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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 first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November.	17 18
(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year.	19 20 21
(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.	22 23 24
(D) "Special election" means any election other than those elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except that in any year in which a presidential primary election is held, no special election shall be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March.	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of political parties and as delegates and alternates to the conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year except in years in which a presidential primary election is held.	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 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 state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a petition that meets the requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 75
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A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor political party until the time of the first election for governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the office of governor or president. 79
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(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate for election to the office of governor at the most recent regular state election at which a governor was elected received more votes than any other person received for election to that office in such precinct at such election. 85
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(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 91
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(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code. 98
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(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.	104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112
(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.	113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120
(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.	121 122 123 124 125 126
(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.	127 128 129 130
(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.	131 132

(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
(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.	162
(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.	163
(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	164
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voters, or any other public or government office or agency that	188
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary	189
of state for registering voters, including the department of job	190
and family services, the program administered under section	191
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the	192
department of mental health and addiction services <u>behavioral</u>	193
<u>health</u> , the department of developmental disabilities, the	194
opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any	195
other agency the secretary of state designates. "Designated	196
agency" does not include public high schools and vocational	197
schools, public libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.	198
(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the	199
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42	200
U.S.C.A. 1973gg.	201
(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights	202
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended.	203
(AA) (1) "Photo identification" means one of the following	204
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and	205
is not expired:	206
(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card,	207
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor	208
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of	209
the Revised Code;	210
(b) A United States passport or passport card;	211
(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio	212
national guard identification card, or United States department	213
of veterans affairs identification card.	214
(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means	215

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

<u>license or state identification card, if the secretary of state</u>	245
<u>verifies using information obtained from the bureau of motor</u>	246
<u>vehicles that the individual has submitted documentation to the</u>	247
<u>bureau that indicates that the individual is a United States</u>	248
<u>citizen;</u>	249
<u>(b) The individual's current Ohio driver's license, state</u>	250
<u>identification card, or interim identification form issued on or</u>	251
<u>after April 7, 2023, or a copy of the front and back of that</u>	252
<u>license, card, or form, if the license, card, or form does not</u>	253
<u>include a notation designating that the individual is a</u>	254
<u>noncitizen of the United States;</u>	255
<u>(c) The individual's birth certificate, certification of</u>	256
<u>report of birth, or consular report of birth abroad, or a copy</u>	257
<u>of one of those documents;</u>	258
<u>(d) The individual's current United States passport or</u>	259
<u>passport card, a copy of the identification page of the</u>	260
<u>passport, or a copy of the front and back of the passport card;</u>	261
<u>(e) The individual's certificate of naturalization or</u>	262
<u>certificate of citizenship or a copy of one of those documents;</u>	263
<u>(f) The individual's I-797 notice of action for form N-</u>	264
<u>565, application for replacement naturalization/citizenship</u>	265
<u>document issued by United States citizenship and immigration</u>	266
<u>services, if the notice indicates that the application has been</u>	267
<u>approved; a copy of that notice; or an original or copy of the</u>	268
<u>successor form of that notice issued by the federal agency that</u>	269
<u>is responsible for fulfilling requests for replacement</u>	270
<u>naturalization or citizenship documents.</u>	271
<u>(2) If an individual's current legal name is different</u>	272
<u>from the name on the individual's proof of citizenship, the</u>	273

<u>individual also shall provide proof of the change of name, such as a copy of a marriage license or court order.</u>	274
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Sec. 3503.13. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (2) of this section, voter registration forms submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code are public records subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	276
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(2) None of the following are subject to disclosure under division (A) (1) of this section:	282
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(a) An elector's full or partial social security number, driver's license or state identification card number, telephone number, or electronic mail address;	284
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(b) A confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code;	287
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(c) The address of a designated public service worker, if the designated public service worker has submitted a redaction request to the board of elections under section 149.45 of the Revised Code;	289
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(d) <u>An elector's proof of citizenship;</u>	293
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(e) <u>Any other information that is prohibited from being disclosed by state or federal law.</u>	295
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(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary of state, provided that the board includes the required voter registration information in the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the	297
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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) AExcept 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 <u>on at least a monthly basis</u> to identify persons who	424
appear are not to be United States citizens, as follows by	425
<u>consulting the following sources:</u>	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) <u>The systematic alien verification for entitlements</u>	439
<u>(SAVE) program, or its successor program, operated by the United</u>	440
<u>States department of homeland security or its successor agency.</u>	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

