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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 2  
3517.11, 3517.13, 3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3  
3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 and to 4  
repeal section 3517.107 of the Revised Code to 5  
modify the campaign finance law and to declare 6  
an emergency. 7

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 8  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.11, 3517.13, 9  
3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, and 10  
5733.27 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 11

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

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 15  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 16  
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 17

electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 18  
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 19  
division remains a political party for a period of four years 20  
after meeting those requirements. 21

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 22  
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 23  
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 24  
all of the following requirements: 25

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 26  
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 27  
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 28  
election for such office. 29

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 30  
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 31  
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 32  
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 33  
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 34  
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 35

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 36  
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 37  
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 38  
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 39  
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 40

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 41  
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 42  
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 43  
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 44  
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 45  
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 46

the usual place of residence of each of them. 47

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

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

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

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

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

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 65  
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 66  
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 67  
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 68  
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 69  
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 70  
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 71  
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 72  
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 73  
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 74  
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 75

election to the offices of member of a county or state central 76  
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 77  
convention or conference of a political party. 78

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

~~(5) "Contribution" (a) Except as otherwise provided in 90  
divisions (C)(4)(b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 91  
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 92  
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 93  
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 94  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 95  
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 96  
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 97  
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 98  
results of an election. Any 99~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 100  
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 101  
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 102  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 103  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 104  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 105

or person other than the person to whom the services are 106  
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 107  
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 108  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 109  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 110  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 111  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 112  
of contributions filed under that section. 113

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 114  
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 115  
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 116  
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 117  
following: 118

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 119  
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 120  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 121  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 122  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 123  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 124  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 125  
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 126  
of an election; 127

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 128  
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 129  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 130  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 131  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 132  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 133  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 134  
contributing entity; 135

<u>(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that</u>	136
<u>separate account.</u>	137
<u>(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow</u>	138
<u>the procedure described in division (C)(4)(c)(i) of this</u>	139
<u>section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of</u>	140
<u>indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds</u>	141
<u>or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an</u>	142
<u>inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the</u>	143
<u>payment by any person other than the person to whom the services</u>	144
<u>are rendered for the personal services of another person, that</u>	145
<u>is made to or received by the political contributing entity is</u>	146
<u>considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or</u>	147
<u>received for the purpose of influencing the results of an</u>	148
<u>election.</u>	149
<u>(d) None of the following are considered a contribution</u>	150
<u>under divisions (C)(4)(a) to (c) of this section:</u>	151
<del>(a)</del> <u>(i) Services provided without compensation by</u>	152
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on	153
behalf of a person;	154
<del>(b)</del> <u>(ii) Ordinary home hospitality;</u>	155
<del>(c)</del> <u>(iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by</u>	156
that volunteer campaign worker;	157
<del>(d)</del> <u>(iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section</u>	158
3517.101 of the Revised Code;	159
<del>(e)</del> <u>(v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011</u>	160
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the	161
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering	162
communication;	163

~~(f)~~ (vi) Any gift given to a state or county political party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 164  
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~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same meaning as in that section. 167  
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~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 171  
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~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use of a contribution by a state or county political party is an expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of that election and shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or independent expenditures shall be the same as the information required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 173  
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section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 194

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 195  
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 196  
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 197  
Code. 198

~~(7)~~ (6) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited 199  
to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, 200  
personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 201

~~(8)~~ (7) "Political action committee" means a combination 202  
of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is 203  
to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, 204  
or to influence the result of any election through express 205  
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 206  
committee, a ~~political contributing entity,~~ or a legislative 207  
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 208  
~~either of the following:~~ 209

~~(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for 210  
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 211  
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;~~ 212

~~(b) A a political club that is formed primarily for social 213  
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 214  
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 215  
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 216  
aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 217  
calendar year. 218~~

~~(9)~~ (8) "Public office" means any state, county, 219  
municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a 220  
political party, that is filled by an election and the offices 221  
of United States senator and representative. 222



<del>(10)</del> <u>(9)</u> "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in	223
section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	224
<del>(11)</del> <u>(10)</u> "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a	225
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a	226
campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a	227
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a	228
campaign fund exists.	229
<del>(12)</del> <u>(11)</u> "Campaign fund" means money or other property,	230
including contributions.	231
<del>(13)</del> <u>(12)</u> "Public official or employee" has the same	232
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	233
<del>(14)</del> <u>(13)</u> "Caucus" means all of the members of the house	234
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the	235
general assembly who are members of the same political party.	236
<del>(15)</del> <u>(14)</u> "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is	237
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and	238
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	239
<del>(16)</del> <u>(15)</u> "In-kind contribution" means anything of value	240
other than money that is used to influence the results of an	241
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in	242
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative	243
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or	244
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent	245
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at	246
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee,	247
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination,	248
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any	249
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign	250
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign	251

committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 252  
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 253

~~(17)~~ (16) (a) "Independent expenditure" means ~~an~~ either of 254  
the following: 255

(i) An expenditure or other use of funds or anything of 256  
value by a person ~~advocating to advocate~~ the election or defeat 257  
of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with 258  
the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 259  
with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or 260  
candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of the 261  
candidate or candidates; 262

(ii) An expenditure or other use of funds or things of 263  
value by a person to advocate support of or opposition to an 264  
identified ballot issue or question. ~~As~~ 265

(b) As used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 266

~~(a)~~ (i) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 267  
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ candidate, 268  
~~campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund,~~ 269  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 270  
separate segregated fund, association, or other organization or 271  
group of persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation~~ 272  
~~unless the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 273  
~~contributing entity.~~ 274

~~(b) "Advocating"~~ (ii) "Advocate" means to make any 275  
communication containing a message advocating the election or 276  
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates or advocating 277  
support of or opposition to an identified ballot issue or 278  
question. 279

~~(c)~~ (iii) "Identified candidate" means that the name of 280

the candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 281  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 282  
by unambiguous reference. 283

~~(d)~~ (iv) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or 284  
consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any 285  
candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" 286  
means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or 287  
direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, 288  
or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 289  
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 290  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 291

~~(i)~~ (I) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 292  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 293  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 294  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 295

~~(ii)~~ (II) Made by or through any person who is, or has 296  
been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, 297  
an officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or 298  
has been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement 299  
from the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or 300  
agent; 301

~~(iii)~~ (III) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~ 302  
(F) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political 303  
party in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made 304  
by a political party to conduct voter registration or voter 305  
education efforts. 306

~~(e)~~ (v) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 307  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 308  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 309

or means any person who has been placed in a position with the candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expenditures.

~~(18)~~(17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide organization in which employees participate and that exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

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

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

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

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

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

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 339  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 340

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 341  
entity, including a corporation ~~or,~~ labor organization, 342  
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 343  
association, that may lawfully make makes contributions and or 344  
expenditures and that is not an individual ~~or,~~ a political 345  
action committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, 346  
political party, legislative campaign fund, designated state 347  
campaign committee, or state candidate fund, or a political club 348  
described in division (C) (7) of this section. ~~For purposes of~~ 349  
~~this division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of~~ 350  
~~the Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court~~ 351  
~~of competent jurisdiction.~~ A political committee, as defined in 352  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 353  
federal election commission under that act and that makes a 354  
contribution or expenditure from its federal account in 355  
connection with any state or local election in this state is 356  
considered a political contributing entity under this chapter 357  
with respect to all such contributions and expenditures. 358

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 359  
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 360

**Sec. 3517.08.** (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 361  
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 362  
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 363  
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 364  
of the Revised Code. 365

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 366  
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 367  
contribution by the political action committee or the political 368

contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 369  
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 370  
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 371  
endorsements. 372

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 373  
considered a contribution by the political party or an 374  
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 375  
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 376  
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 377  
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 378  
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 379  
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 380

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political 381  
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 382  
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 383  
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 384  
expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing-~~ 385  
~~association's,~~ political contributing entity's, or political 386  
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 387  
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 388

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 389  
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 390  
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 391  
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 392  
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 393  
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 394  
activities. 395

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 396  
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 397  
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 398

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 399  
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 400  
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 401  
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 402  
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 403  
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 404  
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 405  
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 406  
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 407  
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 408

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 409  
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 410  
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 411  
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 412  
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 413  
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 414  
legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 415  
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 416  
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 417

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 418  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 419  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 420  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 421  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 422  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 423  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 424  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 425  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 426  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 427  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 428  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 429

the following dates: 430

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 431  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 432  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 433  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 434  
before the election; 435

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 436  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 437  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 438  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 439  
day before the filing of the statement; 440

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 441  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 442  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 443  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 444  
the last day of December of the previous year; 445

