

Am. S. B. No. 293

As Passed by the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, delete "section" and insert "sections 1  
3501.01, 3503.13, 3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.18, 2  
3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20,"; after "3509.05" insert ", and 3  
3517.14 and to enact section 3503.201" 4

In line 2 of the title, delete "deadlines" and insert "law"; after 5  
"governing" insert "voter roll maintenance, provisional voting," 6

In line 3 of the title, after "ballots" insert ", and the membership 7  
of the Ohio Election Integrity Commission" 8

In line 4, delete "section" and insert "sections 3501.01, 3503.13, 9  
3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.18, 3505.181, 10  
3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20,"; after "3509.05" insert ", and 3517.14 be 11  
amended and section 3503.201" 12

In line 5, delete "amended" and insert "enacted" 13

After line 5, insert: 14

"**Sec. 3501.01.** As used in the sections of the Revised 15  
Code relating to elections and political communications: 16

(A) "General election" means the election held on the	17
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November.	18
(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held	19
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each	20
odd-numbered year.	21
(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on	22
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each	23
even-numbered year.	24
(D) "Special election" means any election other than those	25
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special	26
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first	27
Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first	28
Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the	29
Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal	30
or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except	31
that in any year in which a presidential primary election is	32
held, no special election shall be held in May, except as	33
authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on	34
the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March.	35
(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election	36
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of	37
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose	38
of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of	39
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the	40
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be	41
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each	42
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is	43
held.	44
(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary	45

election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 46  
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 47  
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 48  
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 49  
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 50  
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 51  
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 52  
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 53  
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 54  
charter. 55

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 56  
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 57  
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 58

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 59  
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 60  
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 61  
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 62  
the most recent regular state election. 63

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 64  
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 65  
following requirements: 66

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 67  
political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 68  
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 69  
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 70  
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 71  
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 72  
party for a period of four years after meeting those 73  
requirements. 74

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 75  
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 76  
division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a petition that meets the 77  
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 78

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 79  
political party until the time of the first election for 80  
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 81  
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 82  
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 83  
office of governor or president. 84

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 85  
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 86  
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 87  
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 88  
more votes than any other person received for election to that 89  
office in such precinct at such election. 90

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 91  
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 92  
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 93  
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 94  
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 95  
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 96  
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 97

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims 98  
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has 99  
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special 100  
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 101  
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 102  
Revised Code. 103

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common pleas, for member of any board of education, for municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate ballots for elections for these offices.

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be a member of a political party and who has been certified to appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special election as the nominee of a political party because the candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political party.

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on an official ballot at a general or special election to be held in this state.

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.	133
(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector may vote.	134 135 136
(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county established by the board of elections of such county within which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein may vote at the same polling place.	137 138 139 140
(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such precinct may vote.	141 142 143
(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of the Revised Code.	144 145 146
(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, city, village, or school district.	147 148
(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of the following:	149 150
(1) Secretary of state;	151
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the division of elections in the capacity of attorney, administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	152 153 154 155
(3) Director of a board of elections;	156
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	157
(5) Member of a board of elections;	158

(6) Employees of a board of elections;	159
(7) Precinct election officials;	160
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	161 162
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	163 164 165 166 167 168 169
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address, date of birth, or United States citizenship, the number of the elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card, the last four digits of the elector's social security number, or any other information required for registration. The notice shall be sent by forwardable mail, shall be accompanied by a postage prepaid, preaddressed return envelope containing a form on which the elector may verify or correct the elector's registration, and shall meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.	170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering	182 183 184 185 186 187

voters, or any other public or government office or agency that  
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary  
of state for registering voters, including the department of job  
and family services, the program administered under section  
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the  
department of ~~mental health and addiction services~~behavioral  
health, the department of developmental disabilities, the  
opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any  
other agency the secretary of state designates. "Designated  
agency" does not include public high schools and vocational  
schools, public libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the  
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42  
U.S.C.A. 1973gg.

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights  
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended.

(AA) (1) "Photo identification" means one of the following  
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and  
is not expired:

(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card,  
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor  
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of  
the Revised Code;

(b) A United States passport or passport card;

(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio  
national guard identification card, or United States department  
of veterans affairs identification card.

(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means



images of both the front and back of a document described in 216  
division (AA) (1) of this section, except that if the document is 217  
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification 218  
means an image of the passport's identification page that 219  
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other 220  
identifying information and the passport's expiration date. 221

(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued 222  
by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 223  
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to 224  
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license, 225  
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted 226  
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction 227  
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include 228  
a limited term license issued under section 4506.14 or 4507.09 229  
of the Revised Code. 230

(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by 231  
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to 232  
4507.52 of the Revised Code. 233

(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document 234  
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant 235  
for a driver's license or state identification card that 236  
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license 237  
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of 238  
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the 239  
mail. 240

(EE) (1) "Proof of citizenship" means evidence that an 241  
individual is a United States citizen, in the form of one of the 242  
following: 243

(a) The number of the individual's current Ohio driver's 244

license or state identification card, if the secretary of state 245  
verifies using information obtained from the bureau of motor 246  
vehicles that the individual has submitted documentation to the 247  
bureau that indicates that the individual is a United States 248  
citizen; 249

(b) The individual's current Ohio driver's license, state 250  
identification card, or interim identification form issued on or 251  
after April 7, 2023, or a copy of the front and back of that 252  
license, card, or form, if the license, card, or form does not 253  
include a notation designating that the individual is a 254  
noncitizen of the United States; 255

(c) The individual's birth certificate, certification of 256  
report of birth, or consular report of birth abroad, or a copy 257  
of one of those documents; 258

(d) The individual's current United States passport or 259  
passport card, a copy of the identification page of the 260  
passport, or a copy of the front and back of the passport card; 261

(e) The individual's certificate of naturalization or 262  
certificate of citizenship or a copy of one of those documents; 263

(f) The individual's I-797 notice of action for form N- 264  
565, application for replacement naturalization/citizenship 265  
document issued by United States citizenship and immigration 266  
services, if the notice indicates that the application has been 267  
approved; a copy of that notice; or an original or copy of the 268  
successor form of that notice issued by the federal agency that 269  
is responsible for fulfilling requests for replacement 270  
naturalization or citizenship documents. 271

(2) If an individual's current legal name is different 272  
from the name on the individual's proof of citizenship, the 273

individual also shall provide proof of the change of name, such 274  
as a copy of a marriage license or court order. 275

**Sec. 3503.13.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 276  
division (A) (2) of this section, voter registration forms 277  
submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration 278  
database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code 279  
are public records subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of 280  
the Revised Code. 281

(2) None of the following are subject to disclosure under 282  
division (A) (1) of this section: 283

(a) An elector's full or partial social security number, 284  
driver's license or state identification card number, telephone 285  
number, or electronic mail address; 286

(b) A confidential voter registration record, as described 287  
in section 111.44 of the Revised Code; 288

(c) The address of a designated public service worker, if 289  
the designated public service worker has submitted a redaction 290  
request to the board of elections under section 149.45 of the 291  
Revised Code; 292

(d) An elector's proof of citizenship; 293

(e) Any other information that is prohibited from being 294  
disclosed by state or federal law. 295

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 296  
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 297  
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 298  
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 299  
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 300  
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 301

Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 302  
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 303  
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 304

**Sec. 3503.151.** (A) The secretary of state, through the 305  
office of data analytics and archives, and the boards of 306  
elections shall maintain the accuracy of the statewide voter 307  
registration database in accordance with this section. 308

