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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 3503.10, 1  
3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 2  
3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3  
3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 4  
3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18, 5  
to enact new section 3503.11, and to repeal 6  
sections 3503.11, 3503.29, and 3505.22 of the 7  
Revised Code to require that eligible persons in 8  
certain government and school databases be 9  
automatically registered to vote or have their 10  
registrations updated automatically unless those 11  
persons decline and to expand how a voter may 12  
register or update their registration through 13  
the online voter registration system. 14

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 3503.10, 15  
3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 16  
3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 17  
3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18 be 18

amended and new section 3503.11 of the Revised Code be enacted	19
to read as follows:	20
<b>Sec. 3501.05.</b> The secretary of state shall do all of the	21
following:	22
(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;	23
(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in	24
accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members	25
of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.	26
(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of	27
elections;	28
(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a	29
sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in	30
force;	31
(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws	32
or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;	33
(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and	34
records;	35
(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the	36
forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally	37
sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required	38
by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;	39
(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on	40
the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution	41
to be submitted to the voters of the state;	42
(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the	43
Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots	44
and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and	45

wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall 46  
appear on the ballot; 47

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I) (2) (b) of 48  
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to 49  
ballot language for any local question or issue approved and 50  
transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the 51  
Revised Code; 52

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on 53  
state questions and issues and determine and certify to the 54  
sufficiency of those petitions; 55

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are 56  
provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers 57  
necessary; 58

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the 59  
several counties of the requirements of the election laws; 60

(N) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N) (2) of 61  
this section, investigate the administration of election laws, 62  
frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and 63  
report violations of election laws to the attorney general or 64  
prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution; 65

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to 66  
comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 67  
3517.13, 3517.17, 3517.18, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 68  
3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state 69  
has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a 70  
violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a 71  
complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 72  
3517.153 of the Revised Code. 73

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the 74

results of elections, the cost of elections in the various 75  
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political 76  
subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative 77  
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable; 78

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list 79  
of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition 80  
successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 81  
to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code; 82

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 83  
Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters 84  
from the statewide voter registration database and, if 85  
applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in 86  
each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the 87  
following: 88

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed 89  
residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in 90  
compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National 91  
Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses 92  
the national change of address service provided by the United 93  
States postal system through its licensees; 94

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under 95  
section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 96

(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a 97  
voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter 98  
registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or 99  
signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason 100  
for that mark or removal. 101

(R) (1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters 102  
or updating voter registration information, such as name and 103

residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, 104  
offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high 105  
schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of 106  
county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 107  
3503.09 of the Revised Code; 108

(2) Adopt rules to implement the automatic voter 109  
registration program described in section 3503.11 of the Revised 110  
Code. 111

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter 112  
registration forms through boards of elections, designated 113  
agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of 114  
motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, 115  
public libraries, and offices of county treasurers; 116

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and 117  
upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in 118  
this state; 119

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised 120  
Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering 121  
voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the 122  
offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles 123  
consistent with this chapter; 124

(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with 125  
Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary 126  
of state to do all of the following: 127

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there 128  
is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities; 129

(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each 130  
voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the 131  
same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy 132

and independence, as for other voters;	133
(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of standards for the certification of voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment.	134 135 136
(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666, and provide training in the operation of that system;	137 138 139 140 141
(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result of any conference or teleconference call with a board of elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as is practicable after the completion of the conference or teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes place.	142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153
(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the secretary of state not later than one month after the completion of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web site in an archive format for each subsequent election.	154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter 163  
identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 164  
other voting requirements; 165

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector 166  
may make available to a board of elections a ~~more recent~~ current 167  
signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook 168  
produced by the board of elections of the county in which the 169  
elector resides; 170

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or 171  
part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of 172  
direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other 173  
means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot 174  
board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised 175  
Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible 176  
concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, 177  
or referendum; 178

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the 179  
implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 180  
Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 181  
1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of 182  
state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities 183  
for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities 184  
arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and 185  
Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National 186  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 187  
111-84, 123 Stat. 3190. 188

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 189  
to establish procedures and standards for determining when a 190  
board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight 191  
of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under 192

the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that 193  
is under official oversight to transition out of official 194  
oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of 195  
elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of 196  
state. 197

(EE) Perform other duties required by law. 198

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 199  
of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 200  
3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of 201  
representative to congress, the secretary of state shall 202  
establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline 203  
required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the 204  
following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy 205  
and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating 206  
petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of 207  
protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 208  
declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a 209  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of 210  
campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of 211  
corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; 212  
the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or 213  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the 214  
supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of 215  
elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to 216  
consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a 217  
voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to 218  
instruct or reinstruct election officers. 219

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 220  
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 221  
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 222



production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 223  
fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 224  
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 225

In any controversy involving or arising out of the 226  
adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for 227  
registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney 228  
general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court 229  
of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or 230  
in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question. 231

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the 232  
Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in 233  
issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect 234  
the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of 235  
elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of 236  
state's motion, be made a party. 237

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is 238  
hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a 239  
change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue 240  
shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common 241  
pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if 242  
there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that 243  
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of 244  
Franklin county. 245

Public high schools and vocational schools, public 246  
libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement 247  
voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of 248  
state pursuant to this section. 249

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications 250  
for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general 251

election and only if the general assembly has made an 252  
appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other 253  
circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or 254  
employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited 255  
applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals. 256

**Sec. 3503.09.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 257  
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 258  
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 259  
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 260  
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 261  
of change of name and change of residence ~~changes forms~~ for 262  
voter registration ~~records in the statewide voter registration~~ 263  
~~database.~~ 264

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 265  
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter 266  
registrations that permit information from a voter registration 267  
application received by a designated agency or an office of 268  
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available 269  
electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter 270  
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable 271  
board of elections under division (E) (2) of section 3503.10 ~~or~~ 272  
~~section 3503.11~~ of the Revised Code. 273

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall 274  
do all of the following: 275

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a 276  
designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, 277  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 278  
office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter 279  
registration database; 280

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 281  
be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 282  
before the information is added to the statewide voter 283  
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 284  
voter registration; 285

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy 286  
registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration 287  
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data 288  
relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by 289  
the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the 290  
electronic data to the original voter registration application. 291

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted 292  
to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 of the Revised 293  
Code. 294

**Sec. 3503.10.** (A) Each designated agency shall designate 295  
one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the 296  
voter registration program within the agency and its 297  
departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person 298  
shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of 299  
state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of 300  
the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by 301  
the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no 302  
additional compensation for performing such duties. 303

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and 304  
vocational school, public library, and office of a county 305  
treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations 306  
voter registration applications and assistance in the 307  
registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in 308  
accordance with this chapter. 309

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its 310  
applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter 311  
registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of 312  
state that includes all of the following: 313

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or 314  
update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for 315  
the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to 316  
register or decline to register to vote, and the statement, 317  
highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you 318  
will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at 319  
this time."; 320

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the 321  
statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to 322  
vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be 323  
provided by this agency."; 324

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out 325  
the voter registration application form, we will help you. The 326  
decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill 327  
out the application form in private."; 328

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has 329  
interfered with your right to register or to decline to register 330  
to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register 331  
or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your 332  
own political party or other political preference, you may file 333  
a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with 334  
the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number 335  
for each such official's office. 336

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter 337  
registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each 338

applicant with each application for service or assistance, and 339  
with each written application or form for recertification, 340  
renewal, or change of address. 341

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following: 342

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter 343  
registration program in order to provide to each applicant who 344  
wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same 345  
degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter 346  
registration application as is provided by the agency with 347  
regard to the completion of its own form; 348

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications, 349  
voter registration change of residence forms, and voter 350  
registration change of name forms, regardless of whether the 351  
application or form was distributed by the designated agency, 352  
for transmittal to the office of the board of elections in the 353  
county in which the agency is located. Each designated agency 354  
and the appropriate board of elections shall establish a method 355  
by which the voter registration applications and other voter 356  
registration forms are transmitted to that board of elections 357  
within five days after being accepted by the agency. 358

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily 359  
engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under 360  
a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a 361  
person with disabilities at a person's home, provide the 362  
services described in divisions (E) (1) and (2) of this section 363  
at the person's home; 364

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the 365  
secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of 366  
an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated 367

the person's voter registration records, and information 368  
relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection 369  
with a voter registration application issued by a designated 370  
agency. 371

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit 372  
written instructions on the implementation of the voter 373  
registration program within each designated agency, public high 374  
school and vocational school, public library, and office of a 375  
county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as 376  
follows: 377