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 446  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 447  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 448  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 449  
day of June of that year. 450

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 451  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 452  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 453  
committee's candidate. 454

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 455  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 456  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 457  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 458



contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 459  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 460  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 461  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 462  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 463

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 464  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 465  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 466  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 467  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 468  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 469  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 470  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 471  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 472  
days before the general election. 473

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 474  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 475  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 476  
this section. 477

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 478  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 479  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 480  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 481  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 482  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 483  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 484  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 485  
party, or political contributing entity. 486

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 487  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 488

committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 489  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 490  
(A) (4) of this section. 491

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 492  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 493  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 494  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 495  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 496  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 497  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 498  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 499  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 500

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 501  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 502  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 503  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 504  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 505  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 506  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 507  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 508  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 509  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 510  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 511

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 512  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 513  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 514  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 515  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 516  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 517  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 518

campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 519  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 520  
under this section and made under penalty of election 521  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 522  
this section, as applicable. 523

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 524  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 525  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 526  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 527  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 528  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 529  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 530  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 531  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 532  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 533  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 534  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 535  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 536  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 537  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 538  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 539  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 540  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 541  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 542  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 543  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 544  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 545  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 546  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 547  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 548  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 549

to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 550  
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 551  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 552  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 553  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 554  
required by this section. 555

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 556  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 557  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 558  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 559  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 560  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 561  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 562  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 563  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 564  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 565  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 566  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 567  
Revised Code. 568

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 569  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 570  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 571  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 572  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 573  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 574  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 575  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 576  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 577  
previously filed statement. 578

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 579

this section, each statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain the following information: 580  
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(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution and expenditure statement; 582  
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(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the candidate's full name and address; 587  
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(b) In the case of a political action committee, the registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 589  
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(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be a general, primary, or special election; 592  
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(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall include the following information: 594  
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(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 596

(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 597  
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the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 609

(ii) If a political action committee, political 610  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 611  
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 612  
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 613  
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 614  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 615  
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 616  
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 617  
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 618  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 619

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 620  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 621  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 622  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 623  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 624  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 625  
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 626  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 627  
of which the employees are members, if any. 628

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 629  
than money; 630

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 631

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 632  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 633  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 634  
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 635  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 636  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 637

of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 638  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 639  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 640  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 641  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 642  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 643  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 644  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 645  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 646  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 647  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 648  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 649  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 650  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 651  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 652  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 653  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 654  
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 655  
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 656  
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 657  
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 658  
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 659  
those dues. 660

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 661  
separately from all other contributions. The information 662  
required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided 663  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 664  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 665

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 666  
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 667  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 668

to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 669  
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 670  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 671  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 672  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 673  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 674  
this division: 675

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 676  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 677

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 678  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 679  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 680  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 681  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 682  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 683

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 684  
following information: 685

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 686

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 687  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 688  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 689  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 690  
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 691  
section; 692

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 693  
made; 694

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 695

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 696



shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 697  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 698  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 699  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 700  
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 701  
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 702  
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 703  
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 704  
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 705  
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 706  
in ink on a printed form. 707

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 708  
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 709  
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 710  
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 711  
donor. 712

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 713  
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 714  
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 715  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 716  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 717  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 718

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 719  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 720  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 721  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 722  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 723  
division (A) (2) of this section. 724

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 725  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 726

certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 727  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 728  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 729  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 730  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 731  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 732  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 733  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 734  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 735  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 736  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 737  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 738  
national convention or conference of a political party. 739

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 740  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 741  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 742  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 743  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 744

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 745  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 746  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 747  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 748  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 749  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 750  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 751  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 752  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 753  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 754  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 755  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 756  
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 757

(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 758  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 759  
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 760  
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 761  
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 762  
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 763  
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 764  
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 765  
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 766  
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 767  
in that format. 768

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 769  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 770  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 771  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 772  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 773  
parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, 774  
~~partnerships, or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making 775  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 776  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 777  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 778  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 779  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 780  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 781  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 782  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 783  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 784  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ 785  
political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ 786  
~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 787  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 788

communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 789  
appropriate. 790

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 791  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 792  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 793  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 794  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 795

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 796  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 797  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 798  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 799  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 800  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 801  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 802  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 803  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 804  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 805  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 806  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 807  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 808  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 809  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 810  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 811  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 812  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 813  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 814  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 815  
number to each political action committee that files a 816  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 817  
division if the political action committee is required by 818  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 819

the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 820  
state. 821

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D)(1) of this 822  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 823  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 824

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 825  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 826  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 827  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 828  
campaign committee. 829

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 830  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 831  
separate from all other funds. 832

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 833  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 834  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 835  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 836  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 837  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 838  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 839  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 840  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 841  
candidate fund. 842

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 843  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 844  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 845  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 846  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 847  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 848

are members of that political party to the house of the general 849  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 850  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 851  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 852  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 853  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 854  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 855  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 856

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 857  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 858  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 859  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 860  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 861  
(4) of this section. 862

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 863  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 864  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 865  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 866  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 867  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 868  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 869

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 870  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 871  
following: 872

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 873  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 874  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 875  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 876  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 877  
of the Revised Code; 878

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

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available online to the public through the internet the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in all of the following documents:

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

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

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

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 909  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 910  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 911  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 912  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 913  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 914  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 915  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 916  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 917  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 918  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 919

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 920  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 921  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 922  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 923  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 924  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 925  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 926  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 927  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 928  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 929  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 930

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 931  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 932  
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 933  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 934  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 935  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 936  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 937  
written request for the information required under division (B) 938  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 939



information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 940  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 941

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 942  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 943  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 944  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 945

(F) As used in this section: 946

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 947  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 948  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 949  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 950  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 951  
post-office box. 952

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 953  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 954  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 955  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 956  
highway name and number. 957

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 958  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 959  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 960  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 961  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 962  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 963  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 964  
to that address. 965

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 966  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 967  
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 968

one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign committee:	969 970
(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this section;	971 972
(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.	973 974 975
(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.	976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986
(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.	987 988 989 990 991 992
(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.	993 994 995 996 997

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 998  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 999  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1000  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1001  
Revised Code. 1002

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1003  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1004  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1005  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1006  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1007  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1008  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1009  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1010  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1011  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1012  
combined reporting periods. 1013

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1014  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1015  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1016  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1017  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1018  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1019  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1020  
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1021  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1022  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1023  
election periods. 1024

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1025  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1026  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1027

the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1028  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1029  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1030  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1031  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1032  
candidates. 1033

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1034  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1035  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1036  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1037

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1038  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1039  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1040  
member making the contribution. 1041

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1042  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1043  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1044  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1045  
following: 1046

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1047  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1048  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1049  
the partners, owners, or members; or 1050

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1051  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1052  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1053  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1054  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1055  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1056

the contribution. 1057

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1058  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1059  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 1060  
section. 1061

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1062  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1063  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1064  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1065  
contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 1066  
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 1067

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1068  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1069  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1070

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 1071  
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 1072  
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 1073  
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 1074  
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1075

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1076  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1077  
candidate or holds office. 1078

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1079  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1080  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1081  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1082  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1083  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1084  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1085

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

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1094  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1095  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1096  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1097  
be a write-in candidate. 1098

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1099  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1100  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1101  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1102

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1103  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1104  
limitations described in that division during an election 1105  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1106  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1107  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1108  
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1109  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1110  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1111  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1112  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1113  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1114  
write-in candidate. 1115

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

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

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

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state

board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1146  
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1147

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1148  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1149  
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1150  
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1151  
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1152  
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1153

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1154  
state senator. 1155

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1156  
state representative. 1157

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1158  
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1159  
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1160  
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1161

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1162  
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1163  
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1164  
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1165  
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1166  
election. 1167

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1168  
established by a state or county political party under division 1169  
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1170

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1171  
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1172  
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general 1173  
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by 1174



legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1175  
numbered year. 1176

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1177  
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1178  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1179

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1180  
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1181

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1182  
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1183  
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1184  
member of the general assembly. 1185

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1186  
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1187  
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1188  
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1189  
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1190

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1191  
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1192  
following: 1193

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1194  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1195  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1196  
campaign fund is associated; 1197

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1198  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1199  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1200  
campaign fund is associated. 1201

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1202

campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1203  
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1204  
division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1205  
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1206  
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1207  
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1208  
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1209  
division (A)(9)(a) of this section. 1210

(B)(1)(a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1211  
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1212  
than: 1213

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1214  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1215  
general election period; 1216

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1217  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1218  
general election period; 1219

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1220  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1221  
general election period; 1222

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1223  
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1224  
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1225  
year; 1226

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1227  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1228

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1229  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1230

