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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 2  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised 3  
Code to modify the campaign finance law, to name 4  
this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act, and to 5  
amend the versions of sections 3517.10, 6  
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that 7  
are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, to 8  
continue the provisions of this act on and after 9  
that effective date. 10

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 11  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3599.03, 12  
3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 13  
follows: 14

**Sec. 3517.01.** (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 15  
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 16

meets either of the following requirements: 17

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 18  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 19  
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 20  
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 21  
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 22  
division remains a political party for a period of four years 23  
after meeting those requirements. 24

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 25  
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 26  
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 27  
all of the following requirements: 28

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 29  
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 30  
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 31  
election for such office. 32

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 33  
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 34  
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 35  
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 36  
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 37  
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 38

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 39  
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 40  
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 41  
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 42  
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 43

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 44  
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 45

shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 46  
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 47  
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 48  
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 49  
the usual place of residence of each of them. 50

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 51  
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 52  
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 53  
mislead the voters at an election. 54

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 55  
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 56  
name. 57

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 58  
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 59  
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 60  
Revised Code: 61

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 62  
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 63  
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 64  
contributions and make expenditures. 65

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 66  
a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 67

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 68  
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 69  
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 70  
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 71  
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 72  
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 73  
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 74

of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 75  
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 76  
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 77  
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 78  
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 79  
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 80  
convention or conference of a political party. 81

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 82  
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 83  
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 84  
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 85  
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 86  
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 87  
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 88  
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 89  
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 90  
subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), or 501(c) (6) of the Internal 91  
Revenue Code. 92~~

~~(5) "Contribution" (a) Except as otherwise provided in 93  
divisions (C) (4) (b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 94  
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 95  
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 96  
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 97  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 98  
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 99  
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 100  
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 101  
results of an election. Any 102~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 103  
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 104

of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 105  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 106  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 107  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 108  
or person other than the person to whom the services are 109  
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 110  
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 111  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 112  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 113  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 114  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 115  
of contributions filed under that section. 116

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 117  
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 118  
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 119  
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 120  
following: 121

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 122  
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 123  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 124  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 125  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 126  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 127  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 128  
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 129  
of an election; 130

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 131  
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 132  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 133  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 134

estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 135  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 136  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 137  
contributing entity; 138

(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 139  
separate account. 140

(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow 141  
the procedure described in division (C) (4) (c) (i) of this 142  
section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of 143  
indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 144  
or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an 145  
inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the 146  
payment by any person other than the person to whom the services 147  
are rendered for the personal services of another person, that 148  
is made to or received by the political contributing entity is 149  
considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or 150  
received for the purpose of influencing the results of an 151  
election. 152

(d) None of the following are considered a contribution 153  
under divisions (C) (4) (a) to (c) of this section: 154

~~(a)~~ (i) Services provided without compensation by 155  
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on 156  
behalf of a person; 157

~~(b)~~ (ii) Ordinary home hospitality; 158

~~(c)~~ (iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by 159  
that volunteer campaign worker; 160

~~(d)~~ (iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 161  
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 162

<del>(e)</del> <u>(v)</u> Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011	163
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the	164
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering	165
communication;	166
<del>(f)</del> <u>(vi)</u> Any gift given to a state or county political	167
party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of	168
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	169
<del>(g)</del> <u>(vii)</u> Any gift given to a state political party for	170
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the	171
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the	172
same meaning as in that section.	173
<del>(h)</del> <u>(viii)</u> Any donation given to a transition fund under	174
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	175
<del>(6)</del> <u>(5)</u> "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a	176
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an	177
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G)	178
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use	179
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an	180
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the	181
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made	182
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08	183
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of	184
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	185
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election,	186
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing	187
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a	188
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for	189
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and	190
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent	191
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised	192

Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 193  
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 194  
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 195  
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 196  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 197

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 198  
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 199  
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 200  
Code. 201

~~(7)~~ (6) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited 202  
to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, 203  
personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 204

~~(8)~~ (7) "Political action committee" means a combination 205  
of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is 206  
to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, 207  
or to influence the result of any election through express 208  
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 209  
committee, ~~a political contributing entity,~~ or a legislative 210  
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 211  
~~either of the following:~~ 212

~~(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for 213  
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 214  
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;~~ 215

~~(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social 216  
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 217  
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 218  
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 219  
aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 220  
calendar year. 221~~



<del>(9)</del> <u>(8)</u> "Public office" means any state, county,	222
municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a	223
political party, that is filled by an election and the offices	224
of United States senator and representative.	225
<del>(10)</del> <u>(9)</u> "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in	226
section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	227
<del>(11)</del> <u>(10)</u> "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a	228
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a	229
campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a	230
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a	231
campaign fund exists.	232
<del>(12)</del> <u>(11)</u> "Campaign fund" means money or other property,	233
including contributions.	234
<del>(13)</del> <u>(12)</u> "Public official or employee" has the same	235
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	236
<del>(14)</del> <u>(13)</u> "Caucus" means all of the members of the house	237
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the	238
general assembly who are members of the same political party.	239
<del>(15)</del> <u>(14)</u> "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is	240
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and	241
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	242
<del>(16)</del> <u>(15)</u> "In-kind contribution" means anything of value	243
other than money that is used to influence the results of an	244
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in	245
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative	246
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or	247
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent	248
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at	249
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee,	250

fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, 251  
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any 252  
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 253  
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 254  
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 255  
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 256

~~(17)~~ (16) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure 257  
or other use of funds or anything of value by a person 258  
~~advocating to advocate~~ the election or defeat of an identified 259  
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 260  
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 261  
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 262  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 263  
used in division ~~(C)~~ ~~(17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 264

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 265  
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 266  
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 267  
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 268  
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 269  
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 270  
~~contributing entity.~~ 271

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 272  
communication containing a message advocating the election or 273  
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 274

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 275  
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 276  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 277  
by unambiguous reference. 278

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 279

with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 280  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 281  
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 282  
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 283  
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 284  
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 285  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 286

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 287  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 288  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 289  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 290

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 291  
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 292  
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 293  
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 294  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 295

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 296  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 297  
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 298  
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 299  
efforts. 300

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 301  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 302  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 303  
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 304  
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 305  
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 306  
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 307

~~(18)~~ (17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an 308

employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, 309  
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor 310  
union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, 311  
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other 312  
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that 313  
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 314  
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 315  
and other terms and conditions of employment. 316

~~(19)~~ (18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 317  
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 318  
Campaign Act. 319

~~(20)~~ (19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 320  
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 321  
431, et seq., as amended. 322

~~(21)~~ (20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 323  
county political party must establish under division (A)(1) of 324  
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 325

~~(22)~~ (21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 326  
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 327

~~(23)~~ (22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 328  
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 329  
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 330  
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 331  
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 332

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 333  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 334

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 335  
entity, including a corporation ~~or~~, labor organization, 336  
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 337

~~association, that may lawfully make makes contributions and or~~ 338  
expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action 339  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, political 340  
party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign 341  
committee, or state candidate fund. ~~For purposes of this~~ 342  
~~division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the~~ 343  
~~Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of~~ 344  
~~competent jurisdiction.~~ 345

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 346  
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 347

**Sec. 3517.08.** (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 348  
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 349  
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 350  
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 351  
of the Revised Code. 352

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 353  
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 354  
contribution by the political action committee or the political 355  
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 356  
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 357  
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 358  
endorsements. 359

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 360  
considered a contribution by the political party or an 361  
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 362  
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 363  
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 364  
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 365  
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 366  
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 367

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing association's,~~ political contributing entity's, or political party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate.

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is a member of the general assembly at the time of the election shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign activities.

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity.

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate for more than one office during a reporting period and for expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The secretary of state shall further define by rule those expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate.

