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To amend sections 3517.15, 3517.16, 3517.23, and
3517.99 and to enact section 3517.24 of the
Revised Code to regulate the dissemination of
deceptive synthetic media with the intent to
affect the results of an election for office.

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.15, 3517.16, 3517.23, and
3517.99 be amended and section 3517.24 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 3517.15. (A) (1) No prosecution shall commence for a
violation of a provision in sections 145.054, 742.043, 3307.073,
3309.073, 3517.08 to 3517.12, 3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22,
3517.24, 3599.03, 3599.031, or 5505.045 of the Revised Code
unless a complaint has been filed with the secretary of state
under section 3517.16 of the Revised Code and all proceedings
under sections 3517.16 to 3517.18 of the Revised Code are
completed.

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(2) A complaint may be filed with the secretary of state
under section 3517.16 of the Revised Code for a violation of a
provision in sections 3501.35, 3599.13, 3599.14, or 3599.21,
division (A) of section 3599.11, or division (A) (1) or (2) of

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section 3599.12 of the Revised Code that occurs on or after ~~the~~ 21
~~effective date of this amendment~~ September 30, 2025. A 22
prosecution may commence for a violation of such a provision at 23
any time before or after a complaint has been filed with the 24
secretary of state under section 3517.16 of the Revised Code. 25

(B) (1) The Ohio election integrity commission shall hear 26
all matters referred to the commission by the secretary of state 27
under division (E) (3) of section 3517.16 of the Revised Code. 28

(2) The commission may recommend legislation and render 29
advisory opinions concerning the provisions of the Revised Code 30
listed in division (A) of this section for persons over whose 31
acts the commission has or may have jurisdiction. When the 32
commission renders an advisory opinion relating to a specific 33
set of circumstances involving any of those sections stating 34
that there is no violation of a provision in those sections, the 35
person to whom the opinion is directed or a person who is 36
similarly situated may reasonably rely on the opinion and is 37
immune from criminal prosecution and a civil action, including, 38
without limitation, a civil action for removal from public 39
office or employment, based on facts and circumstances covered 40
by the opinion. An advisory opinion issued by the Ohio elections 41
commission that is in effect as of ~~the effective date of this~~ 42
~~amendment~~ September 30, 2025, is considered an advisory opinion 43
of the Ohio election integrity commission, unless and until the 44
Ohio election integrity commission amends or rescinds the 45
advisory opinion. 46

(C) The secretary of state and the boards of elections 47
shall furnish the information that the commission requests. The 48
commission or a member of the commission may administer oaths, 49
and the commission may issue subpoenas to any person in the 50

state compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production 51
of relevant papers, books, accounts, and reports. Section 101.42 52
of the Revised Code governs the issuance of subpoenas insofar as 53
applicable. Upon the refusal of any person to obey a subpoena or 54
to be sworn or to answer as a witness, the commission may apply 55
to the court of common pleas of Franklin county under section 56
2705.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall hold proceedings in 57
accordance with Chapter 2705. of the Revised Code. 58

(D) The Ohio election integrity commission shall establish 59
a web site on which it shall post, at a minimum, all decisions 60
and advisory opinions issued by the commission, all decisions 61
and advisory opinions issued by the Ohio elections commission 62
before ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 30, 2025, 63
and copies of each election law as it is amended by the general 64
assembly. The Ohio election integrity commission shall update 65
the web site regularly to reflect any changes to those decisions 66
and advisory opinions and any new decisions and advisory 67
opinions. 68

Sec. 3517.16. (A) (1) Any ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~ 69
division (A) (4) of this section, any person who has personal 70
knowledge of a violation of a provision of the Revised Code 71
listed in division (A) of section 3517.15 of the Revised Code 72
may file a complaint with the secretary of state, on a form 73
prescribed by the secretary of state and signed under penalty of 74
perjury. 75

(2) ~~An~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (4) of 76
this section, an official at a board of elections may file a 77
complaint with the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by 78
the secretary of state and signed under penalty of perjury, 79
alleging a violation of a provision of the Revised Code listed 80

in division (A) of section 3517.15 of the Revised Code.