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

committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar 1258  
year. This division does not apply to a political action 1259  
committee that makes a contribution to a political action 1260  
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. 1261  
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is 1262  
affiliated with another political action committee or with a 1263  
political contributing entity if they are both established, 1264  
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same 1265  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1266  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1267  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1268  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1269

(b) No political action committee shall make a 1270  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1271  
the party's state candidate fund. 1272

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or 1273  
contributions aggregating more than: 1274

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1275  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1276  
general election period; 1277

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1278  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1279  
general election period; 1280

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1281  
one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general 1282  
election period; 1283

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action 1284  
committee in a calendar year; 1285

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing 1286

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

shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1314  
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1315  
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1316  
period, aggregating more than: 1317

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1318  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1319

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1320  
one senate candidate; 1321

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1322  
any one house candidate. 1323

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1324  
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1325  
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1326  
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1327  
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1328

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1329  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1330

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1331  
committee of any one senate candidate; 1332

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1333  
any one house candidate. 1334

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1335  
a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1336  
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1337  
more than: 1338

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1339  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1340  
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1341

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1342  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1343  
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1344

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1345  
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1346  
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1347

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1348  
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1349  
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1350  
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1351  
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1352  
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1353  
any primary election period or general election period. 1354

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1355  
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1356  
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1357

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1358  
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1359  
contributions aggregating more than: 1360

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1361  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1362  
general election period; 1363

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1364  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1365  
general election period; 1366

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1367  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1368  
general election period; 1369

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative	1370
campaign fund in a calendar year;	1371
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1372
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1373
(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political	1374
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a	1375
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political	1376
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political	1377
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated	1378
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing	1379
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity	1380
or with a political action committee if they are both	1381
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they	1382
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization,	1383
<del>continuing association,</del> or other person, including any parent,	1384
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation,	1385
organization, labor organization, <del>continuing association,</del> or	1386
other person.	1387
(b) No political contributing entity shall make a	1388
contribution or contributions to a county political party for	1389
the party's state candidate fund.	1390
(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no	1391
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the	1392
following:	1393
(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from	1394
any individual who is under seven years of age;	1395
(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	1396
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is	1397
seven years of age or older, from any one political action	1398



committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1399  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1400  
in a general election period; 1401

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1402  
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1403  
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1404  
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1405

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1406  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1407  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1408  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1409  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1410  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1411

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1412  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1413  
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1414  
following: 1415

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1416  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1417

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1418  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1419  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1420  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1421  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1422  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1423  
in a general election period. 1424

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1425  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1426  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1427

a general election period from a county political party that has 1428  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1429  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1430

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1431  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1432  
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1433

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1434  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1435

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1436  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1437  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1438  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1439  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1440  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1441  
in a general election period. 1442

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1443  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1444  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1445  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1446  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1447  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1448

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1449  
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1450  
county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1451  
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1452  
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1453  
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1454  
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1455  
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1456

older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1457

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1458  
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1459  
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1460  
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1461  
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1462  
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1463  
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1464  
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1465  
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1466  
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1467  
committee or any political contributing entity. 1468

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1469  
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1470  
party. 1471

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1472  
political party shall do either of the following: 1473

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1474  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1475

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1476  
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1477  
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1478  
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1479  
one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign 1480  
committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in 1481  
a calendar year. 1482

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no 1483  
legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 1484

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1485

any individual who is under seven years of age;	1486
(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating	1487
more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who	1488
is seven years of age or older, from any one political action	1489
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from	1490
any one campaign committee, other than a designated state	1491
campaign committee, in a calendar year.	1492
(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept	1493
a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1494
state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a	1495
primary election period or a general election period more than:	1496
(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1497
campaign committee of a statewide candidate;	1498
(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a	1499
campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1500
(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign	1501
committee of a house candidate.	1502
(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a	1503
transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a	1504
legislative campaign fund aggregating more than:	1505
(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or	1506
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in	1507
the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;	1508
(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election	1509
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period,	1510
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.	1511
(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of	1512
member of the general assembly, including a designated state	1513

campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1514  
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1515  
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1516  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1517

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1518  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1519

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1520  
committee of a house candidate. 1521

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1522  
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1523  
shall do either of the following: 1524

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1525  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1526

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1527  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1528  
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1529  
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1530

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1531  
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1532  
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1533  
another political action committee or from a political 1534  
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1535  
(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1536  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1537  
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1538  
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1539  
division does not apply to a political action committee or 1540  
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1541  
political action committee or political contributing entity 1542

affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1543  
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1544  
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1545  
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1546  
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing-~~ 1547  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1548  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1549  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1550

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1551  
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1552  
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1553  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1554  
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1555  
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1556  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1557  
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1558  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1559  
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1560  
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1561  
from a single political action committee. 1562

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1563  
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1564  
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1565  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1566  
all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1567  
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1568  
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1569  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including 1570  
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1571  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing-~~ 1572  
~~association,~~ or other person, are considered to have been made 1573

by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1574

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1575  
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1576  
does not include a political action committee that ~~is organized~~ 1577  
~~to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes~~ 1578  
~~no contributions to or only independent expenditures on behalf~~ 1579  
~~of a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign~~ 1580  
~~fund, or contributions to political action committee, committees~~ 1581  
or political contributing ~~entity entities that make only~~ 1582  
independent expenditures. As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), 1583  
(B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political 1584  
contributing entity" does not include a political contributing 1585  
entity that ~~is organized to support or oppose a ballot issue or~~ 1586  
~~question and that makes no contributions to or only independent~~ 1587  
~~expenditures on behalf of a political party, campaign committee,~~ 1588  
~~legislative campaign fund, or contributions to political action~~ 1589  
~~committee, committees or political contributing entity entities~~ 1590  
that make only independent expenditures. 1591

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1592  
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1593  
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1594  
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1595  
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1596  
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1597  
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1598

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1599  
amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1600  
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1601  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1602  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1603

fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1604

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1605  
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1606  
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1607  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1608  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1609  
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1610  
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1611  
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1612  
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1613  
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1614  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1615  
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1616  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1617  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1618  
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1619  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1620  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1621  
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1622  
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1623  
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1624  
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1625  
of state considers necessary. 1626

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1627  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1628  
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1629  
any of the following: 1630

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1631  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1632  
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1633



3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1634

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1635  
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1636  
all or part of their contributions; 1637

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1638  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1639  
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1640

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1641  
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1642

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1643  
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1644  
section. 1645

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1646  
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1647  
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1648

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1649  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1650  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1651  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1652  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1653

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1654  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1655  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1656  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1657  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1658  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1659  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1660

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1661

political action committee or political contributing entity with 1662  
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1663  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1664  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1665  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1666  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1667  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1668  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1669  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1670  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1671  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1672  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1673  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1674  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1675  
following: 1676

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1677  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1678  
candidate's campaign committee; 1679

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1680  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1681  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1682  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1683  
of the Revised Code. 1684

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1685  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1686  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1687  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1688  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1689  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1690  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1691

fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1692  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1693  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1694

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity, 1695  
except a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1696  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1697  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1698  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1699  
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity shall 1700  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1701  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1702  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1703  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1704  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1705  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1706  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1707  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1708  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1709  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1710  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1711  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1712  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1713  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1714  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1715  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1716  
election falsification. 1717

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation,~~ ~~labor organization,~~ 1718  
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1719  
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1720  
campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, or whenever a 1721  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1722

fewer than ten members makes an independent expenditure in 1723  
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1724  
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1725  
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1726  
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1727  
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1728  
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1729  
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1730  
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1731  
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1732  
both of the following: 1733

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1734  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1735  
issue committee; 1736

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1737  
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 1738  
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1739  
that has paid for the communication or public political 1740  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1741  
Code. 1742

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1743  
~~campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party,~~ 1744  
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 1745  
makes an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to 1746  
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 1747  
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 1748  
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 1749  
~~Code, and~~ the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 1750  
political party, ~~or political action committee, or political~~ 1751  
contributing entity shall report the independent expenditure and 1752

identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1753  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1754  
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1755  
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1756  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1757

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity, 1758  
except a ~~corporation, labor organization, campaign committee,~~ 1759  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1760  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1761  
independent expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1762  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1763  
individual, ~~partnership~~, or other entity shall file with the 1764  
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1765  
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1766  
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1767  
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1768  
than the dates specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) 1769  
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1770  
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1771  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1772  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1773  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1774  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1775  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1776  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1777  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1778  
amount of each independent expenditure and the ballot issue or 1779  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1780  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1781

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 1782  
fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor~~ 1783