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is

exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 398  
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 399  
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 400  
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 401  
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 402  
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 403  
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 404

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 405  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 406  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 407  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 408  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 409  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 410  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 411  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 412  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 413  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 414  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 415  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 416  
the following dates: 417

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 418  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 419  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 420  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 421  
before the election; 422

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 423  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 424  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 425  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 426  
day before the filing of the statement; 427

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 428  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 429  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 430  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 431  
the last day of December of the previous year; 432

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 433  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 434  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 435  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 436  
day of June of that year. 437

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 438  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 439  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 440  
committee's candidate. 441

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 442  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 443  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 444  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 445  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 446  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 447  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 448  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 449  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 450

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 451  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 452  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 453  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 454  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 455  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 456  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 457



statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 458  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 459  
days before the general election. 460

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 461  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 462  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 463  
this section. 464

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 465  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 466  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 467  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 468  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 469  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 470  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 471  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 472  
party, or political contributing entity. 473

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 474  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 475  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 476  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 477  
(A) (4) of this section. 478

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 479  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 480  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 481  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 482  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 483  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 484  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 485  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 486  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 487

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 488  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 489  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 490  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 491  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 492  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 493  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 494  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 495  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 496  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 497  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 498

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 499  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 500  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 501  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 502  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 503  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 504  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 505  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 506  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 507  
under this section and made under penalty of election 508  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 509  
this section, as applicable. 510

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 511  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 512  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 513  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 514  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 515  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 516  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 517  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 518

which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 519  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 520  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 521  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 522  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 523  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 524  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 525  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 526  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 527  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 528  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 529  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 530  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 531  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 532  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 533  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 534  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 535  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 536  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 537  
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 538  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 539  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 540  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 541  
required by this section. 542

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 543  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 544  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 545  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (H) (1) of section 546  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 547  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 548  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 549

statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 550  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 551  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 552  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 553  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 554  
Revised Code. 555

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 556  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 557  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 558  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 559  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 560  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 561  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 562  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 563  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 564  
previously filed statement. 565

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 566  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 567  
section shall contain the following information: 568

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 569  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 570  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 571  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 572  
and expenditure statement; 573

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 574  
candidate's full name and address; 575

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 576  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 577  
(1) of this section; 578

<u>(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is</u>	579
<u>a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following:</u>	580
<u>(i) The name of each officer, director, principal</u>	581
<u>shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or</u>	582
<u>unincorporated business;</u>	583
<u>(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is</u>	584
<u>controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name</u>	585
<u>of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and</u>	586
<u>the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder,</u>	587
<u>partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or</u>	588
<u>unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a</u>	589
<u>corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control</u>	590
<u>another corporation or unincorporated business if the</u>	591
<u>corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly,</u>	592
<u>or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns,</u>	593
<u>controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any</u>	594
<u>class of voting securities of, the other corporation or</u>	595
<u>unincorporated business.</u>	596
(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be	597
a general, primary, or special election;	598
(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall	599
include the following information:	600
(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution;	601
(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political	602
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political	603
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom	604
contributions are received and the registration number assigned	605
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this	606
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not	607

apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address the contributor provided under division (E)(1) of this section.

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

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

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

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

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall include a description of and the value of each in-kind contribution received at that activity from any person who made one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or address of any members who paid those dues.

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized separately from all other contributions. The information

required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided 668  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 669  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 670

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 671  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 672  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 673  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 674  
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 675  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 676  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 677  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 678  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 679  
this division: 680

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 681  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 682

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 683  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 684  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 685  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 686  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 687  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 688

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 689  
following information: 690

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 691

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 692  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 693  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 694  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 695  
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 696



section;	697
(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;	698 699
(d) The amount of each expenditure.	700
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (H) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	713 714 715 716 717
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.	718 719 720 721 722 723
(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with the	724 725

nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 726  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 727  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 728  
division (A) (2) of this section. 729

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 730  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 731  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 732  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 733  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 734  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 735  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 736  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 737  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 738  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 739  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 740  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 741  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 742  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 743  
national convention or conference of a political party. 744

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 745  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 746  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 747  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 748  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 749

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 750  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 751  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 752  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 753  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 754  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 755

structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 756  
electronic means of transmission under division (A) of this 757  
section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, 758  
division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 759  
3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) 760  
and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to 761  
division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of 762  
section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division 763  
(B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 764  
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 765  
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 766  
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 767  
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 768  
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 769  
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 770  
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 771  
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 772  
format. 773

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 774  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 775  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 776  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 777  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 778  
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 779  
~~partnerships, or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 780  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 781  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 782  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 783  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 784  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 785  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 786

training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 787  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 788  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 789  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 790  
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 791  
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 792  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 793  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 794  
appropriate. 795

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 796  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 797  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 798  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 799  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 800

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 801  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 802  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 803  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 804  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 805  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 806  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 807  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 808  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 809  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 810  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 811  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 812  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 813  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 814  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 815  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 816  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 817

of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 818  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 819  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 820  
number to each political action committee that files a 821  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 822  
division if the political action committee is required by 823  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 824  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 825  
state. 826

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 827  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 828  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 829

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 830  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 831  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 832  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 833  
campaign committee. 834

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 835  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 836  
separate from all other funds. 837

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 838  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 839  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 840  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 841  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 842  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 843  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 844  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 845  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 846  
candidate fund. 847

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 848  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 849  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 850  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 851  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 852  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 853  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 854  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 855  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 856  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 857  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 858  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 859  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 860  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 861

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 862  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 863  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 864  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 865  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 866  
(4) of this section. 867

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 868  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 869  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 870  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 871  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 872  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 873  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 874

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 875  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 876  
following: 877

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 878  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 879  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 880  
of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 881  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 882  
Code; 883

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 884  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 885  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 886  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 887  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 888  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 889  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 890  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 891  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 892  
of transmission. 893

(7) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (I) of 894  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 895  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 896  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 897  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 898  
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, 899  
amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended 900  
statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or 901  
other means of transmission under this section, division (B) (2) 902  
(b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 903  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the 904  
Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information 905  
from the internet after a reasonable period of time. 906

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 907

legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 908  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 909  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 910  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 911  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 912  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 913  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 914  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 915  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 916  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 917

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 918  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 919  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 920  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 921  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 922  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 923  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 924  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 925  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 926  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 927  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 928

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 929  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 930  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 931  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 932  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 933  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 934  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 935  
written request for the information required under division (B) 936  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 937  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 938



section from whoever transmits the contribution. 939

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 940  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 941  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 942  
assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section. 943

(F) As used in this section: 944

(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 945  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 946  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 947  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 948  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 949  
post-office box. 950

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 951  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 952  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 953  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 954  
highway name and number. 955

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 956  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 957  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 958  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 959  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 960  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 961  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 962  
to that address. 963

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 964  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 965  
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 966  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 967

committee:	968
(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this section;	969 970
(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address.	971 972 973
(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post-office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office box number.	974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984
(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.	985 986 987 988 989 990
(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, or coroner.	991 992 993 994 995
<u>(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a</u>	996

sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 997  
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 998  
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 999

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1000  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1001  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1002  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1003  
Revised Code. 1004

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1005  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1006  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1007  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1008  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1009  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1010  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1011  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1012  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1013  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1014  
combined reporting periods. 1015

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1016  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1017  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1018  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1019  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1020  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1021  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1022  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1023  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1024  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1025  
election periods. 1026

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1027  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1028  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1029  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1030  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1031  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1032  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1033  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1034  
candidates. 1035

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1036  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1037  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1038  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1039

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1040  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1041  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1042  
member making the contribution. 1043

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1044  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1045  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1046  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1047  
following: 1048

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1049  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1050  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1051  
the partners, owners, or members; or 1052

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1053  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1054  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1055

contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1056  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1057  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1058  
the contribution. 1059

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1060  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1061  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1062  
section. 1063

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1064  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1065  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1066  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1067  
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1068  
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1069

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1070  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1071  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1072

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 1073  
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 1074  
~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 1075  
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 1076  
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1077

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1078  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1079  
candidate or holds office. 1080

(K)(1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1081  
of a treasurer under division (D)(1) of this section, the 1082  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1083  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1084

thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1085  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1086  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1087  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1088  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1089  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1090  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1091  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1092  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1093  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1094  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1095

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1096  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1097  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1098  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1099  
be a write-in candidate. 1100

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(3) of 1101  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1102  
under division (K)(1) of this section is not required to file 1103  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1104

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K)(1) 1105  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1106  
limitations described in that division during an election 1107  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1108  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1109  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1110  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1111  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1112  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1113  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1114

candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1115  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1116  
write-in candidate. 1117

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1118  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1119  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1120  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1121  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1122  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1123  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1124  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1125

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1126  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1127  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1128  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1129  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1130  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1131  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1132  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1133  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1134  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1135  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1136  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1137  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1138  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1139  
receives from all other contributors. 1140

**Sec. 3517.102.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1141  
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1142  
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 1143

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 1144

of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 1145  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1146  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1147  
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1148  
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1149

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1150  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1151  
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1152  
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1153  
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1154  
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1155

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1156  
state senator. 1157

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1158  
state representative. 1159

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1160  
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1161  
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1162  
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1163

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1164  
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1165  
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1166  
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1167  
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1168  
election. 1169

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1170  
established by a state or county political party under division 1171  
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1172

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1173



filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even-numbered year.

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means:

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or member of the general assembly.

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or all of the electors in that county, or member of the general assembly whose district contains all or part of that county.

