 3239

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 3240  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 3241  
section shall contain the following information: 3242

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 3243  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3244  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 3245  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 3246  
and expenditure statement; 3247

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the	3248
candidate's full name and address;	3249
(b) In the case of a political action committee, the	3250
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D)	3251
(1) of this section.	3252
(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be	3253
a general, primary, or special election;	3254
(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall	3255
include the following information:	3256
(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution;	3257
(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political	3258
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political	3259
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom	3260
contributions are received and the registration number assigned	3261
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this	3262
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not	3263
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a	3264
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to	3265
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its	3266
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this	3267
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be	3268
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address	3269
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section.	3270
(ii) If a political action committee, political	3271
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political	3272
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by	3273
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the	3274
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or	3275
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly	3276



receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 3277  
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 3278  
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 3279  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 3280

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3281  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 3282  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 3283  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 3284  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 3285  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 3286  
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 3287  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 3288  
of which the employees are members, if any. 3289

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 3290  
than money; 3291

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 3292

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 3293  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 3294  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 3295  
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 3296  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 3297  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 3298  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 3299  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 3300  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 3301  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 3302  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 3303  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 3304  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 3305  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 3306

together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 3307  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 3308  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 3309  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 3310  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 3311  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 3312  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 3313  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 3314  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 3315  
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 3316  
a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 3317  
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 3318  
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 3319  
address of any members who paid those dues. 3320

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 3321  
separately from all other contributions. The information 3322  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 3323  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 3324  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 3325

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 3326  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 3327  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 3328  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 3329  
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 3330  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 3331  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 3332  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 3333  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 3334  
this division: 3335

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 3336

section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 3337

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 3338  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 3339  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 3340  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 3341  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 3342  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 3343

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 3344  
following information: 3345

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 3346

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 3347  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3348  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 3349  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 3350  
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 3351  
section; 3352

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 3353  
made; 3354

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 3355

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 3356  
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 3357  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 3358  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 3359  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 3360  
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 3361  
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 3362  
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 3363  
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 3364  
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 3365

finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 3366  
in ink on a printed form. 3367

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 3368  
election falsification, shall include with it ~~a~~both of the 3369  
following: 3370

(a) A list of each anonymous contribution, the 3371  
circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it 3372  
cannot be attributed to a specific donor; 3373

(b) A certification that the campaign committee, political 3374  
action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3375  
political contributing entity, as applicable, has not knowingly 3376  
accepted any contribution that is prohibited under this chapter 3377  
or section 3599.03 or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, including 3378  
under division (W) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, 3379  
during the period covered by the statement. 3380

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 3381  
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 3382  
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 3383  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 3384  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 3385  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 3386

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 3387  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 3388  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 3389  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 3390  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 3391  
division (A) (2) of this section. 3392

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 3393  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 3394

certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 3395  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 3396  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 3397  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 3398  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 3399  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 3400  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 3401  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 3402  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 3403  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 3404  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 3405  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 3406  
national convention or conference of a political party. 3407

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 3408  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 3409  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3410  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 3411  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 3412

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 3413  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 3414  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 3415  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 3416  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 3417  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 3418  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 3419  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 3420  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 3421  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3422  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3423  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3424  
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 3425

(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3426  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3427  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3428  
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 3429  
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 3430  
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 3431  
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 3432  
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 3433  
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 3434  
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 3435  
in that format. 3436

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 3437  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 3438  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 3439  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 3440  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 3441  
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 3442  
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 3443  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 3444  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 3445  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 3446  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3447  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 3448  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 3449  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 3450  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 3451  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 3452  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 3453  
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 3454  
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 3455  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3456

communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 3457  
appropriate. 3458

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 3459  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 3460  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 3461  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 3462  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 3463

(D) (1) (a) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 3464  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 3465  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3466  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 3467  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 3468  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 3469  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 3470  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3471  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 3472  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 3473  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3474  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 3475  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 3476  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 3477  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 3478  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 3479  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 3480  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 3481  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 3482  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 3483  
number to each political action committee that files a 3484  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 3485  
division if the political action committee is required by 3486  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 3487

the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 3488  
state. 3489

(b) The form of the designation of treasurer shall require 3490  
the filer to certify, under penalty of election falsification, 3491  
that the campaign committee, political action committee, 3492  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 3493  
contributing entity, as applicable, has not knowingly accepted, 3494  
and will not knowingly accept, any contribution that is 3495  
prohibited under this chapter or section 3599.03 or 3599.031 of 3496  
the Revised Code, including under division (W) of section 3497  
3517.13 of the Revised Code. 3498

(c) The secretary of state shall not accept for filing a 3499  
designation of treasurer of a political action committee or 3500  
political contributing entity if, in the opinion of the 3501  
secretary of state, the name of the political action committee 3502  
or political contributing entity would lead a reasonable person 3503  
to believe that the political action committee or political 3504  
contributing entity acts on behalf of or represents a county 3505  
political party, unless the designation is accompanied by a 3506  
written statement, signed by the chairperson of the county 3507  
political party's executive committee, granting the political 3508  
action committee or political contributing entity permission to 3509  
act on behalf of or represent the county political party. 3510

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D)(1) of this 3511  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 3512  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 3513

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 3514  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 3515  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3516  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 3517



campaign committee. 3518

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 3519  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3520  
separate from all other funds. 3521

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 3522  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 3523  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 3524  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 3525  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 3526  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 3527  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 3528  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 3529  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 3530  
candidate fund. 3531

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 3532  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 3533  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 3534  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 3535  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 3536  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 3537  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 3538  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 3539  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 3540  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 3541  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 3542  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 3543  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 3544  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 3545

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 3546  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 3547

the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 3548  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 3549  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 3550  
(4) of this section. 3551

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 3552  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 3553  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 3554  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 3555  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 3556  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 3557  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 3558

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 3559  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 3560  
following: 3561

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 3562  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 3563  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 3564  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 3565  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 3566  
of the Revised Code; 3567

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 3568  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3569  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3570  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 3571  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 3572  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 3573  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3574  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 3575  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 3576  
of transmission. 3577

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 3578  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 3579  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 3580  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3581  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3582  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 3583

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 3584  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 3585  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 3586  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 3587  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3588  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 3589

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 3590  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 3591  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 3592  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 3593  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 3594  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 3595

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 3596  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 3597

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 3598  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 3599  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 3600  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 3601  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 3602  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 3603  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 3604  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 3605  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 3606  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 3607

contribution at the time the contribution is made. 3608

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 3609  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 3610  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 3611  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3612  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 3613  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 3614  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 3615  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 3616  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 3617  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 3618  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 3619

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 3620  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 3621  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 3622  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 3623  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 3624  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 3625  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 3626  
written request for the information required under division (B) 3627  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 3628  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 3629  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 3630

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 3631  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 3632  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 3633  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 3634

(F) As used in this section: 3635

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 3636

this section, "address" means all of the following if they 3637  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 3638  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 3639  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 3640  
post-office box. 3641

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 3642  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 3643  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 3644  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 3645  
highway name and number. 3646

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 3647  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3648  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 3649  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 3650  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 3651  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3652  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 3653  
to that address. 3654

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 3655  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 3656  
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 3657  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 3658  
committee: 3659

(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this 3660  
section; 3661

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 3662  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 3663  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 3664

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 3665

section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 3666  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 3667  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 3668  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 3669  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 3670  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 3671  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3672  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 3673  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 3674  
box number. 3675

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 3676  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 3677  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 3678  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 3679  
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 3680  
the supreme court. 3681

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 3682  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 3683  
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 3684  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 3685  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 3686

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 3687  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 3688  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 3689  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 3690  
Revised Code. 3691

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 3692  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 3693  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 3694  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 3695

less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 3696  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 3697  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 3698  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 3699  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 3700  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 3701  
combined reporting periods. 3702

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 3703  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 3704  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 3705  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 3706  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 3707  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 3708  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 3709  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 3710  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 3711  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 3712  
election periods. 3713

