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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 1  
3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 2  
of the Revised Code and to amend the versions of 3  
sections 3517.105 and 3517.1011 of the Revised 4  
Code that are scheduled to take effect January 5  
1, 2021, to modify the Campaign Finance Law 6  
regarding independent expenditures and political 7  
action committees. 8

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 9  
3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 of the Revised 10  
Code be amended to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 3517.01.** (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 12  
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 13  
meets either of the following requirements: 14

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 15  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 16

candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for that office. A group that meets the requirements of this division remains a political party for a period of four years after meeting those requirements.

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division (A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets all of the following requirements:

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

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

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

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either

personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 46  
the usual place of residence of each of them. 47

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 48  
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 49  
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 50  
mislead the voters at an election. 51

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 52  
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 53  
name. 54

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 55  
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 56  
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 57  
Revised Code: 58

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 59  
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 60  
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 61  
contributions and make expenditures. 62

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 63  
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 64

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 65  
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 66  
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 67  
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 68  
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 69  
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 70  
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 71  
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 72  
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 73  
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 74

candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 75  
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 76  
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 77  
convention or conference of a political party. 78

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 79  
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 80  
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 81  
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 82  
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 83  
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 84  
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 85  
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 86  
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 87  
subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), or 501(c) (6) of the Internal 88  
Revenue Code. 89

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 90  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 91  
transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 92  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 93  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 94  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 95  
another person, which contribution is made, received, or used 96  
for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any 97  
loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 98  
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, 99  
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 100  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 101  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 102  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 103  
or person other than the person to whom the services are 104  
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 105

made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 106  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 107  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 108  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 109  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 110  
of contributions filed under that section. 111

"Contribution" does not include any of the following: 112

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 113  
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 114  
person; 115

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 116

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 117  
volunteer campaign worker; 118

(d) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 119  
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 120

(e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of 121  
the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 122  
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 123  
communication; 124

(f) Any gift given to a state or county political party 125  
for the party's restricted fund under division (A)(2) of section 126  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 127

(g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit 128  
in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised 129  
Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same 130  
meaning as in that section. 131

(h) Any donation given to a transition fund under section 132  
3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 133

(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use of a contribution by a state or county political party is an expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. ~~During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of that election and shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or independent expenditures shall be the same as the information required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.~~

~~As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.~~

(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone.

(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of

two or more persons, that has more than two thousand five 164  
hundred dollars in its treasury and makes aggregate total 165  
contributions and expenditures of one thousand dollars or more 166  
per calendar year, and the primary or major purpose of which is 167  
to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, 168  
or to influence the result of any election through express 169  
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 170  
committee, a political contributing entity, or a legislative 171  
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 172  
~~either of the following:~~ 173

~~(a) A~~ a continuing association that makes disbursements 174  
for the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 175  
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy. 176

~~(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social~~ 177  
~~purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has~~ 178  
~~officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five~~ 179  
~~hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an~~ 180  
~~aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per~~ 181  
~~calendar year.~~ 182

(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, 183  
township, or district office, except an office of a political 184  
party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United 185  
States senator and representative. 186

(10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in 187  
section 1.03 of the Revised Code. 188

(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a 189  
public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund 190  
exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or 191  
public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign 192

fund exists.	193
(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, including contributions.	194 195
(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	196 197
(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the general assembly who are members of the same political party.	198 199 200
(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is established as an auxiliary of a state political party and associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	201 202 203
(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or political contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate.	204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217
(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the	218 219 220 221

request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 222  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 223  
used in division (C) (17) of this section: 224

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, 225  
unincorporated business organization or association, political 226  
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 227  
segregated fund, association, corporation, labor organization, 228  
or other organization or group of persons, ~~but not a labor~~ 229  
~~organization or a corporation unless the labor organization or~~ 230  
~~corporation is a political contributing entity.~~ 231

(b) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 232  
message advocating election or defeat. 233

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 234  
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 235  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 236  
by unambiguous reference. 237

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 238  
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 239  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 240  
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 241  
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 242  
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 243  
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 244  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 245

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 246  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 247  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 248  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 249

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 250

authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 251  
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 252  
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 253  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 254

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 255  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 256  
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 257  
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 258  
efforts. 259

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 260  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 261  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 262  
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 263  
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 264  
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 265  
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 266

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee 267  
organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or 268  
other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, 269  
employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, 270  
locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide 271  
organization in which employees participate and that exists for 272  
the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 273  
concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other 274  
terms and conditions of employment. 275

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 276  
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 277  
Campaign Act. 278

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal 279

Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et seq., as amended.	280 281
(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code.	282 283 284
(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.	285 286
(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.	287 288 289 290 291
(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.	292 293
(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully make contributions <del>and</del> <u>or</u> expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action committee, continuing association, campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.	294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302
(26) "Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code.	303 304
<b>Sec. 3517.105.</b> (A)(1) As used in this section, "public political advertising" means advertising to the general public through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or	305 306 307 308

by any other means of advertising to the general public. 309

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 310  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 311  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 312  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 313  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 314  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 315  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 316

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 317  
political action committee or political contributing entity ~~with~~ 318  
~~ten or more members, a corporation, a labor organization, or a~~ 319  
legislative campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, ~~or~~ 320  
~~whenever a political action committee or political contributing~~ 321  
~~entity with fewer than ten members makes an independent~~ 322  
~~expenditure in excess of one hundred dollars for a local~~ 323  
~~candidate, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars for a~~ 324  
~~candidate for the office of member of the general assembly, or~~ 325  
~~in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide candidate, or~~ 326  
more for the purpose of financing communications advocating the 327  
election or defeat of an identified candidate or solicits 328  
without the candidate's express consent a contribution for or 329  
against an identified candidate through public political 330  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 331  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 332  
following: 333