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the following:

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a member of the same party that established the legislative campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative campaign fund is associated;

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a member of the same party that established the legislative campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative

campaign fund is associated. 1203

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1204  
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1205  
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1206  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1207  
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1208  
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1209  
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1210  
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1211  
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1212

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1213  
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1214  
than: 1215

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1216  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1217  
general election period; 1218

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1219  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1220  
general election period; 1221

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1222  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1223  
general election period; 1224

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1225  
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1226  
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1227  
year; 1228

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1229  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1230

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1231 1232
(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1233 1234
(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1235 1236
(b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political party of any county other than the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located.	1237 1238 1239 1240
(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.	1241 1242
(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:	1243 1244 1245
(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1246 1247 1248
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1249 1250 1251
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1252 1253 1254
(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;	1255 1256
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1257

party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1258

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action 1259  
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 1260  
year. This division does not apply to a political action 1261  
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 1262  
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 1263  
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 1264  
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 1265  
political contributing entity if they are both established, 1266  
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 1267  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1268  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1269  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1270  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1271

(b) No political action committee shall make a 1272  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1273  
the party's state candidate fund. 1274

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1275  
contributions aggregating more than: 1276

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1277  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1278  
general election period; 1279

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1280  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1281  
general election period; 1282

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1283  
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 1284  
election period; 1285

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1286

committee in a calendar year;	1287
(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1288 1289
(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no political party shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee or to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1290 1291 1292 1293 1294
(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.	1295 1296
(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:	1297 1298 1299 1300
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	1301 1302
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	1303 1304
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	1305 1306
(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:	1307 1308 1309
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county.	1310 1311
(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the	1312 1313

population of that county at the time the contribution is made. 1314

(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party 1315  
shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1316  
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1317  
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1318  
period, aggregating more than: 1319

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1320  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1321

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1322  
one senate candidate; 1323

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1324  
any one house candidate. 1325

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1326  
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1327  
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1328  
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1329  
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1330

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1331  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1332

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1333  
committee of any one senate candidate; 1334

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1335  
any one house candidate. 1336

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1337  
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1338  
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1339  
more than: 1340

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1341  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1342  
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1343

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1344  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1345  
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1346

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1347  
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1348  
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1349

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1350  
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1351  
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1352  
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1353  
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1354  
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1355  
any primary election period or general election period. 1356

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1357  
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1358  
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1359

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1360  
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1361  
contributions aggregating more than: 1362

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1363  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1364  
general election period; 1365

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1366  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1367  
general election period; 1368

- (iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period; 1369  
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- (iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year; 1372  
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- (v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1374  
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- (vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political contributing entity or to a political action committee in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity or with a political action committee if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1376  
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- (b) No political contributing entity shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund. 1390  
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- (C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the following: 1393  
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- (i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age; 1396  
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(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1398  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1399  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1400  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1401  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1402  
in a general election period; 1403

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1404  
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1405  
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1406  
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1407

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1408  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1409  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1410  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1411  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1412  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1413

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1414  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1415  
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1416  
following: 1417

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1418  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1419

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1420  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1421  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1422  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1423  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1424  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1425  
in a general election period. 1426

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1427  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1428  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1429  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1430  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1431  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1432

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1433  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1434  
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1435

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1436  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1437

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1438  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1439  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1440  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1441  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1442  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1443  
in a general election period. 1444

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1445  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1446  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1447  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1448  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1449  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1450

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1451  
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1452  
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1453  
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1454  
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1455

state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1456  
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1457  
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1458  
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1459

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1460  
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1461  
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1462  
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1463  
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1464  
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1465  
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1466  
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1467  
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1468  
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1469  
committee or any political contributing entity. 1470

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1471  
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1472  
party. 1473

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1474  
political party shall do either of the following: 1475

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1476  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1477

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1478  
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1479  
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1480  
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1481  
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 1482  
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 1483  
a calendar year. 1484

(5) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no	1485
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following:	1486
(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from	1487
any individual who is under seven years of age;	1488
(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	1489
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who	1490
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action	1491
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from	1492
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state	1493
campaign committee, in a calendar year.	1494
(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept	1495
a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1496
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a	1497
primary election period or a general election period more than:	1498
(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1499
campaign committee of a statewide candidate;	1500
(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1501
campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1502
(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign	1503
committee of a house candidate.	1504
(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a	1505
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1506
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than:	1507
(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or	1508
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in	1509
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1510
(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election	1511
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period,	1512

in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1513

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1514  
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 1515  
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1516  
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1517  
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1518  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1519

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1520  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1521

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1522  
committee of a house candidate. 1523

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1524  
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1525  
shall do either of the following: 1526

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1527  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1528

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1529  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1530  
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1531  
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1532

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1533  
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1534  
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1535  
another political action committee or from a political 1536  
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1537  
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1538  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1539  
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1540  
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1541

division does not apply to a political action committee or 1542  
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1543  
political action committee or political contributing entity 1544  
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1545  
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1546  
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1547  
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1548  
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1549  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1550  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1551  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1552

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1553  
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1554  
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1555  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1556  
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1557  
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1558  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1559  
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1560  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1561  
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1562  
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1563  
from a single political action committee. 1564

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1565  
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1566  
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1567  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1568  
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1569  
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1570  
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1571  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including 1572

any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1573  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1574  
~~association,~~ or other person, are considered to have been made 1575  
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1576

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1577  
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1578  
does not include a political action committee that is organized 1579  
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 1580  
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 1581  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1582  
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 1583  
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 1584  
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 1585  
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 1586  
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 1587  
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 1588  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1589  
committee, or political contributing entity. 1590

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1591  
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1592  
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1593  
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1594  
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1595  
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1596  
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1597

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1598  
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1599  
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1600  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1601  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1602

fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1603

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1604  
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1605  
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1606  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1607  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1608  
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1609  
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1610  
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1611  
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1612  
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1613  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1614  
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1615  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1616  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1617  
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1618  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1619  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1620  
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1621  
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1622  
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1623  
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1624  
of state considers necessary. 1625

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1626  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1627  
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1628  
any of the following: 1629

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1630  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1631  
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1632



3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1633

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1634  
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1635  
all or part of their contributions; 1636

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1637  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1638  
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1639

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1640  
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1641

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1642  
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1643  
section. 1644

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1645  
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1646  
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1647

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1648  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1649  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1650  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1651  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1652

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1653  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1654  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1655  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1656  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1657  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1658  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1659

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1660

political action committee or political contributing entity with 1661  
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1662  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1663  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1664  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1665  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1666  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1667  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1668  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1669  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1670  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1671  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1672  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1673  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1674  
following: 1675

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1676  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1677  
candidate's campaign committee; 1678

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1679  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1680  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1681  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1682  
of the Revised Code. 1683

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1684  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1685  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1686  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1687  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1688  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1689  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1690

fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1691  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1692  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1693

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity, 1694  
except a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1695  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1696  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1697  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1698  
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity shall 1699  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1700  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1701  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1702  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1703  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1704  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1705  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1706  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1707  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1708  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1709  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1710  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1711  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1712  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1713  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1714  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1715  
election falsification. 1716

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ 1717  
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1718  
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1719  
campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1720  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1721

fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~-expenditure in 1722  
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1723  
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1724  
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1725  
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1726  
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1727  
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1728  
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1729  
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1730  
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1731  
both of the following: 1732

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1733  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1734  
issue committee; 1735

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor-~~ 1736  
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or-~~ 1737  
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1738  
that has paid for the communication or public political 1739  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1740  
Code. 1741

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1742  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1743  
~~or~~ political action committee, or political contributing entity 1744  
makes an ~~independent~~-expenditure in support of or opposition to 1745  
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor-~~ 1746  
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in-~~ 1747  
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised-~~ 1748  
~~Code, and~~ the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1749  
political party, ~~or~~ political 1750  
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~-expenditure and 1751

identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1752  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1753  
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1754  
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1755  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1756

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 1757  
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 1758  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1759  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1760  
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1761  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1762  
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 1763  
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1764  
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1765  
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1766  
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1767  
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 1768  
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1769  
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1770  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1771  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1772  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1773  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1774  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) of 1775  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1776  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1777  
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1778  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1779  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1780

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1781  
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 1782

~~organization~~political contributing entity, or other organization 1783  
or association shall use or cause to be used a false or 1784  
fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in support 1785  
of or opposition to any candidate, or in making an expenditure 1786  
in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A 1787  
name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, 1788  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 1789  
~~corporation, labor organization~~political contributing entity, or 1790  
other organization or association does not actually exist or 1791  
operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ 1792  
organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name 1793  
or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is 1794  
required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, 1795  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action committee, or 1796  
political contributing entity has failed to file a designation 1797  
of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by 1798  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1799

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1800  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1801  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1802  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1803  
section. 1804

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 1805

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 1806  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1807  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 1808  
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1809

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 1810  
other correction to that statement. 1811

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1812  
information contained in statements of contributions and 1813  
expenditures and monthly statements required to be filed under 1814  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in statements of 1815  
~~independent~~ expenditures required to be filed under section 1816  
3517.105 of the Revised Code by any of the following: 1817

(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide 1818  
office; 1819

(b) The political action committees and political 1820  
contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section 1821  
3517.11 of the Revised Code; 1822

(c) Legislative campaign funds; 1823

(d) State political parties; 1824

(e) ~~Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1825  
~~organizations,~~ or ~~other~~ entities that make independent 1826  
expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide 1827  
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1828  
statewide ballot issue or question; 1829

(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office 1830  
of member of the general assembly; 1831

(g) County political parties, with respect to their state 1832  
candidate funds. 1833

(2) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1834  
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 1835  
communications statements required to be filed under section 1836  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 1837

