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A BILL

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.105, 1
3517.106, 3517.13, and 3599.03 of the Revised 2
Code to modify the Campaign Finance Law. 3

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.105, 4
3517.106, 3517.13, and 3599.03 of the Revised Code be amended to 5
read as follows: 6

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 7
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 8
meets either of the following requirements: 9

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 10
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 11
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 12
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 13
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 14
division remains a political party for a period of four years 15
after meeting those requirements. 16

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 17

subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 18
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 19
all of the following requirements: 20

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 21
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 22
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 23
election for such office. 24

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 25
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 26
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 27
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 28
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 29
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 30

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 31
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 32
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 33
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 34
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 35

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 36
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 37
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 38
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 39
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 40
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 41
the usual place of residence of each of them. 42

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 43
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 44
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 45
mislead the voters at an election. 46

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 47
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 48
name. 49

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 50
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 51
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 52
Revised Code: 53

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 54
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 55
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 56
contributions and make expenditures. 57

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 58
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 59

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 60
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 61
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 62
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 63
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 64
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 65
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 66
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 67
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 68
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 69
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 70
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 71
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 72
convention or conference of a political party. 73

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 74
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 75

fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 76
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 77
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 78
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 79
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 80
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 81
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 82
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 83
Revenue Code. 84

(5) ~~"Contribution"~~ (a) Except as otherwise provided in 85
divisions (C)(5)(b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 86
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 87
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 88
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 89
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 90
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 91
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 92
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 93
results of an election. ~~Any~~ 94

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 95
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 96
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 97
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 98
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 99
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 100
or person other than the person to whom the services are 101
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 102
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 103
other than moneys a state or county political party receives 104
from the Ohio political party fund pursuant to section 3517.17 105
of the Revised Code and the moneys an entity may receive under 106

sections 3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, 107
shall be considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of 108
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a 109
statement of contributions filed under that section. 110

~~"Contribution" does not include any (c) (i) If a political 111
contributing entity does all of the following, then 112
"contribution" has the meaning defined in division (C) (5) (a) of 113
this section with respect to contributions made to or received 114
by that political contributing entity: 115~~

~~(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 116
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 117
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 118
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 119
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 120
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 121
another person, that are made to or received by the political 122
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 123
of an election; 124~~

~~(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 125
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 126
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 127
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 128
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 129
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 130
another person, that are made to or received by the political 131
contributing entity; 132~~

~~(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 133
separate account. 134~~

~~(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow 135~~

the procedure described in division (C)(5)(c)(i) of this 136
section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of 137
indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 138
or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an 139
inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the 140
payment by any person other than the person to whom the services 141
are rendered for the personal services of another person, that 142
is made to or received by the political contributing entity is 143
considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or 144
received for the purpose of influencing the results of an 145
election. 146

(d) None of the following are considered a contribution 147
under divisions (C)(5)(a) to (c) of this section: 148

~~(a)~~ (i) Services provided without compensation by 149
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on 150
behalf of a person; 151

~~(b)~~ (ii) Ordinary home hospitality; 152

~~(c)~~ (iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by 153
that volunteer campaign worker; 154

~~(d)~~ (iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 155
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 156

~~(e)~~ (v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 157
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 158
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 159
communication; 160

~~(f)~~ (vi) Any gift given to a state or county political 161
party for the party's restricted fund under division (A)(2) of 162
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 163

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 164
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 165
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 166
same meaning as in that section. 167

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 168
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 169

(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 170
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 171
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 172
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 173
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 174
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 175
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 176
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 177
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 178
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 179
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 180
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 181
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 182
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 183
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 184
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 185
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 186
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 187
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 188
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 189
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 190
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 191

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 192
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 193

have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.	194 195
(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone.	196 197 198
(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or to influence the result of any election through express advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign committee, a political contributing entity, or a legislative campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include either of the following:	199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206
(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;	207 208 209
(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per calendar year.	210 211 212 213 214 215
(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a political party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United States senator and representative.	216 217 218 219
(10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	220 221
(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a	222

public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund 223
exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or 224
public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign 225
fund exists. 226

(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, 227
including contributions. 228

(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as 229
in section 102.01 of the Revised Code. 230

(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of 231
representatives or all of the members of the senate of the 232
general assembly who are members of the same political party. 233

(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is 234
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and 235
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. 236