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 334  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 335  
candidate's campaign committee; 336

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 337  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 338

corporation, labor organization, or legislative campaign fund 339  
that has paid for the communication or public political 340  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 341  
Code. 342

(2) (a) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this 343  
section, whenever any campaign committee, legislative campaign 344  
fund, political action committee, political contributing entity, 345  
or political party makes an independent expenditure of five 346  
hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 347  
candidate, the committee, entity, fund, or party shall report 348  
the independent expenditure and identify the candidate on a 349  
statement prescribed by the secretary of state and filed by the 350  
committee, entity, fund, or party as part of its statement of 351  
contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of 352  
section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the 353  
Revised Code. 354

(b) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this 355  
section, whenever any individual, partnership, corporation, 356  
labor organization, or other entity, except a ~~corporation, labor~~ 357  
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 358  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 359  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures of 360  
five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 361  
candidate, the individual, partnership, corporation, labor 362  
organization, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 363  
state in the case of a statewide candidate, or with the board of 364  
elections in the county in which the candidate files the 365  
candidate's petitions for nomination or election for district or 366  
local office, not later than the dates specified in divisions 367  
(A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 368  
Code, and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a 369

statement itemizing all independent expenditures made during the 370  
period since the close of business on the last day reflected in 371  
the last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 372  
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 373  
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 374  
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 375  
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 376  
indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure 377  
and the candidate on whose behalf it was made and shall be made 378  
under penalty of election falsification. 379

(c) Any independent expenditure of ten thousand dollars or 380  
more in support of or opposition to any candidate that is made 381  
during the period beginning on the ninetieth day before the 382  
primary election and ending on the day of the general election 383  
shall be deemed an electioneering communication for the purpose 384  
of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code and shall be reported 385  
in accordance with the requirements of that section. 386

(d) If a corporation or labor organization files a 387  
statement under division (B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section, the 388  
statement also shall identify the source of any amounts the 389  
corporation or labor organization received during the period 390  
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the 391  
last previously filed such statement that, in the aggregate, 392  
exceed five thousand dollars and that were not received in the 393  
ordinary course of business and were not received in exchange 394  
for goods and services provided by the corporation or labor 395  
organization. 396

(C) (1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, 397  
campaign committee, political action committee ~~with ten or more~~ 398  
~~members~~, or legislative campaign fund makes an independent 399

~~expenditure, or whenever a political action committee with fewer~~ 400  
~~than ten members makes an independent expenditure in excess of~~ 401  
~~one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or question, or in~~ 402  
~~excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide ballot issue or~~ 403  
~~question, or more~~ for the purpose of financing communications 404  
advocating support of or opposition to an identified ballot 405  
issue or question or solicits without the express consent of the 406  
ballot issue committee a contribution for or against an 407  
identified ballot issue or question through public political 408  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 409  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 410  
following: 411

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 412  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 413  
issue committee; 414

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor 415  
organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or 416  
political action committee that has paid for the communication 417  
or public political advertising in accordance with section 418  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 419

(2) (a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, 420  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 421  
or political action committee makes an independent expenditure 422  
of five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to 423  
any ballot issue or question, the corporation or labor 424  
organization shall report the independent expenditure in 425  
accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised 426  
Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 427  
political party, or political action committee shall report the 428  
independent expenditure and identify the ballot issue or 429

question on a statement prescribed by the secretary of state and 430  
filed by the committee, fund, or party as part of its statement 431  
of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of 432  
section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the 433  
Revised Code. 434

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 435  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 436  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 437  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures ~~in~~ 438  
~~excess of one~~ five hundred dollars or more in support of or 439  
opposition to any ballot issue or question, the individual, 440  
partnership, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 441  
state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or question, or 442  
with the board of elections in the county that certifies the 443  
issue or question for placement on the ballot in the case of a 444  
district or local issue or question, not later than the dates 445  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 446  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 447  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 448  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 449  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 450  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 451  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 452  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 453  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 454  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 455  
amount of each independent expenditure and the ballot issue or 456  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 457  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 458

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 459  
fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 460

organization, or other organization or association shall use or 461  
cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an 462  
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any 463  
candidate or any ballot issue or question. A name is false or 464  
fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative 465  
campaign fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 466  
organization, or other organization or association does not 467  
actually exist or operate, if the corporation, labor 468  
organization, or other organization or association has failed to 469  
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 470  
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 471  
committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 472  
committee has failed to file a designation of the appointment of 473  
a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D) (1) of 474  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 475

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 476  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 477  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 478  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 479  
section. 480

**Sec. 3517.1011.** (A) As used in this section: 481

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 482  
of the Revised Code. 483

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 484  
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 485  
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 486  
system. 487

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 488  
of the Revised Code. 489

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 490  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 491  
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 492  
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 493  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 494  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 495  
another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 496  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 497  
communications. 498

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 499  
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 500  
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 501  
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 502  
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 503  
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 504  
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 505  
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 506  
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 507  
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 508  
communication" when it is either of the following: 509

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 510  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 511  
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 512  
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 513  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 514  
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 515  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 516  
toward having the communication made; 517

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 518  
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 519

the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 520  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 521  
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 522  
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 523  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 524  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 525  
the candidate's campaign committee. 526

