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To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 2  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised 3  
Code to modify the campaign finance law and to 4  
name this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act. 5

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 6  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3599.03, 7  
3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 8  
follows: 9

**Sec. 3517.01.** (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 10  
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 11  
meets either of the following requirements: 12

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 13  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 14  
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 15  
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 16  
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 17  
division remains a political party for a period of four years 18  
after meeting those requirements. 19

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 20  
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 21  
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 22  
all of the following requirements: 23

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 24  
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 25  
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 26  
election for such office. 27

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 28  
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 29  
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 30  
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 31  
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 32  
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 33

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 34  
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 35  
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 36  
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 37  
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 38

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 39  
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 40  
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 41  
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 42  
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 43  
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 44  
the usual place of residence of each of them. 45

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 46  
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 47  
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 48

mislead the voters at an election. 49

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 50  
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 51  
name. 52

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 53  
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 54  
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 55  
Revised Code: 56

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 57  
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 58  
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 59  
contributions and make expenditures. 60

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 61  
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 62

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 63  
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 64  
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 65  
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 66  
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 67  
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 68  
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 69  
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 70  
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 71  
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 72  
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 73  
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 74  
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 75  
convention or conference of a political party. 76

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other~~ 77

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

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

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness,  
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything  
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity,  
or person other than the person to whom the services are  
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is  
made, received, or used by a state or county political party,  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be

considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 109  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 110  
of contributions filed under that section. 111

(c) (i) "Contribution" ~~does not include any~~ has the meaning 112  
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 113  
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 114  
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 115  
following: 116

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 117  
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 118  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 119  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 120  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 121  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 122  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 123  
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 124  
of an election; 125

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 126  
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 127  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 128  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 129  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 130  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 131  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 132  
contributing entity; 133

(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 134  
separate account. 135

(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow 136  
the procedure described in division (C) (4) (c) (i) of this 137

section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of 138  
indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 139  
or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an 140  
inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the 141  
payment by any person other than the person to whom the services 142  
are rendered for the personal services of another person, that 143  
is made to or received by the political contributing entity is 144  
considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or 145  
received for the purpose of influencing the results of an 146  
election. 147

(d) None of the following are considered a contribution 148  
under divisions (C) (4) (a) to (c) of this section: 149

~~(a)~~ (i) Services provided without compensation by 150  
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on 151  
behalf of a person; 152

~~(b)~~ (ii) Ordinary home hospitality; 153

~~(c)~~ (iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by 154  
that volunteer campaign worker; 155

~~(d)~~ (iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 156  
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 157

~~(e)~~ (v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 158  
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 159  
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 160  
communication; 161

~~(f)~~ (vi) Any gift given to a state or county political 162  
party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of 163  
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 164

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 165

deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 166  
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 167  
same meaning as in that section. 168

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 169  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 170

~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 171  
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 172  
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 173  
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 174  
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 175  
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 176  
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 177  
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 178  
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 179  
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 180  
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 181  
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 182  
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 183  
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 184  
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 185  
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 186  
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 187  
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 188  
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 189  
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 190  
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 191  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 192

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 193  
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 194  
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 195

Code. 196

~~(7)~~ (6) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited 197  
to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, 198  
personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 199

~~(8)~~ (7) "Political action committee" means a combination 200  
of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is 201  
to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, 202  
or to influence the result of any election through express 203  
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 204  
committee, ~~a political contributing entity,~~ or a legislative 205  
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 206  
~~either of the following:—~~ 207

~~(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for— 208  
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering— 209  
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;— 210~~

~~(b) A~~ a political club that is formed primarily for social 211  
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 212  
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 213  
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 214  
aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 215  
calendar year. 216

~~(9)~~ (8) "Public office" means any state, county, 217  
municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a 218  
political party, that is filled by an election and the offices 219  
of United States senator and representative. 220

~~(10)~~ (9) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in 221  
section 1.03 of the Revised Code. 222

~~(11)~~ (10) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a 223  
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a 224



campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a 225  
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a 226  
campaign fund exists. 227

~~(12)~~ (11) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, 228  
including contributions. 229

~~(13)~~ (12) "Public official or employee" has the same 230  
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code. 231

~~(14)~~ (13) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house 232  
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the 233  
general assembly who are members of the same political party. 234

~~(15)~~ (14) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is 235  
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and 236  
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. 237

~~(16)~~ (15) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value 238  
other than money that is used to influence the results of an 239  
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in 240  
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative 241  
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or 242  
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent 243  
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at 244  
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, 245  
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, 246  
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any 247  
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 248  
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 249  
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 250  
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 251

~~(17)~~ (16) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure 252  
or other use of funds or anything of value by a person 253

~~advocating to~~ advocate the election or defeat of an identified 254  
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 255  
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 256  
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 257  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 258  
used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 259

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 260  
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 261  
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 262  
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 263  
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 264  
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 265  
~~contributing entity.~~ 266

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 267  
communication containing a message advocating the election or 268  
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 269

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 270  
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 271  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 272  
by unambiguous reference. 273

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 274  
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 275  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 276  
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 277  
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 278  
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 279  
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 280  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 281

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 282

projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 283  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 284  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 285

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 286  
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 287  
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 288  
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 289  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 290

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 291  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 292  
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 293  
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 294  
efforts. 295

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 296  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 297  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 298  
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 299  
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 300  
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 301  
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 302

~~(18)~~ (17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an 303  
employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, 304  
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor 305  
union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, 306  
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other 307  
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that 308  
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 309  
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 310  
and other terms and conditions of employment. 311

~~(19)~~ (18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 312  
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 313  
Campaign Act. 314

~~(20)~~ (19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 315  
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 316  
431, et seq., as amended. 317

