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To amend sections 9.97, 101.70, 107.43, 113.40, 1  
117.15, 121.03, 141.01, 141.011, 3505.03, 2  
3505.33, 3505.35, 3513.052, 3513.10, 3517.092, 3  
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.103, 3517.104, 3517.106, 4  
3517.108, 3517.109, 4503.033, and 5703.01 of the 5  
Revised Code to make the Tax Commissioner a 6  
statewide elected office. 7

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

**Section 1.** That sections 9.97, 101.70, 107.43, 113.40, 8  
117.15, 121.03, 141.01, 141.011, 3505.03, 3505.33, 3505.35, 9  
3513.052, 3513.10, 3517.092, 3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.103, 10  
3517.104, 3517.106, 3517.108, 3517.109, 4503.033, and 5703.01 of 11  
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 12

**Sec. 9.97.** (A) Any one of the governor, the lieutenant 13  
governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the 14  
treasurer of state, ~~or~~ the auditor of state, or the tax 15  
commissioner shall act as the applicable elected representative 16  
of the state for purposes of any federal law or United States 17  
treasury regulation that requires that bonds, notes, or other 18  
obligations of the state or any of its officers, boards, 19  
authorities, commissions, agencies, bodies, or other entities be 20  
approved by an applicable elected representative of the state or 21

that other conditions be met in order for the interest income on 22  
such obligations to be exempt from federal income tax. 23

(B) Any municipal corporation, township, or county which, 24  
pursuant to state law, created or participated in the creation 25  
of any board, authority, commission, district, agency, body, 26  
corporation, or other entity which is authorized to issue bonds, 27  
notes, or other obligations is hereby expressly authorized to 28  
act for such issuer as the governmental unit on behalf of which 29  
such issuer issues bonds, notes, or other obligations or as the 30  
next higher governmental unit from which the authority of that 31  
issuer is derived for purposes of any federal law or United 32  
States treasury regulation which requires that bonds, notes, or 33  
other obligations of such issuer be approved by the applicable 34  
elected representative of such governmental unit or that other 35  
conditions be met in order for the interest income on such 36  
obligations to be exempt from federal income tax. In the event 37  
more than one municipal corporation, township, or county 38  
participated in the creation of any such issuer, any one such 39  
municipal corporation, township, or county, upon request of the 40  
issuer for such approval, shall be deemed to be the governmental 41  
unit on behalf of which such issuer acts or the next higher 42  
governmental unit for purposes of the preceding sentence in this 43  
division. For purposes of this division, "applicable elected 44  
representatives" means, in the case of a municipal corporation 45  
and in the case of a county which has a single chief elected 46  
executive officer, its chief elected executive officer or any 47  
one or more other elected official of the municipal corporation 48  
or such county designated by such officer to act, as an 49  
alternative to action by ~~him~~ such officer, for the purposes set 50  
forth in this division. In the case of a township or county 51  
which has no single chief elected executive officer, the 52

applicable elected representatives means, in the case of a 53  
township, its board of township trustees and, in the case of a 54  
county, its board of county commissioners, both of which act as 55  
the respective governmental unit's chief elected executive 56  
officer, or any one or more other elected official of each such 57  
governmental unit designated by the respective board to act, as 58  
an alternative to action by it, for the purposes set forth in 59  
this division. 60

(C) Approvals under this section shall be based solely 61  
upon findings of fact made by the issuer, shall be solely for 62  
the purposes of satisfying requirements of the federal law and 63  
United States treasury regulations, shall be final and 64  
conclusive for such purpose, and shall not constitute an 65  
exercise of functions conferred by law upon the issuer, which 66  
functions shall remain in the issuer. 67

(D) The authority granted by this section is in addition 68  
to and not a limitation upon other authorization granted by or 69  
pursuant to law or the constitution, and does not preclude any 70  
other actions by the designated or other bodies or officials 71  
which would satisfy the requirements of the federal law or 72  
United States treasury regulations, which actions are hereby 73  
authorized. 74

**Sec. 101.70.** As used in sections 101.70 to 101.79 and 75  
101.99 of the Revised Code: 76

(A) "Person" means any individual, partnership, trust, 77  
estate, business trust, association, or corporation; any labor 78  
organization or manufacturer association; any department, 79  
commission, board, publicly supported college or university, 80  
division, institution, bureau, or other instrumentality of the 81  
state; or any county, township, municipal corporation, school 82

district, or other political subdivision of the state. "Person" 83  
includes the Ohio casino control commission, a member of the 84  
commission, the executive director of the commission, an 85  
employee of the commission, and an agent of the commission. 86

(B) "Legislation" means bills, resolutions, amendments, 87  
nominations, and any other matter pending before the general 88  
assembly, any matter pending before the controlling board, or 89  
the executive approval or veto of any bill acted upon by the 90  
general assembly. 91

(C) "Compensation" means a salary, gift, payment, benefit, 92  
subscription, loan, advance, reimbursement, or deposit of money 93  
or anything of value; or a contract, promise, or agreement, 94  
whether or not legally enforceable, to make compensation. 95

(D) "Expenditure" means any of the following that is made 96  
to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of any 97  
member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling 98  
board, the governor, the director of a department created under 99  
section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff 100  
of any public officer or employee listed in this division: 101

(1) A payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, 102  
reimbursement, or gift of money, real estate, or anything of 103  
value, including, but not limited to, food and beverages, 104  
entertainment, lodging, or transportation; 105

(2) A contract, promise, or agreement to make an 106  
expenditure, whether or not legally enforceable; 107

(3) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 108  
thing of value. 109

"Expenditure" does not include a contribution, gift, or grant to 110  
a foundation or other charitable organization that is exempt 111

from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Expenditure" does not include the purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other thing of value that is available to the general public on the same terms as it is available to the persons listed in this division, or an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in this division that is governed by regulation D, 17 C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under state law.

(E) "Actively advocate" means to promote, advocate, or oppose the passage, modification, defeat, or executive approval or veto of any legislation by direct communication with any member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling board, the governor, the director of any department listed in section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff of any public officer or employee listed in this division. "Actively advocate" does not include the action of any person not engaged by an employer who has a direct interest in legislation if the person, acting under Section 3 of Article I, Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to consult for their common good, instructs a public officer or employee who is listed in this division, or petitions that public officer or employee for the redress of grievances.

(F) "Legislative agent" means any individual, except a member of the general assembly, a member of the staff of the general assembly, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer of state, ~~or~~ auditor of state, or tax commissioner, who is engaged during at least a portion of the individual's time to actively advocate as one of the individual's main purposes. An individual engaged by the

Ohio casino control commission, a member of the commission, the executive director of the commission, or an employee or agent of the commission to actively advocate is a "legislative agent" even if the individual does not during at least a portion of the individual's time actively advocate as one of the individual's main purposes.

(G) "Employer" means any person who, directly or indirectly, engages a legislative agent.

(H) "Engage" means to make any arrangement, and "engagement" means any arrangement, whereby an individual is employed or retained for compensation to act for or on behalf of an employer to actively advocate.

(I) "Financial transaction" means a transaction or activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and arises from the joint ownership or the ownership or part ownership in common of any real or personal property or any commercial or business enterprise of whatever form or nature between the following:

(1) A legislative agent, an employer of a legislative agent, or a member of the immediate family of the legislative agent or a legislative agent's employer; and

(2) Any member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling board, the governor, the director of a department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff of a public officer or employee listed in division (I) (2) of this section.

"Financial transaction" does not include any transaction or activity described in division (I) of this section if it is available to the general public on the same terms, or if it is

an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in division 172  
(I) (2) of this section that is governed by regulation D, 17 173  
C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the 174  
"Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and 175  
following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under 176  
state law. 177

(J) "Staff" means any state employee whose official duties 178  
are to formulate policy and who exercises administrative or 179  
supervisory authority or who authorizes the expenditure of state 180  
funds. 181

**Sec. 107.43.** (A) As used in this section: 182

"Administrative department" means a department listed 183  
under section 121.02 of the Revised Code. 184

"Administrative department head" means a department head 185  
listed under section 121.03 of the Revised Code. 186

"Internal management rule" means any rule, regulation, or 187  
standard governing the day-to-day staff procedures and staff 188  
operations within an administrative department or state agency, 189  
or within the office of an administrative department head or 190  
statewide elected officer. 191

"Rule" means, unless the context dictates otherwise, any 192  
rule, regulation, or standard adopted, promulgated, and enforced 193  
by a statewide elected officer, administrative department, 194  
administrative department head, or state agency under the 195  
authority of the laws governing such officer, department, 196  
department head, or state agency. "Rule" does not include an 197  
internal management rule. 198

"State agency" means any organized body, office, agency, 199  
commission, board, institution, or other entity established by 200

the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government. "State agency" does not include a court.

"State of emergency" has the meaning defined in section 107.42 of the Revised Code.

"Statewide elected officer" means the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, attorney general, ~~and~~ treasurer of state, and tax commissioner.

(B) Beginning the day the governor declares a state of emergency, the governor and the department of health promptly shall report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives every action the governor or department takes in response to the state of emergency, including actions by the department or director of health under sections 3701.13 and 3701.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) (1) If the governor declares a state of emergency, the general assembly may do any of the following by adopting a concurrent resolution:

(a) Rescind, in whole or in part, any order or rule issued or adopted by an administrative department, administrative department head, state agency, or statewide elected officer in response to a state of emergency, including an order to authorize an agency to adopt, amend, or rescind rules under division (G) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code. This division does not apply to an order issued to declare a state of emergency.

(b) Invalidate, in whole or in part, an emergency rule adopted or amended by an agency in response to the state of emergency and pursuant to an emergency order the governor issues under division (G) (1) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) Authorize a rule rescinded by an agency under division	230
(G) (1) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code in response to the	231
state of emergency to be readopted, in whole or in part;	232
(d) Invalidate, in whole or in part, an emergency rule	233
adopted by an agency in response to the state of emergency	234
pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 111.15 of the Revised	235
Code.	236
(2) If the general assembly rescinds an order or rule, or	237
a portion thereof, the administrative department, administrative	238
department head, state agency, or statewide elected officer	239
shall not reissue that order or rule, the rescinded portion, a	240
substantially similar order, rule, or portion, or any	241
restriction contained in the rescinded order or rule or	242
rescinded portion, for a period of sixty calendar days following	243
the adoption of the concurrent resolution by the general	244
assembly, except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section.	245
(3) (a) Within sixty calendar days of the general assembly	246
rescinding an order or rule under division (C) (1) of this	247
section, the governor, on behalf of an administrative	248
department, an administrative department head, or a state	249
agency, may submit a request to the general assembly to	250
authorize an administrative department, an administrative	251
department head, or a state agency to reissue a rescinded order	252
or rule, rescinded portion thereof, a substantially similar	253
order, rule, or portion, or any restriction contained in the	254
rescinded order or rule or rescinded portion issued or adopted	255
by an administrative department, administrative department head,	256
or state agency. Upon review, the general assembly may adopt a	257
concurrent resolution authorizing the request, in whole or in	258
part.	259

(b) Within sixty calendar days of the general assembly 260  
rescinding an order or rule under division (C) (1) of this 261  
section, a statewide elected officer may submit a request to the 262  
general assembly to reissue a rescinded order or rule, rescinded 263  
portion thereof, a substantially similar order, rule, or 264  
portion, or any restriction contained in the rescinded order or 265  
rule or rescinded portion issued or adopted by the statewide 266  
elected officer. Upon review, the general assembly may adopt a 267  
concurrent resolution authorizing the request, in whole or in 268  
part. 269

(D) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised 270  
Code, a person who challenges an order or rule adopted by an 271  
administrative department, administrative department head, state 272  
agency, or statewide elected officer that is issued or adopted 273  
in response to a state of emergency, in a civil action for 274  
damages, declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, or other 275  
appropriate relief may do so in whichever of the following 276  
courts is applicable regarding the action: 277

(a) If the civil action is for damages, the action may be 278  
brought only in the court of claims. 279

(b) If the civil action is for declaratory judgment, 280  
injunctive relief, or other appropriate relief other than 281  
damages, the action may be brought in an appropriate court 282  
located in the county where the person's residence or business 283  
is located or in the court of claims. 284

(c) If the civil action is for damages and also is for 285  
declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, or other appropriate 286  
relief, the action may be brought only in the court of claims. 287