(3) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1838  
information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 1839

required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1840  
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 1841

(4) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1842  
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 1843  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1844  
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. 1845

(5) The secretary of state shall store on computer the 1846  
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 1847  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 1848  
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1849

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1850  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1851  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1852  
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1853  
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1854  
entities described in division (B) of this section, and to 1855  
members of the news media and other interested persons, for a 1856  
reasonable fee, computer programs that are compatible with the 1857  
secretary of state's method of storing the information contained 1858  
in the statements. 1859

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1860  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1861  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1862  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1863  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1864  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1865  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1866

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1867  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1868



least six years. 1869

(E) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 1870  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1871  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1872  
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 1873  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1874  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1875  
means of transmission, the campaign committee of each candidate 1876  
for statewide office may file the statements prescribed by 1877  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1878  
transmission or, if the total amount of the contributions 1879  
received or the total amount of the expenditures made by the 1880  
campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as 1881  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1882  
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1883  
electronic means of transmission. 1884

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 1885  
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 1886  
a candidate for statewide office is received by the secretary of 1887  
state by electronic or other means of transmission, the 1888  
secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1889  
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1890  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1891  
statement. The secretary of state shall not make available 1892  
online to the public through the internet any contribution or 1893  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1894  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1895  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1896  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1897  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1898  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1899

secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1900  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1901  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1902  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1903  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1904  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1905  
office. 1906

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1907  
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1908  
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1909  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 1910  
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission any 1911  
addendum to the statement that provides the information 1912  
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 1913  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 1914  
statement. 1915

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1916  
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide 1917  
office an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1918  
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1919  
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1920  
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1921  
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1922  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1923  
division (I) of this section. 1924

(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1925  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1926  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1927  
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1928  
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1929

statements by electronic means of transmission, a political 1930  
action committee and a political contributing entity described 1931  
in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign 1932  
fund, and a state political party may file the statements 1933  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1934  
means of transmission or, if the total amount of the 1935  
contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures 1936  
made by the political action committee, political contributing 1937  
entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for 1938  
the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1939  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1940  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1941  
transmission. 1942

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1943  
political action committee or a political contributing entity 1944  
described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative 1945  
campaign fund, or a state political party is received by the 1946  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1947  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1948  
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 1949  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1950  
statement. 1951

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 1952  
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 1953  
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1954  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the political 1955  
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative 1956  
campaign fund, or state political party shall file by electronic 1957  
means of transmission any addendum to the statement that 1958  
provides the information necessary to complete or correct the 1959  
statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that 1960

division, an amended statement. 1961

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1962  
receives from a political action committee or a political 1963  
contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this 1964  
section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party 1965  
an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1966  
electronic or other means of transmission under this division or 1967  
division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 1968  
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1969  
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1970  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1971  
division (I) of this section. 1972

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1973  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1974  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 1975  
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 1976  
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1977  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a county 1978  
political party shall file the statements prescribed by section 1979  
3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate 1980  
fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 1981  
secretary of state. 1982

Within five business days after a statement filed by a 1983  
county political party with respect to its state candidate fund 1984  
is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of 1985  
transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online 1986  
to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) 1987  
of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in 1988  
that statement. 1989

If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate 1990

after the examination of the statement for completeness and 1991  
accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of 1992  
the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by 1993  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1994  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1995  
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 1996  
that division, an amended statement. 1997

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1998  
receives from a county political party an addendum to the 1999  
statement or an amended statement by electronic means of 2000  
transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of 2001  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state 2002  
shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the 2003  
addendum or amended statement available online to the public 2004  
through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 2005  
section. 2006

(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject 2007  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 2008  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 2009  
state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 2010  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2011  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 2012  
means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for 2013  
the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign 2014  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of 2015  
appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2016  
the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 2017  
3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of 2018  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 2019  
total amount of the contributions received by the campaign 2020  
committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in 2021

division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten 2022  
thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic 2023  
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 2024

Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five 2025  
business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of 2026  
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 2027  
a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 2028  
court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by 2029  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 2030  
state shall make available online to the public through the 2031  
internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the 2032  
contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The 2033  
secretary of state shall not make available online to the public 2034  
through the internet any contribution or expenditure information 2035  
contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary 2036  
of state is able to make available online to the public through 2037  
the internet the contribution and expenditure information for 2038  
all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable 2039  
filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is 2040  
sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of 2041  
the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates 2042  
for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing 2043  
deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the 2044  
secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to 2045  
the public through the internet the information for all 2046  
candidates for that office. 2047

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 2048  
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 2049  
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2050  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign 2051  
committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the 2052

office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement 2053  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 2054  
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 2055  
that division, an amended statement. 2056

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2057  
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office 2058  
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2059  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an 2060  
addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic 2061  
or other means of transmission under this division or division 2062  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary 2063  
of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information 2064  
in the addendum or amended statement available online to the 2065  
public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this 2066  
section. 2067

(2) If a statement, addendum, or amended statement is not 2068  
filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2069  
secretary of state but is filed by printed version only under 2070  
division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code with the 2071  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee of a 2072  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a 2073  
campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a 2074  
court of appeals shall file two copies of the printed version of 2075  
the statement, addendum, or amended statement with the board of 2076  
elections. The board of elections shall send one of those copies 2077  
by certified mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of 2078  
state before the close of business on the day the board of 2079  
elections receives the statement, addendum, or amended 2080  
statement. 2081

(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2082

tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2083  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 2084  
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 2085  
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2086  
statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, ~~2087  
partnership,~~ or other entity that makes independent expenditures 2088  
in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or 2089  
expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide ballot 2090  
issue or question as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 2091  
of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 2092  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 2093  
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 2094  
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 2095  
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 2096  
electronic means of transmission. 2097

Within five business days after a statement filed by an 2098  
individual,~~partnership,~~ or other entity is received by the 2099  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 2100  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 2101  
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 2102  
section, the expenditure information in that statement. 2103

If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 2104  
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 2105  
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2106  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 2107  
individual,~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file by 2108  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 2109  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 2110  
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under 2111  
that division, an amended statement. 2112



Within five business days after the secretary of state 2113  
receives from an individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity 2114  
described in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 2115  
of the Revised Code an addendum to the statement or an amended 2116  
statement by electronic or other means of transmission under 2117  
this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the 2118  
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the expenditure 2119  
information in the addendum or amended statement available 2120  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 2121  
division (I) of this section. 2122

(H) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 2123  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 2124  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits by 2125  
electronic means a statement of contributions and expenditures, 2126  
a statement of independent expenditures, a disclosure of 2127  
electioneering communications statement, a deposit and 2128  
disbursement statement, a gift and disbursement statement, or a 2129  
donation and disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those 2130  
statements, an amended statement of contributions and 2131  
expenditures, an amended statement of independent expenditures, 2132  
an amended disclosure of electioneering communications 2133  
statement, an amended deposit and disbursement statement, an 2134  
amended gift and disbursement statement, or an amended donation 2135  
and disbursement statement, under this section or section 2136  
3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 2137  
of the Revised Code shall electronically sign the statement, 2138  
addendum, or amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the 2139  
secretary of state pursuant to this division shall create an 2140  
electronic signature that satisfies all of the following: 2141

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2142

(b) It objectively identifies the signer.	2143
(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised.	2144 2145 2146
(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the electronic signature is invalidated.	2147 2148 2149 2150
(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of state under division (H)(1) of this section shall be attached to or associated with the statement of contributions and expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	2151 2152 2153 2154 2155 2156 2157 2158 2159 2160 2161 2162 2163 2164 2165 2166 2167 2168 2169 2170
(I) The secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit and	2171 2172

disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and 2173  
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the 2174  
statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the 2175  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission 2176  
under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 2177  
3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code 2178  
available online to the public by any means that are searchable, 2179  
viewable, and accessible through the internet. 2180

(J) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2181  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2182

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2183  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2184

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2185  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2186

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2187  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2188  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2189  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2190  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2191  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2192  
pursuant to division (I) of this section may be accessed. 2193

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2194  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2195  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2196  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2197  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2198  
public. 2199

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2200  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2201

transmission pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and 2202  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2203  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2204  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2205  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2206  
statements may be filed. 2207

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2208  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2209  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2210  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2211  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2212  
that is accessible to the public. 2213

(K) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2214  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2215  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2216  
fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~any~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, or other 2217  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2218  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2219  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2220  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2221  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2222  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2223  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2224  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2225  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the~~ individual, ~~partnership~~, 2226  
~~partnership~~, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2227  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2228  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2229  
failed to so file: 2230

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2231

political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2232  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2233  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2234  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2235  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2236  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2237  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2238

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2239  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2240  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2241  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2242  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2243  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2244  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2245  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2246  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2247  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2248

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2249  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2250  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2251  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2252  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2253  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2254  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2255  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2256  
described in division (K) (2) of this section. 2257