~~(21)~~ (20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 318  
county political party must establish under division (A) (1) of 319  
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 320

~~(22)~~ (21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 321  
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 322

~~(23)~~ (22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 323  
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 324  
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 325  
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 326  
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 327

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 328  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 329

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 330  
entity, including a corporation ~~or~~, labor organization, 331  
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 332  
association, that may lawfully make makes contributions and or 333  
expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action 334  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, political 335  
party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign 336  
committee, or state candidate fund. ~~For purposes of this~~ 337  
~~division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the~~ 338  
~~Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of~~ 339  
~~competent jurisdiction.~~ 340

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 341  
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 342

**Sec. 3517.08.** (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 343  
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 344  
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 345  
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 346  
of the Revised Code. 347

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 348  
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 349  
contribution by the political action committee or the political 350  
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 351  
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 352  
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 353  
endorsements. 354

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 355  
considered a contribution by the political party or an 356  
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 357  
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 358  
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 359  
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 360  
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 361  
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 362

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association~~, political 363  
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 364  
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 365  
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 366  
expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing~~ 367  
~~association's~~, political contributing entity's, or political 368  
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 369  
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 370

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 371  
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 372  
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 373  
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 374  
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 375  
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 376  
activities. 377

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 378  
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 379  
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 380

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 381  
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 382  
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 383  
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 384  
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 385  
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 386  
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 387  
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 388  
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 389  
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 390

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 391  
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 392  
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 393  
described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c) 394  
(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 395  
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 396  
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 397  
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 398  
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 399

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 400

division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 401  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 402  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 403  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 404  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 405  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 406  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 407  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 408  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 409  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 410  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 411  
the following dates: 412

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 413  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 414  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 415  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 416  
before the election; 417

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 418  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 419  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 420  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 421  
day before the filing of the statement; 422

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 423  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 424  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 425  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 426  
the last day of December of the previous year; 427

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 428  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 429  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 430

filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 431  
day of June of that year. 432

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 433  
statements prescribed under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this 434  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 435  
committee's candidate. 436

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this 437  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 438  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 439  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 440  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 441  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 442  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 443  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 444  
statement required under division (A)(2) of this section. 445

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 446  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 447  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 448  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 449  
required by division (A)(1) of this section for the general 450  
election instead of the statement required by division (A)(2) of 451  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 452  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 453  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 454  
days before the general election. 455

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 456  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 457  
required to file the statement required by division (A)(1) of 458  
this section. 459



No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 460  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 461  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 462  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 463  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 464  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 465  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 466  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 467  
party, or political contributing entity. 468

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 469  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 470  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 471  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 472  
(A) (4) of this section. 473

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 474  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 475  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 476  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 477  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 478  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 479  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 480  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 481  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 482

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 483  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 484  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 485  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 486  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 487  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 488  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 489

(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 490  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 491  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 492  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 493

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 494  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 495  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 496  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 497  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 498  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 499  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 500  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 501  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 502  
under this section and made under penalty of election 503  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 504  
this section, as applicable. 505

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 506  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 507  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 508  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 509  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 510  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 511  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 512  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 513  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 514  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 515  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 516  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 517  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 518  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 519  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 520

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

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 538  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 539  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 540  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 541  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 542  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 543  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 544  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 545  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 546  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 547  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 548  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 549  
Revised Code. 550

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 551

no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 552  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 553  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 554  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 555  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 556  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 557  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 558  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 559  
previously filed statement. 560

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 561  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 562  
section shall contain the following information: 563

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 564  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 565  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 566  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 567  
and expenditure statement; 568

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 569  
candidate's full name and address; 570

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 571  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 572  
(1) of this section; 573

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 574  
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 575

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 576  
shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 577  
unincorporated business; 578

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 579  
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 580

of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 581  
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 582  
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 583  
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 584  
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 585  
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 586  
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 587  
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 588  
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 589  
class of voting securities of the other corporation or 590  
unincorporated business. 591

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 592  
a general, primary, or special election; 593

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 594  
include the following information: 595

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 596

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 597  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 598  
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 599  
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 600  
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 601  
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 602  
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 603  
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 604  
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 605  
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 606  
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 607  
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 608  
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 609

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

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

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

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

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 632  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 633  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 634  
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 635  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 636  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 637  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 638  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 639

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

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

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 666  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 667  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 668  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 669  
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 670

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 695

(C)(1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 696  
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 697  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 698



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

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

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

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

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 725  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 726  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 727  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 728

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

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

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 745  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 746  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 747  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 748  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 749  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 750  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 751  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 752  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 753  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 754  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 755  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 756  
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 757  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 758  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 759

3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to store the information contained in the statements on computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily available to whoever is required to file the statements in that format.

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission and regarding associated technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships~~, ~~or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships~~, ~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as appropriate.

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

(D) (1) (a) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 796  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 797  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 798  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 799  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 800  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 801  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 802  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 803  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 804  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 805  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 806  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 807  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 808  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 809  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 810  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 811  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 812  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 813  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 814  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 815  
number to each political action committee that files a 816  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 817  
division if the political action committee is required by 818  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 819  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 820  
state. 821

(b) The secretary of state shall not accept for filing a designation of treasurer of a political action committee or political contributing entity if, in the opinion of the secretary of state, the name of the political action committee or political contributing entity would lead a reasonable person to believe that the political action committee or political contributing entity acts on behalf of or represents a county political party, unless the designation is accompanied by a written statement, signed by the chairperson of the county political party's executive committee, granting the political action committee or political contributing entity permission to act on behalf of or represent the county political party.