(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 237
than money that is used to influence the results of an election 238
or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a 239
candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 240
political party, political action committee, or political 241
contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in 242
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 243
request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, 244
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, 245
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any 246
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 247
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 248
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 249
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 250

(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure or 251

~~other use of funds or anything of value by a person advocating~~ 252
~~to advocate~~ the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 253
candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in 254
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 255
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 256
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 257
used in division (C) (17) of this section: 258

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 259
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 260
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 261
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 262
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 263
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 264
~~contributing entity.~~ 265

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 266
communication containing a message advocating the election or 267
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 268

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 269
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 270
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 271
by unambiguous reference. 272

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 273
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 274
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 275
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 276
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 277
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 278
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 279
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 280

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 281
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 282
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 283
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 284

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 285
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 286
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 287
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 288
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 289

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 290
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 291
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 292
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 293
efforts. 294

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 295
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 296
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 297
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 298
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 299
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 300
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 301

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee 302
organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or 303
other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, 304
employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, 305
locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide 306
organization in which employees participate and that exists for 307
the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 308
concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other 309
terms and conditions of employment. 310

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 311
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 312
Campaign Act. 313

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal 314
Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et 315
seq., as amended. 316

(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county 317
political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 318
3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 319

(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning 320
as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 321

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 322
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 323
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 324
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 325
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 326

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 327
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 328

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, 329
including a corporation ~~or~~ labor organization, partnership, or 330
unincorporated business organization or association, that may 331
lawfully make contributions ~~and~~ or expenditures and that is not 332
an individual or a political action committee, continuing 333
association, campaign committee, political party, legislative 334
campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state 335
candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means 336
not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized 337
by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 338

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 339

division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 340
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 341
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 342
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 343
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 344
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 345
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 346
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 347
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 348
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 349
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 350
the following dates: 351

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 352
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 353
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 354
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 355
before the election; 356

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 357
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 358
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 359
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 360
day before the filing of the statement; 361

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 362
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 363
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 364
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 365
the last day of December of the previous year; 366

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 367
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 368
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 369

filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 370
day of June of that year. 371

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 372
statements prescribed under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this 373
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 374
committee's candidate. 375

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this 376
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 377
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 378
party, or political contributing entity that has received 379
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 380
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 381
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 382
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 383
statement required under division (A)(2) of this section. 384

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 385
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 386
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 387
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 388
required by division (A)(1) of this section for the general 389
election instead of the statement required by division (A)(2) of 390
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 391
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 392
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 393
days before the general election. 394

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 395
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 396
required to file the statement required by division (A)(1) of 397
this section. 398

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 399
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 400
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 401
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 402
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 403
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 404
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 405
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 406
party, or political contributing entity. 407

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 408
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 409
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 410
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 411
(A) (4) of this section. 412

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 413
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 414
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 415
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 416
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 417
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 418
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 419
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 420
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 421

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 422
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 423
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 424
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 425
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 426
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 427
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 428

(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 429
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 430
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 431
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 432

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 433
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 434
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 435
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 436
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 437
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 438
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 439
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 440
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 441
under this section and made under penalty of election 442
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 443
this section, as applicable. 444

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 445
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 446
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 447
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 448
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 449
statement not later than three business days after the last day 450
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 451
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 452
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 453
extending through the day of that general election, each time 454
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 455
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 456
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 457
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 458
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 459

received from that contributor during that period to equal or 460
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 461
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 462
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 463
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 464
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 465
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 466
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 467
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 468
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 469
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 470
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 471
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 472
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 473
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 474
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 475
required by this section. 476

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 477
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 478
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 479
and (D) (6) of this section and division (H) (1) of section 480
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 481
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 482
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 483
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 484
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 485
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 486
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 487
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 488
Revised Code. 489

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 490

no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 491
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 492
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 493
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 494
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 495
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 496
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 497
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 498
previously filed statement. 499

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 500
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 501
section shall contain the following information: 502

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 503
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 504
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 505
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 506
and expenditure statement; 507

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 508
candidate's full name and address; 509

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 510
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 511
(1) of this section; 512

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 513
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 514

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 515
shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 516
unincorporated business; 517

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 518
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 519

of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 520
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 521
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 522
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 523
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 524
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 525
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 526
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 527
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 528
class of voting securities of, the other corporation or 529
unincorporated business. 530

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 531
a general, primary, or special election; 532

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 533
include the following information: 534