(L) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2258  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2259  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2260  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2261

the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2262  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2263  
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2264  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2265  
division (E) or (F) of this section to file those statements by 2266  
paper with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules 2267  
shall provide for all of the following: 2268

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2269  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2270  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2271  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2272  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2273  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2274  
statement. 2275

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2276  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2277  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2278  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2279  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2280  
to an electronic format as required under division (I) of this 2281  
section. 2282

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2283  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2284  
division (L) of this section to be made available online to the 2285  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2286  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E), 2287  
(F), and (I) of this section for candidates whose campaign 2288  
committees file those statements by electronic means of 2289  
transmission. 2290

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2291

intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2292  
division (L) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2293  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2294  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2295  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2296  
for the eligible campaign committee. 2297

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2298  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (L) of this 2299  
section shall review the contribution and information made 2300  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2301  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2302  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2303  
available on that web site. 2304

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2305  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2306  
(L)(1)(d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2307  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2308  
rules adopted under division (L)(1)(a) of this section, 2309  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2310  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2311  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2312  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2313  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2314

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2315  
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2316  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2317  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2318  
to be developed under division (L)(1) of this section shall be 2319  
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2320  
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2321

filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2322  
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2323  
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 2324  
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2325  
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2326  
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2327  
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2328  
process is in effect and available for use. 2329

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2330  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2331  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2332  
secretary of state pursuant to division (L)(1) of this section 2333  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2334  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2335  
secretary of state. 2336

**Sec. 3517.107.** (A) As used in this section, "federal 2337  
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 2338  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 2339  
federal election commission under that act. 2340

(B) Any federal political committee may make 2341  
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 2342  
its federal account in connection with any state or local 2343  
election in Ohio. Prior to making any such contribution, 2344  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political 2345  
committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a 2346  
copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A 2347  
federal political committee registered with the secretary of 2348  
state under this division shall file with the secretary of state 2349  
any amendment to its statement of organization that is required 2350  
under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the 2351



federal election commission. 2352

(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the 2353  
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee 2354  
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2355  
from its federal account in connection with a state or local 2356  
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of 2357  
state not later than the date on which its report is required to 2358  
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under 2359  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages 2360  
from that report: 2361

(1) The summary page; 2362

(2) The detailed summary page; 2363

(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the 2364  
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made 2365  
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio. 2366

The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and 2367  
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local 2368  
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a 2369  
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe. 2370

(D) When, during any calendar year, a federal political 2371  
committee makes a contribution from its federal account in 2372  
connection with a state or local election in Ohio to a state or 2373  
local political action committee that is required under section 2374  
3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement prescribed by 2375  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and the federal political 2376  
committee and state or local political action committee are 2377  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same 2378  
corporation, organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other 2379  
person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, department, 2380

or unit of that corporation, organization, ~~continuing~~ 2381  
~~association,~~ or other person, the federal political committee 2382  
shall file a statement with the secretary of state not later 2383  
than the last business day of January of the next calendar year. 2384  
The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2385  
state and shall include a list of the names and addresses of 2386  
contributors that are residents of Ohio that made contributions 2387  
to the federal political committee during the calendar year 2388  
covered by the statement and, for each name listed, the 2389  
aggregate total amount contributed by each contributor during 2390  
the reporting period. 2391

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2392  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2393  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2394  
Code. 2395

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2396  
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 2397  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 2398  
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 2399  
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 2400  
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 2401  
Code. 2402

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 2403  
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 2404  
Revised Code. 2405

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2406  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 2407  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2408

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2409

and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 2410  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2411

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2412  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of 2413  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2414

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 2415  
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 2416  
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code. 2417

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 2418  
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 2419  
or general election. 2420

(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 2421  
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 2422  
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2423  
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2424

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2425  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2426  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2427  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2428  
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2429  
person. 2430

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2431  
another when either of the following applies: 2432

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2433  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2434  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2435  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2436  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2437  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2438

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2439  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2440

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2441  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2442  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2443  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2444  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2445  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2446  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2447  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2448  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2449  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2450  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2451  
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 2452  
committees. 2453

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2454  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2455  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2456  
exceeds: 2457

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2458  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2459  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2460  
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2461  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2462  
period; 2463

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2464  
of that station by its other users. 2465

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2466  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2467

subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2468  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2469  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2470  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2471  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2472  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2473  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2474  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2475  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2476  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2477  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2478  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2479  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2480  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2481  
campaign committee. 2482

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2483  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2484  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2485  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2486  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2487  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2488  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2489  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2490  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2491  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2492  
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2493  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2494  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2495  
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2496  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2497  
officer's campaign committee. 2498

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2499  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2500  
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2501  
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2502  
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2503  
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2504  
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2505  
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2506  
award of the contract. 2507

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2508  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2509  
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2510  
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2511  
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2512  
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2513  
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2514  
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2515  
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2516  
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2517  
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2518

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2519  
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2520  
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2521  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2522  
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2523  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2524  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2525  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2526  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2527  
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2528  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2529

judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2530  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2531  
contract for goods or services. 2532

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2533  
actions of the controlling board. 2534

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2535  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2536  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2537  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2538  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2539  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2540  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2541  
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2542  
time of the award of the contract. 2543

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2544  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2545  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2546  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2547  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2548  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2549  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2550  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2551  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2552  
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2553  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2554  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2555  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2556  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2557  
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2558  
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2559

after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2560  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2561  
action brought solely for legal separation. 2562

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2563  
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2564  
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2565  
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2566  
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2567  
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2568  
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2569  
reimbursement for any of the following: 2570

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2571  
incurred by the beneficiary; 2572

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2573  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 2574  
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 2575  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 2576  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 2577  
office would normally be expected; 2578

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2579  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 2580  
following: 2581

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2582  
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 2583  
ballot issue; 2584

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 2585  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2586  
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 2587

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 2588



political action committee, political contributing entity, 2589  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 2590

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 2591  
political meeting. 2592

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2593  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 2594  
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 2595  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 2596  
account. 2597

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 2598  
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 2599  
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2600  
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2601  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2602  
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2603  
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2604  
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2605  
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2606  
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2607

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2608  
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2609  
political party, political action committee, political 2610  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2611  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2612  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2613  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2614  
value from a political party, political action committee, 2615  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2616  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2617

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2618  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2619  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2620  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2621  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2622  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2623  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2624  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2625

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2626  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2627

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2628  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2629

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2630  
political meeting. 2631

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2632  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2633  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2634  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2635  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2636  
political party, political action committee, political 2637  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2638  
committee. 2639

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2640  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2641  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2642  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2643  
political party, political action committee, political 2644  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2645  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2646

employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2647  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2648  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2649  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2650  
employee's campaign committee. 2651

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2652  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2653  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2654  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2655  
services on account. 2656

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2657  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2658  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2659  
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2660  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2661  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2662  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2663

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2664  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2665  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2666  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2667  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2668  
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2669  
surrounding circumstances. 2670

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2671  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2672  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2673  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2674  
expenses allowable. 2675

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section:	2676
(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.	2677 2678
(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2679 2680
(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2681 2682 2683
(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate for state elective office.	2684 2685 2686 2687 2688 2689
(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's nomination or election to the federal office.	2690 2691 2692 2693 2694
(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the following:	2695 2696 2697 2698 2699
(a) A state candidate fund;	2700
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	2701
(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of	2702 2703

state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2704  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 2705

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 2706  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 2707  
division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 2708  
contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section. 2709

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 2710  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 2711

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 2712  
required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2713  
Code. 2714

(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 2715  
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 2716  
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 2717  
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 2718  
independent expenditure ~~in support of or opposition to a~~ 2719  
~~candidate for any elective office in this state, including an~~ 2720  
~~office of a political party.~~ 2721

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 2722  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2723  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 2724  
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 2725  
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 2726  
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 2727  
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 2728  
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2729  
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2730  
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2731  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2732

the value of it, to the contributor. 2733

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2734  
national" ~~has~~ means any of the same meaning as in following: 2735

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2736  
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2737

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2738  
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2739  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2740  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2741  
United States; 2742

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2743  
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2744  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2745  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2746  
United States. 2747

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2748  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2749  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2750  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2751

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2752  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2753  
restricted fund. 2754

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2755  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2756

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 2757  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 2758  
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 2759  
any one state or county political party for the party's 2760

restricted fund in a calendar year. 2761

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 2762  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 2763  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 2764  
organization in a calendar year. 2765

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 2766  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 2767  
county political party. 2768

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 2769  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 2770  
Revised Code. 2771

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2772  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2773  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 2774  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2775  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2776  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2777  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2778  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2779  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 2780  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 2781  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 2782  
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 2783  
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 2784  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 2785  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 2786  
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2787

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2788  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2789

conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 2790  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2791  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2792  
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 2793  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 2794  
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 2795  
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 2796  
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 2797  
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 2798  
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 2799  
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 2800  
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 2801  
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2802