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter 378  
registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a 379  
person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or 380  
decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a 381  
person's decision to register or not register to vote; 382

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter 383  
registration not seek to influence a person's decision to 384  
register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any 385  
political preference or party allegiance, and not make any 386  
statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect 387  
of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to 388  
register or not register has any bearing on the availability of 389  
services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class 390  
in school, or on credit for a particular class in school; 391

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in 392  
completing the voter registration application, what to do with 393  
the completed voter registration application or voter 394  
registration update form, and when the application must be 395  
transmitted to the appropriate board of elections; 396

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993;	397 398 399 400
(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to questions about voter registration forms and procedures.	401 402
(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in-class voter registration program in a public high school or vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education shall do all of the following:	403 404 405 406 407
(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during these days when the person designated to assist with voter registration shall provide voter registration assistance;	408 409 410
(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration from the public high school's or vocational school's staff;	411 412
(3) Make voter registration applications and materials available, as outlined in the voter registration program established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 3501.05 of the Revised Code;	413 414 415 416
(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect or be a condition of your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school course or class, participating in a curricular or extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or participating in a program or activity otherwise available to pupils enrolled in this school district's schools.";	417 418 419 420 421 422 423
(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration application and other voter registration forms are transmitted	424 425

to the board of elections within five days after being accepted 426  
by the public high school or vocational school. 427

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public 428  
high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a 429  
county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter 430  
registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, 431  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 432  
office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated 433  
person, and make available such space as may be necessary, 434  
without charge to the county or state. 435

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be 436  
displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a 437  
notice that identifies the person designated to assist with 438  
voter registration, the nature of that person's duties, and 439  
where and when that person is available for assisting in the 440  
registration of voters. 441

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and 442  
services to disseminate information to increase public awareness 443  
of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter 444  
registration in every designated agency. 445

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of 446  
education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, 447  
or promote voluntary election registration programs within a 448  
high school or vocational school, including programs in which 449  
pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter 450  
registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate. 451

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer 452  
shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are 453  
transmitted to the board of elections within five days after 454



being accepted by the public library or office of the county 455  
treasurer. 456

~~(L) The department of job and family services and its 457  
departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration 458  
of the aspects of the voter registration program for the 459  
department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of 460  
state and the requirements of this section and the National 461  
Voter Registration Act of 1993. 462~~

Sec. 3503.11. (A) (1) (a) The bureau of motor vehicles and 463  
each designated agency shall provide to the secretary of state, 464  
in accordance with a schedule established by rule by the 465  
secretary of state, electronic records concerning each person 466  
who appears to be eligible to register to vote or to update the 467  
person's registration and about whom the bureau or agency 468  
possesses the information listed in division (A) (2) of this 469  
section for the purpose of automatically registering the person 470  
to vote or updating the person's registration in accordance with 471  
this section. 472

(b) Each public or private secondary school shall provide 473  
to the secretary of state, in accordance with a schedule 474  
established by the secretary of state, electronic records 475  
concerning each person who reaches eighteen years of age who 476  
appears to be eligible to register to vote or to update the 477  
person's registration, and about whom the school possesses the 478  
information listed in division (A) (2) of this section for the 479  
purpose of automatically registering the person to vote or 480  
updating the person's registration in accordance with this 481  
section. 482

(2) A bureau, agency, or school that is required to 483  
transmit information concerning a person under division (A) (1) 484

of this section shall transmit all of the following information 485  
concerning that person: 486

- (a) The person's legal name; 487
- (b) The person's residence address; 488
- (c) The person's date of birth; 489
- (d) The number of the person's driver's license or state 490  
identification card or the last four digits of the person's 491  
social security number; 492
- (e) Whether the person is a United States citizen; 493
- (f) An electronic image of the person's signature. 494

(B) (1) Upon receiving the information concerning a person 495  
under division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall 496  
transmit that information to the board of elections of the 497  
county in which the person resides. The board shall determine 498  
whether the person is eligible to register to vote or to update 499  
the person's registration and, if the person is eligible, shall 500  
send the person a notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary 501  
of state, that contains all of the following information: 502

- (a) The fact that the person will be registered to vote or 503  
have the person's registration updated unless the person 504  
declines to be registered to vote or update the person's 505  
registration; 506
- (b) The procedure to decline to be registered to vote or 507  
to update the person's registration; 508
- (c) The bureau, agency, or school that provided the 509  
information that will be used to register the person to vote or 510  
to update the person's registration; 511

(d) The precinct in which the person will be registered to 512  
vote; 513

(e) A statement in bold type as follows: 514

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 515  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 516  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 517  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 518  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 519  
registration notice, that shows the voter's name and current 520  
address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will 521  
still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters 522  
who do not have any of the above forms of identification, 523  
including a social security number, will still be able to vote 524  
by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under 525  
penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional 526  
ballot." 527

(2) The notice shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 528  
notice is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 529  
the notice to be delivered to the correct address. 530

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(3)(a) of this 531  
section, not earlier than twenty-one days after sending the 532  
notice described in division (B) of this section to a person, 533  
the board of elections shall register the person to vote or 534  
update the person's registration, as applicable. The electronic 535  
record transmitted to the board of elections under this section 536  
shall be considered to be the person's voter registration form. 537

(2)(a) If, after investigating as required under division 538  
(B)(2) of this section, the board is unable to verify the 539  
person's correct address, it shall register the person to vote 540

and shall cause the person's name in the official registration 541  
list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to 542  
indicate that the person's notice was returned to the board. 543

At the first election at which an elector whose name has 544  
been so marked appears to vote, the elector shall be required to 545  
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 546  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 547  
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 548  
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 549  
that elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 550  
indication that the elector's notice was returned from that 551  
elector's name on the official registration list and on the poll 552  
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 553  
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 554  
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the elector's registration 555  
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the elector by United 556  
States mail of the cancellation. 557

(b) If the notice described in division (B) (1) of this 558  
section is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned 559  
undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided in 560  
division (C) (1) of this section and sent a confirmation notice 561  
by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to the 562  
confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or vote 563  
by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) (a) of this 564  
section in any election during the period of two federal 565  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 566  
the person's registration shall be canceled. 567

(3) (a) A board of elections shall not register a person to 568  
vote or update an elector's registration under this section if 569  
the board determines that the person is not eligible to register 570

or if the person declines to register or to update the elector's registration. 571  
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(b) If, after a person has been registered to vote under this section, the person declines to register, the board of elections shall treat the declination as a request to cancel the person's registration. 573  
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(c) If, after an elector's registration has been updated under this section, the elector declines to update the elector's registration, the board of elections shall correct the elector's registration to reflect the name, address, or both, as applicable, that it contained before the board updated the elector's registration under this section. 577  
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(D) (1) Before prescribing the form of the notice described in division (B) of this section, the secretary of state shall engage the services of one or more usability, disability, and user-interface design experts to test, review, and approve the proposed form of the notice. 583  
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(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement this section. 588  
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**Sec. 3503.12.** All registrations shall be carefully 590  
checked, and in case any person is found to have ~~registered~~ more 591  
than ~~one~~ one registration form, the additional registration 592  
forms shall be canceled by the board of elections. 593

Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or 594  
general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more 595  
newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, 596  
times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for 597  
registration. 598

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure 599

to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 600  
1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that 601  
would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. 602  
Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid 603  
ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a 604  
minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located 605  
at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements 606  
of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of 607  
barriers. 608

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost 609  
the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any 610  
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as 611  
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a 612  
wheelchair. 613

**Sec. 3503.13.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 614  
111.44 of the Revised Code or by state or federal law, 615  
registration forms ~~submitted by applicants~~ and the statewide 616  
voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of 617  
the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection at all times 618  
when the office of the board of elections is open for business, 619  
under such regulations as the board adopts, provided that no 620  
person shall be permitted to inspect voter registration forms 621  
except in the presence of an employee of the board. 622

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 623  
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 624  
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 625  
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 626  
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 627  
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 628  
Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 629

have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 630  
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 631

**Sec. 3503.14.** (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 632  
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 633  
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall 634  
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 635  
1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following: 636

(1) The voter's name; 637

(2) The voter's address; 638

(3) The current date; 639

(4) The voter's date of birth; 640

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following: 641

(a) The voter's driver's license number, if any; 642

(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security 643  
number, if any; 644

(c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a 645  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 646  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 647  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 648  
registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 649  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ that shows the voter's name and 650  
address. 651

(6) The voter's signature. 652

~~The registration form shall include a space on which the~~ 653  
~~person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and~~ 654  
~~provide the person's address and a space on which the person~~ 655  
~~registering an applicant shall name the employer who is~~ 656