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 527  
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 528  
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 529  
made through any person who provides a service that does not 530  
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 531  
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 532  
also affects the content of the communication. 533

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 534

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 535  
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 536  
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 537  
ten thousand dollars; 538

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 539  
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 540  
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 541  
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 542  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 543  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 544  
dollar. 545

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 546  
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 547  
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 548

following periods of time: 549

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 550  
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 551  
election to that office, between the date that the person 552  
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 553  
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 554  
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 555  
will be elected to that office; 556

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 557  
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 558  
election to that office, between the date of the primary 559  
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 560  
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 561

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 562  
the following: 563

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 564  
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 565  
satellite television or radio station. For example, 566  
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 567  
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 568  
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 569  
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 570  
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 571  
telephone communications. 572

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 573  
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 574  
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 575  
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 576  
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 577

party, political committee, or candidate;	578
(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or	579
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised	580
Code;	581
(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate	582
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and	583
is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or	584
forum.	585
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section	586
3517.109 of the Revised Code.	587
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the	588
Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C.	589
1101 et seq., as amended.	590
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of	591
the Revised Code and includes any political organization	592
considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the	593
Internal Revenue Code.	594
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	595
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of	596
persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one	597
thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes	598
expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars	599
during a calendar year;	600
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	601
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political	602
party that does any of the following:	603
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five	604

thousand dollars during a calendar year; 605

(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions 606  
or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars 607  
during a calendar year; 608

(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in 609  
excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year. 610

(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, 611  
cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 612

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that 613  
the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, 614  
or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through 615  
an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief 616  
justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member 617  
of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," 618  
"mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous 619  
reference to the person's status as a candidate. 620

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be 621  
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered 622  
into a contract to make the disbursement. 623

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 624  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 625  
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 626  
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 627  
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 628  
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 629  
make such disbursements. 630

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 631  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 632  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 633

thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 634  
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 635  
electioneering communications statement containing the following 636  
information: 637

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 638  
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 639  
control over the activities of the person making the 640  
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 641  
the person making the disbursement; 642

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 643  
the disbursement, if not an individual; 644

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 645  
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 646  
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 647

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 648  
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 649  
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 650

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 651  
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 652  
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 653  
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 654  
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 655  
the account for electioneering communications, the information 656  
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 657  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 658  
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 659  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 660  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 661  
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 662

this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 663  
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 664  
other than electioneering communications. 665

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 666  
described in division (D) (1) (e) of this section, the information 667  
specified in division (D) (2) of this section for all 668  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 669  
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 670  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 671  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 672  
section during the period covered by the statement. 673

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 674  
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 675  
all of the following shall be reported: 676

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 677  
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 678  
more; 679

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 680  
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 681  
registration number assigned to the political action committee 682  
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 683

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 684  
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 685  
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 686  
individual's business, if any; 687

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 688  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 689  
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 690  
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 691

division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 692  
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 693  
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 694

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 695  
money; 696

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 697

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 698  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 699  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 700  
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division (H) (1) of section 701  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 702  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 703  
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 704  
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 705  
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 706  
of state. 707

Within five business days after the secretary of state 708  
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 709  
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 710  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 711  
division (I) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 712  
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 713

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 714  
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 715  
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 716  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 717  
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 718  
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 719  
correction to the statement that provides the information 720

necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 721  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 722  
statement. 723

Within five business days after the secretary of state 724  
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 725  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 726  
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 727  
division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 728  
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 729  
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 730  
correction to the statement or amended statement available 731  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 732  
division (I) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 733

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 734  
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 735  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 736  
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 737  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 738

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 739  
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 740  
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 741  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 742  
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 743  
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 744  
the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 745  
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 746

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 747  
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 748  
that does both of the following: 749

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 750  
communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 751  
candidate's campaign committee; 752

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 753  
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 754  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 755

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 756  
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 757  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 758  
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 759  
costs of producing or airing the communication. 760

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 761  
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 762  
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 763  
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 764  
received from a corporation or labor organization. 765~~

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 766  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 767  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 768  
Code. 769

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 770  
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 771  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 772  
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 773  
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 774  
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 775  
Code. 776

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 777  
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 778

Revised Code.	779
(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	780 781 782
(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	783 784 785
(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	786 787 788
(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code.	789 790 791
(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, or general election.	792 793 794
(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other information required to be reported by a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code.	795 796 797 798
(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications in the name of another person.	799 800 801 802 803 804
(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of another when either of the following applies:	805 806

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 807  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 808  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 809  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 810  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 811  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 812

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 813  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 814

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 815  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 816  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 817  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 818  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 819  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 820  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 821  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 822  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 823  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 824  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 825  
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 826  
committees. 827

No person within this state, operating a radio or 828  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 829  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 830  
exceeds: 831

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 832  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 833  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 834  
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 835  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 836

period; 837

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 838  
of that station by its other users. 839

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 840  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 841  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 842  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 843  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 844  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 845  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 846  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 847  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 848  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 849  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 850  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 851  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 852  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 853  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 854  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 855  
campaign committee. 856

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 857  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 858  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 859  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 860  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 861  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 862  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 863  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 864  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 865  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 866

made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 867  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 868  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 869  
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 870  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 871  
officer's campaign committee. 872

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 873  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 874  
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 875  
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 876  
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 877  
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 878  
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 879  
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 880  
award of the contract. 881

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 882  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 883  
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 884  
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 885  
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 886  
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 887  
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 888  
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 889  
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 890  
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 891  
responsibility for the award of the contract. 892