(3) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (4) of this section, the election integrity unit of the office of the secretary of state may initiate a complaint alleging a violation of a provision of the Revised Code listed in division (A) of section 3517.16 of the Revised Code.

(4) Only a candidate who has personal knowledge of a violation of section 3517.24 of the Revised Code and who is materially harmed by the violation may file a complaint alleging a violation of that section. The candidate shall file the complaint with the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed under penalty of perjury, and shall describe with particularity the material harm to the candidate caused by the violation.

(B) (1) Subject to division (F) of this section, the election integrity unit shall review each complaint filed with the secretary of state under division (A) (1) ~~or~~, (2), or (4) of this section. If the complaint does not allege a violation of a provision of the Revised Code listed in division (A) of section 3517.15 of the Revised Code or, in the case of a complaint filed under division (A) (1) or (4) of this section, ~~is does not based on personal knowledge~~ meet all applicable requirements of that division, the secretary of state shall dismiss the complaint. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of this section, a dismissal under this division is without prejudice.

(2) After a complaint is dismissed under division (B) (1) of this section on the ground that the complaint is not based on personal knowledge, if the same person files another complaint alleging the same or a substantially similar violation and the complaint is not based on personal knowledge, the secretary of

state shall dismiss the complaint with prejudice. 111

(3) If the complaint is not dismissed under division (B) 112
(1) or (2) of this section, the election integrity unit shall 113
investigate the complaint. 114

(C) Subject to division (F) of this section, the election 115
integrity unit shall draft a report to the secretary of state 116
concerning each complaint filed under division (A) of this 117
section that is not dismissed under division (B) of this 118
section. The report shall recommend that the secretary of state 119
make a particular finding and, if applicable, impose a fine or 120
refer the matter for prosecution, in accordance with section 121
3517.17 of the Revised Code. 122

(D) The election integrity unit may join two or more 123
complaints if the unit determines that the allegations in each 124
complaint are of the same or similar character, are based on the 125
same act or failure to act, or are based on two or more acts or 126
failures to act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. 127
If one complaint contains two or more allegations, the unit may 128
separate the allegations if they are not of the same or similar 129
character, if they are not based on the same act or failure to 130
act, or if they are not based on two or more acts or failures to 131
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If the unit 132
separates the allegations in a complaint, the unit may make 133
separate recommendations under division (C) of this section for 134
each allegation. 135

(E) (1) Upon receiving the recommendation of the election 136
integrity unit under division (C) of this section, the secretary 137
of state shall review the report and recommendation and shall do 138
one of the following: 139

(a) Refer the matter back to the unit for further 140
investigation and a revised recommendation under division (C) of 141
this section; 142

(b) Make a finding in accordance with section 3517.17 of 143
the Revised Code, and, if applicable, impose a fine or refer the 144
matter for prosecution. 145

(2) The secretary of state shall serve notice of the 146
secretary of state's decision under division (E) (1) (b) of this 147
section on the person who is alleged to have committed the 148
violation in accordance with section 119.05 of the Revised Code. 149

(3) If, within fourteen days after service of the notice 150
is complete under section 119.05 of the Revised Code, the person 151
objects to the secretary of state's decision, the secretary of 152
state shall not impose a fine or refer the matter for 153
prosecution, and immediately shall refer the matter to the Ohio 154
election integrity commission for its determination under 155
section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 156

(4) If the person does not object to the secretary of 157
state's decision within fourteen days after receiving the 158
notice, the secretary of state's decision is final and, if 159
applicable, the secretary of state shall impose a fine or refer 160
the matter for prosecution as determined under division (E) (1) 161
(b) of this section. 162

(F) (1) If any of the following apply to a complaint, the 163
secretary of state shall proceed under division (F) (2) of this 164
section: 165

(a) The secretary of state is a party to the complaint. 166

(b) A candidate for an office for which the secretary of 167
state is also a candidate is a party to the complaint or is 168

otherwise involved in the complaint. 169

(c) The complaint involves a contribution, expenditure, or 170
independent expenditure made to advocate the election or defeat 171
of the secretary of state or a candidate for an office for which 172
the secretary of state is also a candidate. 173