~~organization political contributing entity~~, or other 1784  
organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 1785  
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 1786  
support of or opposition to any candidate or any ballot issue or 1787  
question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign 1788  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1789  
committee, ~~corporation, labor organization political~~ 1790  
contributing entity, or other organization or association does 1791  
not actually exist or operate, if the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1792  
~~organization, or other~~ organization or association has failed to 1793  
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 1794  
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 1795  
committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political action 1796  
committee, or political contributing entity has failed to file a 1797  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required 1798  
to do so by division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1799  
Code. 1800

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 1801  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 1802  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 1803  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 1804  
section. 1805

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section: 1806

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 1807  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1808  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 1809  
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1810

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 1811  
other correction to that statement. 1812

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 1813  
following information on computer: 1814

(1) The information contained in statements of 1815  
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 1816  
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 1817  
statements of independent expenditures required to be filed 1818  
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 1819  
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 1820  
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 1821

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 1822  
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 1823  
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 1824

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 1825  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1826  
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1827

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 1828  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1829  
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1830

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 1831  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1832  
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1833

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1834  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1835  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1836  
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1837  
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1838  
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by 1839  
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news 1840  
media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 1841

computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 1842  
state's method of storing the information contained in the 1843  
statements. 1844

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1845  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1846  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1847  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1848  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1849  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1850  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1851

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1852  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1853  
least six years. 1854

(E)(1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 1855  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1856  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1857  
state prescribes pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section and 1858  
divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1859  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1860  
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 1861  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1862  
transmission, as applicable: 1863

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 1864  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1865  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 1866  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1867  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 1868  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1869  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1870  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1871



transmission. 1872

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1873  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1874  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 1875  
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1876  
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 1877  
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 1878  
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 1879  
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 1880  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1881  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1882  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1883  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1884

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 1885  
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 1886  
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 1887  
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 1888  
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 1889  
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 1890

(d) A political action committee and a political 1891  
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1892  
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 1893  
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 1894  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1895  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1896  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1897  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 1898  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1899  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1900  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1901

exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1902  
electronic means of transmission. 1903

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1904  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1905  
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1906  
to the office of the secretary of state. 1907

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1908  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1909  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1910

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1911  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1912  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1913  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1914  
to the board of elections. 1915

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1916  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1917  
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 1918  
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 1919  
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 1920  
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1921  
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 1922  
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 1923  
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 1924  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 1925

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1926  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1927  
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 1928  
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 1929  
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 1930

statement specified in that division by electronic means of 1931  
transmission to the board of elections. 1932

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1933  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1934  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1935  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1936  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1937  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1938  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1939  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1940  
received the addendum or amended statement. 1941

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 1942  
of this section, within five business days after a statement 1943  
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 1944  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1945  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1946  
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 1947  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1948  
statement. 1949

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1950  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1951  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1952  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1953  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1954  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1955  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1956  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1957  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1958  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1959  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1960

statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1961  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1962  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1963  
office. 1964

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1965  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1966  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1967  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1968  
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 1969  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1970  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1971  
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 1972  
statement. 1973

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1974  
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1975  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1976  
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 1977  
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1978  
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 1979  
section. 1980

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 1981  
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 1982  
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 1983  
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 1984  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 1985  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 1986  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 1987  
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 1988  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 1989  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 1990

statement, addendum, or amended statement. 1991

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1992  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 1993  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 1994  
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 1995  
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 1996  
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 1997  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 1998  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 1999  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2000  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2001  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2002  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2003  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2004  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2005  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2006  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2007  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2008  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2009  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2010  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2011

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2012

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2013

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2014  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2015  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2016

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2017  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2018  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2019

electronic signature is invalidated. 2020

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2021  
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2022  
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2023  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2024  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2025  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2026  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2027  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2028  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2029  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2030  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2031  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2032  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2033  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2034  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2035  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2036  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2037  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2038  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2039  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2040

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2041  
information available online to the public by any means that are 2042  
searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2043

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2044  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2045  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2046  
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2047  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2048  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2049

section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2050  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2051

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2052  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2053  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2054  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2055  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2056  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2057

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2058  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2059

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2060  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2061

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2062  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2063

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2064  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2065  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2066  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2067  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2068  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2069  
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2070

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2071  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2072  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2073  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2074  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2075  
public. 2076

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2077  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2078

transmission pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 2079  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2080  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2081  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2082  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2083  
statements may be filed. 2084

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2085  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2086  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2087  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2088  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2089  
that is accessible to the public. 2090

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2091  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2092  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2093  
fund, ~~or political party, any individual, partnership,~~ or other 2094  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2095  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2096  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2097  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2098  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2099  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2100  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2101  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2102  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or political party, the individual,~~ 2103  
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2104  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2105  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2106  
failed to so file: 2107

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2108



political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2109  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2110  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2111  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2112  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2113  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2114  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2115

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2116  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2117  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2118  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2119  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2120  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2121  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2122  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2123  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2124  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2125

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2126  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2127  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2128  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2129  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2130  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2131  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2132  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2133  
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 2134

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2135  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2136  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2137  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2138

the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2139  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2140  
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2141  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2142  
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2143  
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2144  
provide for all of the following: 2145

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2146  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2147  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2148  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2149  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2150  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2151  
statement. 2152

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2153  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2154  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2155  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2156  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2157  
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2158  
section. 2159

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2160  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2161  
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2162  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2163  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2164  
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2165  
file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2166

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2167  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2168

division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2169  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2170  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2171  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2172  
for the eligible campaign committee. 2173

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2174  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 2175  
section shall review the contribution and information made 2176  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2177  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2178  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2179  
available on that web site. 2180

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2181  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2182  
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2183  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2184  
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 2185  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2186  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2187  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2188  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2189  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2190

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2191  
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2192  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2193  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2194  
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 2195  
in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2196  
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2197  
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2198

of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2199  
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) (1) 2200  
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2201  
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2202  
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2203  
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2204  
process is in effect and available for use. 2205

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2206  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2207  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2208  
secretary of state pursuant to division (J) (1) of this section 2209  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2210  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2211  
secretary of state. 2212

**Sec. 3517.1011.** (A) As used in this section: 2213

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 2214  
of the Revised Code. 2215

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 2216  
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 2217  
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 2218  
system. 2219

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 2220  
of the Revised Code. 2221

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 2222  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 2223  
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 2224  
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 2225  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 2226  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 2227

another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 2228  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2229  
communications. 2230

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 2231  
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 2232  
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 2233  
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 2234  
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 2235  
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 2236  
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 2237  
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 2238  
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 2239  
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 2240  
communication" when it is either of the following: 2241

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 2242  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 2243  
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 2244  
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 2245  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 2246  
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 2247  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 2248  
toward having the communication made; 2249

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 2250  
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 2251  
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 2252  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 2253  
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 2254  
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 2255  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 2256  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 2257

the candidate's campaign committee. 2258

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 2259  
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 2260  
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 2261  
made through any person who provides a service that does not 2262  
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 2263  
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 2264  
also affects the content of the communication. 2265

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 2266

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 2267  
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 2268  
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 2269  
ten thousand dollars; 2270

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 2271  
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 2272  
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 2273  
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 2274  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 2275  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 2276  
dollar. 2277

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 2278  
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 2279  
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 2280  
following periods of time: 2281

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 2282  
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 2283  
election to that office, between the date that the person 2284  
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 2285  
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 2286

thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 2287  
will be elected to that office; 2288

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 2289  
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 2290  
election to that office, between the date of the primary 2291  
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 2292  
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 2293

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 2294  
the following: 2295

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 2296  
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 2297  
satellite television or radio station. For example, 2298  
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 2299  
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 2300  
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 2301  
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 2302  
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 2303  
telephone communications. 2304

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 2305  
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 2306  
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 2307  
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 2308  
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 2309  
party, political committee, or candidate; 2310

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or 2311  
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised 2312  
Code; 2313

(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate 2314  
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and 2315

is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum.	2316 2317
(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3517.109 of the Revised Code.	2318 2319
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as amended.	2320 2321 2322
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any political organization considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.	2323 2324 2325 2326
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	2327
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2328 2329 2330 2331 2332
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	2333
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	2334 2335
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2336 2337
(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	2338 2339 2340
(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year.	2341 2342



(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, 2343  
cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 2344

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that 2345  
the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, 2346  
or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through 2347  
an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief 2348  
justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member 2349  
of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," 2350  
"mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous 2351  
reference to the person's status as a candidate. 2352

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be 2353  
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered 2354  
into a contract to make the disbursement. 2355

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 2356  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 2357  
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 2358  
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 2359  
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 2360  
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 2361  
make such disbursements. 2362

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 2363  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 2364  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 2365  
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 2366  
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 2367  
electioneering communications statement containing the following 2368  
information: 2369