~~employing that person to register the applicant.~~ 657

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 658  
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 659  
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 660  
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 661  
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 662  
accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 663  
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 664  
that data to the statewide voter registration database 665  
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 666

~~(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 667  
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 668  
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 669  
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 670  
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section:~~ 671

- ~~(1) An election official;~~ 672
- ~~(2) A county treasurer;~~ 673
- ~~(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;~~ 674
- ~~(4) An employee of a designated agency;~~ 675
- ~~(5) An employee of a public high school;~~ 676
- ~~(6) An employee of a public vocational school;~~ 677
- ~~(7) An employee of a public library;~~ 678
- ~~(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;~~ 679
- ~~(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;~~ 680
- ~~(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;~~ 681
- ~~(11) An employee of an election official.~~ 682



~~(C)~~ Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. ~~The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.~~

~~(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant as required under division (A) of this section.~~

~~(E) (C)~~ A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. ~~The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election and signature matching purposes.~~

~~(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.~~

**Sec. 3503.15.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of

state and made continuously available to each board of elections 713  
and to other agencies as authorized by law. 714

(2) (a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 715  
department of health, ~~the bureau of motor vehicles, the~~ 716  
~~department of job and family services,~~ the department of 717  
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 718  
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 719  
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 720  
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 721  
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 722  
database established pursuant to this section, except where 723  
prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of 724  
health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and 725  
family services, the department of medicaid, and the department 726  
of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information 727  
and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day 728  
of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any 729  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 730  
confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data 731  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 732  
state. No public office, and no public official or employee, 733  
shall sell that information or data or use that information or 734  
data for profit. 735

(b) ~~Information provided under this division for~~ 736  
~~maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall~~ 737  
~~not be used to update the name or address of a registered~~ 738  
~~elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only~~ 739  
~~be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a~~ 740  
~~notice of change of name, change of address, or both.~~ 741

~~(c) A Except for cases in which an elector's registration~~ 742

is updated automatically pursuant to section 3503.11 of the 743  
Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a registered 744  
elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) (7) of 745  
this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the 746  
statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if 747  
that information does not conform with information provided 748  
under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the discrepancy 749  
would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot. 750

(3) (a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 751  
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 752  
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 753  
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 754  
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to 755  
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 756  
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any 757  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 758  
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data 759  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 760  
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(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 762  
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 763  
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 764  
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 765  
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 766  
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 767  
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 768  
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 769  
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 770  
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 771  
that receives confidential information or data under this 772  
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 773

person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 774  
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 775  
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 776  
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 777  
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 778  
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 779

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data 780  
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information 781  
or data or use the information or data for profit. 782

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 783  
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 784  
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 785  
receives under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section that is 786  
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 787  
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 788  
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 789  
state and federal law: 790

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 791  
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 792  
registered elector appears in the database, that only 793  
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 794  
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 795  
eliminated from the database; 796

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 797  
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 798  
the database; 799

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 800  
are not removed in error from the database. 801

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 802

under this section shall be the official list of registered voters for all elections conducted in this state.

(C) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and with the offices of all other boards of elections;

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records contained in the database with records maintained by each board of elections;

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to the records contained in the database by each board of elections and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct updates of the database;

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered voters and their registration information by name, driver's license number, birth date, social security number, or current address;

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter registration information is maintained;

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records for not less than five years after they are canceled and to record the reason for their cancellation.

(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following:

- (1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter registration database; 831  
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- (2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter registration records into the statewide voter registration database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, if new registration information is received; 835  
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- (3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled voter registration records from the statewide voter registration database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 839  
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- (4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter registration database and to make updates of that database; 842  
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- (5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the information contained in the statewide voter registration database; 845  
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- ~~(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary of state under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information and data;~~ 848  
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- ~~(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (A) (2) (a) or (3) (a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that~~ 854  
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the information in the registration record does not conform to 860  
records maintained by such an agency. 861

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 862  
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 863  
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 864  
the secretary of state under division (D) (3) of this section 865  
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 866  
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 867

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 868  
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 869  
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 870  
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 871  
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 872

(G) (1) The statewide voter registration database 873  
established under this section shall be made available on a web 874  
site of the office of the secretary of state as follows: 875

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (1) (b) of 876  
this section, the following information from the statewide voter 877  
registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made 878  
available on the web site: 879

(i) The voter's name; 880

(ii) The voter's address; 881

(iii) The voter's precinct number; 882

(iv) The voter's voting history. 883

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 884  
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter 885  
registration database shall permit a voter to search for the 886  
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot. 887

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule 888  
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for 889  
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes 890  
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of 891  
updating the information made available on the secretary of 892  
state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those 893  
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days 894  
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the 895  
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the 896  
location of a precinct polling place within the county. 897

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 898  
general election, not later than one business day after 899  
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G) 900  
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling 901  
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that 902  
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose 903  
of division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 904

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review 905  
of the statewide voter registration database as follows: 906

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information 907  
in the statewide voter registration database with the 908  
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 909  
motor vehicles under division (A) (2) of this section to identify 910  
any person who does all of the following, in the following 911  
order: 912

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 913  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen; 914

(b) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change 915  
of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state; 916



(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 917  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen. 918

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to 919  
each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, 920  
instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a 921  
United States citizen or to submit a completed voter 922  
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The 923  
secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration 924  
cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to 925  
respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in 926  
division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty 927  
days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly 928  
shall send the person a second notice and form. 929

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 930  
was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of 931  
this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that 932  
the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state 933  
shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration. 934

(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 935  
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2) 936  
of this section sends a completed voter registration 937  
cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of 938  
state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in 939  
which the person is registered to cancel the person's 940  
registration. 941

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under 942  
division (H)(2) of this section fails to respond to the 943  
secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or 944  
(4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second 945  
notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter 946

to the attorney general for further investigation and possible 947  
prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any 948  
other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the 949  
thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends 950  
a completed voter registration cancellation form to the 951  
secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the 952  
board of elections of the county in which the person is 953  
registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify 954  
the attorney general of the cancellation. 955

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review 956  
described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days 957  
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal 958  
office. 959

**Sec. 3503.16.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 960  
(D) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 961  
elector changes the place of residence of that registered 962  
elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 963  
county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 964  
elector shall report the change by ~~delivering~~ doing any of the 965  
following: 966

(1) Delivering a change of residence or change of name 967  
form, whichever is appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary 968  
of state under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state 969  
or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or 970  
vocational school, a public library, the office of the county 971  
treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, any office of 972  
the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any 973  
office of a board of elections in person or by a third person. 974  
Any voter registration, change of address, or change of name 975  
application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary 976

of state or the board of elections. 977

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 978  
~~that registered elector by filing~~ (2) Submitting the elector's 979  
current residence or name information to the bureau of motor 980  
vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner directed by the 981  
bureau or by the designated agency, as applicable; 982

(3) Submitting the elector's current residence or name 983  
information to a public high school or vocational school in the 984  
manner directed by the school and upon the elector reaching at 985  
least eighteen years of age; 986

(4) Submitting an application through the online voter 987  
registration system created under section 3503.20 of the Revised 988  
Code; 989

(5) Filing a change of residence or change of name form on 990  
the day of a special, primary, or general election at the 991  
polling place in the precinct in which that registered elector 992  
resides or at the board of elections or at another site 993  
designated by the board. 994

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 995  
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 996  
special election and has not ~~filed a notice of~~ reported the 997  
change of residence in accordance with the board of elections- 998  
division (A) of this section may vote in that election by going 999  
to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing 1000  
and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1001  
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 1002  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1003  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1004  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1005

voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 1006  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and current 1007  
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 1008

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1009  
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 1010  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1011  
~~filed a notice of~~ reported the change of name in accordance with 1012  
~~the board of elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in 1013  
that election by going to that registered elector's assigned 1014  
polling place, completing and signing a notice of a change of 1015  
name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1016  
the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides to the 1017  
precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, such 1018  
as a marriage license or court order that includes the elector's 1019  
current and prior names, the elector may complete and sign a 1020  
notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 1021

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 1022  
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 1023  
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 1024  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1025  
~~filed a notice of~~ reported the change of residence or change of 1026  
name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with ~~the board of~~  
~~elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in that election 1027  
if that registered elector complies with division (G) of this 1028  
section or does all of the following: 1029  
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(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 1031  
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 1032  
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 1033  
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 1034  
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 1035

election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 1036  
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1037  
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 1038  
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 1039

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 1040  
registered elector resides; 1041

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1042  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1043  
has designated another location in the county at which 1044  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1045  
the office of the board of elections. 1046