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

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

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

(c) A state or county political party may establish a state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are made to or accepted by the political party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall

deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 852  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 853  
candidate fund. 854

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 855  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 856  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 857  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 858  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 859  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 860  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 861  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 862  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 863  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 864  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 865  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 866  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 867  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 868

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 869  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 870  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 871  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 872  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 873  
(4) of this section. 874

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 875  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 876  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 877  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 878  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 879  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 880  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 881

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 882  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 883  
following: 884

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 885  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 886  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 887  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 888  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 889  
of the Revised Code; 890

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 891  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 892  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 893  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 894  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 895  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 896  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 897  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 898  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 899  
of transmission. 900

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 901  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 902  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 903  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 904  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 905  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 906

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 907  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 908  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 909  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 910  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 911

3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 912

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 913  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 914  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 915  
with the board under this section, division (B)(2)(b) or (C)(2) 916  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 917  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 918

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 919  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 920

(E)(1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 921  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 922  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 923  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 924  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 925  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 926  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 927  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 928  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 929  
division (D)(1) of this section to the recipient of the 930  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 931

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 932  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 933  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 934  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 935  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 936  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 937  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 938  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 939  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 940  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 941



apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 942

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 943  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 944  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 945  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 946  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 947  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 948  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 949  
written request for the information required under division (B) 950  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 951  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 952  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 953

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 954  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 955  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 956  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 957

(F) As used in this section: 958

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 959  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 960  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 961  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 962  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 963  
post-office box. 964

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 965  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 966  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 967  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 968  
highway name and number. 969

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 970

committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 971  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 972  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 973  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 974  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 975  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 976  
to that address. 977

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 978  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 979  
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 980  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 981  
committee: 982

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 983  
section; 984

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 985  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 986  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 987

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 988  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 989  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 990  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 991  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 992  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 993  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 994  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 995  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 996  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 997  
box number. 998

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 999

the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 1000  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 1001  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 1002  
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 1003  
the supreme court. 1004

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 1005  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 1006  
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 1007  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 1008  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 1009

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 1010  
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 1011  
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 1012  
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1013

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1014  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1015  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1016  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1017  
Revised Code. 1018

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1019  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1020  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1021  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1022  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1023  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1024  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1025  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1026  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1027  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1028  
combined reporting periods. 1029

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1030  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1031  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1032  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1033  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1034  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1035  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1036  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1037  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1038  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1039  
election periods. 1040

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1041  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1042  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1043  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1044  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1045  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1046  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1047  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1048  
candidates. 1049

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1050  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1051  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1052  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1053

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1054  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1055  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1056  
member making the contribution. 1057

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1058  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1059

information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1060  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1061  
following: 1062

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1063  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1064  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1065  
the partners, owners, or members; or 1066

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1067  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1068  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1069  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1070  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1071  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1072  
the contribution. 1073

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1074  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1075  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1076  
section. 1077

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1078  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1079  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1080  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1081  
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1082  
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1083

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1084  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1085  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1086

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 1087  
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 1088

~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 1089  
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 1090  
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1091

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1092  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1093  
candidate or holds office. 1094

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1095  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1096  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1097  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1098  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1099  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1100  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1101  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1102  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1103  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1104  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1105  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1106  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1107  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1108  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1109

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1110  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1111  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1112  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1113  
be a write-in candidate. 1114

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1115  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1116  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1117  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1118

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1119  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1120  
limitations described in that division during an election 1121  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1122  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1123  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1124  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1125  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1126  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1127  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1128  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1129  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1130  
write-in candidate. 1131

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1132  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1133  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1134  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1135  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1136  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1137  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1138  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1139

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1140  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1141  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1142  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1143  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1144  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1145  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1146  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1147  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1148  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1149

one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1150  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1151  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1152  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1153  
receives from all other contributors. 1154

**Sec. 3517.102.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1155  
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1156  
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 1157

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 1158  
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 1159  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1160  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1161  
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1162  
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1163

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1164  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1165  
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1166  
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1167  
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1168  
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1169

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1170  
state senator. 1171

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1172  
state representative. 1173

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1174  
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1175  
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1176  
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1177

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1178



period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1179  
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1180  
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1181  
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1182  
election. 1183

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1184  
established by a state or county political party under division 1185  
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1186

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1187  
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1188  
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general 1189  
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by 1190  
legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1191  
numbered year. 1192

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1193  
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1194  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1195

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1196  
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1197

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1198  
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1199  
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1200  
member of the general assembly. 1201

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1202  
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1203  
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1204  
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1205  
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1206

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1207

legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1208  
following: 1209

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1210  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1211  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1212  
campaign fund is associated; 1213

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1214  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1215  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1216  
campaign fund is associated. 1217

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1218  
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1219  
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1220  
division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1221  
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1222  
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1223  
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1224  
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1225  
division (A)(9)(a) of this section. 1226

(B)(1)(a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1227  
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1228  
than: 1229

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1230  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1231  
general election period; 1232

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1233  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1234  
general election period; 1235

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1236

any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1237  
general election period; 1238

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1239  
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1240  
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1241  
year; 1242

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1243  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1244

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1245  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1246

(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1247  
committee in a calendar year; 1248

(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political 1249  
contributing entity in a calendar year. 1250

(b) No individual shall make a contribution or 1251  
contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political 1252  
party of any county other than the county in which the 1253  
individual's designated Ohio residence is located. 1254

(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall 1255  
make any contribution. 1256

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1257  
political action committee shall make a contribution or 1258  
contributions aggregating more than: 1259

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1260  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1261  
general election period; 1262

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1263

one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1264  
general election period; 1265

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1266  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1267  
general election period; 1268

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1269  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1270

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1271  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1272

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action 1273  
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 1274  
year. This division does not apply to a political action 1275  
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 1276  
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 1277  
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 1278  
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 1279  
political contributing entity if they are both established, 1280  
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 1281  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1282  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1283  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1284  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1285