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 2370  
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 2371

control over the activities of the person making the 2372  
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 2373  
the person making the disbursement; 2374

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 2375  
the disbursement, if not an individual; 2376

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 2377  
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 2378  
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 2379

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 2380  
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 2381  
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 2382

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 2383  
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 2384  
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 2385  
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 2386  
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 2387  
the account for electioneering communications, the information 2388  
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 2389  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 2390  
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 2391  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 2392  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 2393  
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 2394  
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 2395  
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 2396  
other than electioneering communications. 2397

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 2398  
described in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, the information 2399  
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 2400

contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 2401  
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 2402  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 2403  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 2404  
section during the period covered by the statement. 2405

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 2406  
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 2407  
all of the following shall be reported: 2408

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 2409  
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 2410  
more; 2411

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 2412  
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 2413  
registration number assigned to the political action committee 2414  
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2415

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 2416  
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 2417  
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 2418  
individual's business, if any; 2419

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 2420  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 2421  
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 2422  
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 2423  
division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 2424  
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 2425  
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 2426

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 2427  
money; 2428

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 2429

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2430  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2431  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 2432  
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division (F) (1) of section 2433  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2434  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 2435  
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2436  
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 2437  
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 2438  
of state. 2439

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2440  
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 2441  
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 2442  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 2443  
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 2444  
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 2445

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 2446  
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 2447  
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2448  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 2449  
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 2450  
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 2451  
correction to the statement that provides the information 2452  
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 2453  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 2454  
statement. 2455

Within five business days after the secretary of state 2456  
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2457  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 2458  
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 2459

division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code.

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

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering communication under this section shall provide 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, to the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution is made.

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

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

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

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in-

kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 2489  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 2490  
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 2491  
costs of producing or airing the communication. 2492

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 2493  
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 2494  
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 2495  
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 2496  
received from a corporation or labor organization. 2497~~

**Sec. 3517.11.** (A) (1) Campaign committees of candidates for 2498  
statewide office or the state board of education, political 2499  
action committees or political contributing entities that make 2500  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are 2501  
required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2502  
the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action 2503  
committees or political contributing entities that make 2504  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of 2505  
the general assembly, political action committees or political 2506  
contributing entities that make contributions to state and 2507  
national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, 2508  
political action committees or political contributing entities 2509  
that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection 2510  
with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or 2511  
political contributing entities that make contributions to other 2512  
political action committees or political contributing entities, 2513  
political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth 2514  
in division (A) (3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, 2515  
and state and national political parties shall file the 2516  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2517  
with the secretary of state. 2518

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of 2519  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of 2520  
candidates for all other offices shall file the statements 2521  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board 2522  
of elections where their candidates are required to file their 2523  
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 2524

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 2525  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2526  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 2527  
file two copies of the printed version of any statement, 2528  
addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file 2529  
pursuant to division (E) or (J) of section 3517.106 of the 2530  
Revised Code but files by printed version only with the 2531  
appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall 2532  
send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy 2533  
to the secretary of state before the close of business on the 2534  
day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or 2535  
amended statement. 2536

(3) Political action committees or political contributing 2537  
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 2538  
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 2539  
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 2540  
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 2541  
general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 2542  
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 2543  
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 2544  
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 2545  
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 2546  
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 2547  
having a population greater than that of any other county 2548  
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 2549

as the case may be. 2550

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (1) (e) of 2551  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 2552  
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 2553  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2554  
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 2555

(B) (1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 2556  
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 2557  
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 2558  
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 2559  
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 2560  
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 2561  
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 2562  
receipt in writing. 2563

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 2564  
statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 2565  
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every 2566  
candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 2567  
3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code of the requirements and 2568  
applicable penalties of those sections. The secretary of state 2569  
shall notify all candidates required to file those statements 2570  
with the secretary of state's office either by certified mail, 2571  
or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet 2572  
identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary 2573  
mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board of 2574  
elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any 2575  
candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board 2576  
on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to 2577  
be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of 2578  
state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the 2579



candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The 2580  
board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of 2581  
state. The board shall notify all other candidates required to 2582  
file those statements with it either by certified mail, or, if 2583  
the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of 2584  
record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by 2585  
that internet identifier of record. 2586

(3) (a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 2587  
3517.081 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code that is found to be 2588  
incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted 2589  
shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who 2590  
filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the 2591  
incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary 2592  
of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the 2593  
office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the 2594  
office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and 2595  
accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness 2596  
and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates 2597  
for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign 2598  
committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of 2599  
appeals file pursuant to division (E) or (J) of section 3517.106 2600  
of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of elections 2601  
where a statement filed for a candidate for the office of member 2602  
of the general assembly or for a candidate for the office of 2603  
judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the statement to 2604  
be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall immediately 2605  
notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or inaccurate 2606  
nature. If either an officer at the board of elections or the 2607  
secretary of state finds a statement filed for a candidate for 2608  
the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate 2609  
for the office of judge of a court of appeals to be incomplete 2610

or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall send the 2611  
notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature of the 2612  
statement. 2613

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 2614  
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 2615  
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 2616  
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 2617  
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 2618  
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 ~~or section~~ 2619  
~~3517.107~~ of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 2620  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 2621  
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 2622  
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 2623  
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2624  
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 2625  
the office of the secretary of state or a board of elections 2626  
pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient 2627  
of the notice described in this division file by electronic 2628  
means of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 2629  
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 2630

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 2631  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 2632  
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 2633  
filed: 2634

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 2635  
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 2636

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 2637  
statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the 2638  
Revised Code; 2639

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed	2640
under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;	2641
(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under	2642
section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code;	2643
(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under	2644
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	2645
An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement	2646
that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to	2647
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same	2648
manner as the statement.	2649
The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011,	2650
3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code	2651
pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and	2652
expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure	2653
of electioneering communications statements, deposit and	2654
disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and	2655
donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of	2656
transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or	2657
other corrections to those statements by electronic means of	2658
transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic	2659
means of transmission.	2660
(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state	2661
receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an	2662
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an	2663
amended statement under division (B) (3) (a) of this section, the	2664
secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I)	2665
of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the	2666
Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure,	2667
contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift	2668

and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in 2669  
that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement 2670  
available online to the public through the internet. 2671

(4) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 2672  
shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 2673  
3517.08 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code. 2674

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 2675  
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 2676  
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 2677  
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 2678  
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 2679  
Revised Code. 2680

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 2681  
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 2682  
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 2683  
conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 2684  
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 2685  
reported to the secretary of state. 2686

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 2687  
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 2688  
3517.14 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 2689  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 2690  
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 2691  
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 2692  
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 2693  
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 2694  
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 2695  
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 2696  
Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has 2697  
jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 2698

report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 2699  
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 2700  
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 2701  
Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 2702  
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 2703  
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 2704

(2) For purposes of division (C)(1) of this section, a 2705  
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2706  
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 2707  
sections 3517.081 to 3517.14 of the Revised Code is incomplete 2708  
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 2709  
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 2710  
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 2711  
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 2712  
be reported under sections 3517.10, ~~3517.107~~, 3517.108, 2713  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 2714  
Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 2715  
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 2716  
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 2717  
deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 2718  
during the reporting period. 2719

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 2720  
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 2721  
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 2722  
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 2723  
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 2724  
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2725

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2726  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2727  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2728

Code.	2729
(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2730 2731 2732 2733 2734 2735 2736
As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2737 2738 2739
(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2740 2741 2742
(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2743 2744 2745
(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2746 2747 2748
(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or <del>3517.107</del> of the Revised Code.	2749 2750 2751
(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, or general election.	2752 2753 2754
(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other	2755 2756

information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2757  
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2758

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2759  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2760  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2761  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2762  
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2763  
person. 2764

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2765  
another when either of the following applies: 2766

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2767  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2768  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2769  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2770  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2771  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2772

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2773  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2774

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2775  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2776  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2777  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2778  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2779  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2780  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2781  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2782  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2783  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2784  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2785

advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign  
committees. 2786  
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No person within this state, operating a radio or 2788  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2789  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2790  
exceeds: 2791

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2792  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2793  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2794  
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2795  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2796  
period; 2797

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2798  
of that station by its other users. 2799

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2800  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2801  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2802  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2803  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2804  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2805  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2806  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2807  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2808  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2809  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2810  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2811  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2812  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2813  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2814  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2815



campaign committee. 2816

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2817  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2818  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2819  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2820  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2821  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2822  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2823  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2824  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2825  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2826  
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2827  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2828  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2829  
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2830  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2831  
officer's campaign committee. 2832

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2833  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2834  
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2835  
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2836  
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2837  
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2838  
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2839  
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2840  
award of the contract. 2841