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1047  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1048  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 1049  
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1050

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1051  
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 1052  
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 1053  
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 1054  
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 1055  
that other location instead of the office of the board of 1056  
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 1057  
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 1058  
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1059

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1060  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1061  
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1062  
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1063  
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1064

registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1065  
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1066  
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1067  
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1068  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1069  
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1070  
at any other location for that particular election. 1071

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1072  
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1073  
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 1074  
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 1075  
reported the change of residence in accordance with division (A) 1076  
of this section may vote in that election if that registered 1077  
elector complies with division (G) of this section or does all 1078  
of the following: 1079

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1080  
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1081  
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1082  
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1083  
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1084  
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1085  
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1086  
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1087  
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1088  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1089  
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1090  
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1091  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1092  
has designated another location in the county at which 1093  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1094  
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1095

the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1096  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1097  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1098  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1099  
the office of the board of elections; 1100

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1101  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1102  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1103

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1104  
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1105  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1106  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1107  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1108  
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1109  
that registered elector has moved; 1110

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1111  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1112  
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1113  
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1114  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1115  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1116  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1117  
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1118  
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1119  
location for that particular election. 1120

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1121  
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1122  
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1123  
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1124  
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1125

during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1126  
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1127  
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1128  
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1129  
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1130  
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1131  
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1132  
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1133  
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1134

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1135  
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1136  
different from the office of the board at which registered 1137  
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1138  
section. 1139

(E) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in section 3503.11 of the 1140  
Revised Code, upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1141  
change of name form, the board of elections shall immediately 1142  
send the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1143  
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1144  
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1145  
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1146  
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1147  
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1148  
registration. 1149

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1150  
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1151  
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1152  
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1153  
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1154  
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1155



The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1156  
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1157  
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1158  
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1159  
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1160  
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1161  
within five days after receiving them. 1162

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1163  
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1164  
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1165  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1166  
has designated another location in the county at which 1167  
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1168  
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1169  
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1170  
of the following: 1171

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 1172  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1173  
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 1174  
after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 1175  
registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday 1176  
prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's 1177  
ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 1178  
has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 1179  
of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 1180  
change of name; 1181

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1182  
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1183  
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1184  
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1185

the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1186  
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1187  
infirmity; 1188

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1189  
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1190  
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1191  
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1192

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1193  
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1194  
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1195  
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1196  
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1197  
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1198  
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1199  
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1200  
location or address for that particular election. 1201

**Sec. 3503.19.** (A) (1) Persons qualified to register or to 1202  
change their registration because of a change of address or 1203  
change of name may register or change their registration ~~in by~~ 1204  
any of the following methods: 1205

(a) In person at any state or local office of a designated 1206  
agency, at the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar 1207  
of motor vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, 1208  
at a public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at 1209  
a branch office established by the board of elections, ~~or in;~~ 1210

(b) In person, through another person, or by mail at the 1211  
office of the secretary of state or at the office of a board of 1212  
elections. ~~A registered elector may also change the elector's~~ 1213  
~~registration on;~~ 1214

(c) By submitting the required information to the bureau 1215  
of motor vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner 1216  
directed by the bureau or by the designated agency, as 1217  
applicable; 1218

(d) By submitting the required information to a public or 1219  
private secondary school in the manner directed by the school 1220  
and upon the elector reaching at least eighteen years of age; 1221

(e) By submitting an application through the online voter 1222  
registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code; 1223

(f) On election day at any polling place where the elector 1224  
is eligible to vote, in the manner provided under section 1225  
3503.16 of the Revised Code. 1226

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1227  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1228  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1229  
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 1230  
voter registration application or change of registration form 1231  
that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 1232  
which the state or local office is located, within five days 1233  
after receiving the voter registration application or change of 1234  
registration form. 1235

~~An (3) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (3) (b) of this~~ 1236  
~~section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that~~ 1237  
~~is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be~~ 1238  
~~received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the~~ 1239  
~~office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor~~ 1240  
~~vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public~~ 1241  
~~library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the~~ 1242  
~~secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no~~ 1243

later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1244  
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 1245  
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 1246  
registration application received after that day entitles the 1247  
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1248

(b) (i) Information transmitted to the secretary of state 1249  
by the bureau of motor vehicles or a designated agency under 1250  
division (A) (1) (a) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code 1251  
concerning a person who is eligible to register to vote must 1252  
have been submitted to the bureau or agency by the person not 1253  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1254  
general election for the person to be registered to vote and to 1255  
qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. 1256  
Otherwise, valid information transmitted under that division 1257  
that was submitted after that day entitles the person to be 1258  
registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent elections. 1259

(ii) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by 1260  
a public or private secondary school under division (A) (1) (b) of 1261  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code concerning a person who is 1262  
eligible to register to vote must have been transmitted to the 1263  
secretary of state not later than the thirtieth day preceding a 1264  
primary, special, or general election for the person to be 1265  
registered to vote and to qualify as an elector eligible to vote 1266  
at that election. Otherwise, valid information transmitted under 1267  
that division that was submitted after that day entitles the 1268  
person to be registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent 1269  
elections. 1270

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1271  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1272  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1273

library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 1274  
registration application or change of name or change of address 1275  
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 1276  
identity of the state or local office that receives the 1277  
registration. 1278

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1279  
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1280  
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1281  
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1282  
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1283  
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1284  
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1285  
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1286  
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1287  
the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1288  
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1289  
general election. 1290

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1291  
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1292  
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1293  
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1294  
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1295  
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 1296  
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 1297  
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1298  
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1299  
Revised Code. 1300

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1301  
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1302  
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1303

vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1304  
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1305  
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1306  
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1307  
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 1308  
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1309  
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1310  
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1311  
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1312

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an~~ 1313  
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1314  
through another person to any board of elections or the office 1315  
of the secretary of state. 1316

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 1317  
~~voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that~~ 1318  
~~person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the~~ 1319  
~~office of the secretary of state.~~ 1320

~~(d)~~ If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1321  
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 1322  
~~or (c)~~ of this section before the thirtieth day before an 1323  
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1324  
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1325  
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1326  
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1327  
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1328  
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1329  
(B) (2) (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this section on or after the thirtieth day 1330  
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1331  
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1332  
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1333

seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1334  
election. 1335

(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 1336  
registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 1337  
statements made in the registration form shall register the 1338  
applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 1339  
the application, unless that application is received during the 1340  
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The 1341  
board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each of 1342  
the following: 1343

(a) The applicant's registration; 1344

(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote; 1345

(c) In bold type as follows: 1346

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1347  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1348  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1349  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1350  
paycheck, or other government document, other than ~~this a voter~~ 1351  
registration notification, that shows the voter's name and 1352  
current address. Voters who do not provide one of these 1353  
documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional 1354  
ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of 1355  
identification, including a social security number, will still 1356  
be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the 1357  
voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by 1358  
casting a provisional ballot." 1359

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 1360  
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 1361  
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 1362

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 1363  
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 1364  
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official 1365  
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1366  
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned 1367  
to the board. 1368

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been 1369  
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to 1370  
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 1371  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1372  
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 1373  
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 1374  
that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 1375  
indication that the voter's notification was returned from that 1376  
voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll 1377  
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 1378  
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 1379  
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration 1380  
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United 1381  
States mail of the cancellation. 1382

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid 1383  
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is 1384  
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 1385  
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation 1386  
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to 1387  
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 1388  
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of 1389  
this section in any election during the period of two federal 1390  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 1391  
the person's registration shall be canceled. 1392



**Sec. 3503.20.** (A) As used in this section, "applicant" 1393  
means a person who meets both of the following requirements: 1394

(1) The person is qualified to register to vote under this 1395  
chapter; and 1396

(2) The person has a current and valid Ohio driver's 1397  
license or identification card issued under Chapter 4507. of the 1398  
Revised Code or a social security number. 1399

(B) The secretary of state shall establish a secure online 1400  
voter registration system. The system shall provide for all of 1401  
the following: 1402

(1) An applicant to submit a first-time voter registration 1403  
application, or to change the applicant's name, address, or 1404  
both, as set forth in the applicant's existing voter 1405  
registration record, to the secretary of state online through 1406  
the internet; 1407

(2) The online applicant to be registered to vote, if all 1408  
of the following apply: 1409

(a) The application contains all of the following 1410  
information: 1411

(i) The applicant's name; 1412

(ii) The applicant's address; 1413

(iii) The applicant's date of birth; 1414

(iv) ~~The~~ Identification in the form of either the last 1415  
four digits of the applicant's social security number; 1416

~~(v) The~~, or the applicant's Ohio driver's license number 1417  
or the number of the applicant's state identification card 1418  
issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 1419