(b) No political action committee shall make a 1286  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1287  
the party's state candidate fund. 1288

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1289  
contributions aggregating more than: 1290

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1291  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1292

general election period; 1293

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1294  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1295  
general election period; 1296

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1297  
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 1298  
election period; 1299

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1300  
committee in a calendar year; 1301

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing 1302  
entity in a calendar year. 1303

(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1304  
political party shall make a contribution or contributions 1305  
aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political 1306  
action committee or to any one political contributing entity in 1307  
a calendar year. 1308

(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or 1309  
contributions to another county political party. 1310

(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no 1311  
campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign 1312  
committee, shall make a contribution or contributions 1313  
aggregating in a calendar year more than: 1314

(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1315  
party for the party's state candidate fund; 1316

(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1317  
campaign fund; 1318

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political 1319

party for the party's state candidate fund. 1320

(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1321  
contributions to a county political party for the party's state 1322  
candidate fund unless one of the following applies: 1323

(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1324  
ballot in that county. 1325

(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of 1326  
an elected public office that represents all or part of the 1327  
population of that county at the time the contribution is made. 1328

(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party 1329  
shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1330  
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1331  
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1332  
period, aggregating more than: 1333

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1334  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1335

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1336  
one senate candidate; 1337

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1338  
any one house candidate. 1339

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1340  
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1341  
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1342  
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1343  
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1344

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1345  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1346

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1347  
committee of any one senate candidate; 1348

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1349  
any one house candidate. 1350

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1351  
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1352  
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1353  
more than: 1354

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1355  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1356  
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1357

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1358  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1359  
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1360

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1361  
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1362  
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1363

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1364  
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1365  
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1366  
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1367  
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1368  
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1369  
any primary election period or general election period. 1370

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1371  
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1372  
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1373

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1374

political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1375  
contributions aggregating more than: 1376

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1377  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1378  
general election period; 1379

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1380  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1381  
general election period; 1382

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1383  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1384  
general election period; 1385

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1386  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1387

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1388  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1389

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political 1390  
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a 1391  
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political 1392  
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political 1393  
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated 1394  
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing 1395  
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity 1396  
or with a political action committee if they are both 1397  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they 1398  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1399  
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1400  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1401  
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1402  
other person. 1403



(b) No political contributing entity shall make a 1404  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1405  
the party's state candidate fund. 1406

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1407  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the 1408  
following: 1409

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1410  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1411

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1412  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1413  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1414  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1415  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1416  
in a general election period; 1417

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1418  
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1419  
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1420  
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1421

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1422  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1423  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1424  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1425  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1426  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1427

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1428  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1429  
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1430  
following: 1431

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1432

any individual who is under seven years of age; 1433

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1434  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1435  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1436  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1437  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1438  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1439  
in a general election period. 1440

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1441  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1442  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1443  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1444  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1445  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1446

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1447  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1448  
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1449

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1450  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1451

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1452  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1453  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1454  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1455  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1456  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1457  
in a general election period. 1458

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1459  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1460  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1461

a general election period from a county political party that has 1462  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1463  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1464

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1465  
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1466  
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1467  
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1468  
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1469  
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1470  
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1471  
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1472  
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1473

(ii) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no county 1474  
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1475  
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1476  
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1477  
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1478  
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1479  
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1480  
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1481  
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1482  
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1483  
committee or any political contributing entity. 1484

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1485  
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1486  
party. 1487

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no state 1488  
political party shall do either of the following: 1489

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1490

any individual who is under seven years of age; 1491

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1492  
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1493  
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1494  
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1495  
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 1496  
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 1497  
a calendar year. 1498

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no 1499  
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 1500

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1501  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1502

(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1503  
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who 1504  
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1505  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1506  
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state 1507  
campaign committee, in a calendar year. 1508

(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept 1509  
a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 1510  
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a 1511  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1512

(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1513  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate; 1514

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1515  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1516

(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1517  
committee of a house candidate. 1518

(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a 1519  
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 1520  
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than: 1521

(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1522  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in 1523  
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1524

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1525  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, 1526  
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1527

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1528  
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 1529  
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1530  
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1531  
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1532  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1533

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1534  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1535

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1536  
committee of a house candidate. 1537

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1538  
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1539  
shall do either of the following: 1540

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1541  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1542

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1543  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1544  
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1545  
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1546

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no  
political action committee shall accept a contribution or  
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from  
another political action committee or from a political  
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D)  
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten  
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or  
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This  
division does not apply to a political action committee or  
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a  
political action committee or political contributing entity  
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political  
action committee is affiliated with another political action  
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are  
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the  
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing-~~  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary,  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person.

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

from a single political action committee. 1578

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1579  
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1580  
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1581  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1582  
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1583  
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1584  
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1585  
organization, ~~continuing association~~, or other person, including 1586  
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1587  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1588  
~~association~~, or other person, are considered to have been made 1589  
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1590

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1591  
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1592  
does not include a political action committee that is organized 1593  
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 1594  
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 1595  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1596  
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 1597  
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 1598  
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 1599  
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 1600  
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 1601  
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 1602  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1603  
committee, or political contributing entity. 1604

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1605  
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1606  
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1607

national political party, a state political party, and a county 1608  
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1609  
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1610  
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1611

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1612  
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1613  
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1614  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1615  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1616  
fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1617

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1618  
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1619  
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1620  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1621  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1622  
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1623  
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1624  
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1625  
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1626  
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1627  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1628  
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1629  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1630  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1631  
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1632  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1633  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1634  
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1635  
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1636  
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1637  
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1638



of state considers necessary. 1639

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1640  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1641  
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1642  
any of the following: 1643

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1644  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1645  
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1646  
3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1647