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 3714  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 3715  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 3716  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 3717  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 3718  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 3719  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 3720  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 3721  
candidates. 3722

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 3723  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 3724  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 3725

unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 3726

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 3727  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 3728  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 3729  
member making the contribution. 3730

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 3731  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 3732  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 3733  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 3734  
following: 3735

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 3736  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 3737  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 3738  
the partners, owners, or members; or 3739

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 3740  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 3741  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 3742  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 3743  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 3744  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 3745  
the contribution. 3746

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 3747  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 3748  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 3749  
section. 3750

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 3751  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 3752  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 3753  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 3754



contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 3755  
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 3756

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 3757  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 3758  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 3759

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 3760  
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 3761  
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 3762  
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 3763  
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 3764

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 3765  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 3766  
candidate or holds office. 3767

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 3768  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 3769  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 3770  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 3771  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 3772  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 3773  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 3774  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 3775  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 3776  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 3777  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 3778  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 3779  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 3780  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 3781  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 3782

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 3783

secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 3784  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 3785  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 3786  
be a write-in candidate. 3787

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 3788  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 3789  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 3790  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 3791

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 3792  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 3793  
limitations described in that division during an election 3794  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 3795  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 3796  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 3797  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 3798  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 3799  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 3800  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 3801  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 3802  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 3803  
write-in candidate. 3804

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 3805  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 3806  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 3807  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 3808  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 3809  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 3810  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 3811  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 3812

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 3813

contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 3814  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 3815  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 3816  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 3817  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 3818  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 3819  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 3820  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 3821  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 3822  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 3823  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 3824  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 3825  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 3826  
receives from all other contributors. 3827

**Sec. 3517.12.** (A) ~~Prior to receiving a contribution or~~ 3828  
~~making an expenditure, the circulator or~~ If the committee in 3829  
charge of an initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary 3830  
petition for additional signatures, for the submission to the 3831  
electors of a constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, 3832  
or item of any law wishes to receive any contribution or make 3833  
any expenditure for the purpose of achieving the successful 3834  
circulation of the petition, the committee shall ~~appoint a~~ 3835  
~~treasurer and shall file with the secretary of state, on a form~~ 3836  
~~prescribed by the secretary of state, a designation of that~~ 3837  
~~appointment, including the full name and address of the~~ 3838  
~~treasurer and of the circulator or committee~~ file a designation 3839  
of treasurer under division (D) of section 3517.10 of the 3840  
Revised Code as a political action committee before receiving a 3841  
contribution or making an expenditure and thereafter shall 3842  
comply with all applicable requirements of this chapter 3843  
concerning political action committees. 3844

(B) ~~The circulator or~~ If the committee in charge of an 3845  
initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition for 3846  
additional signatures, for the submission to the electors of a 3847  
constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any 3848  
law receives no contributions and makes no expenditures for the 3849  
purpose of achieving the successful circulation of the petition, 3850  
and is not otherwise considered a campaign committee, political 3851  
party, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 3852  
political contributing entity, then the committee shall, within 3853  
thirty days after ~~those~~ the petition ~~papers are~~ is filed, file 3854  
with the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the 3855  
secretary of state, ~~an itemized a~~ a statement, made under penalty 3856  
of election falsification, ~~showing in detail the following:~~ 3857

~~(1) All money or things of value paid, given, promised, or~~ 3858  
~~received for circulating the petitions;~~ 3859

~~(2) All appointments, promotions, or increases in salary,~~ 3860  
~~in positions which were given, promised, or received, or to~~ 3861  
~~obtain which assistance was given, promised, or received as a~~ 3862  
~~consideration for work done in circulating petitions;~~ 3863

~~(3) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and~~ 3864  
~~state, of all persons to whom such payments or promises were~~ 3865  
~~made and of all persons from whom such payments or promises were~~ 3866  
~~received;~~ 3867

~~(4) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and~~ 3868  
~~state, of all persons who contributed anything of value to be~~ 3869  
~~used in circulating the petitions, and the amounts of those~~ 3870  
~~contributions;~~ 3871

~~(5) Time spent and salaries earned while soliciting~~ 3872  
~~signatures to petitions by persons who were regular salaried~~ 3873

~~employees of some person or whom that employer authorized to  
solicit as part of their regular duties.~~ 3874  
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~~If that the committee received no money or things of  
value were paid or received or if no promises were made or  
received as a consideration for work done in circulating a  
petition, the statement shall contain words to that effect  
contributions and made no expenditures for the purpose of  
achieving the successful circulation of the petition.~~ 3876  
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~~(C) The treasurer designated under division (A) of this  
section shall file statements of contributions and expenditures  
in accordance with section 3517.10 of the Revised Code regarding  
all contributions made or received and all expenditures made by  
that treasurer or the circulator or committee in connection with  
the initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition  
for additional signatures, for the submission of a  
constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any  
law.~~ 3882  
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**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 3891  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 3892  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 3893  
Code. 3894

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 3895  
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 3896  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 3897  
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 3898  
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 3899  
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 3900  
Code. 3901

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 3902

same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 3903  
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(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. 3905  
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(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. 3908  
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(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. 3911  
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(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. 3914  
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(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, or general election. 3917  
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(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other information required to be reported by a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 3920  
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(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications in the name of another person. 3924  
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(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 3930

another when either of the following applies: 3931

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 3932  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 3933  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 3934  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 3935  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 3936  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 3937

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 3938  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 3939

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 3940  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 3941  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 3942  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 3943  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 3944  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 3945  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 3946  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 3947  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 3948  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 3949  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 3950  
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 3951  
committees. 3952

No person within this state, operating a radio or 3953  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 3954  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 3955  
exceeds: 3956

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 3957  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 3958  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 3959

campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 3960  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 3961  
period; 3962

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 3963  
of that station by its other users. 3964

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 3965  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 3966  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 3967  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 3968  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 3969  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 3970  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 3971  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 3972  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 3973  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 3974  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 3975  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 3976  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 3977  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 3978  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 3979  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 3980  
campaign committee. 3981

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 3982  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 3983  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 3984  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 3985  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 3986  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 3987  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 3988  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 3989



Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.

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

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

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the

sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 4020  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 4021  
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 4022  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 4023  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 4024  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 4025  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 4026  
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 4027  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 4028  
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 4029  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 4030  
contract for goods or services. 4031

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 4032  
actions of the controlling board. 4033

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 4034  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 4035  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 4036  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 4037  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 4038  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 4039  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 4040  
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 4041  
time of the award of the contract. 4042

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 4043  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 4044  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 4045  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 4046  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 4047  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 4048  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 4049

contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 4050  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 4051  
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 4052  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 4053  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 4054  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 4055  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 4056  
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 4057  
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 4058  
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 4059  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 4060  
action brought solely for legal separation. 4061

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 4062  
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 4063  
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 4064  
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 4065  
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 4066  
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 4067  
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 4068  
reimbursement for any of the following: 4069

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 4070  
incurred by the beneficiary; 4071

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 4072  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 4073  
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 4074  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 4075  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 4076  
office would normally be expected; 4077

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 4078  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 4079

following:	4080
(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to	4081
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or	4082
ballot issue;	4083
(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action	4084
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign	4085
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	4086
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party,	4087
political action committee, political contributing entity,	4088
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	4089
(d) Attending a political party convention or other	4090
political meeting.	4091
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred	4092
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated	4093
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit	4094
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on	4095
account.	4096
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly	4097
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of	4098
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O)	4099
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was	4100
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense	4101
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later	4102
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of	4103
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received	4104
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment	4105
made or reimbursement received from the other source.	4106
(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall	4107
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a	4108

political party, political action committee, political 4109  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 4110  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 4111  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 4112  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 4113  
value from a political party, political action committee, 4114  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 4115  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 4116

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 4117  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 4118  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 4119  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 4120  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 4121  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 4122  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 4123  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 4124

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 4125  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 4126

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 4127  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 4128

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 4129  
political meeting. 4130