(B) (1) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 309  
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 310  
department of job and family services, the department of 311  
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 312  
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 313  
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 314  
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 315  
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 316  
database, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. 317  
The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 318  
department of job and family services, the department of 319  
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections 320  
shall provide that information and data to the secretary of 321  
state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary 322  
of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to 323  
the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of 324  
the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the 325  
possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no 326  
public official or employee, shall sell that information or data 327  
or use that information or data for profit. 328

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter 329  
119. of the Revised Code that establish, by mutual agreement 330  
with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the 331

information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide 332  
to the secretary of state under division (B) (1) of this section 333  
and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that 334  
information and data. 335

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 336  
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 337  
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 338  
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 339  
statewide voter registration database. Except as otherwise 340  
provided in division (C) (2) of this section, the secretary of 341  
state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the 342  
secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the 343  
state providing the data remains confidential while in the 344  
possession of the secretary of state. 345

(2) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 346  
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 347  
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 348  
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 349  
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 350  
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 351  
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 352  
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 353  
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 354  
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 355  
that receives confidential information or data under this 356  
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 357  
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 358  
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 359  
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 360  
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 361  
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 362

event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 363

(3) No person or entity that receives information or data 364  
under division (C) of this section shall sell the information or 365  
data or use the information or data for profit. 366

(D) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 367  
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 368  
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 369  
receives under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that is 370  
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 371  
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 372  
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 373  
state and federal law: 374

(1) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 375  
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 376  
registered elector appears in the database, that only 377  
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 378  
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 379  
eliminated from the database; 380

(2) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 381  
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 382  
the database; 383

(3) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 384  
are not removed in error from the database. 385

~~(E) (1)~~ (E) The secretary of state shall use the 386  
information in the statewide voter registration database and the 387  
databases of the bureau of motor vehicles and the United States 388  
social security administration to provide information to each 389  
board of elections that identifies each voter registration 390  
record in the county in which the elector's date of birth or 391

Ohio driver's license or state identification card number or the 392  
last four digits of the elector's social security number does 393  
not match the information in the database of the bureau of motor 394  
vehicles or the United States social security administration for 395  
purposes of section 3503.201 of the Revised Code. 396

(F) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under 397  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish a uniform method 398  
for addressing instances in which records contained in the 399  
statewide voter registration database do not conform with 400  
records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states 401  
described in division (B) or (C) of this section. That method 402  
shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being 403  
canceled on the sole basis that the information in the 404  
registration record does not conform to records maintained by 405  
such an agency. 406

(2) Information provided under division (B) or (C) of this 407  
section for maintenance of the statewide voter registration 408  
database shall not be used to update the name or address of a 409  
registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector 410  
shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in 411  
filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both. 412

(3) A-Except as otherwise provided in section 3503.201 of 413  
the Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a 414  
registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division 415  
~~(E) (1)~~ (F) (1) of this section to verify the accuracy of the 416  
information in the statewide voter registration database 417  
regarding that elector if that information does not conform with 418  
information provided under division (B) or (C) of this section 419  
and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to 420  
cast a regular ballot. 421

**Sec. 3503.152.** (A) The secretary of state shall conduct 422  
~~an annual review~~ reviews of the statewide voter registration 423  
database on at least a monthly basis to identify persons who 424  
~~appear are not to be~~ United States citizens, as follows by 425  
consulting the following sources: 426

~~(A) The secretary of state shall compare the information~~ 427  
~~in the statewide voter registration database with the~~ 428  
~~information~~ (1) Information the secretary of state obtains from 429  
the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.151 of the 430  
Revised Code ~~to identify any person who does all of the~~ 431  
~~following, in the following order:~~ 432

~~(1) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles~~ 433  
~~that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;~~ 434

~~(2) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change~~ 435  
~~of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state;~~ 436

~~(3) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles~~ 437  
~~that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;~~ 438

(2) The systematic alien verification for entitlements 439  
(SAVE) program, or its successor program, operated by the United 440  
States department of homeland security or its successor agency. 441

~~(B) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to~~ 442  
~~each person identified under division (A) of this section,~~ 443  
~~instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a~~ 444  
~~United States citizen or to submit a completed voter~~ 445  
~~registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The~~ 446  
~~secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration~~ 447  
~~cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to~~ 448  
~~respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in~~ 449  
~~division (C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days~~ 450



~~after the notice is sent, the secretary of state promptly shall~~ 451  
~~send the person a second notice and form.~~ 452

~~(C) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 453  
~~is sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (B) of~~ 454  
~~this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that~~ 455  
~~the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state~~ 456  
~~shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.~~ 457

~~(D) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 458  
~~was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (B) of~~ 459  
~~this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation~~ 460  
~~form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall~~ 461  
~~instruct the board of elections of the county in which the~~ 462  
~~person is registered to cancel the person's registration.~~ 463

~~(E) If a person who is sent a second notice under division~~ 464  
~~(B) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state~~ 465  
~~in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this section~~ 466  
~~not later than thirty days after the second notice is sent, the~~ 467  
~~secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney~~ 468  
~~general for further investigation and possible prosecution under~~ 469  
~~section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable~~ 470  
~~section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after~~ 471  
~~the second notice is sent, the person sends a completed voter~~ 472  
~~registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the~~ 473  
~~secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the~~ 474  
~~county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's~~ 475  
~~registration and shall notify the attorney general of the~~ 476  
~~cancellation.~~ 477

~~(F) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review~~ 478  
~~described in this section during the ninety days immediately~~ 479  
~~preceding a primary or general election for federal~~ 480

~~office.~~ Following each review conducted under this section, the  
secretary of state shall do both of the following:

(1) Send a report to each board of elections of each  
person in the county who, according to the databases described  
in division (A) of this section, is not a United States citizen.  
The board promptly shall cancel the person's voter registration  
in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code.

(2) Direct the election integrity unit to conduct a  
further investigation regarding each such person under section  
3501.055 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3503.18.** (A) (1) Not later than the last day of each  
month, the director of health shall file with the secretary of  
state the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, dates  
of death, and residences of all persons, over eighteen years of  
age, who have died within this state or another state during the  
period beginning on the date of the most recent filing and  
ending on the day before the date of the current filing. If the  
director is notified of the death of such a person after the  
director has filed the report for the period during which the  
person died, the director shall file with the secretary of state  
a supplemental report containing that information concerning the  
person not later than one month after the director is notified  
of the person's death.

(2) The secretary of state and the director of health  
shall jointly establish a secure electronic system through which  
they shall exchange the information described in division (A) (1)  
of this section regarding the death of a registered elector.