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1648  
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1649  
all or part of their contributions; 1650

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1651  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1652  
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1653

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1654  
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1655

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1656  
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1657  
section. 1658

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1659  
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1660  
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1661

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1662  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1663  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1664  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1665  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1666

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

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

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

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee,  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20

of the Revised Code. 1697

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1698  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1699  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1700  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1701  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1702  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1703  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1704  
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1705  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1706  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1707

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity, 1708  
except a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, campaign committee, 1709  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1710  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1711  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1712  
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity shall 1713  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1714  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1715  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1716  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1717  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1718  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1719  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1720  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1721  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1722  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1723  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1724  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1725  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1726  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1727

amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1728  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1729  
election falsification. 1730

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1731  
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1732  
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1733  
campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1734  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1735  
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 1736  
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1737  
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1738  
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1739  
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1740  
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1741  
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1742  
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1743  
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1744  
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1745  
both of the following: 1746

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1747  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1748  
issue committee; 1749

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1750  
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 1751  
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1752  
that has paid for the communication or public political 1753  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1754  
Code. 1755

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1756  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1757

~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 1758  
makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in support of or opposition to 1759  
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 1760  
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 1761  
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 1762  
~~Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 1763  
political party, ~~or political action committee, or political~~ 1764  
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 1765  
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1766  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1767  
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1768  
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1769  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1770

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 1771  
except a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1772  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1773  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1774  
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1775  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1776  
individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file with the 1777  
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1778  
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1779  
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1780  
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1781  
than the dates specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) 1782  
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1783  
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1784  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1785  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1786  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1787  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1788

electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1789  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1790  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1791  
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1792  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1793  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1794

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1795  
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 1796  
~~organization, political contributing entity,~~ or other 1797  
organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 1798  
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 1799  
support of or opposition to any candidate, or an expenditure in 1800  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A name 1801  
is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, 1802  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 1803  
~~corporation, labor organization, political contributing entity,~~ 1804  
or other organization or association does not actually exist or 1805  
operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ 1806  
organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name 1807  
or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is 1808  
required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, 1809  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action committee, or 1810  
political contributing entity has failed to file a designation 1811  
of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by 1812  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1813

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1814  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1815  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1816  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1817  
section. 1818

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 1819

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 1820  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1821  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 1822  
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1823

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 1824  
other correction to that statement. 1825

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 1826  
following information on computer: 1827

(1) The information contained in statements of 1828  
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 1829  
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 1830  
statements of ~~independent~~ expenditures required to be filed 1831  
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 1832  
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 1833  
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 1834

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 1835  
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 1836  
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 1837

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 1838  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1839  
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1840

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 1841  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1842  
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1843

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 1844  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1845  
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1846

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1847  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1848  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1849  
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1850  
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1851  
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by 1852  
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news 1853  
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 1854  
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 1855  
state's method of storing the information contained in the 1856  
statements. 1857

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1858  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1859  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1860  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1861  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1862  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1863  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1864

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1865  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1866  
least six years. 1867

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 1868  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1869  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1870  
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 1871  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1872  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1873  
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 1874  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1875  
transmission, as applicable: 1876



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

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

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

(d) A political action committee and a political contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a

state political party may file the statements prescribed by 1907  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1908  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1909  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1910  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 1911  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1912  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1913  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1914  
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1915  
electronic means of transmission. 1916

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1917  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1918  
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1919  
to the office of the secretary of state. 1920

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1921  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1922  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1923

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1924  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1925  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1926  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1927  
to the board of elections. 1928

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity that 1929  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1930  
statewide candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition 1931  
to a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division 1932  
(B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1933  
may file the statement specified in that division by electronic 1934  
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state 1935  
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 1936

the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 1937  
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 1938  
electronic means of transmission. 1939

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity that 1940  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1941  
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1942  
ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a statewide 1943  
ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of 1944  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 1945  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 1946  
to the board of elections. 1947

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1948  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1949  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1950  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1951  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1952  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1953  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1954  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1955  
received the addendum or amended statement. 1956

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 1957  
of this section, within five business days after a statement 1958  
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 1959  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1960  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1961  
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 1962  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1963  
statement. 1964

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1965  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1966

expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1967  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1968  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1969  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1970  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1971  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1972  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1973  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1974  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1975  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1976  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1977  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1978  
office. 1979

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1980  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1981  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1982  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1983  
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 1984  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1985  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1986  
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 1987  
statement. 1988

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1989  
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1990  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1991  
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 1992  
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1993  
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 1994  
section. 1995

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 1996

the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 1997  
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 1998  
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 1999  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 2000  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 2001  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 2002  
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 2003  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 2004  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 2005  
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 2006

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 2007  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 2008  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 2009  
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 2010  
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 2011  
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 2012  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 2013  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 2014  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2015  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2016  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2017  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2018  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2019  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2020  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2021  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2022  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2023  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2024  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2025  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2026

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2027

- (b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2028
- (c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2029  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2030  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2031
- (d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2032  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2033  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2034  
electronic signature is invalidated. 2035
- (2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2036  
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2037  
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2038  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2039  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2040  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2041  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2042  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2043  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2044  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2045  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2046  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2047  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2048  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2049  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2050  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2051  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2052  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2053  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2054  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2055
- (G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2056  
information available online to the public by any means that are 2057

searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2058

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2059  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2060  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2061  
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2062  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2063  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2064  
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2065  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2066

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2067  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2068  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2069  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2070  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2071  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2072

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2073  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2074

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2075  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2076

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2077  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2078

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2079  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2080  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2081  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2082  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2083  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2084  
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2085

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2086

secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2087  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2088  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2089  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2090  
public. 2091