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 4131  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 4132  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 4133  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 4134  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 4135  
political party, political action committee, political 4136  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 4137

committee. 4138

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 4139  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 4140  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 4141  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 4142  
political party, political action committee, political 4143  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 4144  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 4145  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 4146  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 4147  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 4148  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 4149  
employee's campaign committee. 4150

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 4151  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 4152  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 4153  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 4154  
services on account. 4155

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 4156  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 4157  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 4158  
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 4159  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 4160  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 4161  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 4162

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 4163  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 4164  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 4165  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 4166  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 4167

be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 4168  
surrounding circumstances. 4169

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 4170  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 4171  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 4172  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 4173  
expenses allowable. 4174

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 4175

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 4176  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 4177

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 4178  
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 4179

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 4180  
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 4181  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 4182

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 4183  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 4184  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 4185  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 4186  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 4187  
candidate for state elective office. 4188

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 4189  
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 4190  
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 4191  
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 4192  
nomination or election to the federal office. 4193

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 4194  
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 4195

political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 4196  
than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 4197  
following: 4198

(a) A state candidate fund; 4199

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 4200

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 4201  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 4202  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 4203  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 4204

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 4205  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 4206  
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 4207  
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 4208

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 4209  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 4210

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 4211  
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4212  
Code. 4213

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 4214  
through any other person or entity, ~~make knowingly do any of the~~ 4215  
following: 4216

(a) Make a contribution, expenditure, or independent 4217  
expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make 4218  
a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure ~~in~~ 4219  
~~support of or opposition to a candidate for any elective office~~ 4220  
~~in this state, including an office of a political party;~~ 4221

(b) Solicit another person to make a contribution, 4222  
expenditure, or independent expenditure; 4223



(c) Make a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of 4224  
indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 4225  
to another person with a designation, instruction, or 4226  
encumbrance that the foreign national knows will result in any 4227  
part of the loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 4228  
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds being used to 4229  
make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure. As 4230  
used in this division, "designation, instruction, or 4231  
encumbrance" includes any designation, instruction, or 4232  
encumbrance that is direct or indirect, express or implied, oral 4233  
or written, or involving an intermediary or conduit. 4234

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 4235  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 4236  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, ~~or~~ separate 4237  
segregated fund, or continuing association shall do either of 4238  
the following: 4239

(a) Knowingly transfer funds, or accept a transfer of 4240  
funds, directly or indirectly into an account from which the 4241  
person makes contributions or expenditures from an account that 4242  
is controlled by the person or by the person's affiliate and 4243  
that the person, at any time, knew to contain funds described in 4244  
division (W)(1) of this section that are received directly or 4245  
indirectly through another person or entity from a foreign 4246  
national. For purposes of this division, a person is affiliated 4247  
with another person if they are both established, financed, 4248  
maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same person, 4249  
including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of 4250  
that person. 4251

(b) Otherwise knowingly solicit or accept a contribution, 4252  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, directly or indirectly 4253

~~through another person or entity, from a foreign national. The~~ 4254  
~~secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, entity,~~ 4255  
~~fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, or~~ 4256  
~~independent expenditure in violation of this division to return~~ 4257  
~~the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or, if~~ 4258  
~~it is not possible to return the contribution, expenditure, or~~ 4259  
~~independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it,~~ 4260  
~~to the contributor.~~ 4261

(3) No person shall knowingly aid or facilitate a 4262  
violation of division (W) (1) or (2) of this section. 4263

(4) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 4264  
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 4265  
Federal Election Campaign Act means any of the following, as 4266  
applicable: 4267

(a) In the case of an individual, an individual who is not 4268  
a United States citizen or national; 4269

(b) A government of a foreign country or of a political 4270  
subdivision of a foreign country; 4271

(c) A foreign political party; 4272

(d) A person, other than an individual, that is organized 4273  
under the laws of, or has its principal place of business in, a 4274  
foreign country. 4275

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 4276  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 4277  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 4278  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 4279

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 4280  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 4281

restricted fund. 4282

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 4283  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 4284

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 4285  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 4286  
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 4287  
any one state or county political party for the party's 4288  
restricted fund in a calendar year. 4289

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 4290  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 4291  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 4292  
organization in a calendar year. 4293

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 4294  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 4295  
county political party. 4296

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 4297  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 4298  
Revised Code. 4299

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 4300  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 4301  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 4302  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 4303  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 4304  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 4305  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 4306  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 4307  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 4308  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 4309  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 4310

those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 4311  
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 4312  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 4313  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 4314  
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 4315

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 4316  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 4317  
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 4318  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 4319  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 4320  
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 4321  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 4322  
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 4323  
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 4324  
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 4325  
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 4326  
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 4327  
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 4328  
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 4329  
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 4330

**Sec. 3517.155.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 4331  
division (B) of this section, the Ohio elections commission 4332  
shall hold its first hearing on a complaint filed with it, other 4333  
than a complaint that receives an expedited hearing under 4334  
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, not later than ninety 4335  
business days after the complaint is filed unless the commission 4336  
has good cause to hold the hearing after that time, in which 4337  
case it shall hold the hearing not later than one hundred eighty 4338  
business days after the complaint is filed. At the hearing, the 4339  
commission shall determine whether or not the failure to act or 4340  
the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred and shall do 4341

only one of the following, except as otherwise provided in 4342  
~~division (B) of this section or in division (B) of section~~ 4343  
3517.151 of the Revised Code: 4344

(a) Enter a finding that good cause has been shown not to 4345  
impose a fine or not to refer the matter to the appropriate 4346  
prosecutor; 4347

(b) Impose a fine under section 3517.993 of the Revised 4348  
Code; 4349

(c) Refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutor~~+~~. 4350

(2) As used in division (A) of this section, "appropriate 4351  
prosecutor" means ~~a prosecutor as defined in section 2935.01 of~~ 4352  
~~the Revised Code and either of the following:~~ 4353

(a) In the case of a failure to comply with or a violation 4354  
of law involving a campaign committee or the committee's 4355  
candidate, a political party, a legislative campaign fund, a 4356  
political action committee, or a political contributing entity, 4357  
that is required to file a statement of contributions and 4358  
expenditures with the secretary of state under division (A) of 4359  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, ~~the prosecutor of Franklin-~~ 4360  
~~county attorney general, except that if the attorney general is~~ 4361  
a victim or witness or otherwise involved in the matter, 4362  
"appropriate prosecutor" means a county prosecutor whom the 4363  
commission deems appropriate to prosecute the matter; 4364

(b) In the case of a failure to comply with or a violation 4365  
of law involving any other campaign committee or committee's 4366  
candidate, or any other political party, political action 4367  
committee, or political contributing entity, either of the 4368  
following as determined by the commission: 4369

(i) ~~The prosecutor of Franklin county attorney general,~~ 4370

except that if the attorney general is a victim or witness or 4371  
otherwise involved in the matter, the commission shall refer the 4372  
matter to the prosecutor described in division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of 4373  
this section; 4374

(ii) The prosecutor of the county in which the candidacy 4375  
or ballot question or issue is submitted to the electors or, if 4376  
it is submitted in more than one county, the most populous of 4377  
those counties, except that if that prosecutor is a victim or 4378  
witness or otherwise involved in the matter, the commission 4379  
shall refer the matter to the attorney general. 4380

(3) When the commission refers a matter to the attorney 4381  
general under this section, or when the attorney general assumes 4382  
responsibility for the prosecution of a matter under division 4383  
(D) (3) (b) of this section, the attorney general may prosecute 4384  
the matter with all the rights, privileges, and powers conferred 4385  
by law on prosecuting attorneys, including the power to appear 4386  
before grand juries and to interrogate witnesses before such 4387  
grand juries. These powers of the attorney general are in 4388  
addition to any other applicable powers of the attorney general. 4389