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2842  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2843  
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2844  
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2845

executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2846  
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2847  
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2848  
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2849  
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2850  
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2851  
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2852

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2853  
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2854  
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2855  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2856  
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2857  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2858  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2859  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2860  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2861  
municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2862  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2863  
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2864  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2865  
contract for goods or services. 2866

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2867  
actions of the controlling board. 2868

(N) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2869  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2870  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2871  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2872  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2873  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2874  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2875

holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2876  
time of the award of the contract. 2877

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2878  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2879  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2880  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2881  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2882  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2883  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2884  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2885  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2886  
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2887  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2888  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2889  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2890  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2891  
of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2892  
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2893  
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2894  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2895  
action brought solely for legal separation. 2896

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2897  
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2898  
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2899  
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2900  
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2901  
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2902  
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2903  
reimbursement for any of the following: 2904

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2905

incurred by the beneficiary;	2906
(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior	2907
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties	2908
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation,	2909
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or	2910
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public	2911
office would normally be expected;	2912
(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior	2913
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the	2914
following:	2915
(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to	2916
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or	2917
ballot issue;	2918
(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action	2919
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign	2920
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	2921
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party,	2922
political action committee, political contributing entity,	2923
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	2924
(d) Attending a political party convention or other	2925
political meeting.	2926
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred	2927
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated	2928
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit	2929
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on	2930
account.	2931
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly	2932
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of	2933

a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2934  
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2935  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2936  
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2937  
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2938  
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2939  
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2940  
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2941

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2942  
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2943  
political party, political action committee, political 2944  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2945  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2946  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2947  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2948  
value from a political party, political action committee, 2949  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2950  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2951

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2952  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2953  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2954  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2955  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2956  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2957  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2958  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2959

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2960  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2961

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2962  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2963

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2964  
political meeting. 2965

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2966  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2967  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2968  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2969  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2970  
political party, political action committee, political 2971  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2972  
committee. 2973

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2974  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2975  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2976  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2977  
political party, political action committee, political 2978  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2979  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2980  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2981  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2982  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2983  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2984  
employee's campaign committee. 2985

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2986  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2987  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2988  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2989  
services on account. 2990

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2991  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2992  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2993

which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2994  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2995  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2996  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2997

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2998  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2999  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 3000  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 3001  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 3002  
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 3003  
surrounding circumstances. 3004

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 3005  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 3006  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 3007  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 3008  
expenses allowable. 3009

(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section: 3010

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 3011  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 3012

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in 3013  
the Federal Election Campaign Act. 3014

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal 3015  
campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the 3016  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 3017

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 3018  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 3019  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 3020  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 3021  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a 3022

candidate for state elective office. 3023

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate 3024  
for state elective office and who previously sought nomination 3025  
or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets 3026  
from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 3027  
nomination or election to the federal office. 3028

(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) 3029  
of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county 3030  
political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other 3031  
than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 3032  
following: 3033

(a) A state candidate fund; 3034

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 3035

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 3036  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 3037  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 3038  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 3039

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 3040  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 3041  
division (T) (1) (c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 3042  
contribution in violation of division (T) (1) of this section. 3043

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 3044  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 3045

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 3046  
required under division (K) (3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 3047  
Code. 3048

(W) (1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 3049  
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 3050



expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 3051  
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 3052  
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a 3053  
candidate for any elective office in this state, including an 3054  
office of a political party. 3055

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 3056  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 3057  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 3058  
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 3059  
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 3060  
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 3061  
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 3062  
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 3063  
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 3064  
or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 3065  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 3066  
the value of it, to the contributor. 3067

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 3068  
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 3069  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 3070

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 3071  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 3072  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 3073  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 3074

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 3075  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 3076  
restricted fund. 3077

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 3078  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 3079

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 3080  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 3081  
money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 3082  
any one state or county political party for the party's 3083  
restricted fund in a calendar year. 3084

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 3085  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 3086  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 3087  
organization in a calendar year. 3088

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 3089  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 3090  
county political party. 3091

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 3092  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 3093  
Revised Code. 3094

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 3095  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 3096  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 3097  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 3098  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 3099  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 3100  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 3101  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 3102  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 3103  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 3104  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 3105  
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 3106  
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 3107  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 3108  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 3109

any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 3110

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 3111  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 3112  
conduct business with or award any contract, other than one 3113  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 3114  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 3115  
than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, 3116  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. 3117  
of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of 3118  
the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, 3119  
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 3120  
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 3121  
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 3122  
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 3123  
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any 3124  
candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 3125

**Sec. 3517.154.** (A) (1) The full-time attorney for the Ohio 3126  
elections commission shall review each complaint filed with the 3127  
commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code, shall 3128  
determine the nature of the complaint, and, unless division (A) 3129  
(2) (a) of this section requires that the complaint receive an 3130  
automatic expedited hearing, shall make a recommendation to the 3131  
commission for its disposition, in accordance with this section. 3132  
The attorney shall make the determination and the 3133  
recommendation, if required, not later than one business day 3134  
after the complaint is filed. 3135

(2) (a) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3136  
forth a violation of division (B) of section 3517.21 or division 3137  
(B) of section 3517.22 of the Revised Code and that the 3138  
complaint is filed during one of the periods of time specified 3139

in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the 3140  
complaint shall receive an automatic expedited hearing under 3141  
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code. 3142

(b) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3143  
forth a failure to comply with or a violation of division (G), 3144  
(I), (J), (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13, division (A) of 3145  
section 3517.21, or division (A) of section 3517.22 of the 3146  
Revised Code and that the complaint is filed during one of the 3147  
periods of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 3148  
of the Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the 3149  
commission that the complaint receive an expedited hearing under 3150  
section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, and the complaint shall 3151  
receive such a hearing. 3152

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint sets 3153  
forth a failure to comply with or a violation of a section of 3154  
the Revised Code over which the commission has jurisdiction to 3155  
hear complaints other than the sections described in divisions 3156  
(A) (2) (a) and (b) of this section, and unless the attorney makes 3157  
a determination as provided for in division (A) (3) of this 3158  
section, the attorney shall recommend to the commission that the 3159  
complaint be submitted to the commission under section 3517.155 3160  
of the Revised Code. After the attorney makes that 3161  
recommendation, the attorney shall notify all parties to the 3162  
complaint of the attorney's recommendation. 3163

(3) (a) If a complaint sets forth a failure to comply with 3164  
or a violation of a section of the Revised Code over which the 3165  
commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints other than the 3166  
sections described in divisions (A) (2) (a) and (b) of this 3167  
section and if the complaint is filed during one of the periods 3168  
of time specified in division (B) (1) of section 3517.156 of the 3169

Revised Code, the attorney may determine that the complaint 3170  
should receive an expedited hearing under that section. The 3171  
attorney shall make that determination by considering one or 3172  
more of the following: 3173

(i) The number of prior failures to comply with or 3174  
violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code that the person or 3175  
entity against whom the complaint has been brought has committed 3176  
and any prior penalties the commission has imposed on the person 3177  
or entity; 3178

(ii) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 3179  
filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 3180  
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3181  
3517.1012, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code or an addendum 3182  
required to be filed under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code 3183  
that is filed late, how late the filing is and how much time has 3184  
elapsed between the deadline for filing the statement or 3185  
addendum and the filing of the complaint; 3186

(iii) If the complaint involves contributions and 3187  
expenditures, contributions and disbursements, deposits and 3188  
disbursements, gifts and disbursements, or donations and 3189  
disbursements required to be reported under section 3517.10, 3190  
division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3191  
3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3192  
3517.1014 of the Revised Code that are either not reported or 3193  
reported late, the number of contributions and expenditures, 3194  
contributions and disbursements, deposits and disbursements, 3195  
gifts and disbursements, or donations and disbursements not 3196  
reported or how late they were reported; 3197

(iv) If the complaint involves contributions required to 3198  
be reported by a campaign committee under section 3517.10, 3199

division (E) of section 3517.102, or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3200  
3517.108, or 3517.109 of the Revised Code that are not reported, 3201  
whether any of the contributors of the contributions not 3202  
reported have a personal or professional relationship with the 3203  
campaign committee's candidate; 3204

(v) If the complaint involves a statement required to be 3205  
filed under section 3517.10, division (E) of section 3517.102, 3206  
or section 3517.105, ~~3517.107,~~ 3517.108, 3517.109, 3517.1011, 3207  
3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code that is 3208  
incomplete, the degree to which it is incomplete; 3209

(vi) If the complaint involves the receipt of 3210  
contributions in violation of section 3599.03 of the Revised 3211  
Code, the dollar amount and number of contributions received in 3212  
violation of that section; 3213