(B) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit a  
monthly report to each board of elections that identifies each

registered elector in the county who has died, based on 510  
information the secretary of state receives from the United 511  
States social security administration, from the systematic alien 512  
verification for entitlements (SAVE) program, or its successor 513  
program, operated by the United States department of homeland 514  
security or its successor agency, or from the state and 515  
territorial exchange of vital events (STEVE) administered by the 516  
national association for public health statistics and 517  
information systems. 518

(C) At least once each month, each probate judge in this 519  
state shall file with the board of elections the names and 520  
residence addresses of all persons over eighteen years of age 521  
who have been adjudicated incompetent for the purpose of voting, 522  
as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code. 523

~~(C)~~ (D) At least once each month the clerk of the court of 524  
common pleas shall file with the board the names and residence 525  
addresses of all persons who have been convicted during the 526  
previous month of crimes that would disfranchise such persons 527  
under existing laws of the state. Reports of conviction of 528  
crimes under the laws of the United States that would 529  
disfranchise an elector and that are provided to the secretary 530  
of state by any United States attorney shall be forwarded by the 531  
secretary of state to the appropriate board of elections. 532

~~(D)~~ (E) Upon receiving a report required by this section, 533  
the board of elections shall promptly cancel the registration of 534  
each elector named in the report in accordance with section 535  
3503.21 of the Revised Code. If the report contains a residence 536  
address of an elector in a county other than the county in which 537  
the board of elections is located, the director shall promptly 538  
send a copy of the report to the appropriate board of elections, 539

which shall cancel the registration in accordance with that 540  
section. 541

**Sec. 3503.19.** (A) Persons qualified to register or to 542  
change their registration because of a change of address or 543  
change of name may register or change their registration in 544  
person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at 545  
the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 546  
vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a 547  
public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a 548  
branch office established by the board of elections, or in 549  
person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the 550  
secretary of state or at the office of a board of elections. A 551  
registered elector may also change the elector's registration on 552  
election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible 553  
to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the 554  
Revised Code. 555

Any state or local office of a designated agency, a public 556  
high school or vocational school, a public library, or the 557  
office of a county treasurer shall transmit any voter 558  
registration application or change of registration form that it 559  
receives to the board of elections of the county in which the 560  
state or local office is located, within five days after 561  
receiving the voter registration application or change of 562  
registration form. The office of the registrar or any deputy 563  
registrar of motor vehicles shall transmit any electronic voter 564  
registration application or change of registration that it 565  
receives to the secretary of state within twenty-four hours 566  
after receiving it, and shall transmit any paper voter 567  
registration application or change of registration form that it 568  
receives to the board of elections of the county in which the 569  
office of the registrar or deputy registrar is located within 570

five days after receiving the voter registration application or 571  
change of registration form, as required under section 3503.11 572  
of the Revised Code. 573

An otherwise valid voter registration application that is 574  
returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 575  
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 576  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 577  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 578  
library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 579  
secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 580  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 581  
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 582  
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 583  
registration application received after that day entitles the 584  
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 585

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 586  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 587  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 588  
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 589  
registration application or change of name or change of address 590  
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 591  
identity of the state or local office that receives the 592  
registration. 593

Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that 594  
are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or 595  
to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no 596  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 597  
general election in order for the person to qualify as an 598  
elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid 599  
voter registration application that is returned by mail does not 600

bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be 601  
valid for that election if received by the office of the 602  
secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 603  
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 604  
general election. 605

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 606  
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 607  
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 608  
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 609  
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 610  
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 611  
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 612  
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 613  
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 614  
Revised Code. 615

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 616  
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 617  
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 618  
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 619  
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 620  
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 621  
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 622  
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 623  
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 624  
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 625  
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 626  
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 627

(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an 628  
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 629  
through another person to any board of elections or the office 630

of the secretary of state. 631

(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a 632  
voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that 633  
person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the 634  
office of the secretary of state. 635

(d) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 636  
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 637  
or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before an 638  
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 639  
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 640  
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 641  
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 642  
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 643  
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 644  
(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day 645  
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 646  
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 647  
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 648  
seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 649  
election. 650

(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 651  
registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 652  
statements made in the registration form shall register the 653  
applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 654  
the application, unless that application is received during the 655  
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The 656  
board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each of 657  
the following: 658

(a) The applicant's registration; 659

(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote; 660

(c) In bold type as follows: 661

"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 662  
order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo 663  
identification will still be able to vote by casting a 664  
provisional ballot." 665

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 666  
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 667  
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 668

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 669  
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 670  
correct address, it shall ~~cause the voter's name in the official~~ 671  
~~registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to~~ 672  
~~be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned~~ 673  
~~to the board~~ proceed under section 3503.201 of the Revised Code. 674

~~At the first election at which a voter whose name has been~~ 675  
~~so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to vote~~ 676  
~~by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised~~ 677  
~~Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division~~ 678  
~~(B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall~~ 679  
~~correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove~~ 680  
~~the indication that the voter's notification was returned from~~ 681  
~~that voter's name on the official registration list and on the~~ 682  
~~poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is~~ 683  
~~not counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of~~ 684  
~~section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration~~ 685  
~~shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United~~ 686  
~~States mail of the cancellation.~~ 687

~~(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid~~ 688



~~registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is  
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided  
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation  
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to  
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or  
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of  
this section in any election during the period of two federal  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice,  
the person's registration shall be canceled.~~

**Sec. 3503.201.** (A) (1) When either of the following occur,  
the board of elections shall send the elector a confirmation  
notice and, if the board's records are not already so marked,  
shall mark the elector's registration record, the official  
registration list, and the poll list or signature pollbook to  
indicate that the elector must vote by provisional ballot and  
the reason the elector must do so:

(a) The board determines that it is unable to verify an  
elector's residence address, as described in division (C) (2) of  
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code.

(b) The board receives information from the secretary of  
state under division (E) of section 3503.151 of the Revised Code  
indicating that the board must verify the elector's date of  
birth or Ohio driver's license or state identification card  
number or the last four digits of the elector's social security  
number.

(2) A confirmation notice sent to an elector under  
division (A) (1) of this section shall include both of the  
following:

(a) The information the board must verify;

(b) The manner in which the elector may provide the 718  
required information to the board before the elector next 719  
appears to vote, as described in division (B) of this section, 720  
or when casting a provisional ballot, as described in division 721  
(D) of this section. 722

(B) An elector whose registration record has been marked 723  
under division (A) of this section to indicate that the elector 724  
must cast a provisional ballot is not required to cast a 725  
provisional ballot if, before the elector next appears to vote, 726  
the elector does the following, as applicable: 727

(1) Provides a valid residence address to the board, if 728  
the board must verify the elector's residence address; 729

(2) Provides the necessary information or documentation to 730  
the board to rectify any identified mismatch between the 731  
elector's registration record and the elector's date of birth or 732  
Ohio driver's license or state identification card number or the 733  
last four digits of the elector's social security number in the 734  
database of the bureau of motor vehicles or the United States 735  
social security administration. 736

(C) When the board has verified all of the information the 737  
board is required to verify concerning an elector under division 738  
(B) of this section, the board shall correct or update the 739  
elector's registration, as applicable, and shall remove the 740  
indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot. The 741  
board shall not remove a provisional ballot indication until 742  
every piece of information that must be verified concerning the 743  
elector has been verified. 744

(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 745  
this section, at the first election at which an elector whose 746

registration record is marked to indicate that the elector must 747  
vote by provisional ballot under this section appears to vote, 748  
the elector shall vote by provisional ballot. 749

(2) In order for the elector's provisional ballot to be 750  
eligible to be counted, in addition to meeting all other 751  
requirements described in division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of 752  
the Revised Code, the elector shall provide the applicable 753  
required information as described in division (B) of this 754  
section on or attached to the provisional ballot affirmation, or 755  
shall appear in person at the office of the board within four 756  
days after the day of the election and provide that information. 757

(3) If the elector's provisional ballot is counted 758  
pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised 759  
Code and division (D) (2) of this section, the board shall 760  
correct or update the elector's registration, as applicable, and 761  
shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by 762  
provisional ballot. 763