(B) If the commission decides that the evidence is 4390  
insufficient for it to determine whether or not the failure to 4391  
act or the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred, the 4392  
commission, by the affirmative vote of five members, may request 4393  
that an investigatory attorney investigate the complaint. Upon 4394  
that request, an investigatory attorney shall make an 4395  
investigation in order to produce sufficient evidence for the 4396  
commission to decide the matter. If the commission requests an 4397  
investigation under this division, for good cause shown by the 4398  
investigatory attorney, the commission may extend by sixty days 4399  
the deadline for holding its first hearing on the complaint as 4400

required in division (A) of this section. 4401

(C) The commission shall take one of the actions required 4402  
under division (A) of this section not later than thirty days 4403  
after the close of all the evidence presented. 4404

(D) (1) The commission shall make any finding of a failure 4405  
to comply with or a violation of law in regard to a complaint 4406  
that alleges a violation of division (A) or (B) of section 4407  
3517.21, or division (A) or (B) of section 3517.22 of the 4408  
Revised Code by clear and convincing evidence. The commission 4409  
shall make any finding of a failure to comply with or a 4410  
violation of law in regard to any other complaint by a 4411  
preponderance of the evidence. 4412

(2) If the commission finds a violation of division (B) of 4413  
section 3517.21 or division (B) of section 3517.22 of the 4414  
Revised Code, it shall refer the matter to the appropriate 4415  
prosecutor under division (A) (1) (c) of this section and shall 4416  
not impose a fine under division (A) (1) (b) of this section or 4417  
section 3517.993 of the Revised Code. 4418

(3) (a) If the commission finds a violation of division (W) 4419  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, it shall do one of the 4420  
following: 4421

(i) Impose a fine under section 3517.993 of the Revised 4422  
Code in an amount equal to three times the amount involved in 4423  
the violation or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 4424  
greater, with none of the fine suspended and, in the case of a 4425  
violation of division (W) (2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 4426  
Code, order the violator to return an amount equal to any amount 4427  
accepted in violation of that division to the foreign national 4428  
from whom it was accepted; 4429

<u>(ii) Refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutor.</u>	4430
<u>(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (3) (b)</u>	4431
<u>(ii) of this section, if the commission finds a violation of</u>	4432
<u>division (W) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code and refers</u>	4433
<u>the matter to a county prosecutor under division (A) (2) (b) (ii)</u>	4434
<u>of this section, upon the request of the prosecutor to whom the</u>	4435
<u>commission refers the matter or upon the attorney general's own</u>	4436
<u>initiative, the attorney general may assume responsibility for</u>	4437
<u>the prosecution of the matter.</u>	4438
<u>(ii) Division (D) (3) (b) (i) of this section does not apply</u>	4439
<u>to any matter in which the attorney general is a victim or</u>	4440
<u>witness or is otherwise involved.</u>	4441
(E) In an action before the commission or a panel of the	4442
commission, if the allegations of the complainant are not	4443
proved, and the commission takes the action described in	4444
division (A) (1) (a) of this section or a panel of the commission	4445
takes the action described in division (C) (1) of section	4446
3517.156 of the Revised Code, the commission or a panel of the	4447
commission may find that the complaint is frivolous, and, if the	4448
commission or panel so finds, the commission shall order the	4449
complainant to pay reasonable attorney's fees and to pay the	4450
costs of the commission or panel as determined by a majority of	4451
the members of the commission. The costs paid to the commission	4452
or panel under this division shall be deposited into the Ohio	4453
elections commission fund.	4454
<b>Sec. 3517.992.</b> This section establishes penalties only	4455
with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after	4456
August 24, 1995.	4457
(A) (1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates	4458



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

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

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

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

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount contributed.

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code

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.

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

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or state candidate fund of a state political party or county political party that violates division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of

the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 4517

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 4518  
division (B) (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 4519  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 4520  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 4521

(5) Any political party that violates division (B) (4) of 4522  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 4523  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 4524  
amount permitted by that division. 4525

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I) (1), (2), (3), (4), and 4526  
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 4527  
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 4528  
shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the 4529  
amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 4530  
permitted by that division meets either of the following 4531  
conditions: 4532

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 4533  
after it is accepted. 4534

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 4535  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 4536  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 4537  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 4538  
the permitted amount has been received. 4539

(J) (1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 4540  
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 4541  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4542  
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 4543

(2) (a) Any county political party that violates division 4544  
(C) (4) (a) (ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 4545

shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4546  
accepted. 4547

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 4548  
(4) (a) (i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 4549  
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 4550  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 4551  
division. 4552

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 4553  
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 4554  
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 4555  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 4556  
division. 4557

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 4558  
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 4559  
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 4560  
amount permitted by that division. 4561

(4) Any political action committee or political 4562  
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 4563  
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 4564  
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 4565  
permitted by that division. 4566

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 4567  
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 4568  
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 4569  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 4570  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to 4571  
be accepted by that division meets either of the following 4572  
conditions: 4573

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 4574

after its acceptance. 4575

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 4576  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 4577  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 4578  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 4579  
the permitted amount has been received. 4580

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 4581  
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 4582  
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 4583

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 4584  
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 4585  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 4586  
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 4587  
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 4588  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 4589

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 4590  
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 4591

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 4592  
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 4593  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4594

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 4595  
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 4596  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4597  
accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 4598  
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 4599  
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 4600  
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 4601  
the contributor any amount so accepted. 4602

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 4603

the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 4604  
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 4605  
assets transferred in violation of that division. 4606

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 4607  
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 4608  
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 4609  
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 4610  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4611  
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 4612

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 4613  
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 4614  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 4615  
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 4616  
violation of that section. 4617

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 4618  
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 4619  
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 4620

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 4621  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 4622  
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 4623  
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 4624  
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 4625  
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 4626

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 4627  
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 4628  
of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 4629  
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another 4630  
person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the 4631  
Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 4632

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

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

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

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

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

(Y) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division (C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152

of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that 4662  
division. 4663

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 4664  
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 4665  
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 4666  
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 4667  
Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of 4668  
pursuant to that division. 4669

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 4670  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 4671  
fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, or other 4672  
entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 4673  
3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for 4674  
under any other division of this section shall be fined not more 4675  
than one thousand dollars. 4676

(AA) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (1) of 4677  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 4678  
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 4679  
promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 4680  
whichever amount is greater. 4681

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (2) of section 4682  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 4683  
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of 4684  
that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 4685  
greater, and shall be required to return an amount equal to any 4686  
amount accepted in violation of that division to the foreign 4687  
national from whom it was accepted. 4688

(3) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (3) of section 4689  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 4690



three times the amount involved in the violation or ten thousand 4691  
dollars, whichever amount is greater. 4692

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 4693  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 4694  
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 4695  
dollars for each day of violation. 4696

(CC) (1) Subject to division (CC) (2) of this section, 4697  
whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the 4698  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the 4699  
amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the 4700  
communication made in violation of that division. 4701

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections 4702  
commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease 4703  
making communications in violation of division (H) of section 4704  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division 4705  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4706  
disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made 4707  
in violation of that division. 4708

(DD) (1) Any corporation or labor organization that 4709  
violates division (X) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 4710  
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4711  
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 4712

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 4713  
division (X) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall 4714  
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 4715  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 4716

(EE) (1) Any campaign committee or person who violates 4717  
division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 4718  
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 4719

donated in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 4720

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 4721  
violates division (C)(3)(a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 4722  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 4723  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 4724  
division. 4725

**Sec. 3517.993.** This section authorizes the establishment 4726  
of fines that may be imposed only with respect to acts or 4727  
failures to act that occur on and after August 24, 1995. 4728

(A) Except as otherwise provided in ~~division~~divisions (D) 4729  
(2) and (3) of section 3517.155 of the Revised Code, the Ohio 4730  
elections commission may impose administrative fines under 4731  
division (A)(1)(b) of section 3517.155 of the Revised Code in 4732  
accordance with the amounts set forth under sections 3517.992, 4733  
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code. 4734

(B) ~~The~~Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(3) of 4735  
section 3517.155 of the Revised Code, the commission may suspend 4736  
all or part of a fine it imposes under this section upon 4737  
whatever terms and conditions the commission considers just. 4738

(C)(1) The commission shall consider any of the following 4739  
circumstances in determining whether to impose a maximum fine 4740  
under this section: 4741