(2) If a person successfully challenges an order or rule 288

adopted by an administrative department, administrative 289  
department head, state agency, or statewide elected officer that 290  
is issued or adopted in response to a state of emergency, the 291  
administrative department, administrative department head, state 292  
agency, or statewide elected officer shall pay the person's 293  
reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. 294

(E) An order or rule issued or adopted in violation of 295  
this section is invalid and has no legal effect. 296

**Sec. 113.40.** (A) As used in this section: 297

(1) "Administrative agent of the board of deposit" means 298  
the treasurer of state. 299

(2) "Financial transaction device" includes a credit card, 300  
debit card, banking card, prepaid or stored value card, or any 301  
other device or method for making an electronic payment or 302  
transfer of funds denominated in United States dollars. 303

(3) "Processor" means an entity conducting the settlement 304  
of an electronic payment or transfer of funds, which shall be 305  
denominated in United States dollars. 306

(4) "Revenue" includes fees, charges, tolls, costs, taxes, 307  
expenses, assessments, fines, penalties, payments, judgments, 308  
restitution ordered by a court, or any other amount a person 309  
owes to a state office under the authority of a state elected 310  
official or to a state entity. 311

(5) "State elected official" means the governor, 312  
lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, 313  
treasurer of state, ~~and~~ auditor of state, and tax commissioner. 314

(6) "State entity" includes any state department, agency, 315  
board, commission, or office under the authority of a state 316

elected official that deposits funds into the state treasury or 317  
into an account in the custody of the treasurer of state. 318

(B) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code 319  
and subject to division (D) of this section, the board of 320  
deposit shall adopt a resolution authorizing the collection, 321  
receipt, and acceptance by the state of revenue, gifts, 322  
donations, or bequests made by a financial transaction device. 323

The board of deposit's resolution also shall direct the 324  
administrative agent of the board of deposit to solicit 325  
proposals, within guidelines established by the board of deposit 326  
in the resolution and in compliance with the procedures provided 327  
in division (C) of this section; and to assist state entities 328  
and state elected officials in implementing any financial 329  
transaction device collection, acceptance, processing, receipt, 330  
and settlement program authorized pursuant to this section. The 331  
board of deposit's resolution applies to financial transaction 332  
device services related to any and all bank accounts comprising 333  
the state treasury as well as those in the custody of the 334  
treasurer of state but not part of the state treasury. 335

(C) The administrative agent shall follow the procedures 336  
provided in this division whenever it plans to contract with one 337  
or more processors for the purposes of this section. The 338  
administrative agent shall request proposals for acceptance, 339  
processing, and settlement services, as appropriate in 340  
accordance with the resolution adopted under division (B) of 341  
this section. Prior to making the request for proposals 342  
available, the administrative agent shall advertise its intent 343  
to request proposals for two consecutive weeks by electronic 344  
publication on the administrative agent's web site made 345  
available to the general public. The notice shall state that the 346

administrative agent intends to request proposals; specify the 347  
purpose of the request; indicate the date, which shall be at 348  
least fifteen calendar days after the initial publication, on 349  
which the request for proposals will be available and shall 350  
detail the service or services subject to the request for 351  
proposals. 352

Upon receiving the proposals, the administrative agent 353  
shall review them and make a recommendation to the board of 354  
deposit regarding which proposal or proposals to accept. The 355  
board of deposit shall consider the agent's recommendation and 356  
then may choose to authorize the administrative agent, on the 357  
board's behalf, to contract with one or more of the processors 358  
submitting proposals, as appropriate. The administrative agent 359  
may enter into one or more contracts for the provision of 360  
payment, collection, acceptance, processing, receipt, and 361  
settlement services to the state entities and state elected 362  
officials. Through its administrative agent, the board of 363  
deposit shall provide any processor that submitted a proposal, 364  
but with which the board of deposit's administrative agent does 365  
not enter into a contract, notice that its proposal is rejected. 366

(D) Each state elected official or state entity subject to 367  
this section shall use only the processors of financial 368  
transaction devices with which the board of deposit's 369  
administrative agent contracts, and each such state elected 370  
official or state entity is subject to the terms of those 371  
contracts. 372

(E) The state elected official or state entity may 373  
establish a surcharge or convenience fee that may be imposed 374  
upon a person making payment by a financial transaction device. 375

Any surcharge or convenience fee shall follow the 376

guidelines of the processor or processors of financial 377  
transaction devices with which the board of ~~of~~-deposit's 378  
administrative agent contracts. 379

If a surcharge or convenience fee is imposed, every state 380  
elected official and state entity accepting payment by a 381  
financial transaction device shall notify each person making a 382  
payment by such a device about the surcharge or fee. Notice to 383  
each person making a payment shall be provided regardless of the 384  
medium used to make the payment and in a manner appropriate to 385  
that medium. Each notice shall include both of the following: 386

(1) A statement that there is a surcharge or convenience 387  
fee for using a financial transaction device; 388

(2) The total amount of the charge or fee expressed in 389  
dollars and cents for each transaction, or the rate of the 390  
charge or fee expressed as a percentage of the total amount of 391  
the transaction, whichever is applicable. 392

(F) If a person remits revenue to the state by a financial 393  
transaction device and the payment of the revenue is reversed 394  
for any reason, or if the value of the remitted payment in 395  
United States dollars at the time of receipt by the state 396  
elected official or state entity is less than the amount owed, 397  
the person is liable to the state elected official or state 398  
entity for the total amount of the state revenue and any 399  
reimbursable costs for collection, including banking charges, 400  
legal fees, or other expenses incurred by the state elected 401  
official or state entity in collecting the reversed payment. The 402  
remedies and procedures provided in this section are in addition 403  
to any other available civil or criminal remedies provided by 404  
law. 405

(G) No person remitting any revenue by a financial 406  
transaction device to a state elected official or state entity 407  
shall be relieved from liability for the underlying obligation, 408  
except to the extent that the state elected official or state 409  
entity realizes the revenue to the state elected official or 410  
state entity in cash or its equivalent. If revenue is not 411  
remitted by the financial transaction device issuer, or by other 412  
means of payment, or by other guarantor of payment in the 413  
transaction, the underlying obligation survives and the state 414  
elected official or state entity shall retain all remedies for 415  
enforcement that would have applied if the transaction had not 416  
occurred. 417

(H) A state elected official or employee of a state entity 418  
or state elected official who accepts a financial transaction 419  
device payment in accordance with this section and any 420  
applicable state or local statutes, laws, policies, or rules is 421  
immune from personal liability for the final collection of such 422  
payments as specified in section 9.87 of the Revised Code. 423

(I) If the board of deposit determines that it is 424  
necessary and in the state's best interest to contract with an 425  
additional processor subsequent to the contract award made under 426  
division (C) of this section, the board may meet and choose to 427  
contract with one or more additional processors for the 428  
remainder of the period previously established by a contract 429  
award made under division (C) of this section. 430

(J) The administrative agent, in cooperation with the 431  
office of budget and management, may adopt, amend, and rescind 432  
rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to 433  
implement and administer this section. 434

(K) The treasurer of state shall have the authority to 435

enter into such contracts necessary to fulfill its obligations 436  
as administrative agent for the board of deposit. 437

**Sec. 117.15.** Once each year, or more often in ~~his~~the 438  
auditor of state's discretion, the auditor of state shall 439  
without previous notice audit the accounts and transactions of 440  
the office of the treasurer of state, ascertain the condition of 441  
the state treasury and the custodial funds of the treasurer of 442  
state, and make an inventory of the assets of the state treasury 443  
and the custodial funds of the treasurer of state. ~~He~~The auditor 444  
of state shall sign ~~his~~the report completed under this section 445  
and submit one copy each to the treasurer of state, governor, 446  
attorney general, ~~and~~secretary of state, and tax commissioner. 447  
~~An~~ Such an audit report ~~completed pursuant to this section~~ is 448  
not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code 449  
until it is submitted to the officers enumerated in this 450  
section. 451

**Sec. 121.03.** The following administrative department heads 452  
shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent 453  
of the senate, and shall hold their offices during the term of 454  
the appointing governor, and are subject to removal at the 455  
pleasure of the governor. 456

(A) The director of budget and management; 457

(B) The director of commerce; 458

(C) The director of transportation; 459

(D) The director of agriculture; 460

(E) The director of job and family services; 461

(F) The director of children and youth; 462

(G) The director of public safety; 463

(H) The superintendent of insurance;	464
(I) The director of development;	465
(J) <del>The tax commissioner;</del>	466
<del>(K)</del> The director of administrative services;	467
<del>(L)</del> <u>(K)</u> The director of natural resources;	468
<del>(M)</del> <u>(L)</u> The director of behavioral health;	469
<del>(N)</del> <u>(M)</u> The director of developmental disabilities;	470
<del>(O)</del> <u>(N)</u> The director of health;	471
<del>(P)</del> <u>(O)</u> The director of youth services;	472
<del>(Q)</del> <u>(P)</u> The director of rehabilitation and correction;	473
<del>(R)</del> <u>(Q)</u> The director of environmental protection;	474
<del>(S)</del> <u>(R)</u> The director of aging;	475
<del>(T)</del> <u>(S)</u> The administrator of workers' compensation who meets the qualifications required under division (A) of section 4121.121 of the Revised Code;	476 477 478
<del>(U)</del> <u>(T)</u> The director of veterans services who meets the qualifications required under section 5902.01 of the Revised Code;	479 480 481
<del>(V)</del> <u>(U)</u> The chancellor of higher education;	482
<del>(W)</del> <u>(V)</u> The medicaid director;	483
<del>(X)</del> <u>(W)</u> The director of education and workforce.	484
<b>Sec. 141.01.</b> Except as provided in section 141.011 of the Revised Code, the annual salaries of the elective executive officers of the state are as follows:	485 486 487

(A) Governor, one hundred fifty-four thousand two hundred	488
forty-eight dollars;	489
(B) Lieutenant governor, one hundred thirteen thousand	490
nine hundred forty-seven dollars;	491
(C) Secretary of state, one hundred thirteen thousand nine	492
hundred forty-seven dollars;	493
(D) Auditor of state, one hundred thirteen thousand nine	494
hundred forty-seven dollars;	495
(E) Treasurer of state, one hundred thirteen thousand nine	496
hundred forty-seven dollars;	497
(F) Attorney general, one hundred thirteen thousand nine	498
hundred forty-seven dollars;	499
<u>(G) Tax commissioner, one hundred thirteen thousand nine</u>	500
<u>hundred forty-seven dollars, beginning in the year 2031.</u>	501
These salaries shall be paid according to the schedule	502
established in division (B) of section 124.15 of the Revised	503
Code. Upon the death of an elected executive officer of the	504
state listed in divisions (A) to <del>(F)</del> <u>(G)</u> of this section during	505
the officer's term of office, an amount shall be paid in	506
accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to the	507
officer's estate. The amount shall equal the amount of the	508
salary that the officer would have received during the remainder	509
of the officer's unexpired term or an amount equal to the salary	510
of the office held for two years, whichever is less.	511
Unless a higher salary is explicitly established by	512
statute, no officer or employee elected or appointed, and no	513
officer or employee of any state agency or state-assisted	514
institution except a state institution of higher education or	515

the ~~Ohio board of regents~~ department of higher education for the 516  
positions of chancellor and vice chancellor for health affairs, 517  
shall be paid as an officer or employee, whether from 518  
appropriated or nonappropriated funds, a total salary that 519  
exceeds fifty-five thousand dollars per calendar year. This 520  
paragraph does not apply to the salaries of individuals holding 521  
or appointed to endowed academic chairs or endowed academic 522  
professorships at a state-supported institution of higher 523  
education or to the salaries of individuals paid under schedule 524  
C of section 124.15 or under schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of 525  
the Revised Code. 526

**Sec. 141.011.** (A) Each calendar year from 2020 through 527  
2028, the annual salaries of the elective officers of the state 528  
as prescribed by divisions (A) to ~~(F)~~(G) of section 141.01 of 529  
the Revised Code shall be increased as follows: 530