**Sec. 3599.03.** (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 2803  
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 2804  
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 2805  
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 2806  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 2807  
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section,~~ no 2808  
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 2809  
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 2810  
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 2811  
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 2812  
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 2813  
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 2814  
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 2815  
public office, a political action committee including a 2816  
political action committee of the corporation or labor 2817  
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 2818  
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 2819  
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 2820



an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 2821  
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 2822  
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 2823  
political action committee if an employee's or labor 2824  
organization member's right to attend such an event is 2825  
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 2826  
corporation's or labor organization's political action 2827  
committee. 2828

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 2829  
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 2830  
dollars. 2831

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 2832  
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 2833  
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 2834  
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 2835  
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 2836  
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 2837

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 2838  
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 2839  
more than one year, or both. 2840

(C) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of~~ 2841  
~~section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit~~ 2842  
~~corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or~~ 2843  
~~property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or~~ 2844  
~~certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be~~ 2845  
~~reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports~~ 2846  
~~of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues~~ 2847  
~~shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~ 2848  
~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2849  
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2850

~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2851  
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2852  
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2853  
~~section accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the~~ 2854  
Revised Code. 2855

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2856  
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2857  
501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2858  
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2859  
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2860  
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2861  
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2862  
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2863  
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2864

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2865  
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2866  
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2867

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2868  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2869  
this section. 2870

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2871  
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2872  
this section. 2873

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2874  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2875  
violation of this section. 2876

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2877  
institution to a state political party for services rendered 2878  
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2879

do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2880  
section of the Revised Code. 2881

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2882  
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2883  
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2884  
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2885  
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2886  
recipients of the communication. 2887

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2888  
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2889  
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2890  
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2891  
organization. 2892

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2893  
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2894  
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2895  
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2896  
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2897  
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2898  
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2899  
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2900  
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2901  
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2902  
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2903  
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2904

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2905  
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2906  
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2907  
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2908  
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2909

that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2910  
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2911

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2912  
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2913

**Sec. 3921.22.** (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 2914  
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 2915  
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 2916  
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 2917  
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 2918  
as provided in the benefit contract. 2919

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 2920  
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 2921  
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 2922  
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 2923  
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 2924  
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 2925  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 2926  
entity, or any other political organization. 2927

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 2928  
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 2929  
accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 2930  
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 2931  
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 2932  
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 2933  
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 2934  
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 2935  
society may do any of the following: 2936

(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the 2937  
business and affairs of a separate account; 2938

(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the account, provide special voting and other rights, including special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, investment advisory services, selection of certified public accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business and affairs of the account;

(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions (B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply.

**Sec. 4503.03.** (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy registrar in each county:

(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section;

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section;

(iii) An individual;

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of section 1702.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or less according to the most recent federal decennial census and if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to act as a deputy registrar.

(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal census. In a county with a population greater than forty

thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last 2967  
federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible 2968  
to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the 2969  
competitive selection process for the award of a deputy 2970  
registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other 2971  
person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for 2972  
conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the 2973  
county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 2974  
administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised 2975  
Code. 2976

Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in 2977  
division (A) (1) (b) of this section, if no person applies to act 2978  
under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county 2979  
auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar 2980  
may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the 2981  
deputy registrar for that county. 2982

(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy 2983  
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer 2984  
service performance record of any person previously awarded a 2985  
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A) (1) of this 2986  
section. 2987

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 2988  
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 2989  
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 2990  
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 2991  
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 2992  
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 2993  
county. 2994

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 2995  
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 2996

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 2997  
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 2998  
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 2999  
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 3000  
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 3001  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 3002  
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 3003  
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 3004  
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 3005  
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 3006  
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 3007  
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of~~ section 3008  
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 3009  
defined in ~~division (C) (8) of~~ that section that is primarily 3010  
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 3011  
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 3012  
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 3013  
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 3014  
with contributions to that political party. 3015

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 3016  
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 3017  
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 3018  
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 3019  
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 3020  
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 3021  
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 3022  
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 3023

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 3024  
following to act as a deputy registrar: 3025

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 3026

auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) (b) of this section, 3027  
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 3028  
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 3029  
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 3030  
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 3031  
office of a political subdivision; 3032

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 3033  
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 3034  
Revised Code. 3035

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 3036  
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 3037  
Revised Code. 3038

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 3039  
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 3040  
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 3041  
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 3042  
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 3043  
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 3044  
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 3045  
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 3046  
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 3047  
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 3048  
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 3049  
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 3050  
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 3051  
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 3052  
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 3053  
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 3054  
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 3055  
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 3056



the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 3057  
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 3058  
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 3059

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 3060  
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 3061  
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 3062  
Revised Code. 3063

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 3064  
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 3065  
do all of the following: 3066

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 3067  
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 3068  
services to be performed; 3069

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 3070  
be given as provided in this section; 3071

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 3072  
of the deputy's office; 3073

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 3074  
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 3075  
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 3076  
use of the equipment; 3077

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 3078  
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 3079  
operation by means of public service announcements; 3080

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 3081  
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 3082  
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 3083  
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 3084

the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause; 3085  
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(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in each county be open to the public for at least four hours each weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 3087  
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(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, provide any person with information about the location and office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 3093  
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(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 3096  
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(j) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one deputy registrar's office at any time; 3098  
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(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple established internet-based mapping services. 3101  
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(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 3107  
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and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 3114  
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 3115  
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 3116  
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 3117  
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 3118  
with accepting reinstatement fees. 3119

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 3120  
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3121  
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3122  
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3123

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3124  
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3125  
vending machine; 3126

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3127  
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3128

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1)(j) of this section, 3129  
the rules may allow both of the following: 3130

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3131  
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3132  
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3133

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3134  
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3135  
public and that provides such services from more than one 3136  
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3137  
any location. 3138

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3139  
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3140  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3141  
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3142

service to a member of the public. 3143

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3144  
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3145  
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3146  
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3147  
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3148  
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3149

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3150  
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3151  
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3152  
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3153  
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3154

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3155  
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3156  
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3157  
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3158  
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3159  
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3160  
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3161  
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3162  
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3163  
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3164

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3165  
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3166  
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3167

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3168  
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3169  
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3170  
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3171

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3172  
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3173  
more than three years; 3174

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3175  
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3176  
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3177  
registrar. 3178

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3179  
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3180  
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3181  
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3182  
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3183  
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3184

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3185  
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3186  
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3187  
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3188  
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3189  
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3190  
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3191  
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3192  
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3193  
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3194  
office. 3195

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3196  
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3197  
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3198  
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3199  
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3200  
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3201

registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3202  
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3203  
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3204  
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3205  
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3206  
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3207  
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3208  
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3209  
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3210  
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3211  
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3212  
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3213  
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3214  
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3215  
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3216  
paid. 3217

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3218  
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3219  
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3220  
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3221  
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3222  
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3223  
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3224  
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3225  
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3226

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3227  
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3228  
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3229  
with the approval of the director, for cause. 3230

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3231

Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3232  
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3233  
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3234  
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3235  
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3236  
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3237  
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3238  
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3239  
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3240  
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3241  
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3242  
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3243

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3244  
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3245  
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3246  
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3247  
the series assigned. Each deputy shall be required to give bond 3248  
in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or in 3249  
such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, based 3250  
on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3251  
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3252  
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3253  
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3254  
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3255  
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3256  
department. 3257

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3258  
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3259  
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3260

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3261

physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 3262  
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 3263  
Revised Code. 3264

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 3265  
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 3266  
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 3267  
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 3268  
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 3269  
registration applications declined. 3270

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3271  
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3272  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 3273  
repealed. 3274

**Section 3.** That the versions of sections 3517.10, 3275  
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 3276  
take effect January 1, 2021, be amended to read as follows: 3277

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 3278  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 3279  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 3280  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 3281  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 3282  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 3283  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 3284  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 3285  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 3286  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 3287  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 3288  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 3289  
the following dates: 3290



(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 3291  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 3292  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 3293  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 3294  
before the election; 3295

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 3296  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3297  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3298  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 3299  
day before the filing of the statement; 3300

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 3301  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 3302  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 3303  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 3304  
the last day of December of the previous year; 3305

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 3306  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 3307  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 3308  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 3309  
day of June of that year. 3310

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 3311  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 3312  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 3313  
committee's candidate. 3314

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 3315  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 3316  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3317  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 3318  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 3319

expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 3320  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 3321  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 3322  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 3323

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 3324  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 3325  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 3326  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 3327  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 3328  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 3329  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 3330  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 3331  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 3332  
days before the general election. 3333

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 3334  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 3335  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 3336  
this section. 3337

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 3338  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 3339  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3340  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 3341  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 3342  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 3343  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 3344  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3345  
party, or political contributing entity. 3346

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3347  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 3348  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 3349

this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 3350  
(A) (4) of this section. 3351

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 3352  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 3353  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 3354  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 3355  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 3356  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 3357  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 3358  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 3359  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 3360

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 3361  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 3362  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 3363  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 3364  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3365  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 3366  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 3367  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 3368  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 3369  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3370  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 3371