(4) If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to 764  
division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the 765  
Revised Code or division (D) (2) of this section, the board shall 766  
cancel the elector's registration in accordance with section 767  
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 768

**Sec. 3503.21.** (A) The registration of a registered 769  
elector shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the 770  
following: 771

(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written 772  
request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on 773  
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the 774  
elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a 775

request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from	776
reregistering to vote at any time.	777
(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered	778
elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code;	779
(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified	780
copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the	781
deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the	782
administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the	783
executor of the deceased elector's will;	784
(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony	785
under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United	786
States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code;	787
(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered	788
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section	789
5122.301 of the Revised Code;	790
(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a	791
location outside the county of registration in accordance with	792
division (B) of this section;	793
(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having	794
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the	795
following:	796
(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during	797
a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include	798
two general federal elections;	799
(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least	800
once during a period of four consecutive years, which period	801
shall include two general federal elections.	802
(8) The receipt by the board of elections of a	803

cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the	804
Revised Code;	805
<u>(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a report from</u>	806
<u>the secretary of state indicating that the person is not a</u>	807
<u>United States citizen, as described in division (B) (1) of</u>	808
<u>section 3503.152 of the Revised Code;</u>	809
<u>(10) The circumstances described in division (D) (4) of</u>	810
<u>section 3503.201 of the Revised Code;</u>	811
<u>(11) The circumstances described in section 111.44 of the</u>	812
<u>Revised Code;</u>	813
<u>(12) The circumstances described in division (Q) of</u>	814
<u>section 3501.05 of the Revised Code;</u>	815
<u>(13) The circumstances described in division (C) of</u>	816
<u>section 3503.24 of the Revised Code;</u>	817
<u>(14) The determination by the board of elections that the</u>	818
<u>elector is a fictitious person;</u>	819
<u>(15) The determination by the board of elections that the</u>	820
<u>registration is a duplicate.</u>	821
(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures	822
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of	823
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting	824
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county	825
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division	826
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with	827
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may	828
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of	829
the national change of address service provided by the United	830
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so	831

prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior 832  
to the date of any primary or general election for federal 833  
office. 834

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 835  
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 836  
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 837  
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 838  
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 839  
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 840  
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 841  
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 842  
confirmation notice. 843

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 844  
canceled except as provided in this section, ~~section 111.44 of~~ 845  
~~the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised~~ 846  
~~Code, division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, or~~ 847  
~~division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code.~~ 848

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 849  
registration information to the secretary of state as required 850  
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 851  
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 852  
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 853  
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 854  
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 855  
the information to the national change of address service 856  
described in division (B) of this section and request that 857  
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 858  
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 859  
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 860  
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 861

of state receives from that service. The board shall send a  
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary  
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of  
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return  
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or  
correct the change of address information.

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in  
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second  
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or  
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of  
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or  
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later.

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to  
~~division (A) (2) or (3) of this section~~, the applicable board of  
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by  
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was  
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's  
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the  
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error,  
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the  
error.

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled ~~pursuant to~~  
~~division (A) (2) or (3) of this section~~ in error, it shall be  
restored and treated as though it were never canceled.

**Sec. 3505.18.** (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling  
place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct  
election officials the elector's full name and current address  
and provide photo identification.

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide photo identification to the precinct election officials, the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the elector provides photo identification in the form of the elector's Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or interim identification form and the photo identification includes a notation designating that the individual is a noncitizen of the United States, the election officials shall challenge the elector's right to vote under division (A) of section 3505.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full name and current address and provided photo identification, the elector shall confirm the elector's name and address by signing the elector's name at the proper place in the poll list or signature pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an elector is unable to sign the elector's name in the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the elector's name, and a precinct election official shall write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in accordance with that section.

The elector's signature in the poll list or signature



pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's signature on 921  
the elector's registration form or a digitized signature list as 922  
provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised Code, and if, in 923  
the opinion of a majority of the precinct election officials, 924  
the signatures are the signatures of the same person, the 925  
election officials shall enter the date of the election on the 926  
registration form or shall record the date by other means 927  
prescribed by the secretary of state. The validity of an 928  
attorney in fact's signature on behalf of an elector shall be 929  
determined in accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised 930  
Code. 931

If the right of the elector to vote is not then 932  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 933  
elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 934  
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 935  
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 936  
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 937  
elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 938  
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 939  
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 940  
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 941  
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 942  
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 943  
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 944  
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 945  
person who voted the ballot. 946

**Sec. 3505.181.** (A) All of the following individuals shall 947  
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 948

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 949  
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 950

to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 951  
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 952  
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 953  
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 954

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 955  
provide photo identification to the election officials; 956

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 957  
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 958  
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 959  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 960  
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 961

(4) An individual ~~whose notification of registration has~~ 962  
~~been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose~~ 963  
name in the official registration list and in the poll list or 964  
signature pollbook has been marked under ~~division (C) (2) of~~ 965  
section ~~3503.19~~ 3503.201 of the Revised Code; 966

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged 967  
under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code; 968

(6) An individual who changes the individual's name and 969  
remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name 970  
change under division (B) (1) (b) of section 3503.16 of the 971  
Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a 972  
county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the 973  
individual's name, or moves from one county to another within 974  
the state, and completes and signs the required forms and 975  
statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the 976  
Revised Code; 977

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the 978  
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is 979

not that of the person who signed that name in the registration forms. 980  
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(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot as follows: 982  
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(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot in that election. 985  
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(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this section, the individual shall complete and execute a written affirmation before an election official at the polling place stating that the individual is both of the following: 988  
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(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote; 992  
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(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 994

(3) An election official at the polling place shall transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter information contained in the written affirmation executed by the individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an appropriate local election official for verification under division (B) (4) of this section. 995  
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(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall be counted as a vote in that election. 1001  
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(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 1006  
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individual written information that states that any individual 1008  
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 1009  
the system established under division (B)(5)(b) of this section 1010  
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 1011  
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1012

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 1013  
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 1014  
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 1015  
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 1016  
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 1017  
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 1018  
established under this division also shall provide to an 1019  
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 1020  
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 1021  
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 1022  
individual's voter registration. 1023

The appropriate state or local election official shall 1024  
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 1025  
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 1026  
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 1027  
access system established under this division. The system shall 1028  
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 1029  
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1030

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 1031  
ballot, the individual provides photo identification, the 1032  
individual shall record the type of identification provided on 1033  
the provisional ballot affirmation and, if the individual 1034  
provides an Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or 1035  
interim identification document, the individual also shall write 1036  
the individual's driver's license or state identification card 1037

number on the provisional ballot affirmation. 1038

(7) (a) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be 1039  
counted when it is cast by an individual who does not have photo 1040  
identification because the individual has a religious objection 1041  
to being photographed, the individual shall complete an 1042  
affidavit of religious objection under section 3505.19 of the 1043  
Revised Code. The election officials shall attach the affidavit 1044  
to the individual's provisional ballot envelope. If the 1045  
individual does not complete the affidavit at the time of 1046  
casting the provisional ballot, the individual may appear at the 1047  
office of the board of elections within four days after the day 1048  
of the election and complete the affidavit. 1049

(b) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 1050  
when it is cast by any other individual who does not have or is 1051  
unable to provide photo identification to the election 1052  
officials, the individual who cast that ballot, within four days 1053  
after the day of the election, shall appear at the office of the 1054  
board of elections and provide photo identification. 1055

(8) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 1056  
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 1057  
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 1058  
cast that ballot, within four days after the day of that 1059  
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 1060  
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 1061  
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 1062  
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 1063

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 1064  
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 1065  
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 1066  
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 1067

address provided by the individual, an election official at the  
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that  
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the  
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct  
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible  
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional  
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of  
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong  
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of  
elections in case the individual has additional questions.