<u>efficee. Following each review conducted under this section, the</u>	481
<u>secretary of state shall do both of the following:</u>	482
<u> (1) Send a report to each board of elections of each</u>	483
<u> person in the county who, according to the databases described</u>	484
<u> in division (A) of this section, is not a United States citizen.</u>	485
<u> The board promptly shall cancel the person's voter registration</u>	486
<u> in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code.</u>	487
<u> (2) Direct the election integrity unit to conduct a</u>	488
<u> further investigation regarding each such person under section</u>	489
<u> 3501.055 of the Revised Code.</u>	490
Sec. 3503.18. (A) (1) Not later than the last day of each	491
month, the director of health shall file with the secretary of	492
state the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, dates	493
of death, and residences of all persons, over eighteen years of	494
age, who have died within this state or another state during the	495
period beginning on the date of the most recent filing and	496
ending on the day before the date of the current filing. If the	497
director is notified of the death of such a person after the	498
director has filed the report for the period during which the	499
person died, the director shall file with the secretary of state	500
a supplemental report containing that information concerning the	501
person not later than one month after the director is notified	502
of the person's death.	503
(2) The secretary of state and the director of health	504
shall jointly establish a secure electronic system through which	505
they shall exchange the information described in division (A) (1)	506
of this section regarding the death of a registered elector.	507
(B) <u>The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit a</u>	508
<u>monthly report to each board of elections that identifies each</u>	509

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 689
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 690
in division (C)(2) of this section and sent a confirmation 691
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to 692
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 693
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C)(2) of 694
this section in any election during the period of two federal 695
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 696
the person's registration shall be canceled. 697

Sec. 3503.201. (A) (1) When either of the following occur, 698
the board of elections shall send the elector a confirmation 699
notice and, if the board's records are not already so marked, 700
shall mark the elector's registration record, the official 701
registration list, and the poll list or signature pollbook to 702
indicate that the elector must vote by provisional ballot and 703
the reason the elector must do so: 704

(a) The board determines that it is unable to verify an 705
elector's residence address, as described in division (C)(2) of 706
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code. 707

(b) The board receives information from the secretary of 708
state under division (E) of section 3503.151 of the Revised Code 709
indicating that the board must verify the elector's date of 710
birth or Ohio driver's license or state identification card 711
number or the last four digits of the elector's social security 712
number. 713

(2) A confirmation notice sent to an elector under 714
division (A)(1) of this section shall include both of the 715
following: 716

(a) The information the board must verify; 717

(b) The manner in which the elector may provide the
required information to the board before the elector next
appears to vote, as described in division (B) of this section,
or when casting a provisional ballot, as described in division
(D) of this section. 718
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(B) An elector whose registration record has been marked
under division (A) of this section to indicate that the elector
must cast a provisional ballot is not required to cast a
provisional ballot if, before the elector next appears to vote,
the elector does the following, as applicable: 723
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(1) Provides a valid residence address to the board, if
the board must verify the elector's residence address; 728
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(2) Provides the necessary information or documentation to
the board to rectify any identified mismatch between the
elector's registration record and 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 in the
database of the bureau of motor vehicles or the United States
social security administration. 730
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(C) When the board has verified all of the information the
board is required to verify concerning an elector under division
(B) of this section, the board shall correct or update the
elector's registration, as applicable, and shall remove the
indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot. The
board shall not remove a provisional ballot indication until
every piece of information that must be verified concerning the
elector has been verified. 737
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(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of
this section, at the first election at which an elector whose 745
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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 Revised Code;	804 805
(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a report from the secretary of state indicating that the person is not a United States citizen, as described in division (B) (1) of section 3503.152 of the Revised Code;	806 807 808 809
(10) The circumstances described in division (D) (4) of section 3503.201 of the Revised Code;	810 811
(11) The circumstances described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code;	812 813
(12) The circumstances described in division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised Code;	814 815
(13) The circumstances described in division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code;	816 817
(14) The determination by the board of elections that the elector is a fictitious person;	818 819
(15) The determination by the board of elections that the registration is a duplicate.	820 821
(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting residence to a location outside the registrant's current county of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of the national change of address service provided by the United States postal system through its licensees. Any program so	822 823 824 825 826 827 828 829 830 831