- (1) In calendar year 2020, by four per cent; 531
- (2) In calendar year 2021, by three per cent; 532
- (3) In calendar year 2022, by one and three-quarters per 533  
cent; 534
- (4) In calendar year 2023, by one and three-quarters per 535  
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- (5) In calendar year 2024, by one and three-quarters per 537  
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- (6) In calendar year 2025, by one and three-quarters per 539  
cent; 540
- (7) In calendar year 2026, by one and three-quarters per 541  
cent; 542
- (8) In calendar year 2027, by one and three-quarters per 543

cent; 544

(9) In calendar year 2028, by one and three-quarters per cent. 545  
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(B) If the governor appoints the lieutenant governor as an administrative department head or as the head of an office within the office of the governor, the lieutenant governor may accept the salary for that office while serving as its head in lieu of the salary for the office of lieutenant governor. 547  
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(C) Upon the death of an elected executive officer of the state listed in divisions (A) to (F) of section 141.01 of the Revised Code during that person's term of office, an amount shall be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to that person's estate. The amount shall equal the amount of the salary that the officer would have received during the remainder of the officer's unexpired term or an amount equal to the salary of that person's office for two years, whichever is less. 552  
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(D) Beginning in the year 2031, the tax commissioner shall be paid a salary that has been increased in accordance with division (A) of this section. 561  
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**Sec. 3505.03.** (A) On the office type ballot shall be printed the names of all candidates for election to offices, except the office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common pleas, who were nominated at the most recent primary election as candidates of a political party or who were nominated in accordance with section 3513.02 of the Revised Code, and the names of all candidates for election to offices who were nominated by nominating petitions, except candidates for the office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or 564  
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court of common pleas, for member of a board of education, for 573  
municipal offices, and for township offices. 574

(B) The face of the ballot below the stub shall be 575  
substantially in the following form: 576

"OFFICIAL OFFICE TYPE BALLOT 577

(1) To vote for a candidate record your vote in the manner 578  
provided next to the name of such candidate. 579

(2) If you tear, soil, deface, or erroneously mark this 580  
ballot, return it to the precinct election officers or, if you 581  
cannot return it, notify the precinct election officers, and 582  
obtain another ballot." 583

(C) The order in which the offices shall be listed on the 584  
ballot shall be prescribed by, and certified to each board of 585  
elections by, the secretary of state; provided that for state, 586  
district, and county offices the order from top to bottom shall 587  
be as follows: governor and lieutenant governor, attorney 588  
general, auditor of state, secretary of state, treasurer of 589  
state, tax commissioner, chief justice of the supreme court, 590  
justice of the supreme court, United States senator, 591  
representative to congress, state senator, state representative, 592  
judge of a court of appeals, county commissioner, county 593  
auditor, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the court of common 594  
pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county treasurer, county 595  
engineer, and coroner. The offices of governor and lieutenant 596  
governor shall be printed on the ballot in a manner that 597  
requires a voter to cast one vote jointly for the candidates who 598  
have been nominated by the same political party or petition. 599

(D) Within the rectangular space within which the title of 600  
each judicial office listed in division (C) of this section is 601

printed on the ballot and immediately below the title shall be 602  
printed the date of the commencement of the term of the office, 603  
if it is a full term, as follows: "Full term commencing 604  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_," or the date of the end of the term of the 605  
office, if it is an unexpired term, as follows: "Unexpired term 606  
ending \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_" 607

(E) (1) The names of all candidates for an office shall be 608  
arranged in a group under the title of that office, and, except 609  
for absentee ballots or when the number of candidates for a 610  
particular office is the same as the number of candidates to be 611  
elected for that office, shall be rotated from one precinct to 612  
another. On absentee ballots, the names of all candidates for an 613  
office shall be arranged in a group under the title of that 614  
office and shall be so alternated that each name shall appear, 615  
insofar as may be reasonably possible, substantially an equal 616  
number of times at the beginning, at the end, and in each 617  
intermediate place, if any, of the group in which such name 618  
belongs, unless the number of candidates for a particular office 619  
is the same as the number of candidates to be elected for that 620  
office. 621

(2) The method of printing the ballots to meet the 622  
rotation requirement of this section shall be as follows: the 623  
least common multiple of the number of names in each of the 624  
several groups of candidates shall be used, and the number of 625  
changes made in the printer's forms in printing the ballots 626  
shall correspond with that multiple. The board of elections 627  
shall number all precincts in regular serial sequence. In the 628  
first precinct, the names of the candidates in each group shall 629  
be listed in alphabetical order. In each succeeding precinct, 630  
the name in each group that is listed first in the preceding 631  
precinct shall be listed last, and the name of each candidate 632

shall be moved up one place. In each precinct using paper 633  
ballots, the printed ballots shall then be assembled in tablets. 634

(F) Under the name of each candidate nominated at a 635  
primary election, nominated by petition under section 3517.012 636  
of the Revised Code, or certified by a party committee to fill a 637  
vacancy under section 3513.31 of the Revised Code shall be 638  
printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 639  
candidate's name is printed, the name of the political party by 640  
which the candidate was nominated or certified. Under the name 641  
of each candidate appearing on the ballot who filed a nominating 642  
petition and requested a ballot designation as a nonparty 643  
candidate under section 3513.257 of the Revised Code shall be 644  
printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 645  
candidate's name is printed, the designation of "nonparty 646  
candidate." Under the name of each candidate appearing on the 647  
ballot who filed a nominating petition and requested a ballot 648  
designation as an other-party candidate under section 3513.257 649  
of the Revised Code shall be printed, in less prominent type 650  
face than that in which the candidate's name is printed, the 651  
designation of "other-party candidate." No designation shall 652  
appear under the name of a candidate appearing on the ballot who 653  
filed a nominating petition and requested that no ballot 654  
designation appear under the candidate's name under section 655  
3513.257 of the Revised Code, or who filed a nominating petition 656  
and failed to request a ballot designation either as a nonparty 657  
candidate or as an other-party candidate under that section. 658

(G) Except as provided in this section, no words, 659  
designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or the 660  
candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the method 661  
by which the candidate was nominated or certified, shall be 662  
printed under or after a candidate's name that is printed on the 663

ballot. 664

**Sec. 3505.33.** When the board of elections has completed 665  
the canvass of the election returns from the precincts in its 666  
county, in which electors were entitled to vote at any general 667  
or special election, it shall determine and declare the results 668  
of the elections determined by the electors of such county or of 669  
a district or subdivision within such county. If more than the 670  
number of candidates to be elected to an office received the 671  
largest and an equal number of votes, such tie shall be resolved 672  
by lot by the chairperson of the board in the presence of a 673  
majority of the members of the board. Such declaration shall be 674  
in writing and shall be signed by at least a majority of the 675  
members of the board. It shall bear the date of the day upon 676  
which it is made, and a copy thereof shall be posted by the 677  
board in a conspicuous place in its office. The board shall keep 678  
such copy posted for a period of at least five days. 679

Thereupon the board shall promptly certify abstracts of 680  
the results of such elections within its county, in such forms 681  
as the secretary of state prescribes. Such forms shall be 682  
designated and shall contain abstracts as follows: 683

Form No. 1. An abstract of the votes cast for the office 684  
of president and vice-president of the United States. 685

Form No. 2. An abstract of the votes cast for the office 686  
of governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor 687  
of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax 688  
commissioner, chief justice of the supreme court of Ohio, judge 689  
of the supreme court of Ohio, member of the senate of the 690  
congress of the United States, member at large of the house of 691  
representatives of the congress of the United States, district 692  
member of the house of representatives of the congress of the 693

United States, and an abstract of the votes cast upon each 694  
question or issue submitted at such election to electors 695  
throughout the entire state. 696

Form No. 3. An abstract of the votes cast for the office 697  
of member of the senate of the general assembly, and member of 698  
the house of representatives of the general assembly. 699

Form No. 4. A report of the votes cast for judge of the 700  
court of appeals, judge of the court of common pleas, judge of 701  
the probate court, judge of the county court, county 702  
commissioner, county auditor, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the 703  
court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county 704  
treasurer, county engineer, and coroner. 705

Form No. 5. A report of the votes cast upon all questions 706  
and issues other than such questions and issues which were 707  
submitted to electors throughout the entire state. 708

Form No. 6. A report of the votes cast for municipal 709  
offices, judge of the municipal court, township offices, and the 710  
office of member of a board of education. 711

One copy of each of these forms shall be kept in the 712  
office of the board. One copy of each of these forms shall 713  
promptly be sent to the secretary of state, who shall place the 714  
records contained in forms No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 6 715  
in electronic format. One copy of Form No. 2 shall promptly be 716  
sent by electronic mail to the president of the senate of the 717  
general assembly. The board shall also at once upon completion 718  
of the official count send a certified copy of that part of each 719  
of the forms which pertains to an election in which only 720  
electors of a district comprised of more than one county but 721  
less than all of the counties of the state voted to the board of 722

the most populous county in such district. It shall also at once 723  
upon completion of the official count send a certified copy of 724  
that part of each of the forms which pertains to an election in 725  
which only electors of a subdivision located partly within the 726  
county voted to the board of the county in which the major 727  
portion of the population of such subdivision is located. 728

If, after certifying and sending abstracts and parts 729  
thereof, a board finds that any such abstract or part thereof is 730  
incorrect, it shall promptly prepare, certify, and send a 731  
corrected abstract or part thereof to take the place of each 732  
incorrect abstract or part thereof theretofore certified and 733  
sent. 734

**Sec. 3505.35.** (A) When the secretary of state has received 735  
from the board of elections of every county in the state Form 736  
No. 2, as provided for in section 3505.33 of the Revised Code, 737  
the secretary of state shall promptly fix the time and place for 738  
the canvass of such abstracts, and the time fixed shall not be 739  
later than ten days after such abstracts have been received by 740  
the secretary of state from all counties. The secretary of state 741  
shall notify the governor, auditor of state, attorney general, 742  
tax commissioner, and the chairperson of the state central 743  
committee of each political party of the time and place fixed. 744  
At such time and in the presence of such of the persons so 745  
notified who attend, the secretary of state shall canvass the 746  
abstracts contained in said Form No. 2 and shall determine and 747  
declare the results of all elections in which electors 748  
throughout the entire state voted. If two or more candidates for 749  
election to the same office, or two or more sets of joint 750  
candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, receive the 751  
largest and an equal number of votes, such tie shall be resolved 752  
by lot by the secretary of state. Such declaration of results by 753

the secretary of state shall be in writing and shall be signed 754  
by the secretary of state. It shall bear the date of the day 755  
upon which it is made, and a copy thereof shall be posted by the 756  
secretary of state in a conspicuous place in the secretary of 757  
state's office. The secretary of state shall keep such copy 758  
posted for a period of at least five days. 759

Such declaration of results made by the secretary of 760  
state, insofar as it pertains to the offices of governor and 761  
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 762  
treasurer of state, ~~and~~ attorney general, and tax commissioner, 763  
is only for the purpose of fixing the time of the commencement 764  
of the period of time within which applications for recounts of 765  
votes may be filed as provided by section 3515.02 of the Revised 766  
Code. 767

(B) When the secretary of state has received from the 768  
board of elections of every county in the state Form No. 4 and 769  
Form No. 6, as provided in section 3505.33 of the Revised Code, 770  
the secretary of state shall promptly transmit by electronic 771  
mail or other telecommunication device a copy of each form to 772  
the administrative director of the supreme court. 773

**Sec. 3513.052.** (A) No person shall seek nomination or 774  
election to any of the following offices or positions at the 775  
same election by filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, 776  
a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 777  
nominating petition, or by becoming a candidate through party 778  
nomination in a primary election, or by the filling of a vacancy 779  
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code: 780

(1) Two or more state offices; 781

(2) Two or more county offices; 782

(3) A state office and a county office;	783
(4) A federal office and a state or county office;	784
(5) Any combination of two or more municipal or township offices, positions as a member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or positions as a member of a governing board of an educational service center.	785 786 787 788
(B) The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for:	789 790 791 792 793 794 795 796 797 798
(1) Any federal, state, or county office, if the declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or nominating petition is for a state or county office;	799 800 801 802
(2) Any municipal or township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center, if the declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center.	803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810
(C) (1) If the secretary of state determines, before the	811

day of the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination 812  
to more than one office at that election in violation of 813  
division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall do 814  
one of the following: 815

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 816  
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 817  
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the 818  
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 819  
county. The board then shall determine the date on which the 820  
person first sought to become a candidate for each of those 821  
offices by filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of 822  
intent to be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy 823  
under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote 824  
promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each 825  
office for which the person sought to become a candidate after 826  
the date on which the person first sought to become a candidate 827  
for any of those offices. If the board determines that the 828  
person sought to become a candidate for more than one of those 829  
offices on the same date, the board shall vote promptly to 830  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 831  
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 832  
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order 833  
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 834