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct  
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a  
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional  
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this  
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location  
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and  
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign,  
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes  
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's  
provisional ballot affirmation:

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct  
precinct;

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the  
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote;

(c) A statement that the election official informed the  
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong  
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the  
ballot being rejected;

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the

individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 1097

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 1098  
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 1099

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 1100  
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 1101  
on the day of each election. 1102

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 1103  
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 1104

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 1105  
following: 1106

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 1107  
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 1108  
street address in the county or the range of residential street 1109  
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 1110

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 1111  
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 1112  
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 1113  
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 1114  
in the county. 1115

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 1116

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 1117  
that election; 1118

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the 1119  
hours during which polling places will be open; 1120

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a 1121  
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot; 1122

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time 1123

voters under applicable federal and state laws; 1124

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable 1125  
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an 1126  
individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how 1127  
to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 1128  
to have been violated; 1129

(f) General information on federal and state laws 1130  
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 1131  
misrepresentation. 1132

(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the 1133  
Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised 1134  
Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to 1135  
receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two 1136  
precinct election officials of different political parties. A 1137  
blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in 1138  
marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the 1139  
required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may 1140  
receive assistance on the day of an election under that section. 1141

**Sec. 3505.182.** Each individual who casts a provisional 1142  
ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall execute 1143  
a written affirmation. The form of the written affirmation shall 1144  
be printed upon the face of the provisional ballot envelope and 1145  
shall be as follows: 1146

"Provisional Ballot Affirmation 1147

(A) Clearly print your full name: \_\_\_\_\_ 1148

(B) Write your date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 1149

(C) (1) Write your current address: \_\_\_\_\_ 1150

\_\_\_\_\_ 1151



(2) Have you moved without updating your voter	1152
registration?:	1153
Yes _____ No _____	1154
If yes, write your former address: _____	1155
_____	1156
Failure to provide your former address will not cause your	1157
provisional ballot to be rejected.	1158
(D) (1) You must show photo identification to the election	1159
official that includes your name and photograph and is not	1160
expired. Check the type of photo identification you provided:	1161
_____ An Ohio driver's license or state identification	1162
card or an interim identification form issued by the Bureau of	1163
Motor Vehicles. If you showed your Ohio driver's license or	1164
state identification card or an interim identification form,	1165
write your full driver's license or state identification card	1166
number: _____	1167
_____ A United States passport or passport card;	1168
_____ A United States military identification card, Ohio	1169
national guard identification card, or United States department	1170
of veterans affairs identification card.	1171
(2) If you do not have photo identification because you	1172
have a religious objection to being photographed, complete an	1173
affidavit of religious objection. The precinct election official	1174
will attach it to the provisional ballot envelope.	1175
(3) If you did not show photo identification to the	1176
election official or complete an affidavit of religious	1177
objection, you must appear at the office of the board of	1178

elections during the four days after the election and provide 1179  
photo identification or complete an affidavit of religious 1180  
objection for your vote to be eligible to be counted. 1181

(4) ~~If Complete this section if you need to update your~~ 1182  
~~voter registration, you may provide additional information~~ 1183  
~~below. This information will not be used for ballot counting~~ 1184  
~~purposes~~ or if you need to verify the identification you used to 1185  
register to vote. If you need to verify your identification and 1186  
you do not provide the needed information on this form, you must 1187  
provide the information to the board of elections on or before 1188  
the fourth day following this election in order for your ballot 1189  
to be eligible to be counted. 1190

Write your full Ohio driver's license or state 1191  
identification card number: \_\_\_\_\_ 1192

Write the last four digits of your Social Security number: 1193  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1194

(5) If you are casting a provisional ballot because you 1195  
need to provide proof of citizenship, you must do one of the 1196  
following for your ballot to be eligible to be counted: 1197

(a) If you have already provided proof of citizenship to 1198  
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, write your full Ohio driver's 1199  
license or state identification card number above. 1200

(b) Provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections 1201  
on or before the fourth day following this election. 1202

(E) If your right to vote has been challenged, you must 1203  
provide any required additional information to the board of 1204  
elections on or before the ~~seventh~~ fourth day following this 1205  
election. 1206

(F) Sign and date the following statement:	1207
I solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the	1208
United States; that I will be at least 18 years of age at the	1209
time of the general election; that I have lived in this state	1210
for 30 days immediately preceding this election in which I am	1211
voting this ballot; that I am a registered voter in the precinct	1212
in which I am voting this provisional ballot; and that I am	1213
eligible to vote in the election in which I am voting this	1214
provisional ballot.	1215
I understand that, if the information I provide on this	1216
provisional ballot affirmation is not fully completed and	1217
correct, if the board of elections determines that I am not	1218
registered to vote, a resident of this precinct, or eligible to	1219
vote in this election, or if the board of elections determines	1220
that I have already voted in this election, my provisional	1221
ballot will not be counted. I understand that, if I am not	1222
currently registered to vote or if I am not registered at my	1223
current address or under my current name, this form will serve	1224
as an application to register to vote or update my registration	1225
for future elections, as long as I provide all of the	1226
information required to register to vote or update my	1227
registration. I further understand that knowingly providing	1228
false information is a violation of law and subjects me to	1229
possible criminal prosecution.	1230
I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification,	1231
that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my	1232
knowledge and belief.	1233
_____	1234
Signature of Voter	1235

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_____	
Date	1237
WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A	1238
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE."	1239
<u>In the case of an individual who is casting a provisional</u>	1240
<u>ballot because the individual needs to provide proof of</u>	1241
<u>citizenship, the election officials shall provide the individual</u>	1242
<u>with a copy of a list of the documents that qualify as proof of</u>	1243
<u>citizenship.</u>	1244
In addition to any information required to be included on	1245
the written affirmation, an individual casting a provisional	1246
ballot may provide additional information to the election	1247
official to assist the board of elections in determining the	1248
individual's eligibility to vote in that election, including the	1249
date and location at which the individual registered to vote, if	1250
known.	1251
If the individual provided all of the information required	1252
under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote or	1253
to update the individual's registration on the provisional	1254
ballot affirmation, the board of elections shall consider the	1255
individual's provisional ballot affirmation to also serve as a	1256
notice of change of name, change of residence, or both, or as a	1257
voter registration form, as applicable, for that individual only	1258
for the purposes of future elections.	1259
<b>Sec. 3505.183.</b> (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to	1260
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall	1261
separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the	1262
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one	1263
member of each major political party shall place the sealed	1264

provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 1265  
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 1266  
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 1267  
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 1268  
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 1269  
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 1270  
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 1271  
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 1272  
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 1273  
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 1274

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 1275  
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 1276  
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 1277  
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 1278  
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 1279  
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 1280  
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 1281  
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 1282  
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 1283  
be eligible to be counted: 1284

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 1285  
birth, and current address; 1286

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 1287  
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 1288

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 1289  
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 1290