~~(b) The applicant's name, address, and date of birth, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number, and the applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of the applicant's state identification card as they are provided in the application are not inconsistent with the information on file with the bureau of motor vehicles;~~ 1420  
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~~(c) The applicant is a United States citizen, will have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election, will be at least eighteen years of age on or before the day of the next general election, and is otherwise eligible to register to vote;~~ 1426  
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~~(d)~~ (b) The applicant attests to the truth and accuracy of the information submitted in the online application under penalty of election falsification. 1431  
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~~(B) If an individual registers to vote or a registered elector updates the elector's name, address, or both under this section, the secretary of state shall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's or elector's signature that is on file with the bureau of motor vehicles. That electronic signature shall be used as the applicant's or elector's signature on voter registration records, for all election and signature matching purposes.~~ 1434  
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~~(C)~~ The secretary of state shall employ whatever security measures the secretary of state considers necessary to ensure the integrity and accuracy of voter registration information submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in processing voter registration applications in the online system shall not prevent an applicant from becoming registered or from voting. 1442  
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~~(D)~~ (C) The online voter registration application 1449  
established under division ~~(A)~~ (B) of this section shall include 1450  
the following language: 1451

"By clicking the box below, I affirm all of the following 1452  
under penalty of election falsification, which is a felony of 1453  
the fifth degree: 1454

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information 1455  
is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or 1456  
update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio. 1457

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is 1458  
true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form. 1459

(3) ~~I am a United States citizen.~~ 1460

~~(4) I will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately~~ 1461  
~~preceding the next election.~~ 1462

~~(5) I will be at least eighteen years of age on or before~~ 1463  
~~the day of the next general election.~~ 1464

~~(6) If an electronic copy of my signature is on file in a~~ 1465  
~~government database, I authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to~~ 1466  
~~transmit to the Ohio Secretary of State to obtain my signature~~ 1467  
~~that is on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and I~~ 1468  
understand and agree that the signature ~~transmitted by the~~ 1469  
~~Bureau of Motor Vehicles~~ will be used by the Secretary of State 1470  
to validate this electronic voter registration application as if 1471  
I had signed this form personally. 1472

(4) If an electronic copy of my signature is not on file 1473  
in a government database, I understand and agree that my 1474  
signature on an election petition will not be considered valid 1475  
until I provide my signature to the board of elections by 1476

signing and returning the signature card that will be mailed to 1477  
me or by signing a notice of change of name or residence, a 1478  
pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application 1479  
for absent voter's ballots." 1480

In order to register to vote or update a voter 1481  
registration under division ~~(A)~~(B) of this section, an 1482  
applicant or elector shall be required to mark the box in the 1483  
online voter registration application that appears in 1484  
conjunction with the previous statement. 1485

(D) (1) When an applicant submits a voter registration 1486  
application under this section, the secretary of state shall 1487  
compare the information in the application with the information 1488  
in a government database associated with the applicant's 1489  
driver's license or state identification card or the applicant's 1490  
social security number. 1491

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the 1492  
application is valid, the secretary of state shall submit the 1493  
application to the board of elections of the county in which the 1494  
applicant resides, and the board shall register the applicant. 1495

(3) If the secretary of state determines that the 1496  
application is not valid, the secretary of state shall notify 1497  
the applicant of that fact. 1498

(E) (1) If an applicant who is to be registered under 1499  
division (D) (2) of this section has an electronic signature on 1500  
file with a government agency, the secretary of state shall 1501  
obtain the electronic signature and shall transmit it to the 1502  
board of elections to be used as the applicant's signature on 1503  
voter registration records for all election and signature- 1504  
matching purposes. 1505

(2) If an applicant who is to be registered under division (D) (2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on file with a government agency and the applicant is a registered elector who is updating the elector's address, the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is currently registered shall create a legible digitized copy of the signature of the elector's existing registration record. That signature shall be used as the elector's signature on voter registration records for all election and signature-matching purposes. 1506  
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(3) If an applicant who is to be registered under division (D) (2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on file with a government agency and is not a registered elector who is updating the elector's address, all of the following shall apply: 1516  
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(a) (i) The board of elections shall include with the applicant's notification of registration a signature card that instructs the applicant to sign the card and return it to the office of the board. The card shall notify the applicant that until the applicant signs and returns the card or signs a notice of change of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an election petition is not valid. 1521  
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(ii) If the applicant signs and returns the signature card to the board of elections, the board shall create a legible digitized copy of the signature on the card, and that signature shall be used as the applicant's signature on voter registration records for all election and signature-matching purposes. 1530  
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(iii) The board shall prepay the return postage for the 1535

signature card. 1536

(iv) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 1537  
the signature card. 1538

(b) If the applicant does not sign and return the 1539  
signature card, both of the following shall apply: 1540

(i) The first time an applicant signs a notice of change 1541  
of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a 1542  
provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent 1543  
voter's ballots, the board of election shall create a legible 1544  
digitized copy of that signature. The signature shall be used as 1545  
the applicant's signature on voter registration records for all 1546  
election and signature-matching purposes. 1547

(ii) Until the board of elections has obtained the 1548  
applicant's signature from a signature card, a notice of change 1549  
of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a 1550  
provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent 1551  
voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an election 1552  
petition is not valid. 1553

(F) The online voter registration process established 1554  
under division ~~(A)~~(B) of this section shall be in operation and 1555  
available for use by individuals who wish to register to vote or 1556  
update their voter registration information online not earlier 1557  
than January 1, 2017. During the period beginning on the first 1558  
day after the close of voter registration before an election and 1559  
ending on the day of the election, the online voter registration 1560  
system shall display a notice indicating that the applicant will 1561  
not be registered to vote for the purposes of that election. 1562

~~(F)~~(G) Notwithstanding section 1.50 of the Revised Code, 1563  
if any provision of this section or of division ~~(E)~~(C) of 1564

section 3503.14 of the Revised Code is held invalid, or if the 1565  
application of any provision of this section or of that division 1566  
to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this section 1567  
and that division cease to operate. 1568

**Sec. 3503.21.** (A) The registration of a registered elector 1569  
shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following: 1570

(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written 1571  
request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on 1572  
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the 1573  
elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a 1574  
request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from 1575  
reregistering to vote at any time. 1576

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered 1577  
elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code; 1578

(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified 1579  
copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the 1580  
deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the 1581  
administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the 1582  
executor of the deceased elector's will; 1583

(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony 1584  
under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United 1585  
States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code; 1586

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered 1587  
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 1588  
5122.301 of the Revised Code; 1589

(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a 1590  
location outside the county of registration in accordance with 1591  
division (B) of this section; 1592

(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having  
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the  
following:

(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during  
a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include  
two general federal elections;

(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least  
once during a period of four consecutive years, which period  
shall include two general federal elections.

(8) The declination of an elector who has been  
automatically registered under section 3503.11 of the Revised  
Code to register to vote, as described in division (C) (3) (b) of  
that section.

(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a  
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the  
Revised Code.

(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<sup>7</sup> 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  
prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior  
to the date of any primary or general election for federal  
office.



(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 1622  
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 1623  
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 1624  
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 1625  
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 1626  
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 1627  
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 1628  
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 1629  
confirmation notice. 1630

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 1631  
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of 1632  
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised 1633  
Code, division (C) (3) (b) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, 1634  
division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, or 1635  
division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code. 1636

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 1637  
registration information to the secretary of state as required 1638  
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 1639  
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 1640  
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 1641  
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 1642  
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 1643  
the information to the national change of address service 1644  
described in division (B) of this section and request that 1645  
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 1646  
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 1647  
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 1648  
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 1649  
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 1650  
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 1651  
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 1652

address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 1653  
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 1654  
correct the change of address information. 1655

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 1656  
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 1657  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 1658  
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 1659  
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 1660  
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 1661  
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 1662

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 1663  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 1664  
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 1665  
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 1666  
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 1667  
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 1668  
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 1669  
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 1670  
error. 1671

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 1672  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 1673  
restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 1674

**Sec. 3503.28.** (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 1675  
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 1676  
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 1677  
information: 1678

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 1679  
for ~~returning~~ submitting an applicant's completed registration 1680  
~~form~~ application; 1681

~~(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's completed registration form if the person returning the form is being compensated for registering voters;~~ 1682  
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~~(3) The locations ~~to~~ and manner in which a person may return an applicant's completed registration form~~register to  
vote; 1685  
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~~(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for registering voters may return an applicant's completed registration form;~~ 1688  
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~~(5) The registration and affirmation requirements applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;~~ 1691  
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~~(6)~~ (3) The manner in which a person may opt out of automatic voter registration; 1694  
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(4) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating as follows: 1696  
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"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 1698  
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(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high school, public vocational school, public library, office of a county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who requests more than two voter registration forms at one time.