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 862
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 863
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 864
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 865
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 866
correct the change of address information. 867

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 868
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 869
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 870
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 871
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 872
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 873
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 874

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 875
~~division (A) (2) or (3) of~~ this section, the applicable board of 876
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 877
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 878
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 879
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 880
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 881
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 882
error. 883

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled ~~pursuant to~~ 884
~~division (A) (2) or (3) of this section~~ in error, it shall be 885
restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 886

Sec. 3505.18. (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling 887
place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct 888
election officials the elector's full name and current address 889
and provide photo identification. 890

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide 891
photo identification to the precinct election officials, the 892
elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 893
the Revised Code. 894

(3) If the elector provides photo identification in the 895
form of the elector's Ohio driver's license, state 896
identification card, or interim identification form and the 897
photo identification includes a notation designating that the 898
individual is a noncitizen of the United States, the election 899
officials shall challenge the elector's right to vote under 900
division (A) of section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 901

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full 902
name and current address and provided photo identification, the 903
elector shall confirm the elector's name and address by signing 904
the elector's name at the proper place in the poll list or 905
signature pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for 906
any reason, an elector is unable to sign the elector's name in 907
the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector may make the 908
elector's mark at the place intended for the elector's name, and 909
a precinct election official shall write the name of the elector 910
at the proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook 911
following the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be 912
attested by the precinct election official, who shall evidence 913
the same by signing the precinct election official's name on the 914
poll list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. 915
Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting 916
pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the 917
elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in 918
accordance with that section. 919

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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 980
forms. 981

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional 982
ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to 983
cast a provisional ballot as follows: 984

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify 985
the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 986
in that election. 987

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 988
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 989
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 990
stating that the individual is both of the following: 991

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 992
individual desires to vote; 993

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 994

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 995
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 996
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 997
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 998
appropriate local election official for verification under 999
division (B) (4) of this section. 1000

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 1001
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 1002
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 1003
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 1004
be counted as a vote in that election. 1005

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 1006
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 1007

individual written information that states that any individual
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted,
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1008
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(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system
established under this division also shall provide to an
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information
explaining how that individual may contact the board of
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the
individual's voter registration. 1013
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The appropriate state or local election official shall
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protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free
access system established under this division. The system shall
permit an individual only to gain access to information about
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1024
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(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional
ballot, the individual provides photo identification, the
individual shall record the type of identification provided on
the provisional ballot affirmation and, if the individual
provides an Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or
interim identification document, the individual also shall write
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number on the provisional ballot affirmation.

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

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

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

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

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address provided by the individual, an election official at the 1068
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 1069
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 1070
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 1071
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 1072
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 1073
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 1074
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 1075
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 1076
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 1077

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 1078
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 1079
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 1080
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 1081
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 1082
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 1083
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 1084
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 1085
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 1086
provisional ballot affirmation: 1087

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 1088
precinct; 1089

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 1090
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 1091

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 1092
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 1093
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 1094
ballot being rejected; 1095

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 1096

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 federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;	1125 1126 1127 1128 1129
(f) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and misrepresentation.	1130 1131 1132
(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two precinct election officials of different political parties. A blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may receive assistance on the day of an election under that section.	1133 1134 1135 1136 1137 1138 1139 1140 1141
Sec. 3505.182. Each individual who casts a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall execute a written affirmation. The form of the written affirmation shall be printed upon the face of the provisional ballot envelope and shall be as follows:	1142 1143 1144 1145 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
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(2) Have you moved without updating your voter registration?: 1152
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Yes _____ No _____ 1154