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 1291  
in an affirmation under division (B) (1) of this section, in 1292  
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 1293

to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 1294  
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 1295  
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 1296  
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 1297  
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 1298  
during the four days after the day of the election under 1299  
~~division (B) (7) or (8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, 1300  
to assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility 1301  
to vote. 1302

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 1303  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 1304  
section and comparing the information required under division 1305  
(B) (1) of this section with the individual's information in the 1306  
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 1307  
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 1308  
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 1309  
to be counted: 1310

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 1311  
registered to vote. 1312

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 1313  
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 1314  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 1315

(c) The individual provided all of the information 1316  
required under division (B) (1) of this section in the 1317  
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 1318  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 1319

(d) One of the following applies: 1320

(i) The individual provided photo identification at the 1321  
time of casting the provisional ballot or appeared at the office 1322

of the board within four days after the day of the election and 1323  
provided photo identification. If the individual provided the 1324  
individual's Ohio driver's license or state identification card 1325  
or an interim identification form, the individual provided the 1326  
individual's driver's license number or state identification 1327  
card number and the number is not different from the 1328  
individual's driver's license number or state identification 1329  
card number contained in the statewide voter registration 1330  
database. 1331

(ii) The individual completed an affidavit of religious 1332  
objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code at the time 1333  
of casting the provisional ballot or at the office of the board 1334  
within four days after the day of the election and the affidavit 1335  
is valid under that section. 1336

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 1337  
month and day of the individual's date of birth are not 1338  
different from the day and month of the individual's date of 1339  
birth contained in the statewide voter registration database. 1340

This division does not apply to an individual's 1341  
provisional ballot if either of the following is true: 1342

(i) The individual's date of birth contained in the 1343  
statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 1344

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 1345  
least three of its members, that the individual has met all 1346  
other requirements of division (B)(3) of this section. 1347

(f) The individual's current address is not different from 1348  
the individual's address contained in the statewide voter 1349  
registration database, unless the individual indicated that the 1350  
individual is casting a provisional ballot because the 1351

individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of 1352  
address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of 1353  
the Revised Code. 1354

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 1355  
information required under division (B) (8) of section 3505.181 1356  
of the Revised Code within four days after the day of the 1357  
election. 1358

(h) If applicable, the individual provided the information 1359  
required under division (D) (2) of section 3503.201 of the 1360  
Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or within 1361  
four days after the day of the election. 1362

(i) If applicable, the individual provided proof of 1363  
citizenship on the provisional ballot affirmation or within four 1364  
days after the day of the election. 1365

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 1366  
this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 1367  
and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 1368  
this section and comparing the information required under 1369  
division (B) (1) of this section with the individual's 1370  
information in the statewide voter registration database, the 1371  
board determines that any of the following applies, the 1372  
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 1373  
shall not be counted: 1374

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 1375  
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 1376

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 1377  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 1378  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 1379



(iii) The individual did not provide all of the	1380
information required under division (B) (1) of this section in	1381
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the	1382
individual cast the provisional ballot.	1383
(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the	1384
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.	1385
(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any	1386
additional information required under division (B) (8) of section	1387
3505.181 of the Revised Code within four days after the day of	1388
the election.	1389
(vi) The individual failed to provide photo	1390
identification, to provide the individual's driver's license or	1391
state identification card number if the individual provided	1392
photo identification in the form of an Ohio driver's license or	1393
state identification card or an interim identification form, or	1394
to complete an affidavit of religious objection.	1395
(vii) The individual failed to execute an affirmation	1396
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.	1397
(viii) The individual provided photo identification in the	1398
form of an Ohio driver's license or state identification card or	1399
an interim identification form and the driver's license number	1400
or state identification card number the individual provided is	1401
different from the individual's driver's license number or state	1402
identification card number contained in the statewide voter	1403
registration database.	1404
(ix) The individual completed an affidavit of religious	1405
objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code, but the	1406
affidavit is not valid under that section.	1407

(x) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the month and day of the individual's date of birth are different from the day and month of the individual's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database.

This division does not apply to an individual's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:

(I) The individual's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the individual has met all of the requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section.

(xi) The individual's current address is different from the individual's address contained in the statewide voter registration database, unless the individual indicated that the individual is casting a provisional ballot because the individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(xii) If applicable, the individual did not provide the information required under division (D) (2) of section 3503.201 of the Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or within four days after the day of the election.

(xiii) If applicable, the individual did not provide proof of citizenship on the provisional ballot affirmation or within four days after the day of the election.

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this

section and comparing the information required under division 1436  
 (B) (1) of this section with the individual's information in the 1437  
 statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 1438  
 determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 1439  
 envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 1440  
 counted: 1441

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 1442  
 qualified or properly registered to vote; 1443

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 1444  
 eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 1445  
 which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 1446

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 1447  
 (B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 1448  
 provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 1449  
 of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 1450  
 officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 1451  
 and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 1452  
 the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 1453  
 recorded that information in another database. 1454

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 1455  
 precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 1456  
 to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 1457  
 which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 1458  
 election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 1459  
 precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 1460  
 (D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 1461  
 have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 1462  
 election official correctly completed the form described in 1463  
 division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1464

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for which the individual was eligible to vote.

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted.

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division (B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of this section for that election. Observers, as provided in section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional

ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 1495  
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 1496  
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 1497  
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 1498  
ballot. 1499

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 1500  
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 1501  
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 1502  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 1503  
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 1504  
be counted during the seven days after the day of an election. 1505

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 1506  
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 1507  
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 1508  
an individual who must provide photo identification, complete an 1509  
affidavit of religious objection, or provide additional 1510  
information to the board of elections under ~~division (B) (7) or~~ 1511  
~~(8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code for the board to 1512  
determine the individual's eligibility until the individual does 1513  
so or until the eighth day after the day of the election, 1514  
whichever is earlier. 1515

**Sec. 3505.20.** Any person offering to vote may be 1516  
challenged at the polling place by any precinct election 1517  
official. If the board of elections has ruled on the question 1518  
presented by a challenge prior to election day, its finding and 1519  
decision shall be final, and the voting location manager shall 1520  
be notified in writing. If the board has not ruled, the question 1521  
shall be determined as set forth in this section. If any person 1522  
is so challenged as unqualified to vote, the voting location 1523  
manager shall tender the person the following oath: "You do 1524

swear or affirm under penalty of election falsification that you 1525  
will fully and truly answer all of the following questions put 1526  
to you concerning your qualifications as an elector at this 1527  
election." 1528

(A) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 1529  
ground that the person is not a United States citizen, the 1530  
precinct election officials shall put the following questions: 1531

(1) Are you a citizen of the United States? 1532

(2) ~~Are you a native or naturalized citizen?~~ 1533

~~(3) Where were you born?~~ 1534

~~(4) What official documentation do~~ Do you possess to prove 1535  
proof of your United States citizenship? Please provide that 1536  
documentation. 1537

If the person offering to vote ~~claims to be a naturalized~~ 1538  
~~citizen of the United States, the person shall, before the vote~~ 1539  
~~is received, produce~~ produces proof of citizenship for 1540  
inspection of the precinct election officials ~~a certificate of~~ 1541  
~~naturalization,~~ other than the number of the person's Ohio 1542  
driver's license or state identification card, and declare 1543  
declares under oath that the person is ~~the identical person~~ 1544  
~~named in the certificate. If the person states under oath that,~~ 1545  
~~by reason of the naturalization of the person's parents or one~~ 1546  
~~of them, the person has become a citizen of the United States,~~ 1547  
~~and when or where the person's parents were naturalized, the~~ 1548  
~~certificate of naturalization need not be produced~~ the person 1549  
shall be permitted to cast a regular ballot. If the person is 1550  
unable to provide ~~a certificate of naturalization proof of~~ 1551  
citizenship, other than the number of the person's Ohio driver's 1552  
license or state identification card, on the day of the 1553

election, the precinct election officials shall provide to the 1554  
person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 1555  
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 1556  
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 1557  
board of elections determines that the voter is properly 1558  
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 1559