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 835  
seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 836  
district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 837  
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 838  
secretary of state shall determine the date on which the person 839  
first sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by 840  
filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to 841  
be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under 842

section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state 843  
shall order the board of elections of each county in which the 844  
person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that 845  
person as a candidate for each office for which the person 846  
sought to become a candidate after the date on which the person 847  
first sought to become a candidate for any of those offices. If 848  
the secretary of state determines that the person sought to 849  
become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 850  
same date, the secretary of state shall order the board of 851  
elections of each county in which the person is seeking to 852  
appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate 853  
for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the 854  
highest office for which that person seeks nomination, according 855  
to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the 856  
Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote 857  
promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance 858  
with the order of the secretary of state. 859

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 860  
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 861  
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the 862  
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 863  
county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that 864  
person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 865  
office. 866

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 867  
seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 868  
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 869  
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 870  
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 871  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 872  
not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 873

vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 874  
accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 875

(2) If a board of elections determines, before the day of 876  
the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination to 877  
more than one office at that election in violation of division 878  
(A) of this section, the board shall do one of the following: 879

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 880  
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within that 881  
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board 882  
shall determine the date on which the person first sought to 883  
become a candidate for each of those offices by filing a 884  
declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 885  
write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 886  
3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote promptly to 887  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office for which 888  
the person sought to become a candidate after the date on which 889  
the person first sought to become a candidate for any of those 890  
offices. If the board determines that the person sought to 891  
become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 892  
same date, the board shall vote promptly to disqualify that 893  
person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on 894  
the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks 895  
nomination, according to the ballot order prescribed under 896  
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 897

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 898  
seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 899  
district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 900  
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 901  
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 902  
state then shall determine the date on which the person first 903

sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by filing 904  
a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 905  
write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 906  
3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state shall order 907  
the board of elections of each county in which the person is 908  
seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a 909  
candidate for each office for which the person sought to become 910  
a candidate after the date on which the person first sought to 911  
become a candidate for any of those offices. If the secretary of 912  
state determines that the person sought to become a candidate 913  
for more than one of those offices on the same date, the 914  
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 915  
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 916  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 917  
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 918  
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order 919  
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board 920  
of elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the 921  
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the 922  
secretary of state. 923

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 924  
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 925  
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board 926  
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 927  
each office that is not a federal office. 928

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 929  
seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 930  
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 931  
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 932  
state then shall order the board of elections of each county in 933  
which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 934

disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 935  
not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 936  
vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 937  
accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 938

(D) (1) If the secretary of state determines, after the day 939  
of the primary election and before the day of the general 940  
election, that a person is seeking election to more than one 941  
office at that election in violation of division (A) of this 942  
section, the secretary of state shall do one of the following: 943

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 944  
which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single 945  
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the 946  
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 947  
county. The board then shall determine the offices for which the 948  
person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The board 949  
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 950  
each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest 951  
office for which that person seeks election, according to the 952  
ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised 953  
Code. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and 954  
has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board 955  
shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office 956  
that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for 957  
which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order 958  
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 959

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 960  
seeking election is a state office or an office with a district 961  
larger than a single county and none of the offices for which 962  
the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 963  
secretary of state shall promptly investigate and determine the 964

offices for which the person seeks to appear as a candidate on 965  
the ballot. The secretary of state shall order the board of 966  
elections of each county in which the person is seeking to 967  
appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate 968  
for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the 969  
highest office for which that person seeks election, according 970  
to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the 971  
Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote 972  
promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance 973  
with the order of the secretary of state. If the person sought 974  
nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a 975  
certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that 976  
certificate for that person for any office that would be listed 977  
on the ballot below the highest office for which that person 978  
seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under 979  
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 980

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 981  
which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single 982  
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the 983  
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 984  
county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that 985  
person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 986  
office. If the person sought nomination at a primary election 987  
and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the 988  
board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any 989  
office that is not a federal office. 990

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 991  
seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for 992  
which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 993  
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 994  
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 995

disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 996  
not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 997  
vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 998  
accordance with the order of the secretary of state. If the 999  
person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet 1000  
been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not 1001  
issue that certificate for that person for any office that is 1002  
not a federal office. 1003

(2) If a board of elections determines, after the day of 1004  
the primary election and before the day of the general election, 1005  
that a person is seeking election to more than one office at 1006  
that election in violation of division (A) of this section, the 1007  
board of elections shall do one of the following: 1008

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 1009  
which the person is seeking election is wholly within that 1010  
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board 1011  
shall determine the offices for which the person seeks to appear 1012  
as a candidate on the ballot. The board shall vote promptly to 1013  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 1014  
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 1015  
person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed 1016  
under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. If the person sought 1017  
nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a 1018  
certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that 1019  
certificate for that person for any office that would be listed 1020  
on the ballot below the highest office for which that person 1021  
seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under 1022  
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 1023

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 1024  
seeking election is a state office or an office with a district 1025

larger than a single county and none of the offices for which 1026  
the person is seeking election is a federal office, the board 1027  
shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of state 1028  
promptly shall investigate and determine the offices for which 1029  
the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The 1030  
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 1031  
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 1032  
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 1033  
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 1034  
person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed 1035  
under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board of 1036  
elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the 1037  
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the 1038  
secretary of state. If the person sought nomination at a primary 1039  
election and has not yet been issued a certificate of 1040  
nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that 1041  
person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below 1042  
the highest office for which that person seeks election, 1043  
according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 1044  
of the Revised Code. 1045

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 1046  
which the person is seeking election is wholly within that 1047  
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board 1048  
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 1049  
each office that is not a federal office. If the person sought 1050  
nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a 1051  
certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that 1052  
certificate for that person for any office that is not a federal 1053  
office. 1054

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 1055  
seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for 1056

which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 1057  
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 1058  
state shall order the board of elections of each county in which 1059  
the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that 1060  
person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 1061  
office. Each board of elections so notified shall vote promptly 1062  
to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance with the 1063  
order of the secretary of state. If the person sought nomination 1064  
at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate 1065  
of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for 1066  
that person for any office that is not a federal office. 1067

(E) When a person is disqualified as a candidate under 1068  
division (C) or (D) of this section, on or before the seventieth 1069  
day before the day of the applicable election, the board of 1070  
elections shall remove the person's name from the ballot for any 1071  
office for which that person has been disqualified as a 1072  
candidate according to the directions of the secretary of state. 1073  
When a person is disqualified as a candidate under division (C) 1074  
or (D) of this section after the seventieth day before the day 1075  
of the applicable election, the board of elections shall not 1076  
remove the person's name from the ballot for any office for 1077  
which that person has been disqualified as a candidate. The 1078  
board of elections shall post a notice at each polling location 1079  
on the day of the applicable election, and shall enclose with 1080  
each absent voter's ballot given or mailed after the candidate 1081  
is disqualified, a notice that votes for the person for the 1082  
office for which the person has been disqualified as a candidate 1083  
will be void and will not be counted. If the name is not removed 1084  
from the ballots before the day of the election, the votes for 1085  
the disqualified candidate are void and shall not be counted. 1086

(F) Any vacancy created by the disqualification of a 1087

person as a candidate under division (C) or (D) of this section 1088  
may be filled in the manner provided for in sections 3513.30 and 1089  
3513.31 of the Revised Code. 1090

(G) Nothing in this section or section 3513.04, 3513.041, 1091  
3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, or 1092  
3513.261 of the Revised Code prohibits, and the secretary of 1093  
state or a board of elections shall not disqualify, a person 1094  
from being a candidate for an office, if that person timely 1095  
withdraws as a candidate for any offices specified in division 1096  
(A) of this section for which that person first sought to become 1097  
a candidate by filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, a 1098  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 1099  
nominating petition, by party nomination in a primary election, 1100  
or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 1101  
of the Revised Code. 1102

(H) As used in this section: 1103

(1) "State office" means the offices of governor, 1104  
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 1105  
treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, member 1106  
of the general assembly, chief justice of the supreme court, and 1107  
justice of the supreme court. 1108

(2) "Timely withdraws" means either of the following: 1109

(a) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable 1110  
deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy, declaration of 1111  
intent to be a write-in candidate, or nominating petition for 1112  
the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become 1113  
a candidate at the same election; 1114

(b) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable 1115  
deadline for the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 1116

3513.31 of the Revised Code, if the person is seeking to become 1117  
a candidate for a subsequent office at the same election under 1118  
either of those sections. 1119

**Sec. 3513.10.** (A) At the time of filing a declaration of 1120  
candidacy for nomination for any office, or a declaration of 1121  
intent to be a write-in candidate, each candidate, except joint 1122  
candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, shall pay a fee 1123  
as follows: 1124  
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A	For statewide office	\$100
B	For court of appeals judge	\$50
C	For court of common pleas judge	\$50
D	For county court judge	\$50
E	For municipal court judge	\$50
F	For district office, including member of the United States house of representatives and member of the general assembly	\$50
G	For county office	\$50
H	For city office	\$20
I	For village office	\$10
J	For township office	\$10
K	For member of local, city, or exempted village	\$10

board of education or educational service center  
governing board

At the time of filing a declaration of candidacy or a 1126  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the offices 1127  
of governor and lieutenant governor, the joint candidates shall 1128  
jointly pay to the secretary of state a fee of one hundred 1129  
dollars. 1130

(B) (1) At the same time the fee required under division 1131  
(A) of this section is paid, each candidate shall pay an 1132  
additional fee as follows: 1133  
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A	For the joint candidates for governor and lieutenant governor	\$50
B	For statewide office	\$50
C	For district office, including member of the United States house of representatives and member of the general assembly	\$35
D	For member of state board of education	\$35
E	For court of appeals judge	\$30
F	For court of common pleas judge	\$30
G	For county court judge	\$30
H	For municipal court judge	\$30

I	For county office	\$30
J	For city office	\$25
K	For village office	\$20
L	For township office	\$20
M	For member of local, city, or exempted village board of education or educational service center governing board	\$20

(2) Whoever seeks to propose a ballot question or issue to  
be submitted to the electors shall pay the following fee at the  
time the petition proposing the question or issue is filed:

(a) If the question or issue is to be submitted to the  
electors throughout the entire state, twenty-five dollars;

(b) If the question or issue is to be submitted to the  
electors of a county or of a district that consists of all or  
part of two or more counties but less than the entire state,  
fifteen dollars;

(c) If the question or issue is to be submitted to the  
electors of a city, twelve dollars and fifty cents;

(d) If the question or issue is to be submitted to the  
electors of a village, a township, a local, city, county, or  
exempted village school district, a precinct, or another  
district consisting of less than an entire county, ten dollars.