If yes, write your former address: _____ 1155

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Failure to provide your former address will not cause your provisional ballot to be rejected. 1157
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(D) (1) You must show photo identification to the election official that includes your name and photograph and is not expired. Check the type of photo identification you provided: 1159
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_____ An Ohio driver's license or state identification card or an interim identification form issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. If you showed your Ohio driver's license or state identification card or an interim identification form, write your full driver's license or state identification card number: 1162
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_____ A United States passport or passport card; 1168

_____ A United States military identification card, Ohio national guard identification card, or United States department of veterans affairs identification card. 1169
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(2) If you do not have photo identification because you have a religious objection to being photographed, complete an affidavit of religious objection. The precinct election official will attach it to the provisional ballot envelope. 1172
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(3) If you did not show photo identification to the election official or complete an affidavit of religious objection, you must appear at the office of the board of 1176
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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 you need to update your voter registration, you may provide additional information below. This information will not be used for ballot counting purposes or if you need to verify the identification you used to register to vote. If you need to verify your identification and you do not provide the needed information on this form, you must provide the information to the board of elections on or before the fourth day following this election in order for your ballot to be eligible to be counted. 1182
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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
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(5) If you are casting a provisional ballot because you need to provide proof of citizenship, you must do one of the following for your ballot to be eligible to be counted: 1195
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(a) If you have already provided proof of citizenship to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, write your full Ohio driver's license or state identification card number above. 1198
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(b) Provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections on or before the fourth day following this election. 1201
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(E) If your right to vote has been challenged, you must provide any required additional information to the board of elections on or before the ~~seventh~~ ~~fourth~~ day following this election. 1203
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(F) Sign and date the following statement:

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I solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the
United States; that I will be at least 18 years of age at the
time of the general election; that I have lived in this state
for 30 days immediately preceding this election in which I am
voting this ballot; that I am a registered voter in the precinct
in which I am voting this provisional ballot; and that I am
eligible to vote in the election in which I am voting this
provisional ballot.

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I understand that, if the information I provide on this
provisional ballot affirmation is not fully completed and
correct, if the board of elections determines that I am not
registered to vote, a resident of this precinct, or eligible to
vote in this election, or if the board of elections determines
that I have already voted in this election, my provisional
ballot will not be counted. I understand that, if I am not
currently registered to vote or if I am not registered at my
current address or under my current name, this form will serve
as an application to register to vote or update my registration
for future elections, as long as I provide all of the
information required to register to vote or update my
registration. I further understand that knowingly providing
false information is a violation of law and subjects me to
possible criminal prosecution.

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I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification,
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<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
Sec. 3505.183. (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 address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1352
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(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional information required under division (B) (8) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code within four days after the day of the election. 1355
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(h) If applicable, the individual provided 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. 1359
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(i) If applicable, the individual provided proof of citizenship on the provisional ballot affirmation or within four days after the day of the election. 1363
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(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, 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 (B) (1) of this section with the individual's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board determines that any of the following applies, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted: 1366
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(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 1375
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(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 1377
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(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.	1408 1409 1410 1411
This division does not apply to an individual's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:	1412 1413
(I) The individual's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.	1414 1415
(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.	1416 1417 1418 1419
(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.	1420 1421 1422 1423 1424 1425 1426
(xii) <u>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.</u>	1427 1428 1429 1430
(xiii) <u>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.</u>	1431 1432 1433
(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this	1434 1435

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 1465
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 1466
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 1467
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 1468
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 1469
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 1470
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 1471
which the individual was eligible to vote. 1472

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 1473
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 1474
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 1475
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 1476
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 1477
shall not be counted. 1478

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 1479
(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 1480
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 1481
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 1482
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 1483
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 1484

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 1485
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 1486
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 1487
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 1488
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 1489
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 1490
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 1491
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 1492
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 1493
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 1494