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 535

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 536
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 537
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 538
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 539
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 540
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 541
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 542
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 543
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 544
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 545
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 546
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 547
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 548

(ii) If a political action committee, political 549
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 550
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 551
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 552
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 553
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 554
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 555
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 556
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 557
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 558

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 559
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 560
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 561
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 562
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 563
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 564
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 565
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 566
of which the employees are members, if any. 567

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 568
than money; 569

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 570

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 571
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 572
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 573
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 574
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 575
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 576
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 577
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 578

or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 579
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 580
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 581
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 582
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 583
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 584
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 585
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 586
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 587
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 588
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 589
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 590
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 591
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 592
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 593
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 594
a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 595
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 596
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 597
address of any members who paid those dues. 598

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 599
separately from all other contributions. The information 600
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 601
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 602
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 603

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 604
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 605
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 606
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 607
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 608
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 609

a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 610
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 611
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 612
this division: 613

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 614
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 615

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 616
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 617
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 618
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 619
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 620
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 621

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 622
following information: 623

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 624

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 625
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 626
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 627
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 628
political action committee under division (D)(1) of this 629
section; 630

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 631
made; 632

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 633

(C)(1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 634
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 635
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 636
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 637

section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 638
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 639
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 640
division (H) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 641
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 642
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 643
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 644
in ink on a printed form. 645

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 646
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 647
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 648
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 649
donor. 650

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 651
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 652
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 653
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 654
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 655
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 656

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 657
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 658
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 659
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 660
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 661
division (A) (2) of this section. 662

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 663
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 664
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 665
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 666
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 667

prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 668
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 669
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 670
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 671
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 672
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 673
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 674
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 675
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 676
national convention or conference of a political party. 677

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 678
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 679
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 680
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 681
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 682

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 683
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 684
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 685
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 686
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 687
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 688
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 689
electronic means of transmission under division (A) of this 690
section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, 691
division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 692
3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) 693
and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to 694
division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of 695
section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division 696
(B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 697
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 698

the statements required to be stored on computer by the 699
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 700
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 701
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 702
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 703
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 704
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 705
format. 706

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 707
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 708
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 709
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 710
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 711
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 712
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 713
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 714
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 715
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 716
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 717
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 718
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 719
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 720
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 721
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 722
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 723
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 724
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 725
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 726
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 727
appropriate. 728

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 729

statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 730
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 731
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 732
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 733

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 734
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 735
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 736
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 737
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 738
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 739
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 740
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 741
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 742
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 743
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 744
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 745
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 746
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 747
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 748
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 749
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 750
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 751
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 752
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 753
number to each political action committee that files a 754
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 755
division if the political action committee is required by 756
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 757
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 758
state. 759

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 760

section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 761
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 762

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 763
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 764
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 765
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 766
campaign committee. 767

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 768
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 769
separate from all other funds. 770

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 771
state candidate fund that is separate from an account that 772
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 773
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from 774
all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit 775
into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary 776
contributions that are made to or accepted by the political 777
party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed 778
in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county 779
political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions 780
received by the party into one or more accounts that are 781
separate from its state candidate fund and from its account that 782
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 783
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 784

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 785
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 786
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 787
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 788
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 789
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 790

are members of that political party to the house of the general 791
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 792
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 793
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 794
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 795
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 796
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 797
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 798

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 799
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 800
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 801
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 802
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 803
(4) of this section. 804

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 805
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 806
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 807
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 808
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 809
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 810
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 811

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 812
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 813
following: 814

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 815
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 816
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 817
of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 818
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 819
Code; 820

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 821
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 822
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 823
disbursement information in the statements described in division 824
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 825
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 826
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 827
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 828
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 829
of transmission. 830

(7) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (I) of 831
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 832
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 833
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 834
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 835
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, 836
amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended 837
statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or 838
other means of transmission under this section, division (B) (2) 839
(b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 840
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the 841
Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information 842
from the internet after a reasonable period of time. 843

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 844
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 845
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 846
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 847
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 848
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 849
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 850
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 851

provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 852
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 853
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 854

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 855
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 856
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 857
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 858
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 859
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 860
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 861
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 862
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 863
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 864
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 865

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 866
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 867
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 868
section, that committee is considered to have met the 869
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 870
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 871
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 872
written request for the information required under division (B) 873
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 874
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 875
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 876

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 877
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 878
name and address of the committee and the registration number 879
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 880