(C) No fee shall be required of candidates filing for the  
office of delegate or alternate to the national convention of  
political parties, member of the state central committee of a

political party, or member of the county central committee of a 1153  
political party. 1154

(D) All fees required under division (A) of this section 1155  
immediately shall be paid by the officer receiving them into the 1156  
state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund, in the 1157  
case of fees received by the secretary of state, and into the 1158  
county treasury to the credit of the county general fund, in the 1159  
case of fees received by a board of elections. 1160

(E) The officer who receives a fee required under division 1161  
(B) of this section immediately shall pay the fee to the credit 1162  
of the Ohio election integrity commission fund created under 1163  
section 111.29 of the Revised Code. 1164

(F) (1) In no case shall a fee paid under this section be 1165  
returned to a candidate. 1166

(2) Whenever a section of law refers to a filing fee to be 1167  
paid by a candidate or by a committee proposing a ballot 1168  
question or issue to be submitted to the electors, that fee 1169  
includes the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) of this 1170  
section. 1171

(G) As used in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 1172  
"statewide office" means the office of secretary of state, 1173  
auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax 1174  
commissioner, justice and chief justice of the supreme court, 1175  
and member of the United States senate. 1176

**Sec. 3517.092.** (A) As used in this section: 1177

(1) "Appointing authority" has the same meaning as in 1178  
section 124.01 of the Revised Code. 1179

(2) "State elected officer" means any person appointed or 1180

elected to a state elective office. 1181

(3) "State elective office" means any of the offices of 1182  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1183  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 1184  
member of the general assembly, and justice and chief justice of 1185  
the supreme court. 1186

(4) "Contribution" includes a contribution to any 1187  
political party, campaign committee, political action committee, 1188  
political contributing entity, or legislative campaign fund. 1189

(B) (1) No state elected officer, no campaign committee of 1190  
such an officer, no employee of the state elected officer's 1191  
office, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit a 1192  
contribution to a state elected officer or to such an officer's 1193  
campaign committee, and no state elected officer and no campaign 1194  
committee of such an officer shall accept a contribution, from 1195  
any of the following: 1196

(a) A state employee whose appointing authority is the 1197  
state elected officer; 1198

(b) A state employee whose appointing authority is 1199  
authorized or required by law to be appointed by the state 1200  
elected officer; 1201

(c) A state employee who functions in or is employed in or 1202  
by the same public agency, department, division, or office as 1203  
the state elected officer. 1204

(2) No candidate for a state elective office, no campaign 1205  
committee of such a candidate, no employee of the candidate's 1206  
office if the candidate is a state elected officer or an elected 1207  
officer of a political subdivision of the state, and no other 1208  
person or entity shall knowingly solicit a contribution to a 1209

candidate for a state elective office or to such a candidate's 1210  
campaign committee, and no candidate for a state elective office 1211  
and no campaign committee of such a candidate shall accept a 1212  
contribution, from any of the following: 1213

(a) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, 1214  
whose appointing authority will be the candidate, if elected; 1215

(b) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, 1216  
whose appointing authority will be appointed by the candidate, 1217  
if elected, as authorized or required by law; 1218

(c) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, who 1219  
will function in or be employed in or by the same public agency, 1220  
department, division, or office as the candidate, if elected. 1221

(C) (1) No elected officer of a political subdivision of 1222  
the state, no campaign committee of such an officer, no employee 1223  
of such an officer's office, and no other person or entity shall 1224  
knowingly solicit a contribution to an elected officer of a 1225  
political subdivision of the state or to such an officer's 1226  
campaign committee from any of the following: 1227

(a) An employee of that political subdivision whose 1228  
appointing authority is that elected officer; 1229

(b) An employee of that political subdivision whose 1230  
appointing authority is authorized or required by law to be 1231  
appointed by that elected officer; 1232

(c) An employee of that political subdivision who 1233  
functions in or is employed in or by the same public agency, 1234  
department, division, or office as that elected officer. 1235

(2) No candidate for an elective office of a political 1236  
subdivision of the state, no campaign committee of such a 1237

candidate, no employee of the candidate's office if the 1238  
candidate is a state elected officer or elected officer of a 1239  
political subdivision of the state, and no other person or 1240  
entity shall knowingly solicit a contribution to a candidate for 1241  
an elective office of a political subdivision of the state or to 1242  
such a candidate's campaign committee from any of the following: 1243

(a) An employee of that political subdivision at the time 1244  
of the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be the 1245  
candidate, if elected; 1246

(b) An employee of that political subdivision at the time 1247  
of the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be 1248  
appointed by the candidate, if elected, as authorized or 1249  
required by law; 1250

(c) An employee of that political subdivision at the time 1251  
of the solicitation, who will function in or be employed in or 1252  
by the same public agency, department, division, or office as 1253  
the candidate, if elected. 1254

(D) (1) No public employee shall solicit a contribution 1255  
from any person while the public employee is performing the 1256  
public employee's official duties or in those areas of a public 1257  
building where official business is transacted or conducted. 1258

(2) No person shall solicit a contribution from any public 1259  
employee while the public employee is performing the public 1260  
employee's official duties or is in those areas of a public 1261  
building where official business is transacted or conducted. 1262

(3) As used in division (D) of this section, "public 1263  
employee" does not include any person holding an elective 1264  
office. 1265

(E) The prohibitions in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of 1266

this section are in addition to the prohibitions in sections 1267  
124.57, 3304.22, and 4503.032 of the Revised Code. 1268

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 1269  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 1270  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 1271  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 1272  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 1273  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 1274  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 1275  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 1276  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 1277  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 1278  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 1279  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 1280  
the following dates: 1281

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 1282  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 1283  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 1284  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 1285  
before the election; 1286

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 1287  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 1288  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 1289  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 1290  
day before the filing of the statement; 1291

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 1292  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1293  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1294  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1295  
the last day of December of the previous year; 1296

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 1297  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 1298  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 1299  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 1300  
day of June of that year. 1301

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 1302  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 1303  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 1304  
committee's candidate. 1305

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 1306  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 1307  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1308  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 1309  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 1310  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 1311  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 1312  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 1313  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 1314

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 1315  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 1316  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 1317  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 1318  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 1319  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 1320  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 1321  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 1322  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 1323  
days before the general election. 1324

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 1325  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 1326

required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 1327  
this section. 1328

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 1329  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 1330  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1331  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 1332  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 1333  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 1334  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 1335  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1336  
party, or political contributing entity. 1337

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1338  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 1339  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 1340  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 1341  
(A) (4) of this section. 1342

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 1343  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 1344  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 1345  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 1346  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 1347  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 1348  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 1349  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 1350  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 1351

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 1352  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 1353  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 1354  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 1355  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1356

fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 1357  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 1358  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 1359  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 1360  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1361  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 1362

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 1363  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 1364  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1365  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 1366  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 1367  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 1368  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 1369  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 1370  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 1371  
under this section and made under penalty of election 1372  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 1373  
this section, as applicable. 1374

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 1375  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 1376  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 1377  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 1378  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 1379  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 1380  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 1381  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 1382  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 1383  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 1384  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 1385  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 1386  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 1387

state, ~~or~~ attorney general, or tax commissioner receives a 1388  
contribution from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount 1389  
of contributions received from that contributor during that 1390  
period to equal or exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the 1391  
campaign committee of a candidate for the office of chief 1392  
justice or justice of the supreme court receives a contribution 1393  
from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of 1394  
contributions received from that contributor during that period 1395  
to exceed ten thousand dollars, the campaign committee shall 1396  
file a two-business-day statement reflecting that contribution. 1397  
Contributions reported on a two-business-day statement required 1398  
to be filed by a campaign committee of a statewide candidate in 1399  
a primary election shall also be included in the postprimary 1400  
election statement required to be filed by that campaign 1401  
committee under division (A) (2) of this section. A two-business- 1402  
day statement required by this paragraph shall be filed not 1403  
later than two business days after receipt of the contribution. 1404  
The statements required by this paragraph shall be filed in 1405  
addition to any other statements required by this section. 1406

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1407  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1408  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 1409  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 1410  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1411  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 1412  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 1413  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 1414  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 1415  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 1416  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 1417  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 1418

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If a campaign committee or political action committee has 1420  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 1421  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 1422  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 1423  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 1424  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 1425  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 1426  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 1427  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 1428  
previously filed statement. 1429

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 1430  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 1431  
section shall contain the following information: 1432

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 1433  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1434  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 1435  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 1436  
and expenditure statement; 1437

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 1438  
candidate's full name and address; 1439

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 1440  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 1441  
(1) of this section. 1442

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 1443  
a general, primary, or special election; 1444

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 1445  
include the following information: 1446

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 1447

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 1448  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1449  
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 1450  
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 1451  
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 1452  
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 1453  
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 1454  
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 1455  
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 1456  
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 1457  
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 1458  
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 1459  
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 1460

(ii) If a political action committee, political 1461  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 1462  
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 1463  
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 1464  
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 1465  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 1466  
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 1467  
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 1468  
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 1469  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 1470

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 1471  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 1472  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 1473  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 1474  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 1475  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 1476

(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 1477  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 1478  
of which the employees are members, if any. 1479

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 1480  
than money; 1481

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 1482

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 1483  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 1484  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 1485  
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 1486  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 1487  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 1488  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 1489  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 1490  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 1491  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 1492  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 1493  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 1494  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 1495  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 1496  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 1497  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 1498  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 1499  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 1500  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 1501  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 1502  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 1503  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 1504  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 1505  
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 1506

a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 1507  
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 1508  
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 1509  
address of any members who paid those dues. 1510

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 1511  
separately from all other contributions. The information 1512  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 1513  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 1514  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 1515

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 1516  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 1517  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 1518  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 1519  
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 1520  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 1521  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 1522  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 1523  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 1524  
this division: 1525

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 1526  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 1527

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 1528  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 1529  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 1530  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 1531  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 1532  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 1533

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 1534  
following information: 1535

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure;	1536
(b) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this section;	1537 1538 1539 1540 1541 1542
(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;	1543 1544
(d) The amount of each expenditure.	1545
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	1546 1547 1548 1549 1550 1551 1552 1553 1554 1555 1556 1557
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	1558 1559 1560 1561 1562
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each	1563 1564

contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 1565  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 1566  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 1567  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 1568

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 1569  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 1570  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 1571  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 1572  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 1573  
division (A) (2) of this section. 1574

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 1575  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 1576  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 1577  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 1578  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 1579  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 1580  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 1581  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 1582  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 1583  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 1584  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 1585  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 1586  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 1587  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 1588  
national convention or conference of a political party. 1589

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 1590  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 1591  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1592  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 1593  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 1594

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 1595  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 1596  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 1597  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 1598  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 1599  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 1600  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 1601  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 1602  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 1603  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 1604  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 1605  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 1606  
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 1607  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 1608  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 1609  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 1610  
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 1611  
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 1612  
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 1613  
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 1614  
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 1615  
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 1616  
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 1617  
in that format. 1618

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 1619  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 1620  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 1621  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 1622  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 1623  
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 1624  
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 1625

disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 1626  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 1627  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 1628  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 1629  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 1630  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 1631  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 1632  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 1633  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 1634  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 1635  
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 1636  
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 1637  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1638  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 1639  
appropriate. 1640

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 1641  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 1642  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 1643  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 1644  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 1645

(D) (1) (a) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 1646  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 1647  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1648  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 1649  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 1650  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 1651  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 1652  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1653  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 1654  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 1655  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1656

party, or political contributing entity is required to file 1657  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 1658  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 1659  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 1660  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 1661  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 1662  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 1663  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 1664  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 1665  
number to each political action committee that files a 1666  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 1667  
division if the political action committee is required by 1668  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 1669  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 1670  
state. 1671

(b) The secretary of state shall not accept for filing a 1672  
designation of treasurer of a political action committee or 1673  
political contributing entity if, in the opinion of the 1674  
secretary of state, the name of the political action committee 1675  
or political contributing entity would lead a reasonable person 1676  
to believe that the political action committee or political 1677  
contributing entity acts on behalf of or represents a county 1678  
political party, unless the designation is accompanied by a 1679  
written statement, signed by the chairperson of the county 1680  
political party's executive committee, granting the political 1681  
action committee or political contributing entity permission to 1682  
act on behalf of or represent the county political party. 1683

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 1684  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 1685  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 1686

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 1687  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 1688  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 1689  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 1690  
campaign committee. 1691

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 1692  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 1693  
separate from all other funds. 1694

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 1695  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 1696  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 1697  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 1698  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 1699  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 1700  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 1701  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 1702  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 1703  
candidate fund. 1704

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 1705  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 1706  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 1707  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 1708  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 1709  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 1710  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 1711  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 1712  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 1713  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 1714  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 1715  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 1716

member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 1717  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 1718

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 1719  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 1720  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 1721  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 1722  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 1723  
(4) of this section. 1724

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 1725  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 1726  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 1727  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 1728  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 1729  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 1730  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 1731

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1732  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 1733  
following: 1734

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 1735  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 1736  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 1737  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 1738  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 1739  
of the Revised Code; 1740

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 1741  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1742  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1743  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 1744  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 1745

the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 1746  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1747  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 1748  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 1749  
of transmission. 1750

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 1751  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 1752  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1753  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1754  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1755  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 1756

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 1757  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 1758  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 1759  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 1760  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 1761  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 1762

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 1763  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 1764  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 1765  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 1766  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 1767  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1768

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 1769  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 1770

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 1771  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 1772  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 1773  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 1774

in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 1775  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 1776  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 1777  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 1778  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 1779  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 1780  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1781

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 1782  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 1783  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 1784  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 1785  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 1786  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 1787  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 1788  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 1789  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 1790  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 1791  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 1792

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 1793  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 1794  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 1795  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 1796  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 1797  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 1798  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 1799  
written request for the information required under division (B) 1800  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 1801  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 1802  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 1803

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 1804

make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 1805  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 1806  
assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section. 1807

(F) As used in this section: 1808

(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 1809  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 1810  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 1811  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 1812  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 1813  
post-office box. 1814

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 1815  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 1816  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 1817  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 1818  
highway name and number. 1819

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 1820  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1821  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 1822  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 1823  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 1824  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1825  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 1826  
to that address. 1827