(a) Whether the violator has been found guilty of any 4742  
other violation of Title XXXV of the Revised Code; 4743

(b) Whether the violation was made knowingly or purposely; 4744

(c) Whether any relevant statements, addenda, or 4745  
affidavits required to be filed have not been filed; 4746

(d) Whether the violator has any outstanding fines imposed 4747

for a violation of Title XXXV of the Revised Code; 4748

(e) Whether the violation occurred during the course of a 4749  
campaign. 4750

(2) The commission shall consider any of the following 4751  
circumstances in determining whether to impose a minimal fine or 4752  
no fine under this section: 4753

(a) Whether the violator previously has not been found 4754  
guilty of any other violation of Title XXXV of the Revised Code; 4755

(b) Whether the violator has promptly corrected the 4756  
violator's violation; 4757

(c) Whether the nature and circumstances of the violation 4758  
merit a minimum fine; 4759

(d) Whether there are substantial grounds tending to 4760  
excuse or justify the violation, although failing to establish a 4761  
defense to the violation; 4762

(e) Whether the violation was not purposely committed. 4763

(3) The circumstances set forth in divisions (C) (1) and 4764  
(2) of this section shall be considered by, but shall not 4765  
control the decision of, the commission in imposing a fine. 4766

(D) Fines imposed by the commission under this section 4767  
shall be paid into the Ohio elections commission fund. 4768

**Sec. 4507.112.** (A) The director of public safety may 4769  
authorize a third party to administer the motor vehicle skills 4770  
test specified in division (A) (2) of section 4507.11 of the 4771  
Revised Code. A third-party administrator may be any person, any 4772  
agency of this state, or any agency, department, or 4773  
instrumentality of local government, including a clerk of the 4774

court of common pleas. The third party shall administer the same 4775  
skills test as otherwise would be administered by the bureau of 4776  
motor vehicles. 4777

(B) For purposes of authorizing a third party to 4778  
administer the motor vehicle skills test, the director and the 4779  
third party shall enter into an agreement that does all of the 4780  
following: 4781

(1) Allows the director or the director's representative 4782  
to conduct random examinations, inspections, and audits of the 4783  
third party, whether covert or overt, without prior notice; 4784

(2) Requires all examiners of the third party to meet the 4785  
same qualification and training standards as examiners of the 4786  
department of public safety; 4787

(3) Requires the third party to use designated road test 4788  
routes that have been approved by the director; 4789

(4) If the third party also is a driver training school, 4790  
prohibits a skills test examiner employed by the school from 4791  
administering a skills test to an applicant that the examiner 4792  
personally trained; 4793

(5) Establishes appropriate documentation and 4794  
communication between the third party and the department 4795  
indicating who has attempted the skills test with the third 4796  
party and whether the person completed the test successfully; 4797

(6) Reserves to the department the right to take prompt 4798  
and appropriate remedial action against the third party and its 4799  
skills test examiners if the third party or its skills test 4800  
examiners fail to comply with state standards for the testing 4801  
program or with any other terms of the agreement. 4802

(C) (1) The director may adopt rules in accordance with 4803  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing reasonable fees 4804  
that a third party authorized to administer the motor vehicle 4805  
skills test under this section may charge for the skills test. 4806

(2) If the director does not adopt the rules authorized 4807  
under division (C) (1) of this section, a third party may charge 4808  
a fee to an applicant who attempts the skills test with that 4809  
third party. However, a third party shall not charge a fee 4810  
greater than the cost of administering the skills test to that 4811  
applicant. 4812

**Sec. 4509.101.** (A) (1) No person shall operate, or permit 4813  
the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless proof of 4814  
financial responsibility is maintained continuously throughout 4815  
the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the 4816  
case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that 4817  
driver's operation of that vehicle. 4818

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 4819  
be subject to the following civil penalties: 4820

(a) Subject to divisions (A) (2) (b) and (c) of this 4821  
section, a class (F) suspension of the person's driver's 4822  
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction 4823  
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege 4824  
for the period of time specified in division (B) (6) of section 4825  
4510.02 of the Revised Code and impoundment of the person's 4826  
license. The court may grant limited driving privileges to the 4827  
person, but only if the person presents proof of financial 4828  
responsibility and is enrolled in a reinstatement fee payment 4829  
plan pursuant to section 4510.10 of the Revised Code. 4830

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the person's 4831

operating privileges are again suspended and the person's 4832  
license again is impounded for a violation of division (A) (1) of 4833  
this section, a class C suspension of the person's driver's 4834  
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction 4835  
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege 4836  
for the period of time specified in division (B) (3) of section 4837  
4510.02 of the Revised Code. The court may grant limited driving 4838  
privileges to the person only if the person presents proof of 4839  
financial responsibility and has complied with division (A) (5) 4840  
of this section, and no court may grant limited driving 4841  
privileges for the first fifteen days of the suspension. 4842

(c) If, within five years of the violation, the person's 4843  
operating privileges are suspended and the person's license is 4844  
impounded two or more times for a violation of division (A) (1) 4845  
of this section, a class B suspension of the person's driver's 4846  
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction 4847  
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege 4848  
for the period of time specified in division (B) (2) of section 4849  
4510.02 of the Revised Code. The court may grant limited driving 4850  
privileges to the person only if the person presents proof of 4851  
financial responsibility and has complied with division (A) (5) 4852  
of this section, except that no court may grant limited driving 4853  
privileges for the first thirty days of the suspension. 4854

(d) In addition to the suspension of an owner's license 4855  
under division (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of this section, the 4856  
suspension of the rights of the owner to register the motor 4857  
vehicle and the impoundment of the owner's certificate of 4858  
registration and license plates until the owner complies with 4859  
division (A) (5) of this section. 4860

The clerk of court shall waive the cost of filing a 4861

petition for limited driving privileges if, pursuant to section 4862  
2323.311 of the Revised Code, the petitioner applies to be 4863  
qualified as an indigent litigant and the court approves the 4864  
application. 4865

(3) A person to whom this state has issued a certificate 4866  
of registration for a motor vehicle or a license to operate a 4867  
motor vehicle or who is determined to have operated any motor 4868  
vehicle or permitted the operation in this state of a motor 4869  
vehicle owned by the person shall be required to verify the 4870  
existence of proof of financial responsibility covering the 4871  
operation of the motor vehicle or the person's operation of the 4872  
motor vehicle under either of the following circumstances: 4873

(a) The person or a motor vehicle owned by the person is 4874  
involved in a traffic accident that requires the filing of an 4875  
accident report under section 4509.06 of the Revised Code. 4876

(b) The person receives a traffic ticket indicating that 4877  
proof of the maintenance of financial responsibility was not 4878  
produced upon the request of a peace officer or state highway 4879  
patrol trooper made in accordance with division (D)(2) of this 4880  
section. 4881

(4) An order of the registrar that suspends and impounds a 4882  
license or registration, or both, shall state the date on or 4883  
before which the person is required to surrender the person's 4884  
license or certificate of registration and license plates. The 4885  
person is deemed to have surrendered the license or certificate 4886  
of registration and license plates, in compliance with the 4887  
order, if the person does either of the following: 4888

(a) On or before the date specified in the order, delivers 4889  
the license or certificate of registration and license plates to 4890

the registrar; 4891

(b) Mails the license or certificate of registration and 4892  
license plates to the registrar in an envelope or container 4893  
bearing a postmark showing a date no later than the date 4894  
specified in the order. 4895

(5) Except as provided in division (L) of this section, 4896  
the registrar shall not restore any operating privileges or 4897  
registration rights suspended under this section, return any 4898  
license, certificate of registration, or license plates 4899  
impounded under this section, or reissue license plates under 4900  
section 4503.232 of the Revised Code, if the registrar destroyed 4901  
the impounded license plates under that section, or reissue a 4902  
license under section 4510.52 of the Revised Code, if the 4903  
registrar destroyed the suspended license under that section, 4904  
unless the rights are not subject to suspension or revocation 4905  
under any other law and unless the person, in addition to 4906  
complying with all other conditions required by law for 4907  
reinstatement of the operating privileges or registration 4908  
rights, complies with all of the following: 4909