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 893  
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 894  
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 895  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 896

trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 897  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 898  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 899  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 900  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 901  
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 902  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 903  
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 904  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 905  
contract for goods or services. 906

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 907  
actions of the controlling board. 908

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 909  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 910  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 911  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 912  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 913  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 914  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 915  
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 916  
time of the award of the contract. 917

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 918  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 919  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 920  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 921  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 922  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 923  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 924  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 925  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 926

positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 927  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 928  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 929  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 930  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 931  
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 932  
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 933  
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 934  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 935  
action brought solely for legal separation. 936

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 937  
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 938  
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 939  
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 940  
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 941  
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 942  
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 943  
reimbursement for any of the following: 944

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 945  
incurred by the beneficiary; 946

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 947  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 948  
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 949  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 950  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 951  
office would normally be expected; 952

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 953  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 954  
following: 955

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 956  
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 957  
ballot issue; 958

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 959  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 960  
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 961

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 962  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 963  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 964

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 965  
political meeting. 966

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 967  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 968  
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 969  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 970  
account. 971

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 972  
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 973  
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 974  
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 975  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 976  
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 977  
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 978  
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 979  
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 980  
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 981

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 982  
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 983  
political party, political action committee, political 984

contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 985  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 986  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 987  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 988  
value from a political party, political action committee, 989  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 990  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 991

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 992  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 993  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 994  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 995  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 996  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 997  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 998  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 999

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 1000  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 1001

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 1002  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 1003

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 1004  
political meeting. 1005

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 1006  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 1007  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 1008  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1009  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 1010  
political party, political action committee, political 1011  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 1012  
committee. 1013

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 1014  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 1015  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 1016  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 1017  
political party, political action committee, political 1018  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 1019  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 1020  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 1021  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 1022  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 1023  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 1024  
employee's campaign committee. 1025

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 1026  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 1027  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 1028  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 1029  
services on account. 1030

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 1031  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 1032  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 1033  
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 1034  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 1035  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 1036  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 1037

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 1038  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 1039  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 1040  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 1041  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 1042  
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 1043

surrounding circumstances. 1044

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 1045  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 1046  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 1047  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 1048  
expenses allowable. 1049

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 1050

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 1051  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 1052

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 1053  
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1054

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 1055  
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 1056  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 1057

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 1058  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 1059  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 1060  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 1061  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 1062  
candidate for state elective office. 1063

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 1064  
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 1065  
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 1066  
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 1067  
nomination or election to the federal office. 1068

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 1069  
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 1070  
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 1071

than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 1072  
following: 1073

(a) A state candidate fund; 1074

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 1075

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1076  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1077  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1078  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 1079

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 1080  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 1081  
division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 1082  
contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section. 1083

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 1084  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 1085

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 1086  
required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1087  
Code. 1088

(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 1089  
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 1090  
expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of producing and 1091  
airing electioneering communications, or independent expenditure 1092  
or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a 1093  
contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1094  
producing and airing electioneering communications, or 1095  
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a 1096  
candidate for any elective office in this state, including an 1097  
office of a political party. 1098

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 1099

committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1100  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 1101  
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 1102  
expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of producing and 1103  
airing electioneering communications, or independent expenditure 1104  
from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any 1105  
candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a 1106  
contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1107  
producing and airing electioneering communications, or 1108  
independent expenditure in violation of this division to return 1109  
the contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs 1110  
of producing and airing electioneering communications, or 1111  
independent expenditure or, if it is not possible to return the 1112  
contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1113  
producing and airing electioneering communications, or 1114  
independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it, 1115  
to the contributor. 1116

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 1117  
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 1118  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 1119

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 1120  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 1121  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 1122  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 1123

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 1124  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 1125  
restricted fund. 1126

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 1127  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 1128

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 1129  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 1130  
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 1131  
any one state or county political party for the party's 1132  
restricted fund in a calendar year. 1133

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 1134  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 1135  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 1136  
organization in a calendar year. 1137

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 1138  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 1139  
county political party. 1140

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 1141  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 1142  
Revised Code. 1143

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 1144  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 1145  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 1146  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 1147  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 1148  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 1149  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 1150  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 1151  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 1152  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 1153  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 1154  
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 1155  
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 1156  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 1157  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 1158

any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 1159

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 1160  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 1161  
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 1162  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 1163  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 1164  
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 1165  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 1166  
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 1167  
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 1168  
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 1169  
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 1170  
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 1171  
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 1172  
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 1173  
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 1174

(AA) (1) No foreign corporation shall make an independent 1175  
expenditure, make a disbursement for the direct costs of 1176  
producing and airing electioneering communications, or make a 1177  
contribution to another entity for the purpose of funding the 1178  
direct costs of producing and airing electioneering 1179  
communications. 1180

(2) For the purpose of division (AA) of this section, the 1181  
determination of whether a corporation is a foreign corporation 1182  
shall be made as of the date the independent expenditure, 1183  
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing 1184  
electioneering communications, or contribution to another entity 1185  
for the purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or 1186  
airing electioneering communications is made. 1187

(3) As used in division (AA) of this section, "foreign 1188

corporation" has the same meaning as defined by section 7701 of 1189  
the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 7701. 1190

**Sec. 3517.992.** This section establishes penalties only 1191  
with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after 1192  
August 24, 1995. 1193

(A) (1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates 1194  
division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the 1195  
Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who 1196  
violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than 1197  
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 1198

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X) (5) of section 1199  
3517.13 or division (E) (1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 1200  
Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each 1201  
day of violation. 1202