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 1828  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 1829  
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 1830  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 1831  
committee: 1832

(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this 1833

section; 1834

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 1835  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 1836  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 1837

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 1838  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 1839  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 1840  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 1841  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 1842  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 1843  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 1844  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1845  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 1846  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 1847  
box number. 1848

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 1849  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 1850  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 1851  
treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, chief 1852  
justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1853

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 1854  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 1855  
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 1856  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 1857  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 1858

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1859  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1860  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1861  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1862

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(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1864  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1865  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1866  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1867  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1868  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1869  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1870  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1871  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1872  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1873  
combined reporting periods. 1874

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1875  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1876  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1877  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1878  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1879  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1880  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1881  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1882  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1883  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1884  
election periods. 1885

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1886  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1887  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1888  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1889  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1890  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1891  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1892

its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1893  
candidates. 1894

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1895  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1896  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1897  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1898

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1899  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1900  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1901  
member making the contribution. 1902

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1903  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1904  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1905  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1906  
following: 1907

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1908  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1909  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1910  
the partners, owners, or members; or 1911

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1912  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1913  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1914  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1915  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1916  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1917  
the contribution. 1918

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1919  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1920  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 1921

section.	1922
(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be accepted from any funds of the partnership or other unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section.	1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928
(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the partnership or other unincorporated business.	1929 1930 1931
(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.	1932 1933 1934 1935 1936
(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a candidate or holds office.	1937 1938 1939
(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any candidate for member of a board of education or the campaign committee of any candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate attesting that the committee will not accept contributions during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two thousand dollars from all contributors and	1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950

one hundred dollars from any one individual, and that the 1951  
campaign committee will not make expenditures during an election 1952  
period that exceed in the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1953

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1954  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1955  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1956  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1957  
be a write-in candidate. 1958

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1959  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1960  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1961  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1962

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1963  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1964  
limitations described in that division during an election 1965  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1966  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1967  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1968  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1969  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1970  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1971  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1972  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1973  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1974  
write-in candidate. 1975

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1976  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1977  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1978  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1979  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1980

nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1981  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1982  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1983

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1984  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1985  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1986  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1987  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1988  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1989  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1990  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1991  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1992  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1993  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1994  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1995  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1996  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1997  
receives from all other contributors. 1998

**Sec. 3517.102.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1999  
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 2000  
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 2001

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 2002  
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 2003  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2004  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 2005  
member of the general assembly, chief justice of the supreme 2006  
court, and justice of the supreme court. 2007

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 2008  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2009  
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 2010

of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney	2011
general, <u>tax commissioner</u> , chief justice of the supreme court,	2012
or justice of the supreme court.	2013
(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of	2014
state senator.	2015
(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of	2016
state representative.	2017
(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on	2018
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period	2019
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised	2020
Code and ends on the day of the primary election.	2021
(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election	2022
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately	2023
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an	2024
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on	2025
the thirty-first day of December following that general	2026
election.	2027
(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund	2028
established by a state or county political party under division	2029
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2030
(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement	2031
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised	2032
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general	2033
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by	2034
legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even-	2035
numbered year.	2036
(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required	2037
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section	2038
3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2039

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 2040  
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 2041

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 2042  
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 2043  
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 2044  
member of the general assembly. 2045

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 2046  
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 2047  
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 2048  
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 2049  
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 2050

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 2051  
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 2052  
following: 2053

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 2054  
member of the same party that established the legislative 2055  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 2056  
campaign fund is associated; 2057

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 2058  
member of the same party that established the legislative 2059  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 2060  
campaign fund is associated. 2061

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 2062  
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 2063  
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 2064  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 2065  
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 2066  
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 2067  
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 2068

committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 2069  
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 2070

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 2071  
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 2072  
than: 2073

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2074  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 2075  
general election period; 2076

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2077  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 2078  
general election period; 2079

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 2080  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 2081  
general election period; 2082

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 2083  
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 2084  
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 2085  
year; 2086

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 2087  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 2088

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 2089  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 2090

(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 2091  
committee in a calendar year; 2092

(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political 2093  
contributing entity in a calendar year. 2094

(b) No individual shall make a contribution or 2095

contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political 2096  
party of any county other than the county in which the 2097  
individual's designated Ohio residence is located. 2098

(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall 2099  
make any contribution. 2100

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2101  
political action committee shall make a contribution or 2102  
contributions aggregating more than: 2103

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2104  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 2105  
general election period; 2106

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2107  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 2108  
general election period; 2109

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 2110  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 2111  
general election period; 2112

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 2113  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 2114

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 2115  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 2116

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action 2117  
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 2118  
year. This division does not apply to a political action 2119  
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 2120  
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 2121  
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 2122  
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 2123

political contributing entity if they are both established, 2124  
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 2125  
corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing 2126  
association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 2127  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 2128  
organization, continuing association, or other person. 2129

(b) No political action committee shall make a 2130  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 2131  
the party's state candidate fund. 2132

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 2133  
contributions aggregating more than: 2134

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2135  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 2136  
general election period; 2137

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2138  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 2139  
general election period; 2140

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2141  
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 2142  
election period; 2143

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 2144  
committee in a calendar year; 2145

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing 2146  
entity in a calendar year. 2147

(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 2148  
political party shall make a contribution or contributions 2149  
aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political 2150  
action committee or to any one political contributing entity in 2151

a calendar year.	2152
(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.	2153 2154
(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:	2155 2156 2157 2158
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	2159 2160
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	2161 2162
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	2163 2164
(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:	2165 2166 2167
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county.	2168 2169
(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the population of that county at the time the contribution is made.	2170 2171 2172
(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party shall make a contribution or contributions, except a contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign committee, in a primary election period or a general election period, aggregating more than:	2173 2174 2175 2176 2177
(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign	2178

committee of any one statewide candidate;	2179
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;	2180 2181
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.	2182 2183
(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a designated state campaign committee in a primary election period or in a general election period aggregating more than:	2184 2185 2186 2187 2188
(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate;	2189 2190
(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;	2191 2192
(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.	2193 2194
(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating more than:	2195 2196 2197 2198
(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;	2199 2200 2201
(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.	2202 2203 2204
(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this	2205

section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 2206  
does not include any in-kind contributions. 2207

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 2208  
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 2209  
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 2210  
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 2211  
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 2212  
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 2213  
any primary election period or general election period. 2214

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 2215  
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 2216  
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 2217

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2218  
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 2219  
contributions aggregating more than: 2220

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2221  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 2222  
general election period; 2223

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 2224  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 2225  
general election period; 2226

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 2227  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 2228  
general election period; 2229

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 2230  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 2231

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 2232  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 2233

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political 2234  
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a 2235  
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political 2236  
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political 2237  
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated 2238  
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing 2239  
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity 2240  
or with a political action committee if they are both 2241  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they 2242  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 2243  
continuing association, or other person, including any parent, 2244  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 2245  
organization, labor organization, continuing association, or 2246  
other person. 2247

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a 2248  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 2249  
the party's state candidate fund. 2250

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 2251  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the 2252  
following: 2253

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2254  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2255

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2256  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2257  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2258  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 2259  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2260  
in a general election period; 2261

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2262

more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 2263  
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 2264  
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 2265

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2266  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2267  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2268  
a general election period from a county political party that has 2269  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2270  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2271

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 2272  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 2273  
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 2274  
following: 2275

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2276  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2277

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2278  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2279  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2280  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 2281  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 2282  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2283  
in a general election period. 2284

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 2285  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2286  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2287  
a general election period from a county political party that has 2288  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2289  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2290

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 2291

except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 2292  
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 2293

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2294  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2295

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2296  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 2297  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2298  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 2299  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 2300  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 2301  
in a general election period. 2302

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 2303  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 2304  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 2305  
a general election period from a county political party that has 2306  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 2307  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 2308

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 2309  
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 2310  
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 2311  
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 2312  
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 2313  
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 2314  
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 2315  
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 2316  
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 2317

(ii) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no county 2318  
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 2319  
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 2320

designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 2321  
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 2322  
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 2323  
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 2324  
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 2325  
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 2326  
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 2327  
committee or any political contributing entity. 2328

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 2329  
contribution or contributions from any other county political 2330  
party. 2331

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 2332  
political party shall do either of the following: 2333

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2334  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2335

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 2336  
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 2337  
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 2338  
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 2339  
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 2340  
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 2341  
a calendar year. 2342

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no 2343  
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 2344

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 2345  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 2346

(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 2347  
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who 2348  
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action 2349

committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 2350  
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state 2351  
campaign committee, in a calendar year. 2352

(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept 2353  
a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 2354  
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a 2355  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 2356

(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 2357  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate; 2358

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 2359  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 2360

(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 2361  
committee of a house candidate. 2362

(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a 2363  
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a 2364  
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than: 2365

(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 2366  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in 2367  
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 2368

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 2369  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, 2370  
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 2371

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2372  
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 2373  
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 2374  
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 2375  
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 2376  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 2377

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	2378
campaign committee of a senate candidate;	2379
(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign	2380
committee of a house candidate.	2381
(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no	2382
political action committee and no political contributing entity	2383
shall do either of the following:	2384
(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from	2385
any individual who is under seven years of age;	2386
(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	2387
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is	2388
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or	2389
from any one political party in a calendar year.	2390
(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no	2391
political action committee shall accept a contribution or	2392
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from	2393
another political action committee or from a political	2394
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D)	2395
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall	2396
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten	2397
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or	2398
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This	2399
division does not apply to a political action committee or	2400
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a	2401
political action committee or political contributing entity	2402
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political	2403
action committee is affiliated with another political action	2404
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are	2405
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the	2406

same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing 2407  
association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 2408  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 2409  
organization, continuing association, or other person. 2410

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 2411  
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 2412  
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 2413  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 2414  
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 2415  
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 2416  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 2417  
continuing association, or other person, including any parent, 2418  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 2419  
organization, labor organization, continuing association, or 2420  
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 2421  
from a single political action committee. 2422

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 2423  
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 2424  
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 2425  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 2426  
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 2427  
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 2428  
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 2429  
organization, continuing association, or other person, including 2430  
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 2431  
corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing 2432  
association, or other person, are considered to have been made 2433  
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 2434

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 2435  
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 2436

does not include a political action committee that is organized 2437  
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 2438  
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 2439  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2440  
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 2441  
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 2442  
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 2443  
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 2444  
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 2445  
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 2446  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 2447  
committee, or political contributing entity. 2448

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 2449  
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 2450  
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 2451  
national political party, a state political party, and a county 2452  
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 2453  
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 2454  
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 2455

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 2456  
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 2457  
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 2458  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 2459  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 2460  
fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 2461

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 2462  
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 2463  
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 2464  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 2465  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2466

shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 2467  
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 2468  
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 2469  
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 2470  
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 2471  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 2472  
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 2473  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 2474  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 2475  
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 2476  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 2477  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2478  
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 2479  
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 2480  
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2481  
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 2482  
of state considers necessary. 2483

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 2484  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 2485  
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 2486  
any of the following: 2487

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 2488  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 2489  
election integrity commission fund created by section 111.29 of 2490  
the Revised Code; 2491

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 2492  
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 2493  
all or part of their contributions; 2494

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 2495  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 2496

described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 2497

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 2498  
statement required by division (E) of this section. 2499

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 2500  
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 2501  
section. 2502

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 2503  
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 2504  
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 2505

**Sec. 3517.103.** (A) For purposes of this section: 2506

(1) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 2507  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 2508  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 2509  
treasurer of state, ~~or~~ attorney general, or tax commissioner. 2510

(2) (a) "Personal funds" means contributions to the 2511  
campaign committee of a candidate by the candidate. 2512

(b) A loan obtained by, guaranteed by, or for the benefit 2513  
of a statewide candidate, senate candidate, or house candidate 2514  
shall be considered "personal funds" subject to the provisions 2515  
of this section to the extent that the loan is obtained or 2516  
guaranteed by the candidate. A loan that is obtained or 2517  
guaranteed and that is for the benefit of a statewide candidate, 2518  
senate candidate, or house candidate shall not be considered 2519  
"personal funds" for the purposes of this section but shall be 2520  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purposes of this 2521  
chapter if the loan is obtained or guaranteed by anyone other 2522  
than the candidate. 2523

(c) When a debt or other obligation incurred by a 2524

committee or by a candidate on behalf of the candidate's 2525  
committee is to be paid from "personal funds," those funds are 2526  
considered to be expended when the debt or other obligation is 2527  
incurred, regardless of when it is paid. 2528