(a) Pays to the registrar or an eligible deputy registrar 4910  
a financial responsibility reinstatement fee of forty dollars 4911  
for the first violation of division (A) (1) of this section, 4912  
three hundred dollars for a second violation of that division, 4913  
and six hundred dollars for a third or subsequent violation of 4914  
that division; 4915

(b) If the person has not voluntarily surrendered the 4916  
license, certificate, or license plates in compliance with the 4917  
order, pays to the registrar or an eligible deputy registrar a 4918  
financial responsibility nonvoluntary compliance fee in an 4919  
amount, not to exceed fifty dollars, determined by the 4920



registrar; 4921

(c) Files and continuously maintains proof of financial 4922  
responsibility under sections 4509.44 to 4509.65 of the Revised 4923  
Code; 4924

(d) Pays a deputy registrar a service fee of ten dollars 4925  
to compensate the deputy registrar for services performed under 4926  
this section. The deputy registrar shall retain eight dollars of 4927  
the service fee and shall transmit the reinstatement fee, any 4928  
nonvoluntary compliance fee, and two dollars of the service fee 4929  
to the registrar in the manner the registrar shall determine. 4930

(B) (1) Every party required to file an accident report 4931  
under section 4509.06 of the Revised Code also shall include 4932  
with the report a document described in division (G) (1) (a) of 4933  
this section or shall present proof of financial responsibility 4934  
through use of an electronic wireless communications device as 4935  
permitted by division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 4936

If the registrar determines, within forty-five days after 4937  
the report is filed, that an operator or owner has violated 4938  
division (A) (1) of this section, the registrar shall do all of 4939  
the following: 4940

(a) Order the impoundment, with respect to the motor 4941  
vehicle involved, required under division (A) (2) (d) of this 4942  
section, of the certificate of registration and license plates 4943  
of any owner who has violated division (A) (1) of this section; 4944

(b) Order the suspension required under division (A) (2) 4945  
(a), (b), or (c) of this section of the license of any operator 4946  
or owner who has violated division (A) (1) of this section; 4947

(c) Record the name and address of the person whose 4948  
certificate of registration and license plates have been 4949

impounded or are under an order of impoundment, or whose license 4950  
has been suspended or is under an order of suspension; the 4951  
serial number of the person's license; the serial numbers of the 4952  
person's certificate of registration and license plates; and the 4953  
person's social security account number, if assigned, or, where 4954  
the motor vehicle is used for hire or principally in connection 4955  
with any established business, the person's federal taxpayer 4956  
identification number. The information shall be recorded in such 4957  
a manner that it becomes a part of the person's permanent 4958  
record, and assists the registrar in monitoring compliance with 4959  
the orders of suspension or impoundment. 4960

(d) Send written notification to every person to whom the 4961  
order pertains, at the person's last known address as shown on 4962  
the records of the bureau. The person, within ten days after the 4963  
date of the mailing of the notification, shall surrender to the 4964  
registrar, in a manner set forth in division (A) (4) of this 4965  
section, any certificate of registration and registration plates 4966  
under an order of impoundment, or any license under an order of 4967  
suspension. 4968

(2) The registrar shall issue any order under division (B) 4969  
(1) of this section without a hearing. Any person adversely 4970  
affected by the order, within ten days after the issuance of the 4971  
order, may request an administrative hearing before the 4972  
registrar, who shall provide the person with an opportunity for 4973  
a hearing in accordance with this paragraph. A request for a 4974  
hearing does not operate as a suspension of the order. The scope 4975  
of the hearing shall be limited to whether the person in fact 4976  
demonstrated to the registrar proof of financial responsibility 4977  
in accordance with this section. The registrar shall determine 4978  
the date, time, and place of any hearing, provided that the 4979  
hearing shall be held, and an order issued or findings made, 4980

within thirty days after the registrar receives a request for a hearing. If requested by the person in writing, the registrar may designate as the place of hearing the county seat of the county in which the person resides or a place within fifty miles of the person's residence. The person shall pay the cost of the hearing before the registrar, if the registrar's order of suspension or impoundment is upheld.

(C) Any order of suspension or impoundment issued under this section or division (B) of section 4509.37 of the Revised Code may be terminated at any time if the registrar determines upon a showing of proof of financial responsibility that the operator or owner of the motor vehicle was in compliance with division (A)(1) of this section at the time of the traffic offense, motor vehicle inspection, or accident that resulted in the order against the person. A determination may be made without a hearing. This division does not apply unless the person shows good cause for the person's failure to present satisfactory proof of financial responsibility to the registrar prior to the issuance of the order.

(D) (1) (a) For the purpose of enforcing this section, every peace officer is deemed an agent of the registrar.

(b) Any peace officer who, in the performance of the peace officer's duties as authorized by law, becomes aware of a person whose license is under an order of suspension, or whose certificate of registration and license plates are under an order of impoundment, pursuant to this section, may confiscate the license, certificate of registration, and license plates, and return them to the registrar.

(2) A peace officer shall request the owner or operator of a motor vehicle to produce proof of financial responsibility in

a manner described in division (G) of this section at the time 5011  
the peace officer acts to enforce the traffic laws of this state 5012  
and during motor vehicle inspections conducted pursuant to 5013  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code. 5014

(3) A peace officer shall indicate on every traffic ticket 5015  
whether the person receiving the traffic ticket produced proof 5016  
of the maintenance of financial responsibility in response to 5017  
the officer's request under division (D) (2) of this section. The 5018  
peace officer shall inform every person who receives a traffic 5019  
ticket and who has failed to produce proof of the maintenance of 5020  
financial responsibility that the person must submit proof to 5021  
the traffic violations bureau with any payment of a fine and 5022  
costs for the ticketed violation or, if the person is to appear 5023  
in court for the violation, the person must submit proof to the 5024  
court. 5025

(4) (a) If a person who has failed to produce proof of the 5026  
maintenance of financial responsibility appears in court for a 5027  
ticketed violation, the court may permit the defendant to 5028  
present evidence of proof of financial responsibility to the 5029  
court at such time and in such manner as the court determines to 5030  
be necessary or appropriate. In a manner prescribed by the 5031  
registrar, the clerk of courts shall provide the registrar with 5032  
the identity of any person who fails to submit proof of the 5033  
maintenance of financial responsibility pursuant to division (D) 5034  
(3) of this section. 5035

(b) If a person who has failed to produce proof of the 5036  
maintenance of financial responsibility also fails to submit 5037  
that proof to the traffic violations bureau with payment of a 5038  
fine and costs for the ticketed violation, the traffic 5039  
violations bureau, in a manner prescribed by the registrar, 5040

shall notify the registrar of the identity of that person. 5041

(5) (a) Upon receiving notice from a clerk of courts or 5042  
traffic violations bureau pursuant to division (D) (4) of this 5043  
section, the registrar shall order the suspension of the license 5044  
of the person required under division (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of 5045  
this section and the impoundment of the person's certificate of 5046  
registration and license plates required under division (A) (2) 5047  
(d) of this section, effective thirty days after the date of the 5048  
mailing of notification. The registrar also shall notify the 5049  
person that the person must present the registrar with proof of 5050  
financial responsibility in accordance with this section, 5051  
surrender to the registrar the person's certificate of 5052  
registration, license plates, and license, or submit a statement 5053  
subject to section 2921.13 of the Revised Code that the person 5054  
did not operate or permit the operation of the motor vehicle at 5055  
the time of the offense. Notification shall be in writing and 5056  
shall be sent to the person at the person's last known address 5057  
as shown on the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. The 5058  
person, within fifteen days after the date of the mailing of 5059  
notification, shall present proof of financial responsibility, 5060  
surrender the certificate of registration, license plates, and 5061  
license to the registrar in a manner set forth in division (A) 5062  
(4) of this section, or submit the statement required under this 5063  
section together with other information the person considers 5064  
appropriate. 5065

If the registrar does not receive proof or the person does 5066  
not surrender the certificate of registration, license plates, 5067  
and license, in accordance with this division, the registrar 5068  
shall permit the order for the suspension of the license of the 5069  
person and the impoundment of the person's certificate of 5070  
registration and license plates to take effect. 5071

(b) In the case of a person who presents, within the fifteen-day period, proof of financial responsibility, the registrar shall terminate the order of suspension and the impoundment of the registration and license plates required under division (A) (2) (d) of this section and shall send written notification to the person, at the person's last known address as shown on the records of the bureau.