(vii) If the complaint involves a failure to make the 3214  
identification or a misstatement of the identification required 3215  
under section 3517.105 or 3517.20 of the Revised Code, whether 3216  
the failure or misstatement was purposely made; 3217

(viii) If the complaint sets forth a failure to comply 3218  
with or a violation of a section of the Revised Code described 3219  
in division (A) (2) (c) of this section, whether the person or 3220  
entity against whom the complaint has been made has committed 3221  
more than one such failure or violation within a reasonable 3222  
amount of time, or whether the cumulative nature of the failures 3223  
or violations indicates a systematic disregard for the law. 3224

(b) Prior to making a determination under division (A) (3) 3225  
(a) of this section that the complaint should receive an 3226  
expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, 3227  
the attorney shall take into consideration the number of panels 3228

of the commission that have cases pending before them and the 3229  
number of cases pending before the panels and shall not make a 3230  
determination that will place an undue burden on a panel of the 3231  
commission. 3232

(c) If the attorney determines that the complaint should 3233  
receive an expedited hearing under section 3517.156 of the 3234  
Revised Code, the attorney shall recommend to the commission 3235  
that the complaint receive an expedited hearing, and, if a 3236  
majority of the members of the commission agrees with the 3237  
recommendation, the complaint shall receive an expedited hearing 3238  
under that section. 3239

(4) The attorney may join two or more complaints if the 3240  
attorney determines that the allegations in each complaint are 3241  
of the same or similar character, are based on the same act or 3242  
failure to act, or are based on two or more acts or failures to 3243  
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If one 3244  
complaint contains two or more allegations, the attorney may 3245  
separate the allegations if they are not of the same or similar 3246  
character, if they are not based on the same act or failure to 3247  
act, or if they are not based on two or more acts or failures to 3248  
act constituting parts of a common scheme or plan. If the 3249  
attorney separates the allegations in a complaint, the attorney 3250  
may make separate recommendations under division (A) (2) or (3) 3251  
of this section for each allegation. 3252

(B) Whenever a person or other entity files a complaint 3253  
with the commission setting forth a failure to comply with or a 3254  
violation of a section of the Revised Code as described in 3255  
division (A) (2) (c) of this section and the complaint is filed 3256  
during one of the periods of time specified in division (B) (1) 3257  
of section 3517.156 of the Revised Code, the person or entity 3258

may request an expedited hearing under that section at the time 3259  
the complaint is filed. The attorney for the commission shall 3260  
inform the members of the commission of that request at the time 3261  
the attorney makes a recommendation under division (A) of this 3262  
section. The commission may grant the request for an expedited 3263  
hearing under this division if it determines that an expedited 3264  
hearing is practicable. 3265

**Sec. 3517.992.** This section establishes penalties only 3266  
with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after 3267  
August 24, 1995. 3268

(A) (1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates 3269  
division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the 3270  
Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who 3271  
violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than 3272  
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 3273

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X) (5) of section 3274  
3517.13 or division (E) (1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 3275  
Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each 3276  
day of violation. 3277

(B) An entity that violates division (G) (1) of section 3278  
3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 3279  
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 3280

(C) Whoever violates division (G) (2) of section 3517.101, 3281  
division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E) (2) or (3) of 3282  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 3283  
than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who 3284  
was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 3285  
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 3286  
both. 3287



(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount contributed. 3288  
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(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. 3291  
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(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 3294  
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(G) A state or county committee of a political party that violates division (B) (1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure. 3297  
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(H) An entity that violates division (H) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 3302  
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(I) (1) Any individual who violates division (B) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3305  
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(2) Any political action committee that violates division (B) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3310  
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(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B) (3) or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 3314  
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the amount permitted by that division. 3317

(4) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 3318  
division (B) (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3319  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or 3320  
contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, 3321  
as applicable. 3322

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 3323  
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 3324  
political party that violates division (B) (6) of section 3325  
3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3326  
three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of 3327  
the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 3328

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates 3329  
division (B) (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3330  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in 3331  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3332

(5) Any political party that violates division (B) (4) of 3333  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3334  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 3335  
amount permitted by that division. 3336

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I) (1), (2), (3), (4), and 3337  
(5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3338  
3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state 3339  
shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the 3340  
amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 3341  
permitted by that division meets either of the following 3342  
conditions: 3343

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 3344  
after it is accepted. 3345

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 3346  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 3347  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 3348  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 3349  
the permitted amount has been received. 3350

(J) (1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C) 3351  
(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 3352  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3353  
accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3354

(2) (a) Any county political party that violates division 3355  
(C) (4) (a) (ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 3356  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3357  
accepted. 3358

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C) 3359  
(4) (a) (i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 3360  
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 3361  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3362  
division. 3363

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C) 3364  
(4) (b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 3365  
amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 3366  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3367  
division. 3368

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 3369  
(C) (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 3370  
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 3371  
amount permitted by that division. 3372

(4) Any political action committee or political 3373  
contributing entity that violates division (C) (7) of section 3374

3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3375  
three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount 3376  
permitted by that division. 3377

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 3378  
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 3379  
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 3380  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 3381  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to 3382  
be accepted by that division meets either of the following 3383  
conditions: 3384

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days 3385  
after its acceptance. 3386

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth 3387  
business day after notification to the recipient of the excess 3388  
transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the 3389  
secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of 3390  
the permitted amount has been received. 3391

(K) (1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates 3392  
division (F) (1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 3393  
fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 3394

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 3395  
(F) (2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 3396  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 3397  
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 3398  
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 3399  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 3400

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 3401  
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 3402

(M) (1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 3403

section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 3404  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 3405

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation 3406  
of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code 3407  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3408  
accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall 3409  
return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever 3410  
unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) 3411  
or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to 3412  
the contributor any amount so accepted. 3413

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of 3414  
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 3415  
the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the 3416  
assets transferred in violation of that division. 3417

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 3418  
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 3419  
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 3420  
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 3421  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3422  
accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section. 3423

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 3424  
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 3425  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3426  
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 3427  
violation of that section. 3428

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who 3429  
violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code 3430  
shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 3431

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 3432

3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 3433  
thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating 3434  
division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the 3435  
contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall 3436  
be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 3437

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 3438  
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 3439  
of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 3440  
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another 3441  
person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the 3442  
Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 3443

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 3444  
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 3445  
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 3446  
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 3447  
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of 3448  
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 3449  
dollars. 3450

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 3451  
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 3452

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 3453  
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 3454  
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 3455

~~(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 3456  
declaration of no limits under division (D) (2) of section 3457  
3517.103 of the Revised Code that, before filing that 3458  
declaration, accepts a contribution or contributions that exceed 3459  
the limitations prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised 3460  
Code, shall return that contribution or those contributions to 3461~~

~~the contributor.~~ 3462

~~(X)~~ Any campaign committee that fails to file the 3463  
declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of 3464  
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five 3465  
dollars for each day of violation. 3466

~~(Y) (1)~~ (X) (1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose 3467  
of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division 3468  
(B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner 3469  
required by division (C) of that section shall give to the 3470  
treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections 3471  
commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152 3472  
of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that 3473  
division. 3474

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to 3475  
dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required 3476  
under division (H) (1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised 3477  
Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 3478  
Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of 3479  
pursuant to that division. 3480

~~(Z)~~ (Y) Any individual, campaign committee, political 3481  
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative 3482  
campaign fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, 3483  
or other entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 3484  
to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided 3485  
for under any other division of this section shall be fined not 3486  
more than one thousand dollars. 3487

~~(AA) (1)~~ (Z) (1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (1) 3488  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 3489  
equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or 3490

promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, 3491  
whichever amount is greater. 3492

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W) (2) of section 3493  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 3494  
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of 3495  
that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is 3496  
greater. 3497

~~(BB)~~ (AA) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) 3498  
of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more 3499  
than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand 3500  
dollars for each day of violation. 3501

~~(CC) (1) Subject to division (CC) (2) of this section,~~ 3502  
~~whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the~~ 3503  
~~Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the~~ 3504  
~~amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the~~ 3505  
~~communication made in violation of that division.~~ 3506

~~(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections~~ 3507  
~~commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease~~ 3508  
~~making communications in violation of division (H) of section~~ 3509  
~~3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division~~ 3510  
~~shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount~~ 3511  
~~disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made~~ 3512  
~~in violation of that division.~~ 3513

~~(DD) (1)~~ (BB) (1) Any corporation or labor organization that 3514  
violates division (X) (3) (a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised 3515  
Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount 3516  
given in excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3517

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 3518  
division (X) (3) (b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall 3519



be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 3520  
excess of the amount permitted by that division. 3521