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 3372  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 3373  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3374  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 3375  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 3376  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 3377  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 3378  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 3379

shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 3380  
under this section and made under penalty of election 3381  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 3382  
this section, as applicable. 3383

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 3384  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 3385  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 3386  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 3387  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 3388  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 3389  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 3390  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 3391  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 3392  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 3393  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 3394  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 3395  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 3396  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 3397  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 3398  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 3399  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 3400  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 3401  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 3402  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 3403  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 3404  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 3405  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 3406  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 3407  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 3408  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 3409  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 3410

this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 3411  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 3412  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 3413  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 3414  
required by this section. 3415

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 3416  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 3417  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 3418  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 3419  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 3420  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 3421  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 3422  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 3423  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 3424  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 3425  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 3426  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 3427  
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If a campaign committee or political action committee has 3429  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 3430  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 3431  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 3432  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 3433  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 3434  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 3435  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 3436  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 3437  
previously filed statement. 3438

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 3439  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 3440

section shall contain the following information: 3441

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 3442  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3443  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 3444  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 3445  
and expenditure statement; 3446

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 3447  
candidate's full name and address; 3448

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 3449  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 3450  
(1) of this section; 3451

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 3452  
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 3453

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 3454  
shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 3455  
unincorporated business; 3456

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 3457  
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 3458  
of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 3459  
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 3460  
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 3461  
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 3462  
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 3463  
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 3464  
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 3465  
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 3466  
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 3467  
class of voting securities of, the other corporation or 3468  
unincorporated business. 3469

- (3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be a general, primary, or special election; 3470  
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- (4) A statement of contributions received, which shall include the following information: 3472  
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- (a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 3474
- (b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity from whom contributions are received and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this section. The requirement of filing the full address does not apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 3475  
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- (ii) If a political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political party that is required to file campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 3488  
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- (iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3498

candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 3499  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 3500  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 3501  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 3502  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 3503  
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 3504  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 3505  
of which the employees are members, if any. 3506

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 3507  
than money; 3508

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 3509

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 3510  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 3511  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 3512  
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 3513  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 3514  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 3515  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 3516  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 3517  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 3518  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 3519  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 3520  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 3521  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 3522  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 3523  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 3524  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 3525  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 3526  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 3527  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 3528



social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 3529  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 3530  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 3531  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 3532  
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 3533  
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 3534  
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 3535  
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 3536  
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 3537  
those dues. 3538

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 3539  
separately from all other contributions. The information 3540  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 3541  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 3542  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 3543

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 3544  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 3545  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 3546  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 3547  
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 3548  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 3549  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 3550  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 3551  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 3552  
this division: 3553

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 3554  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 3555

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 3556  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 3557  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 3558

behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 3559  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 3560  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 3561

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 3562  
following information: 3563

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 3564

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 3565  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3566  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 3567  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 3568  
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 3569  
section; 3570

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 3571  
made; 3572

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 3573

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 3574  
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 3575  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 3576  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 3577  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 3578  
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 3579  
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 3580  
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 3581  
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 3582  
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 3583  
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 3584  
in ink on a printed form. 3585

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 3586  
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 3587

anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 3588  
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 3589  
donor. 3590

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 3591  
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 3592  
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 3593  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 3594  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 3595  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 3596

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 3597  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 3598  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 3599  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 3600  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 3601  
division (A) (2) of this section. 3602

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 3603  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 3604  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 3605  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 3606  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 3607  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 3608  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 3609  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 3610  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 3611  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 3612  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 3613  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 3614  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 3615  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 3616  
national convention or conference of a political party. 3617

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 3618  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 3619  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3620  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 3621  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 3622

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 3623  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 3624  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 3625  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 3626  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 3627  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 3628  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 3629  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 3630  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 3631  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3632  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3633  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3634  
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 3635  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 3636  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3637  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 3638  
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 3639  
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 3640  
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 3641  
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 3642  
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 3643  
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 3644  
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 3645  
in that format. 3646

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 3647  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 3648

electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 3649  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 3650  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 3651  
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 3652  
~~partnerships,~~ ~~or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 3653  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 3654  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 3655  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 3656  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3657  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 3658  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 3659  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 3660  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 3661  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 3662  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 3663  
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 3664  
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 3665  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3666  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 3667  
appropriate. 3668

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 3669  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 3670  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 3671  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 3672  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 3673

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 3674  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 3675  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3676  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 3677  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 3678  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 3679

address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 3680  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3681  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 3682  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 3683  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3684  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 3685  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 3686  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 3687  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 3688  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 3689  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 3690  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 3691  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 3692  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 3693  
number to each political action committee that files a 3694  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 3695  
division if the political action committee is required by 3696  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 3697  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 3698  
state. 3699

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 3700  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 3701  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 3702

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 3703  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 3704  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3705  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 3706  
campaign committee. 3707

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 3708  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 3709

separate from all other funds. 3710

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 3711  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 3712  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 3713  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 3714  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 3715  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 3716  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 3717  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 3718  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 3719  
candidate fund. 3720

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 3721  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 3722  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 3723  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 3724  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 3725  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 3726  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 3727  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 3728  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 3729  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 3730  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 3731  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 3732  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 3733  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 3734

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 3735  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 3736  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 3737  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 3738  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 3739

(4) of this section. 3740

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 3741  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 3742  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 3743  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 3744  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 3745  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 3746  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 3747

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 3748  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 3749  
following: 3750

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 3751  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 3752  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 3753  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 3754  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 3755  
of the Revised Code; 3756

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 3757  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3758  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3759  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 3760  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 3761  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 3762  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3763  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 3764  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 3765  
of transmission. 3766

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 3767  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 3768



online to the public through the internet the contribution and 3769  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3770  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3771  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 3772

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 3773  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 3774  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 3775  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 3776  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3777  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 3778

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 3779  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 3780  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 3781  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 3782  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 3783  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 3784

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 3785  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 3786

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 3787  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 3788  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 3789  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 3790  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 3791  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 3792  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 3793  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 3794  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 3795  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 3796  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 3797

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 3798  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 3799  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 3800  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 3801  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 3802  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 3803  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 3804  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 3805  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 3806  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 3807  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 3808

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 3809  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 3810  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 3811  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 3812  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 3813  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 3814  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 3815  
written request for the information required under division (B) 3816  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 3817  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 3818  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 3819

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 3820  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 3821  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 3822  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 3823

(F) As used in this section: 3824

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 3825  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 3826  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 3827

number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 3828  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 3829  
post-office box. 3830

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 3831  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 3832  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 3833  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 3834  
highway name and number. 3835

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 3836  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 3837  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 3838  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 3839  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 3840  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 3841  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 3842  
to that address. 3843

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 3844  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 3845  
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 3846  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 3847  
committee: 3848

(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this 3849  
section; 3850

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 3851  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 3852  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 3853

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 3854  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 3855  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 3856

and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 3857  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 3858  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 3859  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 3860  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 3861  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 3862  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 3863  
box number. 3864

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 3865  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 3866  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 3867  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 3868  
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 3869  
the supreme court. 3870

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 3871  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 3872  
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 3873  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 3874  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 3875

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 3876  
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 3877  
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 3878  
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 3879

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 3880  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 3881  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 3882  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 3883  
Revised Code. 3884

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 3885

this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 3886  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 3887  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 3888  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 3889  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 3890  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 3891  
statement required by division (A)(2) of this section. The 3892  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 3893  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 3894  
combined reporting periods. 3895

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 3896  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 3897  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 3898  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 3899  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 3900  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 3901  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 3902  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 3903  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 3904  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 3905  
election periods. 3906

(3) Divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply 3907  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 3908  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 3909  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 3910  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 3911  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 3912  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 3913  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 3914  
candidates. 3915

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an

owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 3945  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 3946  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 3947  
contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 3948  
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 3949

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 3950  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 3951  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 3952

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 3953  
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 3954  
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 3955  
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 3956  
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 3957~~

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 3958  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 3959  
candidate or holds office. 3960

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 3961  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 3962  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 3963  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 3964  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 3965  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 3966  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 3967  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 3968  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 3969  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 3970  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 3971  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 3972  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 3973  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 3974

the aggregate two thousand dollars. 3975

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 3976  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 3977  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 3978  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 3979  
be a write-in candidate. 3980

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 3981  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 3982  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 3983  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 3984

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 3985  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 3986  
limitations described in that division during an election 3987  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 3988  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 3989  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 3990  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 3991  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 3992  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 3993  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 3994  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 3995  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 3996  
write-in candidate. 3997

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 3998  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 3999  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 4000  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 4001  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 4002  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 4003  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 4004



the election at which the candidate seeks office. 4005

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 4006  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 4007  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 4008  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 4009  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 4010  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 4011  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 4012  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 4013  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 4014  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 4015  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 4016  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 4017  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 4018  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 4019  
receives from all other contributors. 4020

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 4021  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 4022  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 4023  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 4024  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 4025

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 4026  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 4027  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 4028  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 4029  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 4030  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 4031  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 4032