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 2529  
this section, no statewide candidate or candidate for the office 2530  
of member of the general assembly shall make an expenditure of 2531  
personal funds to influence the results of an election for that 2532  
candidate's nomination or election to office unless the personal 2533  
funds are first deposited into the campaign fund of that 2534  
candidate's campaign committee. 2535

(2) A statewide candidate or candidate for the office of 2536  
member of the general assembly may make an expenditure of 2537  
personal funds without first depositing those funds into the 2538  
campaign committee's funds as long as the aggregate total of 2539  
those expenditures does not exceed five hundred dollars at any 2540  
time during an election period. After the candidate's campaign 2541  
committee reimburses the candidate for any direct expenditure of 2542  
personal funds, the amount that was reimbursed is no longer 2543  
included in the aggregate total of expenditures of personal 2544  
funds subject to the five-hundred-dollar limit. 2545

**Sec. 3517.104.** (A) In January of each odd-numbered year, 2546  
the secretary of state, in accordance with this division and 2547  
division (B) of this section, shall adjust each amount specified 2548  
in section 3517.102, in division (B) (4) (e) of section 3517.10, 2549  
and in division (B) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code. The 2550  
adjustment shall be based on the yearly average of the previous 2551  
two years of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or 2552  
its successive equivalent, as determined by the United States 2553  
department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or its 2554

successor in responsibility, for all items, Series A. Using the 2555  
1996 yearly average as the base year, the secretary of state 2556  
shall compare the most current average consumer price index with 2557  
that determined in the preceding odd-numbered year, and shall 2558  
determine the percentage increase or decrease. The percentage 2559  
increase or decrease shall be multiplied by the actual dollar 2560  
figure for each office or entity specified in section 3517.102 2561  
of the Revised Code and by each actual dollar figure specified 2562  
in division (B) (4) (e) of section 3517.10 and in division (B) of 2563  
section 3517.101 of the Revised Code as determined in the 2564  
previous odd-numbered year, and the product shall be added to or 2565  
subtracted from its corresponding actual dollar figure, as 2566  
necessary, for that previous odd-numbered year. 2567

The resulting amount shall be rounded to the nearest 2568  
twenty-five dollars if the calculations are made regarding the 2569  
amounts specified in division (B) (4) (e) of section 3517.10 of 2570  
the Revised Code. 2571

If the calculations are made regarding the amounts 2572  
specified in section 3517.101 or 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 2573  
the resulting amount shall not be rounded. If that resulting 2574  
amount is less than one hundred dollars, the secretary of state 2575  
shall retain a record of the resulting amount and the manner in 2576  
which it was calculated, but shall not make an adjustment unless 2577  
the resulting amount, when added to the resulting amount 2578  
calculated in each prior odd-numbered year since the last 2579  
adjustment was made, equals or exceeds one hundred dollars. 2580

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall calculate the 2581  
adjustment under division (A) of this section and shall report 2582  
the calculations and necessary materials to the auditor of 2583  
state, on or before the thirty-first day of January of each odd- 2584

numbered year. The secretary of state shall base the adjustment 2585  
on the most current consumer price index that is described in 2586  
division (A) of this section and that is in effect as of the 2587  
first day of January of each odd-numbered year. 2588

(2) The calculations made by the secretary of state under 2589  
divisions (A) and (B) (1) of this section shall be certified by 2590  
the auditor of state on or before the fifteenth day of February 2591  
of each odd-numbered year. 2592

(3) On or before the twenty-fifth day of February of each 2593  
odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall prepare a report 2594  
setting forth the maximum contribution limitations under section 2595  
3517.102 of the Revised Code, the maximum amounts, if any, of 2596  
contributions permitted to be kept under that section, the 2597  
amounts required under division (B) (4) (e) of section 3517.10 of 2598  
the Revised Code for reporting contributions and in-kind 2599  
contributions at social or fund-raising activities and 2600  
contributions from amounts deducted from an employee's wages and 2601  
salary, and the maximum office facility gift limitations under 2602  
section 3517.101 of the Revised Code, as calculated and 2603  
certified pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) (1) and (2) of this 2604  
section. The report and all documents relating to the 2605  
calculations contained in the report are public records. The 2606  
report shall contain an indication of the period in which the 2607  
limitations, the maximum contribution or gift amounts, and the 2608  
reporting amounts apply, a summary of how the limitations, the 2609  
maximum contribution or gift amounts, and the reporting amounts 2610  
were calculated, and a statement that the report and all related 2611  
documents are available for inspection and copying at the office 2612  
of the secretary of state. 2613

(4) On or before the twenty-fifth day of February of each 2614

odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall transmit the 2615  
report to the general assembly and shall send the report by mail 2616  
to the board of elections of each county. 2617

(5) The secretary of state shall send the report by mail 2618  
to each person who files a declaration of candidacy or 2619  
nominating petition with the secretary of state for the office 2620  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2621  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 2622  
chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme 2623  
court. The report shall be mailed on or before the tenth day 2624  
after the filing. 2625

(6) A board of elections shall send the report by mail to 2626  
each person who files a declaration of candidacy or nominating 2627  
petition with the board for the office of state representative 2628  
or state senator. The report shall be mailed on or before the 2629  
tenth day after the filing. 2630

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 2631

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 2632  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2633  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 2634  
chief justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme 2635  
court. 2636

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 2637  
other correction to that statement. 2638

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 2639  
following information on computer: 2640

(1) The information contained in statements of 2641  
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 2642  
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 2643

statements of independent expenditures required to be filed 2644  
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 2645  
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 2646  
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 2647

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 2648  
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 2649  
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 2650

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 2651  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 2652  
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 2653

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 2654  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 2655  
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 2656

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 2657  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 2658  
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 2659

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 2660  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 2661  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 2662  
parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor 2663  
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other 2664  
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by 2665  
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news 2666  
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 2667  
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 2668  
state's method of storing the information contained in the 2669  
statements. 2670

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 2671  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 2672

available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 2673  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 2674  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 2675  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 2676  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 2677

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 2678  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 2679  
least six years. 2680

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 2681  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 2682  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 2683  
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 2684  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2685  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 2686  
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 2687  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 2688  
transmission, as applicable: 2689

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 2690  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2691  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 2692  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 2693  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 2694  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 2695  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 2696  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 2697  
transmission. 2698

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2699  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2700  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 2701  
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2702

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

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

to the office of the secretary of state. 2733

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 2734  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 2735  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 2736

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 2737  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 2738  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 2739  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 2740  
to the board of elections. 2741

(h) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 2742  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 2743  
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 2744  
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 2745  
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 2746  
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 2747  
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 2748  
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 2749  
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 2750  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 2751

(i) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 2752  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 2753  
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 2754  
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 2755  
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 2756  
statement specified in that division by electronic means of 2757  
transmission to the board of elections. 2758

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 2759  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 2760  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 2761

receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 2762  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 2763  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 2764  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 2765  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 2766  
received the addendum or amended statement. 2767

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 2768  
of this section, within five business days after a statement 2769  
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 2770  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 2771  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 2772  
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 2773  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 2774  
statement. 2775

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 2776  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 2777  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 2778  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 2779  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 2780  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 2781  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 2782  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 2783  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 2784  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 2785  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 2786  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 2787  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 2788  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 2789  
office. 2790

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 2791

transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 2792  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 2793  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 2794  
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 2795  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 2796  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 2797  
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 2798  
statement. 2799

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 2800  
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 2801  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 2802  
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 2803  
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 2804  
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 2805  
section. 2806

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 2807  
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 2808  
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 2809  
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 2810  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 2811  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 2812  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 2813  
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 2814  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 2815  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 2816  
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 2817

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 2818  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 2819  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 2820  
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 2821

statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 2822  
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 2823  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 2824  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 2825  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2826  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2827  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2828  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2829  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2830  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2831  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2832  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2833  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2834  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2835  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2836  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2837

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2838

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2839

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2840  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2841  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2842

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2843  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2844  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2845  
electronic signature is invalidated. 2846

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2847  
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2848  
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2849  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2850

disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2851  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2852  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2853  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2854  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2855  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2856  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2857  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2858  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2859  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2860  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2861  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2862  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2863  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2864  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2865  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2866

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2867  
information available online to the public by any means that are 2868  
searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2869

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2870  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2871  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2872  
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2873  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2874  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2875  
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2876  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2877

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2878  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2879  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2880

all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2881  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2882  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2883

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2884  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2885

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2886  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2887

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2888  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2889

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2890  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2891  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2892  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2893  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2894  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2895  
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2896

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2897  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2898  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2899  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2900  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2901  
public. 2902

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2903  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2904  
transmission pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 2905  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2906  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2907  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2908  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2909

statements may be filed. 2910

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2911  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2912  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2913  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2914  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2915  
that is accessible to the public. 2916

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2917  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2918  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2919  
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 2920  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2921  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2922  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2923  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2924  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2925  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2926  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2927  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2928  
legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 2929  
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2930  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2931  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2932  
failed to so file: 2933

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2934  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2935  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 2936  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2937  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2938  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2939

means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2940  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2941

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2942  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2943  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 2944  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2945  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2946  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2947  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2948  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2949  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2950  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2951

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2952  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2953  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 2954  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2955  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2956  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2957  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2958  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2959  
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 2960

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2961  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2962  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2963  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2964  
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2965  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2966  
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2967  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2968  
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2969

with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2970  
provide for all of the following: 2971

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2972  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2973  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2974  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2975  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2976  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2977  
statement. 2978

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2979  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2980  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2981  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2982  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2983  
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2984  
section. 2985

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2986  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2987  
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2988  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2989  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2990  
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2991  
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2992

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2993  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2994  
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2995  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2996  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2997  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2998  
for the eligible campaign committee. 2999

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

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

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

process is in effect and available for use. 3031

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 3032  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 3033  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 3034  
secretary of state pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section 3035  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 3036  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 3037  
secretary of state. 3038

**Sec. 3517.108.** (A) As used in divisions (A) and (B) of 3039  
this section: 3040

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 3041  
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 3042  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3043  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 3044  
member of the general assembly, chief justice of the supreme 3045  
court, and justice of the supreme court. 3046

(2) A "general election period" begins on the day after 3047  
the primary election immediately preceding the general election 3048  
at which a candidate seeks an office specified in division (A) 3049  
(1) of this section and ends on the thirty-first day of December 3050  
following that general election. 3051

(3) A "primary election period" begins on the first day of 3052  
January of the year following the year in which the general 3053  
election was held for the office that the candidate seeks, 3054  
including any mid-term election, and ends on the day of the 3055  
primary election. 3056

(B) Whenever the campaign committee of a candidate has 3057  
unpaid debt at the end of a primary election period or at the 3058  
end of a general election period, the committee may accept 3059

additional contributions during the immediately following 3060  
election period up to the applicable limitation prescribed under 3061  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code from any individual, 3062  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3063  
other campaign committee who, during the primary or general 3064  
election period for which debt remains unpaid, has contributed 3065  
less than the contribution limitations prescribed under section 3066  
3517.102 of the Revised Code applicable to that individual, 3067  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 3068  
other campaign committee. Any additional contribution that a 3069  
campaign committee accepts under this division shall count 3070  
toward the applicable limitations prescribed under section 3071  
3517.102 of the Revised Code for that primary or general 3072  
election period at the end of which the debt remains unpaid, and 3073  
shall not count toward the applicable limitations for any other 3074  
primary or general election period if all of the following 3075  
conditions apply: 3076

(1) The campaign committee reports, on the statement 3077  
required to be filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of 3078  
the Revised Code, all debt remaining unpaid at the end of the 3079  
election period. The committee shall also file a separate 3080  
statement, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, at 3081  
the same time that the committee is required to file a statement 3082  
of contributions and expenditures under section 3517.10 of the 3083  
Revised Code. The separate statement shall include the name and 3084  
address of each contributor who makes an additional contribution 3085  
under division (B) of this section, how the contribution was 3086  
applied to pay the unpaid debt as required by division (B) (3) of 3087  
this section, and the balance of the unpaid debt after each 3088  
contribution was applied to it. 3089

(2) The additional contributions are accepted only during 3090

the primary or general election period, whichever is applicable, 3091  
immediately following the election period covered in the 3092  
statement filed under division (B)(1) of this section. 3093