(B) An entity that violates division (G) (1) of section 1203  
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 1204  
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 1205

(C) Whoever violates division (G) (2) of section 3517.101, 1206  
division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E) (2) or (3) of 1207  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 1208  
than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who 1209  
was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 1210  
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 1211  
both. 1212

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of 1213  
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the 1214  
amount contributed. 1215

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of 1216  
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred 1217

dollars. 1218

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 1219  
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1220  
first degree. 1221

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that 1222  
violates division (B) (1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code 1223  
as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 1224  
133rd general assembly shall be fined not more than twice the 1225  
amount of the improper expenditure. 1226

(H) An entity that violates division (H) of section 1227  
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice 1228  
the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 1229

(I) (1) Any individual who violates division (B) (1) of 1230  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the 1231  
contribution the individual makes violates that division shall 1232  
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed 1233  
in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1234

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 1235  
(B) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1236  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 1237  
the amount permitted by that division. 1238

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B) (3) 1239  
or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1240  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 1241  
the amount permitted by that division. 1242

(4) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 1243  
division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 1244  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or 1245  
contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, 1246

as applicable. 1247

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 1248  
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 1249  
political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 1250  
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1251  
three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of 1252  
the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 1253

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 1254  
division (B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 1255  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 1256  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1257

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of 1258  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1259  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 1260  
amount permitted by that division. 1261

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and 1262  
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 1263  
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 1264  
shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the 1265  
amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 1266  
permitted by that division meets either of the following 1267  
conditions: 1268

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 1269  
after it is accepted. 1270

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 1271  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 1272  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 1273  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 1274  
the permitted amount has been received. 1275

(J) (1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 1276  
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 1277  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1278  
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1279

(2) (a) Any county political party that violates division 1280  
(C) (4) (a) (ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 1281  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1282  
accepted. 1283

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 1284  
(4) (a) (i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1285  
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 1286  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1287  
division. 1288

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 1289  
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1290  
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 1291  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1292  
division. 1293

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1294  
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1295  
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 1296  
amount permitted by that division. 1297

(4) Any political action committee or political 1298  
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 1299  
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1300  
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 1301  
permitted by that division. 1302

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 1303  
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 1304

of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 1305  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 1306  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to 1307  
be accepted by that division meets either of the following 1308  
conditions: 1309

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 1310  
after its acceptance. 1311

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 1312  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 1313  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 1314  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 1315  
the permitted amount has been received. 1316

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 1317  
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 1318  
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 1319

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1320  
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 1321  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 1322  
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 1323  
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 1324  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 1325

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1326  
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 1327

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 1328  
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 1329  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1330

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 1331  
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 1332  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1333

accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 1334  
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 1335  
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 1336  
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 1337  
the contributor any amount so accepted. 1338

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 1339  
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 1340  
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 1341  
assets transferred in violation of that division. 1342

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 1343  
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 1344  
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 1345  
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 1346  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1347  
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 1348

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 1349  
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 1350  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1351  
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 1352  
violation of that section. 1353

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 1354  
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 1355  
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 1356

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 1357  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 1358  
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 1359  
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 1360  
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 1361  
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 1362

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a declaration of no limits under division (D) (2) of section 3517.103 of the Revised Code that, before filing that declaration, accepts a contribution or contributions that exceed the limitations prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, shall return that contribution or those contributions to the contributor.

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(Y) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of 1392  
excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 1393  
(B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner 1394  
required by division (C) of that section shall give to the 1395  
treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections 1396  
commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152 1397  
of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that 1398  
division. 1399

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 1400  
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 1401  
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 1402  
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 1403  
Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of 1404  
pursuant to that division. 1405

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 1406  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1407  
fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, or other 1408  
entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 1409  
3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for 1410  
under any other division of this section shall be fined not more 1411  
than one thousand dollars. 1412

(AA) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (1) of 1413  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1414  
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 1415  
promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 1416  
whichever amount is greater. 1417

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (2) of section 1418  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1419  
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of 1420  
that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 1421

greater. 1422

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 1423  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 1424  
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 1425  
dollars for each day of violation. 1426

~~(CC) (1) Subject to division (CC) (2) of this section, 1427  
whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the 1428  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the 1429  
amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the 1430  
communication made in violation of that division. 1431~~

~~(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections 1432  
commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease 1433  
making communications in violation of division (H) of section 1434  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division 1435  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1436  
disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made 1437  
in violation of that division. 1438~~

~~(DD) (1) Any corporation or labor organization that 1439  
violates division (X) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 1440  
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1441  
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1442~~

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 1443  
division (X) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall 1444  
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 1445  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1446

(DD) Whoever knowingly violates division (AA) (1) of 1447  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1448  
equal to three times the amount expended, disbursed, or 1449  
contributed in violation of that division. 1450

(EE) (1) Any campaign committee or person who violates 1451  
division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 1452  
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 1453  
donated in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 1454

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 1455  
violates division (C) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 1456  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 1457  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1458  
division. 1459