(d) The secretary of state determines that the secretary 174
of state otherwise has a conflict of interest with respect to 175
the complaint or that the secretary of state should proceed 176
under division (F) (2) of this section to avoid any appearance of 177
impropriety. 178

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of divisions 179
(B) to (E) of this section, when division (F) (1) of this section 180
applies to a complaint, the secretary of state shall request the 181
attorney general to designate one or more persons to fulfill the 182
duties of the election integrity unit described in divisions (B) 183
to (D) of this section. The attorney general shall designate 184
those persons and shall fulfill the duties of the secretary of 185
state under divisions (B) to (D) of this section. 186

Sec. 3517.23. The secretary of state shall adopt rules in 187
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are 188
necessary for the administration and enforcement of sections 189
3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3517.24, 3599.03, and 190
3599.031 of the Revised Code and shall provide each candidate, 191
political action committee, political contributing entity, 192
legislative campaign fund, political party, and person making 193
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 194
electioneering communications with written instructions and 195
explanations in order to ensure compliance with sections 3517.08 196
to 3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3517.24, 3599.03, and 3599.031 197
of the Revised Code. 198

Sec. 3517.24. (A) As used in this section, "deceptive 199
synthetic media" means an image or an audio or video recording 200
of a real individual's appearance, speech, or conduct that is 201
realistic but false, that is created or intentionally 202
manipulated using generative adversarial network techniques or 203
other digital technology, and to which either of the following 204
apply: 205

(1) It appears to a reasonable person to depict the 206
individual making a statement the individual did not make or 207
taking an action the individual did not take. 208

(2) It gives a reasonable person a fundamentally different 209
understanding or impression of the individual's appearance, 210
speech, or conduct than an unaltered, original version of the 211
image or audio or video recording would give the reasonable 212
person. 213

(B) During the period beginning ninety days before the day 214
of an election at which a candidate seeks nomination or election 215
to office and ending on the day of the election, no person shall 216
knowingly create and disseminate, or knowingly cause to be 217
created and disseminated, deceptive synthetic media with the 218
intent to affect the results of the election with respect to 219
that candidate without disclosing that fact as follows: 220

(1) In the case of an image, the image shall be 221
accompanied by the following written statement: "This image has 222
been manipulated or generated by artificial intelligence." The 223
statement shall be in a font size that is easily readable by the 224
average viewer and that is not smaller than the largest font 225
size of any other text appearing in the image. 226

(2) In the case of an audio recording, the audio recording 227

shall include the following statement, spoken in a clear manner 228
at a pitch that is easily heard by the average listener: "This 229
audio recording has been manipulated or generated by artificial 230
intelligence." The statement shall be made at the beginning and 231
end of the audio recording and, in the case of an audio 232
recording that is more than two minutes long, at least every two 233
minutes during the audio recording. 234

(3) In the case of a video recording, the video recording 235
shall include, for the entire duration of the video recording, 236
the following written statement: "This video recording has been 237
manipulated or generated by artificial intelligence." The 238
statement shall be in a font size that is easily readable by the 239
average viewer and that is not smaller than the largest font 240
size of any other text appearing in the video recording. 241

Sec. 3517.99. Except as otherwise provided in section 242
3517.991 of the Revised Code: 243

(A) (1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates 244
division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the 245
Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who 246
violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than 247
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 248

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X) (5) of section 249
3517.13 or division (E) (1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 250
Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each 251
day of violation. 252

(B) An entity that violates division (G) (1) of section 253
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 254
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 255

(C) Whoever violates division (G) (2) of section 3517.101, 256

division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E) (2) or (3) of 257
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 258
than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who 259
was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 260
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 261
both. 262

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of 263
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the 264
amount contributed. 265

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of 266
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred 267
dollars. 268

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 269
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 270
first degree. 271

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that 272
violates division (B) (1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code 273
as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 274
133rd general assembly shall be fined not more than twice the 275
amount of the improper expenditure. 276

(H) An entity that violates division (H) of section 277
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice 278
the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 279

(I) (1) Any individual who violates division (B) (1) of 280
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the 281
contribution the individual makes violates that division shall 282
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed 283
in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 284

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 285

(B) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 286
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 287
the amount permitted by that division. 288

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B) (3) 289
or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 290
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 291
the amount permitted by that division. 292