(c) Any person adversely affected by the order of the registrar under division (D) (5) (a) or (b) of this section, within ten days after the issuance of the order, may request an administrative hearing before the registrar, who shall provide the person with an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this paragraph. A request for a hearing does not operate as a suspension of the order. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to whether, at the time of the hearing, the person presents proof of financial responsibility covering the vehicle and whether the person is eligible for an exemption in accordance with this section or any rule adopted under it. The registrar shall determine the date, time, and place of any hearing; provided, that the hearing shall be held, and an order issued or findings made, within thirty days after the registrar receives a request for a hearing. If requested by the person, the hearing may be held remotely by electronic means. If requested by the person in writing, the registrar may designate as the place of hearing the county seat of the county in which the person resides or a place within fifty miles of the person's residence. Such person shall pay the cost of the hearing before the registrar, if the registrar's order of suspension or impoundment under division (D) (5) (a) or (b) of this section is upheld.

(6) A peace officer may charge an owner or operator of a

motor vehicle with a violation of section 4510.16 of the Revised Code when the owner or operator fails to show proof of the maintenance of financial responsibility pursuant to a peace officer's request under division (D) (2) of this section, if a check of the owner or operator's driving record indicates that the owner or operator, at the time of the operation of the motor vehicle, is required to file and maintain proof of financial responsibility under section 4509.45 of the Revised Code for a previous violation of this chapter.

(7) Any forms used by law enforcement agencies in administering this section shall be prescribed, supplied, and paid for by the registrar.

(8) No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency that employs a peace officer shall be liable in a civil action for damages or loss to persons arising out of the performance of any duty required or authorized by this section.

(9) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the meaning set forth in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) All fees, except court costs, fees paid to a deputy registrar, and those portions of the financial responsibility reinstatement fees as otherwise specified in this division, collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and used to cover costs incurred by the bureau in the administration of this section and sections 4503.20, 4507.212, and 4509.81 of the Revised Code, and by any law enforcement agency employing any peace officer who returns any license, certificate of registration, and license plates to the registrar pursuant to

division (C) of this section. 5133

Of each financial responsibility reinstatement fee the 5134  
registrar collects pursuant to division (A) (5) (a) of this 5135  
section or receives from a deputy registrar under division (A) 5136  
(5) (d) of this section, the registrar shall deposit ten dollars 5137  
of each forty-dollar reinstatement fee, fifty dollars of each 5138  
three-hundred-dollar reinstatement fee, and one hundred dollars 5139  
of each six-hundred-dollar reinstatement fee into the state 5140  
treasury to the credit of the indigent defense support fund 5141  
created by section 120.08 of the Revised Code. 5142

(F) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code applies to this 5143  
section only to the extent that any provision in that chapter is 5144  
not clearly inconsistent with this section. 5145

(G) (1) (a) The registrar, court, traffic violations bureau, 5146  
or peace officer may require proof of financial responsibility 5147  
to be demonstrated by use of a standard form prescribed by the 5148  
registrar. If the use of a standard form is not required, a 5149  
person may demonstrate proof of financial responsibility under 5150  
this section by presenting to the traffic violations bureau, 5151  
court, registrar, or peace officer any of the following 5152  
documents or a copy of the documents: 5153

(i) A financial responsibility identification card as 5154  
provided in section 4509.103 of the Revised Code; 5155

(ii) A certificate of proof of financial responsibility on 5156  
a form provided and approved by the registrar for the filing of 5157  
an accident report required to be filed under section 4509.06 of 5158  
the Revised Code; 5159

(iii) A policy of liability insurance, a declaration page 5160  
of a policy of liability insurance, or liability bond, if the 5161



policy or bond complies with section 4509.20 or sections 4509.49 5162  
to 4509.61 of the Revised Code; 5163

(iv) A bond or certification of the issuance of a bond as 5164  
provided in section 4509.59 of the Revised Code; 5165

(v) A certificate of deposit of money or securities as 5166  
provided in section 4509.62 of the Revised Code; 5167

(vi) A certificate of self-insurance as provided in 5168  
section 4509.72 of the Revised Code. 5169

(b) A person also may present proof of financial 5170  
responsibility under this section to the traffic violations 5171  
bureau, court, registrar, or peace officer through use of an 5172  
electronic wireless communications device as specified under 5173  
section 4509.103 of the Revised Code. 5174

(2) If a person fails to demonstrate proof of financial 5175  
responsibility in a manner described in division (G) (1) of this 5176  
section, the person may demonstrate proof of financial 5177  
responsibility under this section by any other method that the 5178  
court or the bureau, by reason of circumstances in a particular 5179  
case, may consider appropriate. 5180

(3) A motor carrier certificated by the interstate 5181  
commerce commission or by the public utilities commission may 5182  
demonstrate proof of financial responsibility by providing a 5183  
statement designating the motor carrier's operating authority 5184  
and averring that the insurance coverage required by the 5185  
certificating authority is in full force and effect. 5186

(4) (a) A finding by the registrar or court that a person 5187  
is covered by proof of financial responsibility in the form of 5188  
an insurance policy or surety bond is not binding upon the named 5189  
insurer or surety or any of its officers, employees, agents, or 5190

representatives and has no legal effect except for the purpose 5191  
of administering this section. 5192

(b) The preparation and delivery of a financial 5193  
responsibility identification card or any other document 5194  
authorized to be used as proof of financial responsibility and 5195  
the generation and delivery of proof of financial responsibility 5196  
to an electronic wireless communications device that is 5197  
displayed on the device as text or images does not do any of the 5198  
following: 5199

(i) Create any liability or estoppel against an insurer or 5200  
surety, or any of its officers, employees, agents, or 5201  
representatives; 5202

(ii) Constitute an admission of the existence of, or of 5203  
any liability or coverage under, any policy or bond; 5204

(iii) Waive any defenses or counterclaims available to an 5205  
insurer, surety, agent, employee, or representative in an action 5206  
commenced by an insured or third-party claimant upon a cause of 5207  
action alleged to have arisen under an insurance policy or 5208  
surety bond or by reason of the preparation and delivery of a 5209  
document for use as proof of financial responsibility or the 5210  
generation and delivery of proof of financial responsibility to 5211  
an electronic wireless communications device. 5212

(c) Whenever it is determined by a final judgment in a 5213  
judicial proceeding that an insurer or surety, which has been 5214  
named on a document or displayed on an electronic wireless 5215  
communications device accepted by a court or the registrar as 5216  
proof of financial responsibility covering the operation of a 5217  
motor vehicle at the time of an accident or offense, is not 5218  
liable to pay a judgment for injuries or damages resulting from 5219

such operation, the registrar, notwithstanding any previous 5220  
contrary finding, shall forthwith suspend the operating 5221  
privileges and registration rights of the person against whom 5222  
the judgment was rendered as provided in division (A) (2) of this 5223  
section. 5224

(H) In order for any document or display of text or images 5225  
on an electronic wireless communications device described in 5226  
division (G) (1) of this section to be used for the demonstration 5227  
of proof of financial responsibility under this section, the 5228  
document or words or images shall state the name of the insured 5229  
or obligor, the name of the insurer or surety company, and the 5230  
effective and expiration dates of the financial responsibility, 5231  
and designate by explicit description or by appropriate 5232  
reference all motor vehicles covered which may include a 5233  
reference to fleet insurance coverage. 5234