**Sec. 3599.03.** (A) (1) ~~Except to carry on activities~~ 1460  
~~specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, and 3517.1011,~~ 1461  
~~division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of section~~ 1462  
~~3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and section~~ 1463  
~~3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as provided in divisions~~ 1464  
~~(D), (E), and (F) of this section, no~~ No corporation, no 1465  
nonprofit corporation, and no labor organization, directly or 1466  
indirectly, shall pay or use, or offer, advise, consent, or 1467  
agree to pay or use, the corporation's money or property, or the 1468  
labor organization's money, including dues, initiation fees, or 1469  
other assessments paid by members, or property, ~~for or in aid of~~ 1470  
~~or opposition to make a contribution~~ to a political party, a 1471  
candidate for election or nomination to public office, a 1472  
political action committee including a political action 1473  
committee of the corporation or labor organization, or a 1474  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or any organization that supports or~~ 1475  
~~opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan political~~ 1476  
~~purpose,~~ shall violate any law requiring the filing of an 1477  
affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 1478  
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 1479  
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 1480  
political action committee if an employee's or labor 1481

organization member's right to attend such an event is 1482  
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 1483  
corporation's or labor organization's political action 1484  
committee. 1485

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 1486  
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 1487  
dollars. 1488

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 1489  
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 1490  
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 1491  
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 1492  
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 1493  
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 1494

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 1495  
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 1496  
more than one year, or both. 1497

(C) (1) A corporation, a nonprofit corporation, or a labor 1498  
organization may use its funds or property to make an 1499  
independent expenditure for or in aid of or opposition to a 1500  
candidate or a proposed or certified ballot issue. Such use of 1501  
funds or property shall be reported on a form prescribed by the 1502  
secretary of state. ~~Reports~~ 1503

(2) Reports of independent expenditures regarding a 1504  
candidate shall be filed under division (B) (2) (b) of section 1505  
3517.105 of the Revised Code. 1506

(3) Reports of contributions in connection with statewide 1507  
ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state. 1508  
Reports of contributions in connection with local issues shall 1509  
be filed with the board of elections of the most populous county 1510

of the district in which the issue is submitted or to be 1511  
submitted to the electors. Reports made pursuant to this 1512  
division shall be filed by the times specified in divisions (A) 1513  
(1) and (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1514

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 1515  
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 1516  
501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 1517  
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 1518  
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 1519  
defined in division (I)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1520  
Code to its political action committee. Contributions received 1521  
under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 1522  
individuals subject to contribution limits. 1523

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 1524  
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 1525  
of any other section of the Revised Code. 1526

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 1527  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 1528  
this section. 1529

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 1530  
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 1531  
this section. 1532

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C)(1) of 1533  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 1534  
violation of this section. 1535

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 1536  
institution to a state political party for services rendered 1537  
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 1538  
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 1539

section of the Revised Code. 1540

(G) (1) ~~The use by a~~ A nonprofit corporation ~~of that uses~~ 1541  
its money or property for communicating information for a 1542  
political purpose specified in division (A) of this section is 1543  
~~not a violation of that division required to report that~~ 1544  
communication as an independent expenditure or an electioneering 1545  
communication if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 1546  
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 1547  
recipients of the communication. 1548

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 1549  
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 1550  
a ~~use of property contribution~~ in violation of division (A) of 1551  
this section by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or 1552  
labor organization. 1553

(3) ~~The use by a~~ A corporation or labor organization ~~of~~ 1554  
that uses its money or property for communicating information 1555  
for a political purpose specified in division (A) of this 1556  
~~section is not a violation of that division required to report~~ 1557  
that communication as an independent expenditure or an 1558  
electioneering communication if it is not a communication made 1559  
by mass broadcast such as radio or television or made by 1560  
advertising in a newspaper of general circulation but is a 1561  
communication sent exclusively to members, employees, officers, 1562  
or trustees of that labor organization or shareholders, 1563  
employees, officers, or directors of that corporation or to 1564  
members of the immediate families of any such individuals or if 1565  
the communication intended to be so sent exclusively is 1566  
unintentionally sent as well to a de minimis number of other 1567  
individuals. 1568

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 1569

section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 1570  
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 1571  
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 1572  
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 1573  
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 1574  
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 1575

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 1576  
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 1577

**Sec. 5727.61.** Every public utility required by law to make 1578  
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner under 1579  
sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code shall file 1580  
therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 1581  
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 1582  
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such public utility 1583  
has not, during the preceding year, except as permitted by 1584  
~~sections 3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the 1585  
Revised Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, 1586  
consented, or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property 1587  
~~for or in aid of or opposition to make a contribution to a~~ 1588  
political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 1589  
public office, ~~or~~ a political action committee, or legislative 1590  
campaign fund, ~~or organization that supports or opposes any such~~ 1591  
~~candidate or in any manner used any of its money or property for~~ 1592  
~~any partisan political purpose whatever,~~ or for the 1593  
reimbursement or indemnification of any person for money or 1594  
property so used. Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner 1595  
prescribes shall be attached to or made a part of the return, 1596  
statement, or report required to be made by such public utility 1597  
under sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code. 1598

**Sec. 5733.27.** Every corporation required by law to make 1599

returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner shall 1600  
file therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 1601  
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 1602  
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such corporation has 1603  
not, during the preceding year, except as permitted ~~by sections~~ 1604  
~~3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the Revised 1605  
Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, consented, 1606  
or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property ~~for or in~~ 1607  
~~aid of or opposition to make a contribution~~ to a political 1608  
party, a candidate for election or nomination to public office, 1609  
~~or~~ a political action committee, or legislative campaign fund, 1610  
~~or organization that supports or opposes any such candidate or~~ 1611  
~~in any manner used any of its money or property for any partisan~~ 1612  
~~political purpose whatever,~~ or for the reimbursement or 1613  
indemnification of any person for money or property so used. 1614  
Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner prescribes shall be 1615  
attached to or made a part of the return, statement, or report 1616  
required to be made by such corporation. 1617

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 1618  
3517.1011, 3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 of 1619  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1620