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 4033  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 4034

ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 4035  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 4036  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 4037  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 4038  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 4039  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 4040  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 4041  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 4042  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 4043  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 4044  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 4045  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 4046  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 4047  
following: 4048

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 4049  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 4050  
candidate's campaign committee; 4051

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 4052  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 4053  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 4054  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 4055  
of the Revised Code. 4056

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 4057  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 4058  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 4059  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 4060  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 4061  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 4062  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 4063  
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 4064

expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 4065  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4066

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity, 4067  
except a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, campaign committee, 4068  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 4069  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 4070  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 4071  
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity shall 4072  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 4073  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 4074  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 4075  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 4076  
specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 4077  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 4078  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 4079  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 4080  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 4081  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 4082  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 4083  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 4084  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 4085  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 4086  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 4087  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 4088  
election falsification. 4089

(C)(1) Whenever a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, 4090  
campaign committee, political action committee or political 4091  
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 4092  
campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 4093  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 4094  
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 4095

excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 4096  
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 4097  
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 4098  
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 4099  
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 4100  
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 4101  
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 4102  
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 4103  
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 4104  
both of the following: 4105

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 4106  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 4107  
issue committee; 4108

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 4109  
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 4110  
political action committee, or political contributing entity 4111  
that has paid for the communication or public political 4112  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 4113  
Code. 4114

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 4115  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 4116  
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 4117  
makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in support of or opposition to 4118  
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 4119  
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 4120  
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 4121  
~~Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 4122  
political party, ~~or political action committee, or political~~ 4123  
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 4124  
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 4125

by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 4126  
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 4127  
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 4128  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4129

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 4130  
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 4131  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 4132  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 4133  
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 4134  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 4135  
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 4136  
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 4137  
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 4138  
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 4139  
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 4140  
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 4141  
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 4142  
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 4143  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 4144  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 4145  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 4146  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 4147  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 4148  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 4149  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 4150  
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 4151  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 4152  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 4153

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 4154  
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 4155  
~~organization~~ political contributing entity, or other 4156

organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 4157  
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 4158  
support of or opposition to any candidate, or an expenditure in 4159  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A name 4160  
is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, 4161  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 4162  
~~corporation, labor organization~~ political contributing entity, 4163  
or other organization or association does not actually exist or 4164  
operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ 4165  
organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name 4166  
or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is 4167  
required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, 4168  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action committee, or 4169  
political contributing entity has failed to file a designation 4170  
of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by 4171  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4172

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 4173  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 4174  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 4175  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 4176  
section. 4177

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 4178

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 4179  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 4180  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 4181  
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 4182

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 4183  
other correction to that statement. 4184

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 4185

following information on computer:	4186
(1) The information contained in statements of	4187
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required	4188
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in	4189
statements of <del>independent</del> expenditures required to be filed	4190
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of	4191
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state	4192
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section;	4193
(2) The information contained in disclosure of	4194
electioneering communications statements required to be filed	4195
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code;	4196
(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement	4197
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4198
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	4199
(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in	4200
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4201
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code;	4202
(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement	4203
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary	4204
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	4205
(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the	4206
campaign committees, political action committees, political	4207
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political	4208
parties, individuals, <del>partnerships, corporations, labor</del>	4209
<del>organizations,</del> treasurers of transition funds, and other	4210
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by	4211
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news	4212
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee,	4213
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of	4214

state's method of storing the information contained in the 4215  
statements. 4216

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 4217  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 4218  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 4219  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 4220  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 4221  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 4222  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 4223

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 4224  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 4225  
least six years. 4226

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 4227  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 4228  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 4229  
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 4230  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4231  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 4232  
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 4233  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 4234  
transmission, as applicable: 4235

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 4236  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 4237  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 4238  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 4239  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 4240  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 4241  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 4242  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 4243  
transmission. 4244



(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 4245  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 4246  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 4247  
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 4248  
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 4249  
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 4250  
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 4251  
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 4252  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 4253  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 4254  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 4255  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 4256

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 4257  
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 4258  
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 4259  
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 4260  
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 4261  
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 4262

(d) A political action committee and a political 4263  
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 4264  
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 4265  
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 4266  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 4267  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 4268  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 4269  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 4270  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 4271  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 4272  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 4273  
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 4274  
electronic means of transmission. 4275

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 4276  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 4277  
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 4278  
to the office of the secretary of state. 4279

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 4280  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 4281  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 4282

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 4283  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 4284  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 4285  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 4286  
to the board of elections. 4287

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 4288  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4289  
statewide candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition 4290  
to a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division 4291  
(B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 4292  
may file the statement specified in that division by electronic 4293  
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state 4294  
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 4295  
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 4296  
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 4297  
electronic means of transmission. 4298

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 4299  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4300  
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 4301  
ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a statewide 4302  
ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of 4303  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 4304  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 4305

to the board of elections. 4306

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 4307  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 4308  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 4309  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 4310  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 4311  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 4312  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 4313  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 4314  
received the addendum or amended statement. 4315

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 4316  
of this section, within five business days after a statement 4317  
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 4318  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 4319  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 4320  
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 4321  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 4322  
statement. 4323

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 4324  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 4325  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 4326  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 4327  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 4328  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 4329  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 4330  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 4331  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 4332  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 4333  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 4334  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 4335

state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 4336  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 4337  
office. 4338

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 4339  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 4340  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 4341  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 4342  
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 4343  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 4344  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 4345  
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 4346  
statement. 4347

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 4348  
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 4349  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 4350  
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 4351  
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 4352  
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 4353  
section. 4354

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 4355  
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 4356  
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 4357  
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 4358  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 4359  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 4360  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 4361  
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 4362  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 4363  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 4364  
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 4365

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 4366  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 4367  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 4368  
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 4369  
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 4370  
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 4371  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 4372  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 4373  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 4374  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 4375  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 4376  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 4377  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 4378  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 4379  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 4380  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 4381  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 4382  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 4383  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 4384  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 4385

(a) It is unique to the signer. 4386

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 4387

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 4388  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 4389  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 4390

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 4391  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 4392  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 4393  
electronic signature is invalidated. 4394

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of state under division (F) (1) of this section shall be attached to or associated with the statement of contributions and expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following information available online to the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet:

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code;

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 4426  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 4427  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 4428  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 4429  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 4430  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 4431

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 4432  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 4433

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 4434  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 4435

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 4436  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 4437

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 4438  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 4439  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 4440  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 4441  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 4442  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 4443  
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 4444

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 4445  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 4446  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 4447  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 4448  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 4449  
public. 4450

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 4451  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 4452  
transmission pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 4453  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 4454

Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 4455  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 4456  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 4457  
statements may be filed. 4458

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 4459  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 4460  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 4461  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 4462  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 4463  
that is accessible to the public. 4464

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 4465  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 4466  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 4467  
fund, ~~or political party, any individual, partnership,~~ or other 4468  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 4469  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 4470  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 4471  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 4472  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 4473  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 4474  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 4475  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 4476  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or political party, the individual,~~ 4477  
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 4478  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 4479  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 4480  
failed to so file: 4481

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4482  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4483  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4484



the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4485  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4486  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 4487  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 4488  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 4489

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4490  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4491  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4492  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4493  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4494  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 4495  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 4496  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 4497  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 4498  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 4499

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 4500  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 4501  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 4502  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 4503  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 4504  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 4505  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 4506  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 4507  
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 4508

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 4509  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 4510  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 4511  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 4512  
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 4513  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 4514

of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 4515  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 4516  
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 4517  
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 4518  
provide for all of the following: 4519

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 4520  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 4521  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 4522  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 4523  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 4524  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 4525  
statement. 4526

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 4527  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 4528  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 4529  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 4530  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 4531  
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 4532  
section. 4533

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 4534  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 4535  
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 4536  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 4537  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 4538  
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 4539  
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 4540

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 4541  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 4542  
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 4543  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 4544

stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 4545  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 4546  
for the eligible campaign committee. 4547

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 4548  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 4549  
section shall review the contribution and information made 4550  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 4551  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 4552  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 4553  
available on that web site. 4554

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 4555  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 4556  
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 4557  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 4558  
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 4559  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 4560  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 4561  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 4562  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 4563  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 4564

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 4565  
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 4566  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 4567  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 4568  
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 4569  
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 4570  
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 4571  
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 4572  
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 4573  
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) (1) 4574

of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 4575  
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 4576  
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 4577  
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 4578  
process is in effect and available for use. 4579

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 4580  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 4581  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 4582  
secretary of state pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section 4583  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 4584  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 4585  
secretary of state. 4586

**Section 4.** That existing versions of sections 3517.10, 4587  
3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 4588  
take effect January 1, 2021, are hereby repealed. 4589

**Section 5.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Anti- 4590  
Corruption Act. 4591

**Section 6.** Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code is 4592  
presented in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section 4593  
as amended by both H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General 4594  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 4595  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 4596  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 4597  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 4598  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 4599  
as presented in this act. 4600