(I) For purposes of this section, "owner" does not include 5235  
a licensed motor vehicle leasing dealer as defined in section 5236  
4517.01 of the Revised Code, but does include a motor vehicle 5237  
renting dealer as defined in section 4549.65 of the Revised 5238  
Code. Nothing in this section or in section 4509.51 of the 5239  
Revised Code shall be construed to prohibit a motor vehicle 5240  
renting dealer from entering into a contractual agreement with a 5241  
person whereby the person renting the motor vehicle agrees to be 5242  
solely responsible for maintaining proof of financial 5243  
responsibility, in accordance with this section, with respect to 5244  
the operation, maintenance, or use of the motor vehicle during 5245  
the period of the motor vehicle's rental. 5246

(J) The purpose of this section is to require the 5247  
maintenance of proof of financial responsibility with respect to 5248  
the operation of motor vehicles on the highways of this state, 5249

so as to minimize those situations in which persons are not 5250  
compensated for injuries and damages sustained in motor vehicle 5251  
accidents. The general assembly finds that this section contains 5252  
reasonable civil penalties and procedures for achieving this 5253  
purpose. 5254

(K) Nothing in this section shall be construed to be 5255  
subject to section 4509.78 of the Revised Code. 5256

(L) (1) The registrar may terminate any suspension imposed 5257  
under this section and not require the owner to comply with 5258  
divisions (A) (5) (a), (b), and (c) of this section if the 5259  
registrar with or without a hearing determines that the owner of 5260  
the vehicle has established by clear and convincing evidence 5261  
that all of the following apply: 5262

(a) The owner customarily maintains proof of financial 5263  
responsibility. 5264

(b) Proof of financial responsibility was not in effect 5265  
for the vehicle on the date in question for one of the following 5266  
reasons: 5267

(i) The vehicle was inoperable. 5268

(ii) The vehicle is operated only seasonally, and the date 5269  
in question was outside the season of operation. 5270

(iii) A person other than the vehicle owner or driver was 5271  
at fault for the lapse of proof of financial responsibility 5272  
through no fault of the owner or driver. 5273

(iv) The lapse of proof of financial responsibility was 5274  
caused by excusable neglect under circumstances that are not 5275  
likely to recur and do not suggest a purpose to evade the 5276  
requirements of this chapter. 5277

(2) The registrar may grant an owner or driver relief for 5278  
a reason specified in division (L)(1)(b)(iii) or (iv) of this 5279  
section only if the owner or driver has not previously been 5280  
granted relief under division (L)(1)(b)(iii) or (iv) of this 5281  
section. 5282

(M) The registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with 5283  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary to 5284  
administer and enforce this section. The rules shall include 5285  
procedures for the surrender of license plates upon failure to 5286  
maintain proof of financial responsibility and provisions 5287  
relating to reinstatement of registration rights, acceptable 5288  
forms of proof of financial responsibility, the use of an 5289  
electronic wireless communications device to present proof of 5290  
financial responsibility, and verification of the existence of 5291  
financial responsibility during the period of registration. 5292

(N)(1) When a person utilizes an electronic wireless 5293  
communications device to present proof of financial 5294  
responsibility, only the evidence of financial responsibility 5295  
displayed on the device shall be viewed by the registrar, peace 5296  
officer, employee or official of the traffic violations bureau, 5297  
or the court. No other content of the device shall be viewed for 5298  
purposes of obtaining proof of financial responsibility. 5299

(2) When a person provides an electronic wireless 5300  
communications device to the registrar, a peace officer, an 5301  
employee or official of a traffic violations bureau, or the 5302  
court, the person assumes the risk of any resulting damage to 5303  
the device unless the registrar, peace officer, employee, or 5304  
official, or court personnel purposely, knowingly, or recklessly 5305  
commits an action that results in damage to the device. 5306

**Sec. 4517.261. (A) For the purposes of this section,** 5307

"consumer price index" means the index, as prepared by the 5308  
United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. city average for 5309  
urban wage earners and clerical workers: all items) or, if that 5310  
index is no longer published, a generally available comparable 5311  
index as determined by the registrar of motor vehicles. 5312

(B) A motor vehicle dealer may contract for and receive a 5313  
documentary service charge for a retail or wholesale sale or 5314  
lease of a motor vehicle. A documentary service charge shall be 5315  
specified in writing without itemization of the individual 5316  
services provided. A documentary service charge shall be not 5317  
more than the lesser of the following: 5318

~~(A)~~(1) The amount allowed in a retail installment sale, 5319  
adjusted as required by division (C) of this section; 5320

~~(B)~~(2) Ten per cent of the amount the buyer or lessee is 5321  
required to pay pursuant to the contract, excluding tax, title, 5322  
and registration fees, and any negative equity adjustment. 5323

(C) (1) On the effective date of this amendment, and on the 5324  
last day of each September that begins thereafter, the registrar 5325  
of motor vehicles shall adjust the documentary service charge 5326  
allowed under division (B) (1) of this section in connection with 5327  
the sale or lease of a motor vehicle by adding two hundred fifty 5328  
dollars to the product of two hundred fifty dollars times the 5329  
cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index since 5330  
July 1, 2006, based on the most recently published data, and 5331  
rounding to the nearest one-dollar increment. 5332

(2) Subject to division (C) (3) of this section, the 5333  
adjusted documentary service charge computed under division (C) 5334  
(1) of this section applies as follows: 5335

(a) For the first adjustment required by division (C) (1) 5336

of this section, from the effective date of this amendment until 5337  
the last day of December following the second adjustment 5338  
required by that division; 5339

(b) For the second and all subsequent adjustments required 5340  
by division (C)(1) of this section, for the full calendar year 5341  
following the date of the adjustment. 5342

(3) If the adjustment required by division (C)(1) of this 5343  
section results in an amount less than the documentary service 5344  
charge allowed at the time the adjustment is made, then the 5345  
maximum documentary service charge per sale at the time the 5346  
adjustment is made applies for the following calendar year. 5347

(4) The registrar shall publish the adjusted documentary 5348  
service charge amount and the dates to which it applies on a web 5349  
site maintained by the department of public safety. 5350

(5) The adjusted documentary service charge determined 5351  
under division (C) of this section applies only with respect to 5352  
the sale or lease of a motor vehicle by a motor vehicle dealer, 5353  
and only if the adjusted documentary service charge does not 5354  
exceed the amount described in division (B)(2) of this section. 5355

**Section 2.** That existing sections 9.03, 120.54, 181.21, 5356  
325.33, 345.13, 517.23, 1317.07, 1901.02, 1901.123, 1901.261, 5357  
1907.11, 1907.143, 1907.261, 2303.081, 2303.201, 2505.02, 5358  
2929.20, 2967.26, 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.12, 3517.13, 3517.155, 5359  
3517.992, 3517.993, 4507.112, 4509.101, and 4517.261 of the 5360  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 5361

**Section 3.** That sections 135.032 and 135.321 of the 5362  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 5363

**Section 4.** (A) All cases arising in the municipal 5364  
corporation of North Kingsville in Ashtabula County that are 5365

pending in the Eastern County Court in Ashtabula County on 5366  
January 1, 2025, shall be adjudicated by the Ashtabula County 5367  
County Court. All cases arising in the municipal corporation of 5368  
North Kingsville in Ashtabula County on or after January 1, 5369  
2025, shall be brought before the Conneaut Municipal Court. 5370

(B) All cases arising in Kingsville, Monroe, and Sheffield 5371  
Townships in Ashtabula County that are pending in the Eastern 5372  
County Court in Ashtabula County on January 1, 2025, shall be 5373  
adjudicated by the Ashtabula County County Court. All cases 5374  
arising in Kingsville, Monroe, and Sheffield Townships in 5375  
Ashtabula County on or after January 1, 2025, shall be brought 5376  
before the Conneaut Municipal Court. 5377

**Section 5.** Any fees that were collected by a clerk of 5378  
court serving as a third-party administrator of a motor vehicle 5379  
skills test under section 4507.112 of the Revised Code beginning 5380  
on April 12, 2021, until the effective date of this section 5381  
shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the 5382  
certificate of title administration fund, as established in 5383  
section 325.33 of the Revised Code. 5384