**Section 3.** That the versions of sections 3517.105 and 1621  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect 1622  
January 1, 2021, be amended to read as follows: 1623

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1624  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1625  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1626  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1627  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1628

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1629

the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1630  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1631  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1632  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1633  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1634  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1635

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1636  
political action committee or political contributing entity ~~with~~ 1637  
~~ten or more members, a corporation, a labor organization, or a~~ 1638  
legislative campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, ~~or~~ 1639  
~~whenever a political action committee or political contributing~~ 1640  
~~entity with fewer than ten members makes an independent~~ 1641  
~~expenditure in excess of one hundred dollars for a local~~ 1642  
~~candidate, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars for a~~ 1643  
~~candidate for the office of member of the general assembly, or~~ 1644  
~~in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide candidate, or~~ 1645  
more for the purpose of financing communications advocating the 1646  
election or defeat of an identified candidate or solicits 1647  
without the candidate's express consent a contribution for or 1648  
against an identified candidate through public political 1649  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1650  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1651  
following: 1652

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1653  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1654  
candidate's campaign committee; 1655

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1656  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 1657  
corporation, labor organization, or legislative campaign fund 1658  
that has paid for the communication or public political 1659

advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised Code. 1660  
1661

(2) (a) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this 1662  
section, whenever any campaign committee, legislative campaign 1663  
fund, political action committee, political contributing entity, 1664  
or political party makes an independent expenditure of five 1665  
hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 1666  
candidate, the committee, entity, fund, or party shall report 1667  
the independent expenditure and identify the candidate on a 1668  
statement prescribed by the secretary of state and filed by the 1669  
committee, entity, fund, or party as part of its statement of 1670  
contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of 1671  
section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the 1672  
Revised Code. 1673

(b) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this 1674  
section, whenever any individual, partnership, corporation, 1675  
labor organization, or other entity, except a ~~corporation, labor~~ 1676  
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1677  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1678  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures of 1679  
five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 1680  
candidate, the individual, partnership, corporation, labor 1681  
organization, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 1682  
state in the case of a statewide candidate, or with the board of 1683  
elections in the county in which the candidate files the 1684  
candidate's petitions for nomination or election for district or 1685  
local office, not later than the dates specified in divisions 1686  
(A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1687  
Code, and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a 1688  
statement itemizing all independent expenditures made during the 1689  
period since the close of business on the last day reflected in 1690

the last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 1691  
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 1692  
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 1693  
division (E) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 1694  
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 1695  
indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure 1696  
and the candidate on whose behalf it was made and shall be made 1697  
under penalty of election falsification. 1698

(c) Any independent expenditure of ten thousand dollars or 1699  
more in support of or opposition to any candidate that is made 1700  
during the period beginning on the ninetieth day before the 1701  
primary election and ending on the day of the general election 1702  
shall be deemed an electioneering communication for the purpose 1703  
of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code and shall be reported 1704  
in accordance with the requirements of that section. 1705

(d) If a corporation or labor organization files a 1706  
statement under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, the 1707  
statement also shall identify the source of any amounts the 1708  
corporation or labor organization received during the period 1709  
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the 1710  
last previously filed such statement that, in the aggregate, 1711  
exceed five thousand dollars and that were not received in the 1712  
ordinary course of business and were not received in exchange 1713  
for goods and services provided by the corporation or labor 1714  
organization. 1715

(C) (1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, 1716  
campaign committee, political action committee ~~with ten or more~~ 1717  
~~members~~, or legislative campaign fund makes an independent 1718  
expenditure, ~~or whenever a political action committee with fewer~~ 1719  
~~than ten members makes an independent expenditure in excess of~~ 1720

~~one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or question, or in~~ 1721  
~~excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide ballot issue or~~ 1722  
~~question, or more~~ for the purpose of financing communications 1723  
advocating support of or opposition to an identified ballot 1724  
issue or question or solicits without the express consent of the 1725  
ballot issue committee a contribution for or against an 1726  
identified ballot issue or question through public political 1727  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1728  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1729  
following: 1730

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1731  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1732  
issue committee; 1733

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor 1734  
organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or 1735  
political action committee that has paid for the communication 1736  
or public political advertising in accordance with section 1737  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 1738

(2) (a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, 1739  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1740  
or political action committee makes an independent expenditure 1741  
of five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to 1742  
any ballot issue or question, the corporation or labor 1743  
organization shall report the independent expenditure in 1744  
accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised 1745  
Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1746  
political party, or political action committee shall report the 1747  
independent expenditure and identify the ballot issue or 1748  
question on a statement prescribed by the secretary of state and 1749  
filed by the committee, fund, or party as part of its statement 1750

of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of 1751  
section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the 1752  
Revised Code. 1753

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 1754  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 1755  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 1756  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures ~~in~~ 1757  
~~excess of one five hundred dollars or more~~ in support of or 1758  
opposition to any ballot issue or question, the individual, 1759  
partnership, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 1760  
state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or question, or 1761  
with the board of elections in the county that certifies the 1762  
issue or question for placement on the ballot in the case of a 1763  
district or local issue or question, not later than the dates 1764  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1765  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1766  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1767  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1768  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1769  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1770  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1771  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1772  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1773  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1774  
amount of each independent expenditure and the ballot issue or 1775  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1776  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1777