(F) As used in this section: 881

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 882
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 883
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 884
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 885
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 886
post-office box. 887

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 888
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 889
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 890
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 891
highway name and number. 892

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 893
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 894
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 895
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 896
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 897
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 898
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 899
to that address. 900

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 901
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 902
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 903
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 904
committee: 905

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 906
section; 907

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 908
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 909
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 910

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 911
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 912
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 913
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 914
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 915
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 916
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 917
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 918
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 919
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 920
box number. 921

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 922
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 923
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 924
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 925
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 926
the supreme court. 927

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 928
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 929
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 930
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 931
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 932

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 933
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 934
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 935
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 936

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 937
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 938
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 939
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 940

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(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 942
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 943
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 944
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 945
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 946
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 947
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 948
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 949
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 950
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 951
combined reporting periods. 952

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 953
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 954
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 955
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 956
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 957
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 958
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 959
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 960
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 961
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 962
election periods. 963

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 964
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 965
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 966
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 967
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 968
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 969
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 970

its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 971
candidates. 972

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 973
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 974
business from any funds of the partnership or other 975
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 976

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 977
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 978
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 979
member making the contribution. 980

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 981
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 982
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 983
business, provided that the information includes one of the 984
following: 985

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 986
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 987
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 988
the partners, owners, or members; or 989

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 990
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 991
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 992
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 993
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 994
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 995
the contribution. 996

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 997
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 998
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 999

section. 1000

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be accepted from any funds of the partnership or other unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1001
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(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the partnership or other unincorporated business. 1007
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~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1010
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(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a candidate or holds office. 1015
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(K)(1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment of a treasurer under division (D)(1) of this section, the campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any candidate for member of a board of education except member of the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate attesting that the committee will not accept contributions during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1018
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thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1029
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1030
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1031
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1032

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1033
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1034
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1035
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1036
be a write-in candidate. 1037

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1038
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1039
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1040
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1041

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1042
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1043
limitations described in that division during an election 1044
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1045
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1046
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1047
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1048
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1049
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1050
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1051
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1052
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1053
write-in candidate. 1054

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1055
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1056
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1057
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1058

through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1059
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1060
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1061
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1062

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1063
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1064
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1065
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1066
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1067
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1068
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1069
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1070
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1071
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1072
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1073
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1074
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1075
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1076
receives from all other contributors. 1077

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1078
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1079
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1080
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1081
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1082

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1083
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1084
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1085
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1086
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1087
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1088

assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1089

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1090
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1091
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1092
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1093
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1094
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1095
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1096
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1097
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1098
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1099
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1100
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1101
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1102
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1103
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1104
following: 1105

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1106
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1107
candidate's campaign committee; 1108

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1109
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1110
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1111
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1112
of the Revised Code. 1113

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1114
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1115
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1116
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1117
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1118

expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1119
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1120
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1121
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1122
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1123

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity, 1124
except a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1125
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1126
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1127
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1128
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity shall 1129
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1130
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1131
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1132
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1133
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1134
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1135
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1136
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1137
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1138
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1139
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1140
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1141
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1142
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1143
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1144
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1145
election falsification. 1146

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1147
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1148
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1149

campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1150
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1151
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 1152
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1153
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1154
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1155
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1156
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1157
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1158
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1159
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1160
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1161
both of the following: 1162

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1163
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1164
issue committee; 1165

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1166
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 1167
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1168
that has paid for the communication or public political 1169
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1170
Code. 1171

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1172
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1173
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 1174
makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in support of or opposition to 1175
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 1176
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 1177
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 1178
~~Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 1179

political party, ~~or political action committee,~~ or political 1180
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 1181
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1182
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1183
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1184
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1185
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1186

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 1187
except a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1188
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1189
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1190
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1191
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1192
individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file with the 1193
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1194
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1195
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1196
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1197
than the dates specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) 1198
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1199
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1200
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1201
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1202
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1203
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1204
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1205
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1206
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1207
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1208
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1209
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1210

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

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

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

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

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or

other correction to that statement. 1241

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1242
information contained in statements of contributions and 1243
expenditures and monthly statements required to be filed under 1244
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in statements of 1245
independent expenditures required to be filed under section 1246
3517.105 of the Revised Code by any of the following: 1247

(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide 1248
office; 1249

(b) The political action committees and political 1250
contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section 1251
3517.11 of the Revised Code; 1252