(B) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 1560  
ground that the person has not resided in this state for thirty 1561  
days immediately preceding the election, the precinct election 1562  
officials shall put the following questions: 1563

(1) Have you resided in this state for thirty days 1564  
immediately preceding this election? If so, where have you 1565  
resided? 1566

(2) Did you properly register to vote? 1567

(3) Can you provide some form of identification containing 1568  
your current mailing address in this precinct? Please provide 1569  
that identification. 1570

(4) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other 1571  
location in this or in any other state at this election? 1572

(5) Have you applied for an absent voter's ballot in any 1573  
state for this election? 1574

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 1575  
the person's eligibility to cast a ballot in the election, the 1576  
precinct election officials shall provide to the person, and the 1577  
person may vote, a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1578  
the Revised Code. The provisional ballot shall not be counted 1579  
unless it is properly completed and the board of elections 1580  
determines that the voter is properly registered and eligible to 1581

vote in the election.	1582
(C) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the	1583
ground that the person is not a resident of the precinct where	1584
the person offers to vote, the precinct election officials shall	1585
put the following questions:	1586
(1) Do you reside in this precinct?	1587
(2) When did you move into this precinct?	1588
(3) When you came into this precinct, did you come for a	1589
temporary purpose merely or for the purpose of making it your	1590
home?	1591
(4) What is your current mailing address?	1592
(5) Do you have some official identification containing	1593
your current address in this precinct? Please provide that	1594
identification.	1595
(6) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other	1596
location in this or in any other state at this election?	1597
(7) Have you applied for any absent voter's ballot in any	1598
state for this election?	1599
The precinct election officials shall direct an individual	1600
who is not in the appropriate polling place to the appropriate	1601
polling place. If the individual refuses to go to the	1602
appropriate polling place, or if the precinct election officials	1603
are unable to verify the person's eligibility to cast a ballot	1604
in the election, the precinct election officials shall provide	1605
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot	1606
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional	1607
ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and	1608
the board of elections determines that the voter is properly	1609



registered and eligible to vote in the election. 1610

(D) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 1611  
ground that the person is not of legal voting age, the precinct 1612  
election officials shall put the following questions: 1613

(1) Are you eighteen years of age or more? 1614

(2) What is your date of birth? 1615

(3) Do you have some official identification verifying 1616  
your age? Please provide that identification. 1617

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 1618  
the person's age and eligibility to cast a ballot in the 1619  
election, the precinct election officials shall provide to the 1620  
person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 1621  
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 1622  
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 1623  
board of elections determines that the voter is properly 1624  
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 1625

The voting location manager shall put such other questions 1626  
to the person challenged as are necessary to determine the 1627  
person's qualifications as an elector at the election. If a 1628  
person challenged refuses to answer fully any question put to 1629  
the person, is unable to answer the questions as they were 1630  
answered on the registration form by the person under whose name 1631  
the person offers to vote, or refuses to sign the person's name 1632  
or make the person's mark, or if for any other reason a majority 1633  
of the precinct election officials believes the person is not 1634  
entitled to vote, the precinct election officials shall provide 1635  
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot 1636  
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional 1637  
ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and 1638

the board of elections determines that the voter is properly 1639  
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 1640

A qualified citizen who has certified the citizen's 1641  
intention to vote for president and vice-president as provided 1642  
by Chapter 3504. of the Revised Code shall be eligible to 1643  
receive only the ballot containing presidential and vice- 1644  
presidential candidates. 1645

However, not later than the thirtieth day before the day 1646  
of an election and in accordance with section 3503.24 of the 1647  
Revised Code, any person qualified to vote may challenge the 1648  
right of any other person to be registered as a voter, or the 1649  
right to cast an absent voter's ballot, or to make application 1650  
for such ballot. Such challenge shall be made in accordance with 1651  
section 3503.24 of the Revised Code, and the board of elections 1652  
of the county in which the voting residence of the challenged 1653  
voter is situated shall make a final determination relative to 1654  
the legality of such registration or application." 1655

After line 123, insert: 1656

**"Sec. 3517.14.** (A) (1) There is in the office of the 1657  
secretary of state the Ohio election integrity commission, 1658  
consisting of the following five members: 1659

(a) A chairperson appointed by the secretary of state; 1660

(b) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of 1661  
representatives; 1662

(c) One member appointed by the minority leader of the 1663  
house of representatives; 1664

(d) One member appointed by the president of the senate; 1665

(e) One member appointed by the senate minority leader. 1666

(2) (a) Subject to division (A) (2) (b) of this section, each member of the commission shall be a registered elector to whom at least one of the following applies:

(i) The person is an attorney in good standing before the supreme court of Ohio.

(ii) The person has at least four years of work experience in election administration.

(b) At all times, at least three members of the commission shall be attorneys in good standing before the supreme court of Ohio. If, at any time that multiple appointments to the commission are made simultaneously, too few of the intended appointees are attorneys, the following appointing officials shall have priority in selecting their preferred appointees who are not attorneys, in the order stated, and the appointing officials with lower priority shall select appointees who are attorneys: the secretary of state, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the senate minority leader, and the house minority leader.

(3) The members of the commission appointed under divisions (A) (1) (a), (c), and (d) of this section shall serve initial terms of four years beginning on January 1, 2026, and the members appointed under divisions (A) (1) (b) and (e) of this section shall serve initial terms of two years beginning on January 1, 2026. Thereafter, all terms shall be four years.

(B) Each member of the commission shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the

remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office 1696  
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the 1697  
member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days 1698  
has elapsed, whichever occurs first. 1699

(C) A vacancy on the commission may be caused by death or 1700  
resignation or by removal under division (I) of this section. 1701  
Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as for the 1702  
original appointment. 1703

(D) Each member of the commission while in the performance 1704  
of the business of the commission shall be entitled to receive 1705  
compensation at the rate of twenty-five thousand dollars per 1706  
year. Members shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and 1707  
necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. 1708

(E) No member of the commission shall serve for more than 1709  
two successive terms of four years. Terms are considered 1710  
successive unless separated by a period of at least four years. 1711  
In determining a person's eligibility to be a member of the 1712  
commission, all of the following apply: 1713

(1) Time spent as a member in fulfillment of a term to 1714  
which another person was first appointed shall not be 1715  
considered, provided that a period of at least four years has 1716  
passed between the time, if any, when the person previously was 1717  
a member and the time the person is appointed to fulfill the 1718  
unexpired term. 1719

(2) A person who is appointed to serve a full term and 1720  
resigns before completing the term is considered to have served 1721  
the full term. 1722

(3) A ~~two-year~~ two-year term served under division (A) (3) 1723  
of this section is considered a full term of four years. 1724