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1778  
fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 1779  
organization, or other organization or association shall use or 1780  
cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an 1781

independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any 1782  
candidate or any ballot issue or question. A name is false or 1783  
fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative 1784  
campaign fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 1785  
organization, or other organization or association does not 1786  
actually exist or operate, if the corporation, labor 1787  
organization, or other organization or association has failed to 1788  
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 1789  
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 1790  
committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 1791  
committee has failed to file a designation of the appointment of 1792  
a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D) (1) of 1793  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1794

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1795  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1796  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1797  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1798  
section. 1799

**Sec. 3517.1011.** (A) As used in this section: 1800

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 1801  
of the Revised Code. 1802

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 1803  
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 1804  
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 1805  
system. 1806

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 1807  
of the Revised Code. 1808

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 1809  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 1810

transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 1811  
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 1812  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 1813  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 1814  
another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 1815  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1816  
communications. 1817

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 1818  
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 1819  
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 1820  
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 1821  
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 1822  
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 1823  
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 1824  
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 1825  
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 1826  
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 1827  
communication" when it is either of the following: 1828

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 1829  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 1830  
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 1831  
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 1832  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 1833  
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 1834  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 1835  
toward having the communication made; 1836

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 1837  
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 1838  
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 1839  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1840

the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 1841  
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 1842  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 1843  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1844  
the candidate's campaign committee. 1845

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 1846  
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 1847  
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 1848  
made through any person who provides a service that does not 1849  
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 1850  
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 1851  
also affects the content of the communication. 1852

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 1853

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 1854  
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 1855  
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 1856  
ten thousand dollars; 1857

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 1858  
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 1859  
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 1860  
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 1861  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 1862  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 1863  
dollar. 1864

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 1865  
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 1866  
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 1867  
following periods of time: 1868

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 1869

the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 1870  
election to that office, between the date that the person 1871  
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 1872  
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 1873  
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 1874  
will be elected to that office; 1875

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 1876  
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 1877  
election to that office, between the date of the primary 1878  
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 1879  
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 1880

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 1881  
the following: 1882

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 1883  
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 1884  
satellite television or radio station. For example, 1885  
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 1886  
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 1887  
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 1888  
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 1889  
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 1890  
telephone communications. 1891

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 1892  
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 1893  
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 1894  
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 1895  
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 1896  
party, political committee, or candidate; 1897

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or 1898

an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised Code;	1899 1900
(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum.	1901 1902 1903 1904
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3517.109 of the Revised Code.	1905 1906
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as amended.	1907 1908 1909
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any political organization considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.	1910 1911 1912 1913
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	1914
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year;	1915 1916 1917 1918 1919
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	1920
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	1921 1922
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	1923 1924
(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions	1925

or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars 1926  
during a calendar year; 1927

(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in 1928  
excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year. 1929

(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, 1930  
cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 1931

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that 1932  
the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, 1933  
or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through 1934  
an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief 1935  
justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member 1936  
of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," 1937  
"mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous 1938  
reference to the person's status as a candidate. 1939

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be 1940  
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered 1941  
into a contract to make the disbursement. 1942

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 1943  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 1944  
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 1945  
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 1946  
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 1947  
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 1948  
make such disbursements. 1949

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 1950  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 1951  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 1952  
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 1953  
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 1954

electioneering communications statement containing the following 1955  
information: 1956

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 1957  
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 1958  
control over the activities of the person making the 1959  
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 1960  
the person making the disbursement; 1961

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 1962  
the disbursement, if not an individual; 1963

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 1964  
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 1965  
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 1966

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 1967  
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 1968  
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 1969

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 1970  
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 1971  
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 1972  
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 1973  
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 1974  
the account for electioneering communications, the information 1975  
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 1976  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1977  
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 1978  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1979  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1980  
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 1981  
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 1982  
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 1983

other than electioneering communications. 1984

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 1985  
described in division (D) (1) (e) of this section, the information 1986  
specified in division (D) (2) of this section for all 1987  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1988  
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 1989  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1990  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1991  
section during the period covered by the statement. 1992

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 1993  
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 1994  
all of the following shall be reported: 1995

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 1996  
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 1997  
more; 1998

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 1999  
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 2000  
registration number assigned to the political action committee 2001  
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2002

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 2003  
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 2004  
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 2005  
individual's business, if any; 2006

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 2007  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 2008  
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 2009  
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 2010  
division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 2011  
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 2012

labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 2013

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 2014  
money; 2015

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 2016

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2017  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2018  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 2019  
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division (F) (1) of section 2020  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2021  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 2022  
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2023  
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 2024  
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 2025  
of state. 2026

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2027  
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2028  
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 2029  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 2030  
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 2031  
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 2032

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 2033  
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 2034  
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2035  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 2036  
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 2037  
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 2038  
correction to the statement that provides the information 2039  
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 2040  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 2041

statement. 2042

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2043  
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2044  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 2045  
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 2046  
division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 2047  
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 2048  
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 2049  
correction to the statement or amended statement available 2050  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 2051  
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 2052

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 2053  
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 2054  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 2055  
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 2056  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 2057

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 2058  
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 2059  
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 2060  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 2061  
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 2062  
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 2063  
the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 2064  
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 2065

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 2066  
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 2067  
that does both of the following: 2068

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 2069  
communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 2070

candidate's campaign committee; 2071

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 2072  
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 2073  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 2074

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 2075  
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 2076  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 2077  
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 2078  
costs of producing or airing the communication. 2079

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 2080  
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 2081  
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 2082  
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 2083  
received from a corporation or labor organization. 2084~~

**Section 4.** That the existing versions of sections 3517.105 2085  
and 3517.1011 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take 2086  
effect January 1, 2021, are hereby repealed. 2087