(c) Legislative campaign funds; 1253

(d) State political parties; 1254

(e) Individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor-~~ 1255
~~organizations,~~ or other entities that make independent 1256
expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide 1257
candidate or expenditures in support of a statewide ballot issue 1258
or question; 1259

(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office 1260
of member of the general assembly; 1261

(g) County political parties, with respect to their state 1262
candidate funds. 1263

(2) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1264
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 1265
communications statements required to be filed under section 1266
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1267

(3) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1268
information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 1269
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1270
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 1271

(4) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1272
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 1273
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1274
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. 1275

(5) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1276
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 1277
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1278
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1279

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1280
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1281
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1282
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1283
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1284
entities described in division (B) of this section, and to 1285
members of the news media and other interested persons, for a 1286
reasonable fee, computer programs that are compatible with the 1287
secretary of state's method of storing the information contained 1288
in the statements. 1289

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1290
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1291
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1292
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1293
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1294
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1295
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1296

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1297
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1298
least six years. 1299

(E) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 1300
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1301
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1302
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 1303
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1304
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1305
means of transmission, the campaign committee of each candidate 1306
for statewide office may file the statements prescribed by 1307
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1308
transmission or, if the total amount of the contributions 1309
received or the total amount of the expenditures made by the 1310
campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as 1311
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1312
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1313
electronic means of transmission. 1314

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 1315
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 1316
a candidate for statewide office is received by the secretary of 1317
state by electronic or other means of transmission, the 1318
secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1319
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1320
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1321
statement. The secretary of state shall not make available 1322
online to the public through the internet any contribution or 1323
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1324
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1325
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1326
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1327

office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1328
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1329
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1330
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1331
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1332
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1333
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1334
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1335
office. 1336

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1337
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1338
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1339
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 1340
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission any 1341
addendum to the statement that provides the information 1342
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 1343
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 1344
statement. 1345

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1346
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide 1347
office an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1348
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1349
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1350
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1351
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1352
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1353
division (I) of this section. 1354

(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1355
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1356
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1357

this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1358
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1359
statements by electronic means of transmission, a political 1360
action committee and a political contributing entity described 1361
in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign 1362
fund, and a state political party may file the statements 1363
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1364
means of transmission or, if the total amount of the 1365
contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures 1366
made by the political action committee, political contributing 1367
entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for 1368
the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1369
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1370
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1371
transmission. 1372

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1373
political action committee or a political contributing entity 1374
described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative 1375
campaign fund, or a state political party is received by the 1376
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1377
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1378
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1379
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1380
statement. 1381

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1382
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1383
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1384
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the political 1385
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative 1386
campaign fund, or state political party shall file by electronic 1387
means of transmission any addendum to the statement that 1388

provides the information necessary to complete or correct the 1389
statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that 1390
division, an amended statement. 1391

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1392
receives from a political action committee or a political 1393
contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this 1394
section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party 1395
an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1396
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1397
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1398
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1399
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1400
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1401
division (I) of this section. 1402

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1403
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1404
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1405
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1406
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1407
statements by electronic means of transmission, a county 1408
political party shall file the statements prescribed by section 1409
3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate 1410
fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 1411
secretary of state. 1412

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1413
county political party with respect to its state candidate fund 1414
is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of 1415
transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online 1416
to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) 1417
of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in 1418

that statement. 1419

If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate 1420
after the examination of the statement for completeness and 1421
accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of 1422
the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by 1423
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1424
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1425
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1426
that division, an amended statement. 1427

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1428
receives from a county political party an addendum to the 1429
statement or an amended statement by electronic means of 1430
transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of 1431
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state 1432
shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the 1433
addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1434
through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 1435
section. 1436

(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 1437
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1438
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1439
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 1440
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1441
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1442
means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for 1443
the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign 1444
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of 1445
appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1446
the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 1447
3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of 1448

transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1449
total amount of the contributions received by the campaign 1450
committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in 1451
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten 1452
thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic 1453
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1454

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 1455
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 1456
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 1457
a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 1458
court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by 1459
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1460
state shall make available online to the public through the 1461
internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the 1462
contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The 1463
secretary of state shall not make available online to the public 1464
through the internet any contribution or expenditure information 1465
contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary 1466
of state is able to make available online to the public through 1467
the internet the contribution and expenditure information for 1468
all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable 1469
filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is 1470
sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of 1471
the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates 1472
for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing 1473
deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the 1474
secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to 1475
the public through the internet the information for all 1476
candidates for that office. 1477