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2092  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2093  
transmission pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section and 2094  
divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2095  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2096  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2097  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2098  
statements may be filed. 2099

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2100  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2101  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2102  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2103  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2104  
that is accessible to the public. 2105

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2106  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2107  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2108  
fund, ~~or political party, any individual, partnership,~~ or other 2109  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2110  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2111  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2112  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2113  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2114  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2115  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2116



political action committee, political contributing entity, 2117  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the individual,~~ 2118  
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2119  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2120  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2121  
failed to so file: 2122

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2123  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2124  
political party, ~~the individual,~~ ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 2125  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2126  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2127  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2128  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2129  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2130

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2131  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2132  
political party, ~~the individual,~~ ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 2133  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2134  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2135  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2136  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2137  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2138  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2139  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2140

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2141  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2142  
political party, ~~the individual,~~ ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 2143  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2144  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2145  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2146

transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2147  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2148  
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 2149

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2150  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2151  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2152  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2153  
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2154  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2155  
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2156  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2157  
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2158  
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2159  
provide for all of the following: 2160

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2161  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2162  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2163  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2164  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2165  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2166  
statement. 2167

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2168  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2169  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2170  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2171  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2172  
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2173  
section. 2174

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2175  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2176

division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2177  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2178  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2179  
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2180  
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2181

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2182  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2183  
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2184  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2185  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2186  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2187  
for the eligible campaign committee. 2188

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2189  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 2190  
section shall review the contribution and information made 2191  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2192  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2193  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2194  
available on that web site. 2195

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2196  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2197  
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2198  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2199  
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 2200  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2201  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2202  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2203  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2204  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2205

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2206

would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2207  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2208  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2209  
to be developed under division (J)(1) of this section shall be 2210  
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2211  
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2212  
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2213  
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2214  
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 2215  
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2216  
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2217  
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2218  
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2219  
process is in effect and available for use. 2220

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2221  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2222  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2223  
secretary of state pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section 2224  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2225  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2226  
secretary of state. 2227

**Sec. 3517.107.** (A) As used in this section, "federal 2228  
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 2229  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 2230  
federal election commission under that act. 2231

(B) Any federal political committee may make 2232  
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 2233  
its federal account in connection with any state or local 2234  
election in Ohio. Prior to making any such contribution, 2235  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political 2236

committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a 2237  
copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A 2238  
federal political committee registered with the secretary of 2239  
state under this division shall file with the secretary of state 2240  
any amendment to its statement of organization that is required 2241  
under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the 2242  
federal election commission. 2243

(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the 2244  
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee 2245  
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2246  
from its federal account in connection with a state or local 2247  
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of 2248  
state not later than the date on which its report is required to 2249  
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under 2250  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages 2251  
from that report: 2252

(1) The summary page; 2253

(2) The detailed summary page; 2254

(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the 2255  
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made 2256  
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio. 2257

The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and 2258  
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local 2259  
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a 2260  
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe. 2261

(D) When, during any calendar year, a federal political 2262  
committee makes a contribution from its federal account in 2263  
connection with a state or local election in Ohio to a state or 2264  
local political action committee that is required under section 2265

3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement prescribed by 2266  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and the federal political 2267  
committee and state or local political action committee are 2268  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same 2269  
corporation, organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other 2270  
person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, department, 2271  
or unit of that corporation, organization, ~~continuing~~ 2272  
~~association,~~ or other person, the federal political committee 2273  
shall file a statement with the secretary of state not later 2274  
than the last business day of January of the next calendar year. 2275  
The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2276  
state and shall include a list of the names and addresses of 2277  
contributors that are residents of Ohio that made contributions 2278  
to the federal political committee during the calendar year 2279  
covered by the statement and, for each name listed, the 2280  
aggregate total amount contributed by each contributor during 2281  
the reporting period. 2282

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2283  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2284  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2285  
Code. 2286

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2287  
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 2288  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 2289  
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 2290  
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 2291  
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 2292  
Code. 2293

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 2294  
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 2295

Revised Code. 2296

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2297  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 2298  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2299

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2300  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 2301  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2302

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2303  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of 2304  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2305

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 2306  
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 2307  
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code. 2308

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 2309  
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 2310  
or general election. 2311

(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 2312  
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 2313  
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2314  
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2315

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2316  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2317  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2318  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2319  
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2320  
person. 2321

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2322  
another when either of the following applies: 2323

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2324  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2325  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2326  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2327  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2328  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2329

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2330  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2331

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2332  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2333  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2334  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2335  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2336  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2337  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2338  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2339  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2340  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2341  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2342  
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 2343  
committees. 2344

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2345  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2346  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2347  
exceeds: 2348

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2349  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2350  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2351  
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2352  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2353



period; 2354

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2355  
of that station by its other users. 2356

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2357  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2358  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2359  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2360  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2361  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2362  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2363  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2364  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2365  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2366  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2367  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2368  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2369  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2370  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2371  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2372  
campaign committee. 2373

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2374  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2375  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2376  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2377  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2378  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2379  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2380  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2381  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2382  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2383

made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2384  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2385  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2386  
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2387  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2388  
officer's campaign committee. 2389

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2390  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2391  
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2392  
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2393  
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2394  
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2395  
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2396  
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2397  
award of the contract. 2398

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2399  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2400  
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2401  
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2402  
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2403  
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2404  
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2405  
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2406  
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2407  
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2408  
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2409

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2410  
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2411  
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2412  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2413

trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2414  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2415  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2416  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2417  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2418  
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2419  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2420  
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2421  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2422  
contract for goods or services. 2423

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2424  
actions of the controlling board. 2425

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2426  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2427  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2428  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2429  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2430  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2431  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2432  
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2433  
time of the award of the contract. 2434