(4) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 293
division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 294
fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or 295
contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, 296
as applicable. 297

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 298
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 299
political party that violates division (B) (6) of section 300
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 301
three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of 302
the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 303

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 304
division (B) (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 305
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 306
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 307

(5) Any political party that violates division (B) (4) of 308
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 309
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 310
amount permitted by that division. 311

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I) (1), (2), (3), (4), and 312
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 313
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 314

shall not file a complaint under section 3517.16 of the Revised 315
Code, if the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the 316
amount permitted by that division meets either of the following 317
conditions: 318

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 319
after it is accepted. 320

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 321
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 322
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 323
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 324
the permitted amount has been received. 325

(J) (1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 326
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 327
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 328
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 329

(2) (a) Any county political party that violates division 330
(C) (4) (a) (ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 331
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 332
accepted. 333

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 334
(4) (a) (i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 335
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 336
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 337
division. 338

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 339
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 340
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 341
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 342
division. 343

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 344
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 345
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 346
amount permitted by that division. 347

(4) Any political action committee or political 348
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 349
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 350
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 351
permitted by that division. 352

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 353
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 354
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 355
file a complaint under section 3517.16 of the Revised Code, if 356
the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 357
permitted to be accepted by that division meets either of the 358
following conditions: 359

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 360
after its acceptance. 361

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 362
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 363
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 364
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 365
the permitted amount has been received. 366

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 367
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 368
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 369

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 370
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 371
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 372

credit of the Ohio election integrity commission fund all excess 373
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 374
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 375

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 376
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 377

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 378
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 379
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 380

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 381
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 382
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 383
accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 384
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 385
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 386
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 387
the contributor any amount so accepted. 388

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 389
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 390
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 391
assets transferred in violation of that division. 392

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 393
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 394
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 395
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 396
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 397
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 398

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 399
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 400
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 401

equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 402
violation of that section. 403

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 404
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 405
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 406

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 407
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 408
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 409
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 410
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 411
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 412

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 413
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 414
of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 415
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another 416
person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the 417
Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 418

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 419
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 420
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 421
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 422
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of 423
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 424
dollars. 425

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 426
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 427

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 428
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 429
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 430

(W) Any campaign committee that fails to file the 431
declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of 432
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five 433
dollars for each day of violation. 434

(X) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of 435
excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 436
(B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner 437
required by division (C) of that section shall give to the 438
treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio election integrity 439
commission fund created under section 111.29 of the Revised Code 440
all funds not disposed of pursuant to that division. 441

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 442
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 443
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 444
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 445
Ohio election integrity commission fund all assets not disposed 446
of pursuant to that division. 447

(Y) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 448
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 449
fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, or other 450
entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 451
3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for 452
under any other division of this section shall be fined not more 453
than one thousand dollars. 454

(Z) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (1) of 455
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 456
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 457
promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 458
whichever amount is greater. 459

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (2) of section 460
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 461
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of 462
that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 463
greater. 464

(AA) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 465
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 466
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 467
dollars for each day of violation. 468

(BB) (1) Subject to division (BB) (2) of this section, 469
whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the 470
Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the 471
amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the 472
communication made in violation of that division. 473

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio election 474
integrity commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to 475
cease making communications in violation of division (H) of 476
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that 477
division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 478
amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the 479
communication made in violation of that division. 480

(CC) (1) Any corporation or labor organization that 481
violates division (X) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 482
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 483
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 484

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 485
division (X) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall 486
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 487
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 488

(DD) (1) Any campaign committee or person who violates 489
division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 490
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 491
donated in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 492

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 493
violates division (C) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 494
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 495
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 496
division. 497

(EE) (1) Whoever violates section 3517.24 of the Revised 498
Code in a manner that causes material harm to a candidate is 499
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first offense 500
and is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree on a second or 501
subsequent offense, except that the person shall be fined not 502
more than three thousand dollars on a second or subsequent 503
offense. 504

(2) A person who violates section 3517.24 of the Revised 505
Code in manner that does not cause material harm to a candidate 506
is not subject to any penalty for that violation. 507

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.15, 3517.16, 508
3517.23, and 3517.99 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 509