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1478
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1479

the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1480
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 1481
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the 1482
office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement 1483
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1484
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1485
that division, an amended statement. 1486

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1487
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office 1488
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1489
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an 1490
addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic 1491
or other means of transmission under this division or division 1492
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary 1493
of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information 1494
in the addendum or amended statement available online to the 1495
public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 1496
section. 1497

(2) If a statement, addendum, or amended statement is not 1498
filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 1499
secretary of state but is filed by printed version only under 1500
division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code with the 1501
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee of a 1502
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a 1503
campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 1504
court of appeals shall file two copies of the printed version of 1505
the statement, addendum, or amended statement with the board of 1506
elections. The board of elections shall send one of those copies 1507
by certified mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of 1508
state before the close of business on the day the board of 1509
elections receives the statement, addendum, or amended 1510

statement. 1511

(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1512
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1513
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1514
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1515
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1516
statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, 1517
partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures 1518
in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a 1519
statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division (B) 1520
(2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may 1521
file the statement specified in that division by electronic 1522
means of transmission or, if the total amount of independent 1523
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 1524
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 1525
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 1526

Within five business days after a statement filed by an 1527
individual, partnership, or other entity is received by the 1528
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1529
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1530
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1531
section, the expenditure information in that statement. 1532

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1533
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1534
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1535
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1536
individual, partnership, or other entity shall file by 1537
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1538
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1539
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1540

that division, an amended statement. 1541

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1542
receives from an individual, partnership, or other entity 1543
described in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 1544
of the Revised Code an addendum to the statement or an amended 1545
statement by electronic or other means of transmission under 1546
this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the 1547
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the expenditure 1548
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1549
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1550
division (I) of this section. 1551

(H) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1552
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 1553
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits by 1554
electronic means a statement of contributions and expenditures, 1555
a statement of independent expenditures, a disclosure of 1556
electioneering communications statement, a deposit and 1557
disbursement statement, a gift and disbursement statement, or a 1558
donation and disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those 1559
statements, an amended statement of contributions and 1560
expenditures, an amended statement of independent expenditures, 1561
an amended disclosure of electioneering communications 1562
statement, an amended deposit and disbursement statement, an 1563
amended gift and disbursement statement, or an amended donation 1564
and disbursement statement, under this section or section 1565
3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 1566
of the Revised Code shall electronically sign the statement, 1567
addendum, or amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the 1568
secretary of state pursuant to this division shall create an 1569
electronic signature that satisfies all of the following: 1570

(a) It is unique to the signer.	1571
(b) It objectively identifies the signer.	1572
(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised.	1573 1574 1575
(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the electronic signature is invalidated.	1576 1577 1578 1579
(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of state under division (H)(1) of this section shall be attached to or associated with the statement of contributions and expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	1580 1581 1582 1583 1584 1585 1586 1587 1588 1589 1590 1591 1592 1593 1594 1595 1596 1597 1598 1599

(I) The secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code available online to the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 1629
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 1630
transmission pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 1631
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1632
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 1633
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 1634
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 1635
statements may be filed. 1636

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 1637
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 1638
library of that world wide web location as required by this 1639
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 1640
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 1641
that is accessible to the public. 1642

(K) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 1643
brought against any campaign committee, political action 1644
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1645
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 1646
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 1647
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 1648
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 1649
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 1650
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 1651
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 1652
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 1653
political action committee, political contributing entity, 1654
legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 1655
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 1656
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1657
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 1658
failed to so file: 1659

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1660
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1661
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1662
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1663
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1664
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 1665
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 1666
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 1667

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1668
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1669
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1670
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1671
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1672
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 1673
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 1674
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 1675
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 1676
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 1677

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1678
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1679
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1680
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1681
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1682
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 1683
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 1684
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 1685
described in division (K) (2) of this section. 1686

(L) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 1687
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 1688
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 1689

expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 1690
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 1691
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 1692
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 1693
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 1694
division (E) or (F) of this section to file those statements by 1695
paper with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules 1696
shall provide for all of the following: 1697

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 1698
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 1699
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 1700
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 1701
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 1702
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 1703
statement. 1704

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 1705
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 1706
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 1707
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 1708
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 1709
to an electronic format as required under division (I) of this 1710
section. 1711