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2435  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2436  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2437  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2438  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2439  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2440  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2441  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2442  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2443

positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2444  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2445  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2446  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2447  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2448  
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2449  
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2450  
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2451  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2452  
action brought solely for legal separation. 2453

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2454  
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2455  
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2456  
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2457  
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2458  
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2459  
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2460  
reimbursement for any of the following: 2461

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2462  
incurred by the beneficiary; 2463

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2464  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 2465  
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 2466  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 2467  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 2468  
office would normally be expected; 2469

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2470  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 2471  
following: 2472

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2473  
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 2474  
ballot issue; 2475

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 2476  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2477  
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 2478

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 2479  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2480  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 2481

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 2482  
political meeting. 2483

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2484  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 2485  
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 2486  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 2487  
account. 2488

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 2489  
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 2490  
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2491  
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2492  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2493  
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2494  
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2495  
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2496  
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2497  
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2498

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2499  
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2500  
political party, political action committee, political 2501

contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2502  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2503  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2504  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2505  
value from a political party, political action committee, 2506  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2507  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2508

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2509  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2510  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2511  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2512  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2513  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2514  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2515  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2516

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2517  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2518

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2519  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2520

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2521  
political meeting. 2522

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2523  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2524  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2525  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2526  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2527  
political party, political action committee, political 2528  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2529  
committee. 2530

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2531  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2532  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2533  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2534  
political party, political action committee, political 2535  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2536  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2537  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2538  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2539  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2540  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2541  
employee's campaign committee. 2542

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2543  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2544  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2545  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2546  
services on account. 2547

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2548  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2549  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2550  
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2551  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2552  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2553  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2554

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2555  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2556  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2557  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2558  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2559  
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2560

surrounding circumstances. 2561

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2562  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2563  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2564  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2565  
expenses allowable. 2566

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 2567

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 2568  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 2569

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 2570  
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 2571

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 2572  
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 2573  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 2574

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 2575  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 2576  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 2577  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 2578  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 2579  
candidate for state elective office. 2580

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 2581  
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 2582  
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 2583  
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 2584  
nomination or election to the federal office. 2585

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 2586  
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 2587  
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 2588



than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 2589  
following: 2590

(a) A state candidate fund; 2591

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 2592

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2593  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2594  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2595  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 2596

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 2597  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 2598  
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 2599  
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 2600

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 2601  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 2602

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 2603  
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2604  
Code. 2605

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 2606  
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 2607  
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 2608  
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 2609  
~~independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a~~ 2610  
~~candidate for any elective office in this state, including an~~ 2611  
~~office of a political party.~~ 2612

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 2613  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2614  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 2615  
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 2616

expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 2617  
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 2618  
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 2619  
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2620  
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2621  
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2622  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2623  
the value of it, to the contributor. 2624

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2625  
national" ~~has~~ means any of the same meaning as in following: 2626

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2627  
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2628

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2629  
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2630  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2631  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2632  
United States; 2633

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2634  
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2635  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2636  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2637  
United States. 2638

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2639  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2640  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2641  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2642

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2643  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2644  
restricted fund. 2645

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2646  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2647

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 2648  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 2649  
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 2650  
any one state or county political party for the party's 2651  
restricted fund in a calendar year. 2652

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 2653  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 2654  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 2655  
organization in a calendar year. 2656

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 2657  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 2658  
county political party. 2659

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 2660  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 2661  
Revised Code. 2662

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2663  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2664  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 2665  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2666  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2667  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2668  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2669  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2670  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 2671  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 2672  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 2673  
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 2674

previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 2675  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 2676  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 2677  
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2678

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2679  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2680  
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 2681  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2682  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2683  
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 2684  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 2685  
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 2686  
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 2687  
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 2688  
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 2689  
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 2690  
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 2691  
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 2692  
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2693

**Sec. 3599.03.** (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 2694  
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 2695  
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 2696  
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 2697  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 2698  
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F)~~ of this section, no 2699  
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 2700  
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 2701  
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 2702  
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 2703  
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 2704  
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 2705

a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 2706  
public office, a political action committee including a 2707  
political action committee of the corporation or labor 2708  
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 2709  
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 2710  
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 2711  
an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 2712  
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 2713  
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 2714  
political action committee if an employee's or labor 2715  
organization member's right to attend such an event is 2716  
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 2717  
corporation's or labor organization's political action 2718  
committee. 2719

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 2720  
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 2721  
dollars. 2722

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 2723  
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 2724  
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 2725  
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 2726  
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 2727  
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 2728

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 2729  
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 2730  
more than one year, or both. 2731

(C) A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of 2732  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit 2733  
corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or 2734  
property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or 2735

certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be 2736  
reported ~~on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports~~ 2737  
~~of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues~~ 2738  
~~shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~ 2739  
~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2740  
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2741  
~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2742  
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2743  
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2744  
~~section~~ accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the 2745  
Revised Code. 2746

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2747  
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2748  
501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2749  
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2750  
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2751  
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2752  
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2753  
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2754  
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2755

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2756  
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2757  
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2758

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2759  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2760  
this section. 2761

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2762  
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2763  
this section. 2764

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2765  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2766  
violation of this section. 2767

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2768  
institution to a state political party for services rendered 2769  
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2770  
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2771  
section of the Revised Code. 2772

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2773  
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2774  
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2775  
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2776  
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2777  
recipients of the communication. 2778

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2779  
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2780  
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2781  
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2782  
organization. 2783

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2784  
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2785  
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2786  
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2787  
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2788  
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2789  
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2790  
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2791  
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2792  
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2793  
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2794

well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2795

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2796  
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2797  
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2798  
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2799  
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2800  
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2801  
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2802

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2803  
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2804

**Sec. 3921.22.** (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 2805  
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 2806  
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 2807  
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 2808  
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 2809  
as provided in the benefit contract. 2810

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 2811  
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 2812  
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 2813  
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 2814  
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 2815  
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 2816  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 2817  
entity, or any other political organization. 2818

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 2819  
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 2820  
accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 2821  
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 2822  
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 2823



section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society  
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable  
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the  
society may do any of the following:

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

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

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

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

(i) The county auditor in any county;

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county;

(iii) An individual;

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

All fees collected and retained by a clerk for conducting  
deputy registrar services shall be paid into the county treasury  
to the credit of the certificate of title administration fund  
created under section 325.33 of the Revised Code.