(3) All additional contributions made under division (B) 3094  
of this section are used by the campaign committee that receives 3095  
them only to pay the debt of the committee reported under 3096  
division (B)(1) of this section. 3097

(4) The campaign committee maintains a separate account 3098  
for all additional contributions made under division (B) of this 3099  
section and uses moneys in that account only to pay the unpaid 3100  
debt reported under division (B)(1) of this section and to 3101  
administer the account. 3102

(5) The campaign committee stops accepting additional 3103  
contributions after funds sufficient to repay the unpaid debt 3104  
reported under division (B)(1) of this section have been raised 3105  
and promptly disposes of any contributions received that exceed 3106  
the amount of the unpaid debt by returning the excess 3107  
contributions to the contributors or by giving the excess 3108  
contributions to an organization that is exempt from federal 3109  
income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in 3110  
subsection 501(c)(3), (4), (8), (10), or (19) of the Internal 3111  
Revenue Code. 3112

**Sec. 3517.109.** (A) As used in this section: 3113

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 3114  
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 3115  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3116  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, tax commissioner, 3117  
and member of the general assembly. 3118

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 3119

the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 3120  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 3121  
treasurer of state, and attorney general. 3122

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 3123  
state senator. 3124

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 3125  
state representative. 3126

(5) "State office" means the offices of governor, 3127  
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 3128  
treasurer of state, attorney general, and member of the general 3129  
assembly. 3130

(6) "Aggregate contribution" means the total of all 3131  
contributions from a contributor during the pre-filing period. 3132

(7) "Allowable aggregate contribution" means all of the 3133  
following: 3134

(a) In the case of a contribution from a contributor whose 3135  
contributions are subject to the contribution limits described 3136  
in division (B) (1), (2), (3), (6) (a), or (7) of section 3517.102 3137  
of the Revised Code, that portion of the amount of the 3138  
contributor's aggregate contribution that does not exceed the 3139  
preprimary contribution limit applicable to that contributor. 3140

(b) In the case of a contribution or contributions from a 3141  
contributor whose contributions are not subject to the 3142  
contribution limits described in divisions (B) (1), (2), (3), (6) 3143  
(a), or (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, the total 3144  
of the following: 3145

(i) That portion of the aggregate contribution that was 3146  
received as in-kind services; 3147

- (ii) That portion of the aggregate contribution that was received as cash and does not exceed the applicable preprimary cash transfer or contribution limits described in division (B) (6) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 3148  
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- (8) "Excess aggregate contribution" means, for each contributor, the amount by which that contributor's aggregate contribution exceeds that contributor's allowable aggregate contribution. 3152  
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- (9) "Pre-filing period" means the period of time ending on the day that the candidacy petitions are due for the state office for which the candidate has filed and beginning on the latest date of the following: 3156  
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- (a) The first day of January of the year following the general election in which that state office was last on the ballot; 3160  
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- (b) The first day of January of the year following the general election in which the candidate was last a candidate for any office; 3163  
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- (c) The first day of the month following the primary election in which the candidate was last a candidate for any office. 3166  
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- (10) "Filing date" means the last date on which a candidacy petition may be filed for an office. 3169  
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- (11) "Applicable carry-in limit" means thirty-five thousand dollars if the candidate is a house candidate, one hundred thousand dollars if the candidate is a senate candidate, and two hundred thousand dollars if the candidate is a statewide candidate. 3171  
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(12) "Campaign asset" means prepaid, purchased, or donated assets available to the candidate on the date of the filing deadline for the office the candidate is seeking that will be consumed or depleted in the course of the candidate's election campaign, including, but not limited to, postage, prepaid rent for campaign headquarters, prepaid radio, television, and newspaper advertising, and other prepaid consulting and personal services.	3176 3177 3178 3179 3180 3181 3182 3183
(13) "Permitted funds" means the sum of the following:	3184
(a) The total of the allowable aggregate contribution of each contributor;	3185 3186
(b) The applicable carry-in limit.	3187
(14) "Excess funds" means the amount by which the sum of the total cash on hand and total reported campaign assets exceeds permitted funds.	3188 3189 3190
(15) "Covered candidate" means both of the following:	3191
(a) A candidate who, during the pre-filing period, accepts or has a campaign committee that accepts contributions on the candidate's behalf for the purpose of nominating or electing the candidate to any office not subject to the contribution limits prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code;	3192 3193 3194 3195 3196
(b) A person who, during the pre-filing period, accepts or has a campaign committee that accepts contributions on the person's behalf prior to the person deciding upon or announcing the office for which the person will become a candidate for nomination or election.	3197 3198 3199 3200 3201
(B) Each candidate who files for state office, not later than the filing date for that office, shall dispose of any	3202 3203

excess funds. Each covered candidate who files for state office, 3204  
not later than the filing date for that office, shall dispose of 3205  
any excess aggregate contributions. 3206

(C) Any campaign committee that is required to dispose of 3207  
excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 3208  
(B) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount or 3209  
amounts by doing any of the following: 3210

(1) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 3211  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 3212  
election integrity commission fund created under section 111.29 3213  
of the Revised Code; 3214

(2) Giving the amount to individuals who made 3215  
contributions to that campaign committee as a refund of all or 3216  
part of their contributions; 3217

(3) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt from 3218  
federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in 3219  
subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 3220

(D) (1) Subject to division (D) (2) of this section, no 3221  
candidate or covered candidate shall appear on the ballot, even 3222  
if certified to appear on the ballot, unless the candidate's or 3223  
covered candidate's campaign committee has disposed of excess 3224  
funds, excess aggregate contributions, or both as required by 3225  
divisions (B) and (C) of this section. 3226

(2) If the excess aggregate contributions accepted by a 3227  
covered candidate or a covered candidate's campaign committee 3228  
aggregate a total of less than five thousand dollars from all 3229  
contributors, that candidate shall not be prohibited from 3230  
appearing on the ballot under division (D) (1) of this section. 3231

(E) (1) The campaign committee of each candidate required 3232

to dispose of excess funds under this section shall file a 3233  
report, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, with the 3234  
official or board with which the candidate is required to file 3235  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The report 3236  
shall be filed by the seventh day following the filing deadline 3237  
for the office the candidate is seeking, shall indicate the 3238  
amount of excess funds disposed of, and shall describe the 3239  
manner in which the campaign committee disposed of the excess 3240  
amount. 3241

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 3242  
in a report filed under division (E)(1) of this section, the 3243  
campaign committee of each covered candidate required to dispose 3244  
of excess aggregate contributions under this section shall 3245  
include in that report the source and amount of each excess 3246  
aggregate contribution disposed of and shall describe the manner 3247  
in which the campaign committee disposed of the excess amount. 3248

(F)(1) Each campaign committee of a candidate who has 3249  
filed a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition for a 3250  
state office, not later than seven days after the filing date 3251  
for the office the candidate is seeking, shall file a 3252  
declaration of filing-day finances, on a form prescribed by the 3253  
secretary of state, with the official or board with which the 3254  
candidate is required to file statements under section 3517.11 3255  
of the Revised Code. 3256

(2) A declaration of filing-day finances shall list all of 3257  
the following: 3258

(a) The amount of cash on hand in the candidate's campaign 3259  
fund on the filing date for the office the candidate is seeking. 3260

(b) The value and description of all campaign assets worth 3261

five hundred dollars or more available to the candidate on the 3262  
filing date. Assets purchased by the campaign shall be valued at 3263  
actual cost, and in-kind contributions shall be valued at market 3264  
value. 3265

(c) The total of all aggregate contributions; 3266

(d) The total of all allowable aggregate contributions; 3267

(e) The applicable carry-in limit, if any. 3268

(3) In addition to the information required to be included 3269  
in a report of filing-day finances filed under division (F) (1) 3270  
of this section, the campaign committee of each covered 3271  
candidate shall include both of the following in that report: 3272

(a) The total of all excess aggregate contributions; 3273

(b) For each contributor, if any, for whom there is an 3274  
excess aggregate contribution, the name, address, aggregate 3275  
contribution, and excess aggregate contribution. 3276

(G) A campaign committee of a candidate is not required to 3277  
file a declaration of filing-day finances under division (F) of 3278  
this section if all of the following apply: 3279

(1) The campaign committee has not accepted, during the 3280  
pre-filing period, any aggregate contribution greater than the 3281  
applicable amount. 3282

(2) The campaign committee had less than the carry-in 3283  
amount in cash on hand at the beginning of the pre-filing 3284  
period. 3285

(3) The candidate files a declaration, on a form 3286  
prescribed by the secretary of state, with the official or board 3287  
with which the candidate is required to file statements under 3288

section 3517.11 of the Revised Code not later than seven days 3289  
after the filing date for the office that candidate is seeking, 3290  
stating that the candidate's campaign committee has not accepted 3291  
aggregate contributions as described in division (G)(1) of this 3292  
section and has less than the carry-in amount in cash on hand as 3293  
described in division (G)(2) of this section. 3294

**Sec. 4503.033.** (A) Annually, on or before the thirty-first 3295  
day of January, every deputy registrar shall file with the 3296  
registrar of motor vehicles on a form prescribed by the 3297  
registrar, a statement disclosing all of the following: 3298

(1) The name of the person filing the statement, and, if 3299  
applicable, of ~~his~~ the person's spouse and of members of ~~his~~ the 3300  
person's immediate family; 3301

(2) Any contribution made within the previous calendar 3302  
year by the person and, if applicable, by ~~his~~ the person's 3303  
spouse and by members of ~~his~~ the person's immediate family to 3304  
each of the following: 3305

(a) Any political party; 3306

(b) Any candidate for the office of governor, attorney 3307  
general, secretary of state, treasurer of state, auditor of 3308  
state, tax commissioner, member of the senate or house of 3309  
representatives of the general assembly, or to the campaign 3310  
committee of any such candidate. 3311

(3) The month, day, and year in which the contribution was 3312  
made; 3313

(4) The full name and address of each person, political 3314  
party, or campaign committee to which a contribution was made; 3315

(5) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 3316

(B) No person shall knowingly fail to file, on or before 3317  
the filing deadline under this section, a statement that is 3318  
required by division (A) of this section. 3319

(C) No person shall knowingly make a false statement in a 3320  
statement that is required to be filed under division (A) of 3321  
this section. 3322

(D) On and after March 2, 1994, the statement required by 3323  
division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing 3324  
fee of twenty-five dollars. If the statement required by 3325  
division (A) of this section is not filed by the date on which 3326  
it is required to be filed, the registrar of motor vehicles 3327  
shall assess a late filing fee as prescribed in division (F) of 3328  
section 102.02 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall deposit 3329  
all fees he receives under this division into the general 3330  
revenue fund of the state. 3331

(E) Not later than the date a deputy registrar is required 3332  
to file a statement under division (A) of this section, the 3333  
deputy registrar shall file a copy of the statement with the 3334  
office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall 3335  
keep the copies of all statements filed with ~~his~~ the office of 3336  
the secretary of state under this division only for the purpose 3337  
of making them available for public inspection. 3338

(F) Whoever violates division (B) of this section shall be 3339  
fined one thousand dollars. Whoever violates division (C) of 3340  
this section shall be fined ten thousand dollars. 3341

**Sec. 5703.01.** (A) There is hereby created the department 3342  
of taxation which shall be composed of the tax commissioner and 3343  
~~his~~ the tax commissioner's employees, agents, and 3344  
representatives. Such commissioner shall perform such functions, 3345

exercise such powers, and discharge such duties as are assigned 3346  
to ~~him~~ the commissioner by law. 3347

(B) The tax commissioner shall be elected beginning in the 3348  
general election of 2030, and quadrennially thereafter. The term 3349  
of office of the tax commissioner shall commence on the second 3350  
Monday of January next after the tax commissioner's election. 3351

**Section 2.** That existing sections 9.97, 101.70, 107.43, 3352  
113.40, 117.15, 121.03, 141.01, 141.011, 3505.03, 3505.33, 3353  
3505.35, 3513.052, 3513.10, 3517.092, 3517.10, 3517.102, 3354  
3517.103, 3517.104, 3517.106, 3517.108, 3517.109, 4503.033, and 3355  
5703.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 3356

**Section 3.** Any Tax Commissioner serving before the 3357  
effective date of this section may complete the Commissioner's 3358  
appointed term. The Governor shall, with the advice and consent 3359  
of the Senate, appoint a Tax Commissioner to serve as necessary 3360  
until a successor takes office following the general election in 3361  
2030. 3362