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on that web site.

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this section to any of the following officials or employees who are requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in the course of the official's or employee's normal duties:

- (1) An election official;
- (2) A county treasurer;
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;
- (4) An employee of a designated agency;
- (5) An employee of a public high school;
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school;

- (7) An employee of a public library; 1739
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1740
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 1741
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1742
- (11) An employee of an election official. 1743

~~(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.~~ 1744  
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**Sec. 3503.30.** (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has 1748  
caused ~~himself~~ the elector to be registered in a precinct ~~which~~ 1749  
~~was that is not his~~ the elector's place of residence, the board 1750  
of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was 1751  
committed by mistake, may, on ~~his~~ the elector's personal 1752  
application and proof of ~~his~~ the elector's true residence, 1753  
correct ~~his~~ the elector's registration form. The board may 1754  
correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors 1755  
when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of 1756  
fraudulent intent. 1757

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been 1758  
registered automatically under section 3503.11 of the Revised 1759  
Code in a precinct that is not the elector's place of residence, 1760  
the board of elections, upon application of the elector and 1761  
proof of the elector's true residence, shall correct the 1762  
elector's registration form. 1763

**Sec. 3503.33.** (A) If an elector applying for registration 1764  
is already registered in another state or in another county 1765  
within this state, the elector shall declare this fact ~~to the~~ 1766

~~registration officer and shall sign on the registration form,~~ 1767  
~~which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous~~ 1768  
~~registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.~~ 1769

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote 1770  
or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 of the 1771  
Revised Code, if the board is aware of the person's previous 1772  
residence address and that address is located in another state 1773  
or in another county within this state, the board shall create a 1774  
notice to cancel the previous registration for the purpose of 1775  
complying with division (C) of this section. 1776

(C) (1) The director of the board of elections shall mail 1777  
all ~~such~~ authorizations and notices described in division (A) or 1778  
(B) of this section to the board of elections or comparable 1779  
agency of the proper state and county. ~~Upon~~ In the case of a 1780  
notice described in division (B) of this section, the board 1781  
shall include with the notice a copy of the elector's most 1782  
recent registration form. 1783

(a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) (a) 1784  
(ii) of this section, upon the receipt of ~~this an~~ authorization 1785  
described in division (A) of this section from the forwarding 1786  
county, the director of a board of elections in Ohio, upon a 1787  
comparison of the elector's signature with the elector's 1788  
signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove 1789  
the elector's registration from the files, and place it with the 1790  
cancellation authorization in a separate file which shall be 1791  
kept for a period of two calendar years. 1792

(ii) It shall not be necessary for the board of elections 1793  
to compare the elector's signature with the elector's signature 1794  
as it appears on the registration files if authorization does 1795  
not include the elector's signature because of the circumstances 1796

described in division (E) (3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised Code. 1797  
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(b) Upon the receipt of a notice described in division (B) of this section from the forwarding county, the board of elections in Ohio shall compare the elector's signature on the copy of the registration form received with the notice with the elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and shall place it with the notice in a separate file, which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years. 1799  
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(2) The board shall notify the elector at the present address ~~as~~ shown on the cancellation authorization or notice that ~~his~~ the elector's prior registration has been canceled. 1807  
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(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior registration under division (C) (1) (b) of this section, the board of elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this section receives a declination to register or to update the elector's registration under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous registration and treat it as though it were never canceled. 1810  
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**Sec. 3505.18.** (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct election officials the elector's full name and current address and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1819  
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board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1827  
that shows the name and current address of the elector. 1828

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to 1829  
the precinct election officials any of the forms of 1830  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1831  
the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 1832  
of the Revised Code and do either of the following: 1833

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state 1834  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 1835  
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot 1836  
envelope; or 1837

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not 1838  
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and 1839  
provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of 1840  
this section, the elector's driver's license or state 1841  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 1842  
elector's social security number. 1843

(B) (1) After the elector has announced the elector's full 1844  
name and current address and provided any of the forms of 1845  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1846  
the elector shall ~~write the elector's name and address at the~~ 1847  
~~proper place in~~ sign the poll list or signature pollbook 1848  
provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an 1849  
elector is unable to ~~write the elector's name and current~~ 1850  
~~address in~~ sign the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector 1851  
may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the 1852  
elector's ~~name~~ signature, and a precinct election official shall 1853  
write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll 1854  
list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The 1855  
making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election 1856



official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct 1857  
election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook 1858  
as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, if applicable, an 1859  
attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the 1860  
Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list 1861  
or signature pollbook in accordance with that section. 1862

~~The (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2)~~ 1863  
~~of this section, the elector's signature in the poll list or~~ 1864  
~~signature pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's~~ 1865  
~~signature on the elector's registration form or a digitized~~ 1866  
~~signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised~~ 1867  
~~Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct~~ 1868  
~~election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the~~ 1869  
~~same person, the election officials shall enter the date of the~~ 1870  
~~election on the registration form or shall record the date by~~ 1871  
~~other means prescribed by the secretary of state. If, in the~~ 1872  
~~opinion of a majority of the precinct officers, the signatures~~ 1873  
~~are not the signatures of the same person, the elector shall be~~ 1874  
~~permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of~~ 1875  
~~the Revised Code. The validity of an attorney in fact's~~ 1876  
signature on behalf of an elector shall be determined in 1877  
accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. 1878

(b) If the elector's registration form does not include a 1879  
signature because of the circumstances described in division (E) 1880  
(3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised Code, it shall not be 1881  
necessary to compare the elector's signature in the poll list or 1882  
signature pollbook with the signature on the elector's 1883  
registration form or a digitized signature list. 1884

(3) If the right of the elector to vote is not then 1885  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 1886

elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 1887  
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 1888  
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 1889  
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 1890  
elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 1891  
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 1892  
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 1893  
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 1894  
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 1895  
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 1896  
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 1897  
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 1898  
person who voted the ballot. 1899

**Sec. 3505.181.** (A) All of the following individuals shall 1900  
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 1901

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 1902  
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 1903  
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 1904  
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 1905  
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 1906  
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 1907

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 1908  
provide to the election officials any of the forms of 1909  
identification required under division (A)(1) of section 3505.18 1910  
of the Revised Code; 1911

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 1912  
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 1913  
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 1914  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 1915  
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 1916

(4) An individual whose notification of registration has  
been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose  
name in the official registration list and in the poll list or  
signature pollbook has been marked under division (C) (2) (a) of  
section 3503.11 or division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the  
Revised Code;

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged  
under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code or whose  
application or challenge hearing has been postponed until after  
the day of the election under division (D) (1) of section 3503.24  
of the Revised Code;

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

(7) ~~An~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) (b)  
of section 3505.18 of the Revised Code, an individual whose  
signature, in the opinion of the precinct officers under that  
~~section 3505.22 of the Revised Code,~~ is not that of the person  
who signed that name in the registration forms.

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

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify

the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 1946  
in that election. 1947

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 1948  
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 1949  
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 1950  
stating that the individual is both of the following: 1951

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 1952  
individual desires to vote; 1953

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 1954

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 1955  
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 1956  
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 1957  
individual under division (B)(2) of this section to an 1958  
appropriate local election official for verification under 1959  
division (B)(4) of this section. 1960

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 1961  
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 1962  
division (B)(3) of this section determines that the individual 1963  
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 1964  
be counted as a vote in that election. 1965

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 1966  
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 1967  
individual written information that states that any individual 1968  
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 1969  
the system established under division (B)(5)(b) of this section 1970  
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 1971  
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1972

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 1973  
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 1974

telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 1975  
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 1976  
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 1977  
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 1978  
established under this division also shall provide to an 1979  
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 1980  
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 1981  
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 1982  
individual's voter registration. 1983

The appropriate state or local election official shall 1984  
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 1985  
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 1986  
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 1987  
access system established under this division. The system shall 1988  
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 1989  
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1990

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 1991  
ballot, the individual provides identification in the form of a 1992  
current and valid photo identification, a military 1993  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 1994  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1995  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1996  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1997  
that shows the individual's name and current address, or 1998  
provides the individual's driver's license or state 1999  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2000  
individual's social security number, the individual shall record 2001  
the type of identification provided or the driver's license, 2002  
state identification card, or social security number information 2003  
and include that information on the provisional ballot 2004  
affirmation under division (B) (3) of this section. 2005

(7) During the seven days after the day of an election, an individual who casts a provisional ballot because the individual does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials any of the required forms of identification or because the individual has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code shall appear at the office of the board of elections and provide to the board any additional information necessary to determine the eligibility of the individual who cast the provisional ballot.