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 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:	1667
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(i) The person is an attorney in good standing before the supreme court of Ohio.	1670
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(ii) The person has at least four years of work experience in election administration.	1672
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(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.	1674
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(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.	1685
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(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	1691
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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, <u>a—an elected public</u>	1727
<u>office;</u>	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) Be <u>in the unclassified service under section 124.11 of</u>	1744
<u>the Revised Code 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 support of or opposition to a ballot question or issue, a political party, a legislative campaign fund, a political action committee, or a political contributing entity. 1753
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(G) (1) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of a majority of the members. The meetings and hearings of the commission under sections 3517.15 to 3517.18 of the Revised Code are subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 1757
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(2) The commission shall adopt rules for its procedures in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Four of the five members constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise provided in this section and in sections 3517.15 to 3517.18 of the Revised Code, no action shall be taken without the concurrence of a majority of the members. 1762
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(H) The secretary of state shall employ the technical, professional, and clerical employees that are necessary for the commission to carry out its duties, and the attorney general shall provide legal counsel to the commission upon the commission's request. 1768
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(I) (1) The secretary of state, the speaker or minority leader of the house of representatives, or the president or minority leader of the senate may file a complaint in the supreme court of Ohio, seeking the removal of a member of the commission on any of the following grounds: 1773
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(a) That the member does not meet the applicable requirements of division (A) (2) of this section; 1778
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(b) That the member has violated division (F) of this section; 1780
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(c) That the member has been absent from three or more meetings of the commission in a calendar year;	1782 1783
(d) That the member is guilty of misconduct in office, as described in section 3.07 of the Revised Code.	1784 1785
(2) The court shall hear a complaint filed with it under division (I)(1) of this section on an expedited basis. If the court determines that the charges in the complaint are true, the court shall order the member removed from the commission, and the seat shall be considered vacant."	1786 1787 1788 1789 1790
In line 124, delete "section" and insert "sections 3501.01, 3503.13, 3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.18, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20,"; after "3509.05" insert ", and 3517.14"	1791 1792 1793
In line 125, delete "is" and insert "are"	1794
After line 125, insert:	1795
"Section 3. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:	1796 1797 1798 1799 1800 1801 1802 1803
Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly.	1804 1805
Section 3505.183 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 45 and H.B. 458 of the 134th General Assembly."	1806 1807

The motion was _____ agreed to.

<u>SYNOPSIS</u>	
Electors' U.S. citizenship	1809
R.C. 3501.01, 3503.13, 3503.152, 3503.21, 3505.18,	1810
3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, and 3505.20	1811
Modifies the procedures the Secretary of State (SOS) currently must use to periodically review the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD) to identify apparent noncitizens.	1812
Requires those reviews to occur on at least a monthly basis instead of an annual basis.	1815
Requires the SOS to use the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database in addition to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) database.	1817
If the SOS determines that an elector is not a U.S. citizen, requires the board of elections promptly to cancel the elector's registration.	1820
Requires the election officials to challenge a person who appears to vote and shows an Ohio driver's license or state ID card that has a "noncitizen" notation.	1823
Requires that when the election officials challenge a person on the basis of citizenship because of a "noncitizen" notation or for any other reason, the officials must require the person to do one of the following:	1826
- Provide proof of citizenship, affirm the person's citizenship under oath, and cast a regular ballot;	1830
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- Cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of citizenship by the fourth day after Election Day to have the ballot counted.	1832 1833 1834
Elector data mismatches	1835
R.C. 3503.151, 3503.201, 3503.181, 3503.182, and 3503.183	1836
Requires the SOS to provide information to the boards of elections regarding electors whose date of birth or Ohio driver's license or state ID card number or the last four digits of the elector's Social Security number in the SWVRD does not match the BMV database or the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) database.	1837 1838 1839 1840 1841 1842
Requires the board to send each such elector a confirmation notice.	1843 1844
Requires the elector to either provide corrected information to the board or to cast a provisional ballot the next time the elector votes and provide corrected information to have the ballot counted.	1845 1846 1847 1848
Cancellation of voter registration records	1849
R.C. 3503.18 and 3503.21	1850
Requires the SOS to provide the boards with monthly reports of electors who have died based on information from the SSA database, SAVE, and the State and Territorial Exchange of Vital Events (STEVE), in addition to records obtained from the Department of Health.	1851 1852 1853 1854 1855
Requires the board to cancel an elector's registration if it determines that the elector is a fictitious person or the record is a duplicate.	1856 1857 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 compensated for providing goods or services to a political entity.	1886
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