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 1712
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 1713
division (L) of this section to be made available online to the 1714
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 1715
times, as information is made available under divisions (E), 1716
(F), and (I) of this section for candidates whose campaign 1717
committees file those statements by electronic means of 1718
transmission. 1719

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 1720
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 1721
division (L) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 1722
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 1723
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 1724
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 1725
for the eligible campaign committee. 1726

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 1727
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (L) of this 1728
section shall review the contribution and information made 1729
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 1730
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 1731
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 1732
available on that web site. 1733

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 1734
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 1735
(L)(1)(d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 1736
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 1737
rules adopted under division (L)(1)(a) of this section, 1738
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 1739
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 1740
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 1741
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 1742
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1743

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 1744
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 1745
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 1746
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 1747
to be developed under division (L)(1) of this section shall be 1748
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 1749

for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 1750
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 1751
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 1752
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 1753
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 1754
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 1755
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 1756
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 1757
process is in effect and available for use. 1758

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 1759
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 1760
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 1761
secretary of state pursuant to division (L)(1) of this section 1762
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 1763
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 1764
secretary of state. 1765

Sec. 3517.13. (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide 1766
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 1767
required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1768
Code. 1769

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1770
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 1771
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 1772
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 1773
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 1774
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 1775
Code. 1776

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 1777
same meaning as in division (F)(2) of section 3517.10 of the 1778
Revised Code. 1779

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 1780
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 1781
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1782

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 1783
and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 1784
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1785

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 1786
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of 1787
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1788

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 1789
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 1790
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code. 1791

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 1792
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 1793
or general election. 1794

(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 1795
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 1796
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 1797
3517.08 to 3517.13 and 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 1798

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 1799
committee, political action committee, political contributing 1800
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 1801
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 1802
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 1803
person. 1804

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 1805
another when either of the following applies: 1806

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 1807

or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 1808
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 1809
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 1810
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 1811
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1812

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 1813
spouse's name or in both of their names. 1814

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 1815
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 1816
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 1817
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 1818
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 1819
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 1820
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 1821
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 1822
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 1823
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 1824
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 1825
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 1826
committees. 1827

No person within this state, operating a radio or 1828
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 1829
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 1830
exceeds: 1831

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 1832
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 1833
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 1834
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 1835
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 1836
period; 1837

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 1838
of that station by its other users. 1839

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 1840
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 1841
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 1842
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 1843
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 1844
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 1845
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 1846
association, including, without limitation, a professional 1847
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 1848
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 1849
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 1850
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 1851
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 1852
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 1853
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 1854
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 1855
campaign committee. 1856

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 1857
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 1858
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 1859
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 1860
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 1861
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 1862
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 1863
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 1864
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 1865
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 1866
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 1867
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 1868

one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 1869
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 1870
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 1871
officer's campaign committee. 1872

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 1873
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 1874
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 1875
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 1876
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 1877
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 1878
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 1879
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 1880
award of the contract. 1881

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 1882
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 1883
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 1884
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 1885
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 1886
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 1887
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 1888
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 1889
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 1890
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 1891
responsibility for the award of the contract. 1892

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 1893
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 1894
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 1895
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 1896
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 1897
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 1898

entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 1899
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 1900
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 1901
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 1902
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 1903
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 1904
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 1905
contract for goods or services. 1906

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 1907
actions of the controlling board. 1908

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 1909
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 1910
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 1911
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 1912
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 1913
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 1914
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 1915
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 1916
time of the award of the contract. 1917

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 1918
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 1919
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 1920
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 1921
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 1922
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 1923
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 1924
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 1925
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 1926
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 1927
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 1928

decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 1929
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 1930
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 1931
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 1932
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 1933
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 1934
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 1935
action brought solely for legal separation. 1936

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 1937
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 1938
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 1939
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 1940
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 1941
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 1942
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 1943
reimbursement for any of the following: 1944

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 1945
incurred by the beneficiary; 1946

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 1947
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 1948
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 1949
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 1950
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 1951
office would normally be expected; 1952

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 1953
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 1954
following: 1955

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 1956
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 1957

ballot issue;	1958
(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	1959 1960 1961
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	1962 1963 1964
(d) Attending a political party convention or other political meeting.	1965 1966
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account.	1967 1968 1969 1970 1971
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of this section to the extent that the expense previously was reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or reimbursement received from the other source.	1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981
(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept for personal or business use anything of value from a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the candidate's or public official's or	1982 1983 1984 1985 1986

employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 1987
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 1988
value from a political party, political action committee, 1989
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1990
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 1991