(a) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials any of the required forms of identification to be eligible to be counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of the election, shall do either of the following:

(i) Provide to the board of elections proof of the individual's identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the individual's name and current address; or

(ii) Provide to the board of elections the individual's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number.

(b) 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 seven days after the day of that election, shall provide to the board of elections any

identification or other documentation required to be provided by 2036  
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 2037  
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 2038

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 2039  
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 2040  
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 2041  
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 2042  
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 2043  
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 2044  
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 2045  
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 2046  
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 2047  
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 2048  
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 2049  
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 2050  
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 2051  
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 2052

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 2053  
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 2054  
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 2055  
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 2056  
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 2057  
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 2058  
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 2059  
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 2060  
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 2061  
provisional ballot affirmation: 2062

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 2063  
precinct; 2064

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 2065

individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 2066

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 2067  
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 2068  
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 2069  
ballot being rejected; 2070

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 2071  
individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 2072

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 2073  
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 2074

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 2075  
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 2076  
on the day of each election. 2077

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 2078  
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 2079

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 2080  
following: 2081

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 2082  
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 2083  
street address in the county or the range of residential street 2084  
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 2085

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 2086  
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 2087  
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 2088  
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 2089  
in the county. 2090

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 2091

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 2092



that election;	2093
(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the hours during which polling places will be open;	2094 2095
(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a vote and how to cast a provisional ballot;	2096 2097
(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters under applicable federal and state laws;	2098 2099
(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;	2100 2101 2102 2103 2104
(f) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and misrepresentation.	2105 2106 2107
(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.	2108 2109 2110 2111 2112 2113 2114 2115 2116
<b>Sec. 3505.183.</b> (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one member of each major political party shall place the sealed	2117 2118 2119 2120 2121

provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 2122  
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 2123  
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 2124  
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 2125  
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 2126  
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 2127  
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2128  
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2129  
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2130  
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2131

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2132  
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2133  
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2134  
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2135  
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2136  
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2137  
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2138  
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2139  
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2140  
be eligible to be counted: 2141

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2142  
birth, and current address; 2143

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2144  
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2145

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2146  
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2147

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2148  
in an affirmation under division (B) (1) of this section, in 2149  
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2150

to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2151  
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2152  
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2153  
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2154  
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2155  
during the seven days after the day of the election under 2156  
division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 2157  
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 2158  
vote. 2159

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2160  
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2161  
section and comparing the information required under division 2162  
(B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2163  
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2164  
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2165  
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2166  
to be counted: 2167

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2168  
registered to vote. 2169

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 2170  
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 2171  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2172

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2173  
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the 2174  
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2175  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2176

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2177  
number or the elector's driver's license number or state 2178  
identification card number are not different from the last four 2179

digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's 2180  
driver's license number or state identification card number 2181  
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2182

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2183  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different 2184  
from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained 2185  
in the statewide voter registration database. 2186

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2187  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2188

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2189  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2190

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2191  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other 2192  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2193

(f) The elector's current address is not different from 2194  
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter 2195  
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the 2196  
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has 2197  
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as 2198  
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2199  
Code. 2200

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2201  
information required under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 2202  
of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 2203  
election. 2204

(h) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2205  
(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the 2206  
election resulted in the individual's inclusion in the official 2207  
registration list. 2208

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2209  
this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 2210  
and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 2211  
this section and comparing the information required under 2212  
division (B) (1) of this section with the elector's information 2213  
in the statewide voter registration database, the board 2214  
determines that any of the following applies, the provisional 2215  
ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2216  
counted: 2217

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2218  
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2219

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2220  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2221  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2222

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2223  
information required under division (B) (1) of this section in 2224  
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2225  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2226

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2227  
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2228

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2229  
additional information required under division (B) (7) of section 2230  
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of 2231  
the election. 2232

(vi) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2233  
(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the 2234  
election did not result in the individual's inclusion in the 2235  
official registration list. 2236

(vii) The individual failed to provide a current and valid 2237

photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a 2238  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2239  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2240  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2241  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, with the voter's name and current 2242  
address, the individual's driver's license or state 2243  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2244  
individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation 2245  
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2246

(viii) The last four digits of the elector's social 2247  
security number or the elector's driver's license number or 2248  
state identification card number are different from the last 2249  
four digits of the elector's social security number or the 2250  
elector's driver's license number or state identification card 2251  
number contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2252

(ix) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2253  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from 2254  
the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in 2255  
the statewide voter registration database. 2256

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2257  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2258

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2259  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2260

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2261  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the 2262  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the 2263  
requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section. 2264

(x) The elector's current address is different from the 2265  
elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 2266

database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is 2267  
casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and 2268  
has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in 2269  
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2270

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2271  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2272  
section and comparing the information required under division 2273  
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2274  
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2275  
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2276  
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2277  
counted: 2278

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2279  
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2280

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2281  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2282  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2283

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2284  
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2285  
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2286  
of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2287  
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2288  
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2289  
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2290  
recorded that information in another database. 2291

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2292  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2293  
to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 2294  
which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 2295

election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 2296  
precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 2297  
(D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 2298  
have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 2299  
election official correctly completed the form described in 2300  
division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2301

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2302  
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2303  
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2304  
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2305  
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2306  
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2307  
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2308  
which the individual was eligible to vote. 2309

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2310  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2311  
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2312  
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2313  
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2314  
shall not be counted. 2315

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 2316  
(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 2317  
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 2318  
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 2319  
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 2320  
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 2321

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2322  
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 2323  
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2324  
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2325



provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2326  
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2327  
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 2328  
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2329  
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2330  
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2331  
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2332  
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2333  
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2334  
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2335  
ballot. 2336

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 2337  
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 2338  
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 2339  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2340  
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 2341  
be counted during the ten days after the day of an election. 2342

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2343  
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2344  
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 2345  
an individual who must provide additional information to the 2346  
board of elections under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of 2347  
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 2348  
eligibility until the individual provides that information, 2349  
until any hearing required to be conducted under section 3503.24 2350  
of the Revised Code with regard to the provisional voter is 2351  
held, or until the eleventh day after the day of the election, 2352  
whichever is earlier. 2353

**Sec. 3509.03.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 2354  
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector 2355

desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall 2356  
make written application for those ballots to the director of 2357  
elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence 2358  
is located. 2359

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 2360  
section, the application need not be in any particular form but 2361  
shall contain all of the following: 2362

(1) The elector's name; 2363

(2) The elector's signature; 2364

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 2365  
vote; 2366

(4) The elector's date of birth; 2367

(5) One of the following: 2368

(a) The elector's driver's license number; 2369

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2370  
number; 2371

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2372  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2373  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2374  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2375  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2376  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2377  
the elector. 2378

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 2379  
voter's ballots are requested; 2380

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2381  
a qualified elector; 2382

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the	2383
elector's party affiliation;	2384
(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the	2385
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed.	2386
(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration	2387
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the	2388
elector may provide the elector's program participant	2389
identification number instead of the address at which the	2390
elector is registered to vote.	2391
(D) Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be	2392
delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of	2393
January of the year of the elections for which the absent	2394
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days	2395
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be	2396
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of	2397
the third day before the day of the election at which the	2398
ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last	2399
Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are	2400
to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the	2401
office of the board.	2402
(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter's	2403
ballot application to an elector under this section shall not	2404
prepay the return postage for that application.	2405
(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in	2406
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election	2407
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for	2408
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary	2409
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an	2410
applicant's name and address on an application for absent	2411

voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2412  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2413  
registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 2414  
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2415  
application. 2416

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent 2417  
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 2418  
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 2419  
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 2420  
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 2421  
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2422  
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 2423  
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 2424  
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 2425  
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 2426  
director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 2427  
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 2428  
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 2429  
penalty of election falsification. 2430

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 2431  
license number or the last four digits of the elector's social 2432  
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 2433  
envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope 2434  
with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current 2435  
valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, 2436  
or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government 2437  
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a 2438  
notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections 2439  
~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ that shows the name 2440  
and address of the elector. 2441

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the 2442  
director from whom it was received in the return envelope, 2443  
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the 2444  
director, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, 2445  
father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, 2446  
or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 2447  
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 2448  
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 2449  
director. The return envelope shall be transmitted to the 2450  
director in no other manner, except as provided in section 2451  
3509.08 of the Revised Code. 2452

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at 2453  
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting 2454  
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. 2455  
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the 2456  
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 2457  
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 2458  
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 2459  
board. 2460