(F) (1) No member of the Ohio election integrity commission	1725
shall do or be any of the following:	1726
(a) Hold, or be a candidate for, <del>a</del> <u>an elected public</u>	1727
office;	1728
(b) Serve on a committee supporting or opposing a	1729
candidate or ballot question or issue;	1730
(c) Be an officer of the state central committee, a county	1731
central committee, or a district, city, township, or other	1732
committee of a political party or an officer of the executive	1733
committee of the state central committee, a county central	1734
committee, or a district, city, township, or other committee of	1735
a political party;	1736
(d) Be a legislative agent as defined in section 101.70 of	1737
the Revised Code or an executive agency lobbyist as defined in	1738
section 121.60 of the Revised Code;	1739
(e) Solicit or be involved in soliciting contributions on	1740
behalf of a candidate, campaign committee, political party,	1741
<u>legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or</u>	1742
political contributing entity;	1743
(f) <del>Be in the unclassified service under section 124.11 of</del>	1744
<del>the Revised Code</del> <u>compensated for providing goods or services to a</u>	1745
<u>candidate, campaign committee, political party, legislative</u>	1746
<u>campaign fund, political action committee, or political</u>	1747
<u>contributing entity;</u>	1748
(g) Be a person or employee who is excluded from the	1749
definition of public employee pursuant to division (C) of	1750
section 4117.01 of the Revised Code.	1751
(2) No member of the commission shall make a contribution	1752

to, or for the benefit of, a campaign committee or committee in 1753  
support of or opposition to a ballot question or issue, a 1754  
political party, a legislative campaign fund, a political action 1755  
committee, or a political contributing entity. 1756

(G) (1) The commission shall meet at the call of the 1757  
chairperson or upon the written request of a majority of the 1758  
members. The meetings and hearings of the commission under 1759  
sections 3517.15 to 3517.18 of the Revised Code are subject to 1760  
section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 1761

(2) The commission shall adopt rules for its procedures in 1762  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Four of the 1763  
five members constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise provided 1764  
in this section and in sections 3517.15 to 3517.18 of the 1765  
Revised Code, no action shall be taken without the concurrence 1766  
of a majority of the members. 1767

(H) The secretary of state shall employ the technical, 1768  
professional, and clerical employees that are necessary for the 1769  
commission to carry out its duties, and the attorney general 1770  
shall provide legal counsel to the commission upon the 1771  
commission's request. 1772

(I) (1) The secretary of state, the speaker or minority 1773  
leader of the house of representatives, or the president or 1774  
minority leader of the senate may file a complaint in the 1775  
supreme court of Ohio, seeking the removal of a member of the 1776  
commission on any of the following grounds: 1777

(a) That the member does not meet the applicable 1778  
requirements of division (A) (2) of this section; 1779

(b) That the member has violated division (F) of this 1780  
section; 1781

(c) That the member has been absent from three or more 1782  
meetings of the commission in a calendar year; 1783

(d) That the member is guilty of misconduct in office, as 1784  
described in section 3.07 of the Revised Code. 1785

(2) The court shall hear a complaint filed with it under 1786  
division (I)(1) of this section on an expedited basis. If the 1787  
court determines that the charges in the complaint are true, the 1788  
court shall order the member removed from the commission, and 1789  
the seat shall be considered vacant." 1790

In line 124, delete "section" and insert "sections 3501.01, 3503.13, 1791  
3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.18, 3505.181, 1792  
3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20,"; after "3509.05" insert ", and 3517.14" 1793

In line 125, delete "is" and insert "are" 1794

After line 125, insert: 1795

**"Section 3.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 1796  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1797  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1798  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 1799  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 1800  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 1801  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 1802  
as presented in this act: 1803

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both 1804  
H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly. 1805

Section 3505.183 of the Revised Code as amended by both 1806  
H.B. 45 and H.B. 458 of the 134th General Assembly." 1807

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

**SYNOPSIS**

	1808
<b>Electors' U.S. citizenship</b>	1809
<b>R.C. 3501.01, 3503.13, 3503.152, 3503.21, 3505.18,</b>	1810
<b>3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, and 3505.20</b>	1811
Modifies the procedures the Secretary of State (SOS)	1812
currently must use to periodically review the Statewide Voter	1813
Registration Database (SWVRD) to identify apparent noncitizens.	1814
Requires those reviews to occur on at least a monthly	1815
basis instead of an annual basis.	1816
Requires the SOS to use the Systematic Alien Verification	1817
for Entitlements (SAVE) database in addition to the Bureau of	1818
Motor Vehicles (BMV) database.	1819
If the SOS determines that an elector is not a U.S.	1820
citizen, requires the board of elections promptly to cancel the	1821
elector's registration.	1822
Requires the election officials to challenge a person who	1823
appears to vote and shows an Ohio driver's license or state ID	1824
card that has a "noncitizen" notation.	1825
Requires that when the election officials challenge a	1826
person on the basis of citizenship because of a "noncitizen"	1827
notation or for any other reason, the officials must require the	1828
person to do one of the following:	1829
- Provide proof of citizenship, affirm the person's	1830
citizenship under oath, and cast a regular ballot;	1831



- Cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of	1832
citizenship by the fourth day after Election Day to have the	1833
ballot counted.	1834
<b>Elector data mismatches</b>	1835
<b>R.C. 3503.151, 3503.201, 3503.181, 3503.182, and 3503.183</b>	1836
Requires the SOS to provide information to the boards of	1837
elections regarding electors whose date of birth or Ohio	1838
driver's license or state ID card number or the last four digits	1839
of the elector's Social Security number in the SWVRD does not	1840
match the BMV database or the U.S. Social Security	1841
Administration (SSA) database.	1842
Requires the board to send each such elector a	1843
confirmation notice.	1844
Requires the elector to either provide corrected	1845
information to the board or to cast a provisional ballot the	1846
next time the elector votes and provide corrected information to	1847
have the ballot counted.	1848
<b>Cancellation of voter registration records</b>	1849
<b>R.C. 3503.18 and 3503.21</b>	1850
Requires the SOS to provide the boards with monthly	1851
reports of electors who have died based on information from the	1852
SSA database, SAVE, and the State and Territorial Exchange of	1853
Vital Events (STEVE), in addition to records obtained from the	1854
Department of Health.	1855
Requires the board to cancel an elector's registration if	1856
it determines that the elector is a fictitious person or the	1857
record is a duplicate.	1858

Requires that, any time an elector's registration is 1859  
canceled, the board must send a notice to the elector's address 1860  
and, if the cancellation is in error, requires the board to 1861  
restore the registration and treat it as though it were never 1862  
canceled. 1863

**Ohio Election Integrity Commission** 1864

**R.C. 3517.14** 1865

Eliminates a prohibition against a member of the 1866  
Commission being a public employee who is in the unclassified 1867  
service, but retains a prohibition against a member of the 1868  
Commission being a person who is exempt under the Public 1869  
Employees' Collective Bargaining Law. 1870

As a result, allows the following persons, among others, 1871  
to serve on the Commission, as long as they are not considered 1872  
supervisors, management level employees, or employees of a 1873  
public official who serve in a fiduciary capacity under the 1874  
Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law: 1875

- A person who is appointed to a public office; 1876
- A person who acts as special counsel appointed by the 1877  
Attorney General; 1878
- Certain state agency employees; 1879
- A full-time employee of a school, college, or 1880  
university. 1881

Prohibits a member of the Commission from soliciting or 1882  
being involved in soliciting contributions on behalf of a 1883  
legislative campaign fund, in addition to other political 1884  
entities as under current law. 1885

Prohibits a member of the Commission from being	1886
compensated for providing goods or services to a political	1887
entity.	1888