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 1992
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 1993
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 1994
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 1995
political action committee, political contributing entity, 1996
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 1997
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 1998
those incurred while doing any of the following: 1999

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2000
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2001

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2002
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2003

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2004
political meeting. 2005

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2006
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2007
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2008
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2009
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2010
political party, political action committee, political 2011
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2012
committee. 2013

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2014
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2015

official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2016
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2017
political party, political action committee, political 2018
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2019
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2020
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2021
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2022
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2023
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2024
employee's campaign committee. 2025

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2026
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2027
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2028
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2029
services on account. 2030

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2031
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2032
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2033
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2034
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2035
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2036
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2037

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2038
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2039
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2040
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2041
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2042
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2043
surrounding circumstances. 2044

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2045

section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2046
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2047
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2048
expenses allowable. 2049

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 2050

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 2051
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 2052

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 2053
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 2054

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 2055
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 2056
Federal Election Campaign Act. 2057

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 2058
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 2059
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 2060
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 2061
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 2062
candidate for state elective office. 2063

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 2064
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 2065
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 2066
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 2067
nomination or election to the federal office. 2068

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 2069
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 2070
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 2071
than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 2072
following: 2073

(a) A state candidate fund;	2074
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	2075
(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, or member of the general assembly.	2076 2077 2078 2079
(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section.	2080 2081 2082 2083
(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code.	2084 2085
(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2086 2087 2088
(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly through any other person or entity, make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate for any elective office in this state, including an office of a political party.	2089 2090 2091 2092 2093 2094 2095
(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure,	2096 2097 2098 2099 2100 2101 2102

or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2103
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2104
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2105
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2106
the value of it, to the contributor. 2107

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2108
national" ~~has means any of the same meaning as in following:~~ 2109

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2110
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2111

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2112
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2113
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2114
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2115
United States; 2116

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2117
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2118
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2119
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2120
United States. 2121

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2122
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2123
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2124
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2125

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2126
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2127
restricted fund. 2128

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2129
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2130

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

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

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

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

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of

any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2161

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2162
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2163
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 2164
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2165
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2166
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 2167
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 2168
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 2169
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 2170
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 2171
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 2172
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 2173
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 2174
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 2175
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2176

Sec. 3599.03. (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 2177
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 2178
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 2179
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 2180
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 2181
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section,~~ no 2182
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 2183
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 2184
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 2185
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 2186
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 2187
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 2188
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 2189
public office, a political action committee including a 2190
political action committee of the corporation or labor 2191

organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 2192
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 2193
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 2194
an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 2195
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 2196
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 2197
political action committee if an employee's or labor 2198
organization member's right to attend such an event is 2199
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 2200
corporation's or labor organization's political action 2201
committee. 2202

(2) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of this section shall 2203
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 2204
dollars. 2205

(B)(1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 2206
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 2207
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 2208
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 2209
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 2210
property in violation of division (A)(1) of this section. 2211

(2) Whoever violates division (B)(1) of this section shall 2212
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 2213
more than one year, or both. 2214

(C) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of~~ 2215
~~section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit~~ 2216
~~corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or~~ 2217
~~property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or~~ 2218
~~certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be~~ 2219
~~reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports~~ 2220
~~of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues~~ 2221

~~shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~ 2222
~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2223
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2224
~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2225
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2226
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2227
~~section accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the~~ 2228
Revised Code. 2229

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2230
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2231
501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2232
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2233
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2234
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2235
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2236
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2237
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2238

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2239
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2240
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2241

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2242
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2243
this section. 2244

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2245
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2246
this section. 2247

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2248
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2249
violation of this section. 2250

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2251
institution to a state political party for services rendered 2252
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2253
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2254
section of the Revised Code. 2255

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2256
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2257
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2258
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2259
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2260
recipients of the communication. 2261

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2262
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2263
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2264
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2265
organization. 2266

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2267
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2268
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2269
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2270
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2271
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2272
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2273
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2274
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2275
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2276
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2277
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2278

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2279
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2280

conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2281
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2282
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2283
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2284
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2285

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2286
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2287

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.10, 2288
3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.13, and 3599.03 of the Revised Code are 2289
hereby repealed. 2290