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this 2461  
section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's 2462  
ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the 2463  
close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's 2464  
ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified 2465  
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 2466  
sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to 2467  
the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 2468  
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 2469  
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 2470  
shall be destroyed. 2471

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 2472  
this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to 2473  
the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior 2474  
to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in 2475  
envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are 2476  
received after the close of the polls on election day through 2477  
the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at 2478  
the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) 2479  
and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner 2480  
provided in division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any 2481  
such ballots that are received by the director later than the 2482  
tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 2483  
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 2484  
provided in division (A) of this section. 2485

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section shall not apply to any 2486  
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 2487  
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 2488

**Sec. 3511.02.** (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 2489  
Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 2490  
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 2491  
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 2492  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 2493  
(1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter 2494  
registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 2495  
Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 2496  
obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 2497  
3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 2498  
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 2499  
which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 2500  
with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 2501  
director of the board of elections of the county in which the 2502

person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 2503  
ways: 2504

(1) That person may make written application for those 2505  
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2506  
the director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, send 2507  
it by electronic mail, send it through internet delivery if such 2508  
delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary 2509  
of state, or otherwise send it to the director. Except as 2510  
otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the 2511  
application need not be in any particular form but shall contain 2512  
all of the following information: 2513

(a) The elector's name; 2514

(b) The elector's signature; 2515

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 2516  
vote; 2517

(d) The elector's date of birth; 2518

(e) One of the following: 2519

(i) The elector's driver's license number; 2520

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2521  
number; 2522

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2523  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2524  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2525  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2526  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2527  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2528  
the elector. 2529

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;	2530 2531
(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;	2532 2533
(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;	2534 2535 2536
(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, whichever is applicable;	2537 2538 2539 2540 2541 2542 2543 2544
(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;	2545 2546
(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed;	2547 2548
(l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall be so sent;	2549 2550 2551
(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact information.	2552 2553 2554 2555 2556
(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division	2557



(A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card 2558  
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 2559  
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 2560  
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 2561  
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 2562  
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 2563  
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 2564  
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 2565  
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 2566  
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 2567  
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 2568  
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2569  
ballots for each election. 2570

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 2571  
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 2572  
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 2573  
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 2574  
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 2575  
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 2576  
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 2577  
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 2578  
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in 2579  
division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the application 2580  
shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The director 2581  
shall furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified 2582  
in this division desiring to make the application, only upon the 2583  
request of such a relative made in person at the office of the 2584  
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to 2585  
the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in 2586  
division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and 2587  
sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following: 2588

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are requested;	2589 2590
(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;	2591 2592 2593
(c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;	2594 2595
(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, as the case may be;	2596 2597 2598 2599 2600 2601 2602 2603
(e) The elector's date of birth;	2604
(f) One of the following:	2605
(i) The elector's driver's license number;	2606
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;	2607 2608
(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections <del>under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code</del> , that shows the name and address of the elector.	2609 2610 2611 2612 2613 2614 2615
(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent	2616

voter's ballots are requested; 2617

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2618  
a qualified elector; 2619

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 2620  
elector's party affiliation; 2621

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 2622  
the elector as specified in division (A) (3) of this section; 2623

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the 2624  
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 2625  
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 2626  
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 2627  
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 2628  
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 2629  
internet delivery; 2630

(l) The signature and address of the person making the 2631  
application. 2632

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 2633  
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 2634  
application may include the elector's program participant 2635  
identification number instead of the address at which the 2636  
elector is registered to vote. 2637

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 2638  
absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not 2639  
earlier than the first day of January of the year of the 2640  
elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent 2641  
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 2642  
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 2643  
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 2644  
the third day preceding the day of the election, or not later 2645

than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election 2646  
at which those ballots are to be voted if the application is 2647  
delivered in person to the office of the board. 2648

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 2649  
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 2650  
only, the applicant shall submit to the director in addition to 2651  
the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to 2652  
the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential 2653  
and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices. 2654

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card 2655  
application or other absent voter's ballot application to an 2656  
elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage 2657  
for that application. 2658

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2659  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2660  
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 2661  
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 2662  
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 2663  
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 2664  
federal post card application or other application for absent 2665  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2666  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2667  
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 2668  
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2669  
application. 2670

**Sec. 3511.09.** Upon receiving uniformed services or 2671  
overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the 2672  
questions on the face of the identification envelope to be 2673  
answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the 2674  
proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall 2675

declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers 2676  
to those questions are true and correct to the best of the 2677  
elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note 2678  
whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are 2679  
any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to 2680  
the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2681  
ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the 2682  
markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and 2683  
securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then 2684  
shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the 2685  
return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to 2686  
the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. 2687  
The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 2688  
a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the 2689  
date of the election. If the elector does not provide the 2690  
elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the 2691  
elector's social security number on the statement of voter on 2692  
the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in 2693  
the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of 2694  
the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a 2695  
military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, 2696  
bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2697  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2698  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 2699  
that shows the name and address of the elector. Each elector who 2700  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election 2701  
shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact 2702  
and shall mail the return envelope to the director prior to the 2703  
close of the polls on election day. 2704

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 2705  
identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following 2706

statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION 2707  
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 2708

**Sec. 3599.11.** (A) No person shall knowingly register or 2709  
make application or attempt to register in a precinct in which 2710  
the person is not a qualified voter; or knowingly aid or abet 2711  
any person to so register; or attempt to register or knowingly 2712  
induce or attempt to induce any person to so register; or 2713  
knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the name of 2714  
another, real or fictitious, in registering or attempting to 2715  
register; or by false statement or other unlawful means procure, 2716  
aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out on the 2717  
register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified elector 2718  
therein; or knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or 2719  
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to 2720  
an elector thereof; or knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a 2721  
lawful examination by or before any registering officer; or 2722  
make, print, or issue any false or counterfeit certificate of 2723  
registration or knowingly alter any certificate of registration. 2724

No person shall knowingly register under more than one 2725  
name or knowingly induce any person to so register. 2726

No person shall knowingly make any false statement on any 2727  
form for registration or change of registration or upon any 2728  
application or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot. 2729

Whoever violates this division is guilty of a felony of 2730  
the fifth degree. 2731

(B) (1) No person who helps another person register outside 2732  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or 2733  
knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed 2734  
registration form. 2735

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree.

(2) ~~(a)~~ No person who helps another person register outside an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to ~~return-cause~~ any registration form entrusted to that person to be returned to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days after that ~~registration-~~ registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the registration form is received by the person within twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case the person shall ~~return-cause~~ the registration form to be returned to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its receipt.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of this division ~~(B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section,~~ the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

~~(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, no person who helps another person register outside an official registration place shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.~~

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~

~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person- 2766  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)- 2767  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the- 2768  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any- 2769  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the- 2770  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed- 2771  
to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the- 2772  
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2773~~

~~(C) (1) No person who receives compensation for registering- 2774  
a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form- 2775  
entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office- 2776  
of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter- 2777  
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth- 2778  
day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the- 2779  
registration form is received by the person within twenty four- 2780  
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case- 2781  
the person shall return the registration form to any board of- 2782  
elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days- 2783  
of its receipt. 2784~~

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election- 2785  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person- 2786  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)- 2787  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the- 2788  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any- 2789  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the- 2790  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed- 2791  
to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the- 2792  
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2793~~

~~(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a- 2794  
voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to- 2795~~



~~that person to any location other than any board of elections or  
the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2796  
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~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed  
to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the  
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2798  
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~~(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering  
a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter  
registration forms or to assist persons in completing or  
returning those forms.~~ 2807  
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**Sec. 3599.18.** (A) No election official, person assisting 2811  
in the registration of electors, or police officer shall 2812  
knowingly do any of the following: 2813

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or 2814  
prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful 2815  
manner applies for registration or who should be registered 2816  
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code; 2817

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on 2818  
a voter registration list; 2819

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the 2820  
registration card or form of any qualified elector; 2821

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any 2822  
duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person 2823  
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer. 2824

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 2825  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2826

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 2827  
3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 2828  
3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 2829  
3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 2830  
3599.18 and sections 3503.11, 3503.29, and 3505.22 of the 2831  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2832

**Section 3.** Section 3501.05 of the Revised Code is 2833  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 2834  
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 205 of the 130th General 2835  
Assembly. 2836

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code is presented in this 2837  
act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. H.B. 2838  
359 and Sub. S.B. 63 of the 132nd General Assembly. 2839

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code is presented in this 2840  
act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. S.B. 47, 2841  
Am. Sub. S.B. 109, and Sub. S.B. 216, all of the 130th General 2842  
Assembly. 2843

The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 2844  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 2845  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 2846  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 2847  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 2848  
as presented in this act. 2849