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

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be located in such locations as the registrar sees fit. Except as provided in division (A) (3) of this section, there shall be at least one deputy registrar in each county.

(3) The registrar need not appoint a deputy registrar in a county to which all of the following apply:

(a) No individual, nonprofit corporation, or, where applicable, clerk of court of common pleas participates in the competitive selection process to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(b) Neither the county auditor nor the clerk of court of common pleas agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(c) No individual or nonprofit corporation agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(d) No deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county agrees to be designated as the deputy registrar for that county.

(4) The registrar may reestablish a deputy registrar in any county without a deputy registrar if any of the following apply:

(a) The county auditor requests to be designated as a deputy registrar; 2879  
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(b) The clerk of court of common pleas requests to be designated as a deputy registrar; 2881  
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(c) A deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county requests to be designated as a deputy registrar for that county; 2883  
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(d) A qualified individual or nonprofit corporation requests to be designated as a deputy registrar. In the event that two or more qualified individuals, nonprofit corporations, or a combination thereof, request to be designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar may make the designation through the competitive selection process. 2886  
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Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 2892  
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(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member of the person's immediate family has made, within the current calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as defined in division (C) (8) of that section~~ that is primarily 2894  
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associated with that political party. For purposes of this 2908  
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 2909  
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 2910  
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 2911  
with contributions to that political party. 2912

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 2913  
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 2914  
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 2915  
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 2916  
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 2917  
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 2918  
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 2919  
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 2920

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 2921  
following to act as a deputy registrar: 2922

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 2923  
auditor or, as authorized by division (A)(1) of this section, a 2924  
clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 2925  
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 2926  
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 2927  
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 2928  
office of a political subdivision; 2929

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 2930  
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 2931  
Revised Code. 2932

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 2933  
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 2934  
Revised Code. 2935

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this 2936

section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 2937  
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 2938  
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 2939  
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 2940  
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 2941  
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 2942  
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 2943  
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 2944  
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 2945  
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 2946  
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 2947  
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 2948  
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 2949  
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 2950  
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 2951  
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 2952  
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 2953  
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 2954  
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 2955  
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 2956

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 2957  
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 2958  
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 2959  
Revised Code. 2960

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 2961  
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 2962  
do all of the following: 2963

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 2964  
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 2965  
services to be performed; 2966

- (b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to be given as provided in this section; 2967  
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- (c) Establish requirements governing the size and location of the deputy's office; 2969  
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- (d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the use of the equipment; 2971  
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- (e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of operation by means of public service announcements; 2975  
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- (f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause; 2978  
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- (g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in each county be open to the public for at least four hours each weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 2984  
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- (h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, provide any person with information about the location and office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 2990  
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- (i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 2993  
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(j) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 2995  
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 2996  
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 2997  
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 2998  
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 2999  
under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 3000  
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 3001  
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 3002  
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 3003  
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 3004  
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 3005  
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 3006  
with accepting reinstatement fees. 3007

(k) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 3008  
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3009  
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3010  
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3011

(l) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3012  
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3013  
vending machine; 3014

(m) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3015  
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3016

(2) The rules may allow both of the following: 3017

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3018  
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3019  
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3020

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3021  
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3022  
public and that provides such services from more than one 3023

location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3024  
any location. 3025

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3026  
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3027  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3028  
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3029  
service to a member of the public. 3030

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3031  
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3032  
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3033  
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3034  
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3035  
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3036

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3037  
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3038  
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3039  
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3040  
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3041

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3042  
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3043  
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3044  
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3045  
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3046  
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3047  
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3048  
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3049  
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3050  
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3051

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3052



Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3053  
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3054

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3055  
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3056  
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3057  
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3058

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3059  
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3060  
more than three years; 3061

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3062  
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3063  
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3064  
registrar. 3065

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3066  
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3067  
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3068  
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3069  
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3070  
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3071

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3072  
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3073  
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3074  
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3075  
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3076  
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3077  
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3078  
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3079  
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3080  
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3081

office. 3082

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3083  
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3084  
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3085  
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3086  
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3087  
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3088  
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3089  
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3090  
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3091  
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3092  
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3093  
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3094  
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3095  
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3096  
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3097  
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3098  
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3099  
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3100  
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3101  
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3102  
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3103  
paid. 3104

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3105  
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3106  
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3107  
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3108  
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3109  
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3110  
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3111  
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3112

court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3113

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3114  
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3115  
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3116  
with the approval of the director, for cause. 3117

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3118  
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3119  
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3120  
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3121  
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3122  
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3123  
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3124  
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3125  
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3126  
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3127  
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3128  
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3129  
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3130

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3131  
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3132  
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3133  
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3134  
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 3135  
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 3136  
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 3137  
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 3138  
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3139  
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3140  
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3141  
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3142

discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3143  
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3144  
department. 3145

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3146  
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3147  
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3148

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3149  
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 3150  
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 3151  
Revised Code. 3152

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 3153  
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 3154  
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 3155  
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 3156  
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 3157  
registration applications declined. 3158

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3159  
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3160  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 3161  
repealed. 3162

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Anti- 3163  
Corruption Act. 3164