~~(EE) (1)~~ (CC) (1) Any campaign committee or person who 3522  
violates division (C) (1) (b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the 3523  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 3524  
amount donated in excess of the amount permitted by that 3525  
division. 3526

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who 3527  
violates division (C) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the 3528  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 3529  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 3530  
division. 3531

**Sec. 3599.03.** (A) (1) Except to carry on activities 3532  
specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 3533  
3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of 3534  
section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and 3535  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise 3536  
provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F)~~ of this section, no 3537  
corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor 3538  
organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or 3539  
offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the 3540  
corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's 3541  
money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments 3542  
paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to 3543  
a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 3544  
public office, a political action committee including a 3545  
political action committee of the corporation or labor 3546  
organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization 3547  
that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan 3548  
political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of 3549

an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or 3550  
shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money 3551  
for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its 3552  
political action committee if an employee's or labor 3553  
organization member's right to attend such an event is 3554  
predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the 3555  
corporation's or labor organization's political action 3556  
committee. 3557

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall 3558  
be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 3559  
dollars. 3560

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 3561  
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 3562  
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 3563  
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 3564  
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other 3565  
property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section. 3566

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall 3567  
be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not 3568  
more than one year, or both. 3569

(C) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of 3570  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit 3571  
corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or 3572  
property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or 3573  
certified ballot issue to make an independent expenditure or to 3574  
make a contribution to a political action committee or a 3575  
political contributing entity that makes only independent 3576  
expenditures. A corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 3577  
organization that makes a contribution or expenditure is 3578  
considered a political contributing entity. Such use of funds or 3579

~~property shall be reported on a form prescribed by the secretary  
of state. Reports of contributions in connection with statewide  
ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state.  
Reports of contributions in connection with local issues shall  
be filed with the board of elections of the most populous county  
of the district in which the issue is submitted or to be  
submitted to the electors. Reports made pursuant to this  
division shall be filed by the times specified in divisions (A)  
(1) and (2) of section accordance with sections 3517.10 and  
3517.105 of the Revised Code.~~

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

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

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

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

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C)(1) of

section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 3609  
violation of this section. 3610

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 3611  
institution to a state political party for services rendered 3612  
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 3613  
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 3614  
section of the Revised Code. 3615

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 3616  
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 3617  
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 3618  
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 3619  
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 3620  
recipients of the communication. The nonprofit corporation is 3621  
not required to report that use of its money or property as an 3622  
independent expenditure. 3623

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 3624  
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 3625  
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 3626  
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 3627  
organization. 3628

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 3629  
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 3630  
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 3631  
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 3632  
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 3633  
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 3634  
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 3635  
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 3636  
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 3637  
families of any such individuals or if the communication 3638

intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 3639  
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. The 3640  
corporation or labor organization is not required to report that 3641  
use of its money or property as an independent expenditure. 3642

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 3643  
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 3644  
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 3645  
employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 3646  
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 3647  
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 3648  
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 3649

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 3650  
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 3651

**Sec. 3921.22.** (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 3652  
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 3653  
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 3654  
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 3655  
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 3656  
as provided in the benefit contract. 3657

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 3658  
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 3659  
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 3660  
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 3661  
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 3662  
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 3663  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 3664  
entity, or any other political organization. 3665

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 3666  
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 3667

accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 3668  
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 3669  
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 3670  
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 3671  
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 3672  
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 3673  
society may do any of the following: 3674

(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the 3675  
business and affairs of a separate account; 3676

(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the 3677  
account, provide special voting and other rights, including 3678  
special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, 3679  
investment advisory services, selection of certified public 3680  
accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business 3681  
and affairs of the account; 3682

(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions 3683  
(B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply. 3684

**Sec. 4503.03.** (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) 3685  
of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate 3686  
one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy 3687  
registrar in each county: 3688

(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division 3689  
(A) (1) (b) (i) of this section; 3690

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, 3691  
subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section; 3692

(iii) An individual; 3693

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of 3694  
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3695

(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 federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the competitive selection process for the award of a deputy registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised Code.

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

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

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 3726  
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 3727  
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 3728  
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 3729  
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 3730  
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 3731  
county. 3732

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 3733  
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 3734

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 3735  
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 3736  
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 3737  
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 3738  
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 3739  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 3740  
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 3741  
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 3742  
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 3743  
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 3744  
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 3745  
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of~~ section 3746  
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 3747  
defined in ~~division (C) (8) of~~ that section that is primarily 3748  
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 3749  
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 3750  
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 3751  
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 3752  
with contributions to that political party. 3753

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 3754  
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 3755



pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 3756  
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 3757  
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 3758  
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 3759  
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 3760  
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 3761

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 3762  
following to act as a deputy registrar: 3763

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 3764  
auditor or, as authorized by division (A)(1)(b) of this section, 3765  
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 3766  
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 3767  
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 3768  
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 3769  
office of a political subdivision; 3770

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 3771  
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 3772  
Revised Code. 3773

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 3774  
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 3775  
Revised Code. 3776

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this 3777  
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 3778  
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 3779  
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 3780  
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 3781  
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 3782  
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 3783  
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 3784

the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 3785  
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 3786  
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 3787  
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 3788  
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 3789  
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 3790  
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 3791  
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 3792  
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 3793  
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 3794  
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 3795  
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 3796  
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 3797

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 3798  
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 3799  
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 3800  
Revised Code. 3801

(D)(1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 3802  
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 3803  
do all of the following: 3804

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 3805  
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 3806  
services to be performed; 3807

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 3808  
be given as provided in this section; 3809

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 3810  
of the deputy's office; 3811

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 3812  
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 3813

under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 3814  
use of the equipment; 3815

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 3816  
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 3817  
operation by means of public service announcements; 3818

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 3819  
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 3820  
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 3821  
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 3822  
the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable 3823  
organization or philanthropic cause; 3824

(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to 3825  
the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in 3826  
each county be open to the public for at least four hours each 3827  
weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located 3828  
within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the 3829  
office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 3830

(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, 3831  
provide any person with information about the location and 3832  
office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 3833

(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a 3834  
nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 3835

(j) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of this section, 3836  
prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one 3837  
deputy registrar's office at any time; 3838

(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, 3839  
require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in 3840  
a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the 3841  
deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require 3842

the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple 3843  
established internet-based mapping services. 3844

(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 3845  
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 3846  
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 3847  
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 3848  
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 3849  
under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 3850  
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 3851  
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 3852  
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 3853  
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 3854  
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 3855  
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 3856  
with accepting reinstatement fees. 3857

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 3858  
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3859  
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3860  
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3861

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3862  
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3863  
vending machine; 3864

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3865  
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3866

(2) Notwithstanding division (D) (1) (j) of this section, 3867  
the rules may allow both of the following: 3868

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3869  
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3870  
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3871

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3872  
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3873  
public and that provides such services from more than one 3874  
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3875  
any location. 3876

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3877  
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3878  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3879  
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3880  
service to a member of the public. 3881

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3882  
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3883  
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3884  
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3885  
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3886  
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3887

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3888  
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3889  
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3890  
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3891  
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3892

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3893  
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3894  
division (A)(11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3895  
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3896  
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3897  
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3898  
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3899  
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3900  
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3901

necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3902

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3903  
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3904  
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3905

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3906  
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3907  
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3908  
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3909

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3910  
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3911  
more than three years; 3912

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3913  
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3914  
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3915  
registrar. 3916

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3917  
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3918  
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3919  
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3920  
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3921  
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3922

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3923  
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3924  
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3925  
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3926  
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3927  
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3928  
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3929  
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3930

conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3931  
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3932  
office. 3933

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3934  
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3935  
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3936  
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3937  
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3938  
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3939  
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3940  
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3941  
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3942  
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3943  
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3944  
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3945  
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3946  
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3947  
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3948  
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3949  
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3950  
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3951  
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3952  
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3953  
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3954  
paid. 3955

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3956  
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3957  
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3958  
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3959  
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3960  
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3961

by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3962  
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3963  
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3964

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3965  
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3966  
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3967  
with the approval of the director, for cause. 3968

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3969  
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3970  
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3971  
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3972  
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3973  
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3974  
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3975  
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3976  
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3977  
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3978  
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3979  
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3980  
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3981

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3982  
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3983  
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3984  
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3985  
the series assigned. Each deputy shall be required to give bond 3986  
in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or in 3987  
such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, based 3988  
on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3989  
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3990  
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3991



registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3992  
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3993  
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3994  
department. 3995

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3996  
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3997  
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3998

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3999  
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 4000  
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 4001  
Revised Code. 4002

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 4003  
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 4004  
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 4005  
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 4006  
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 4007  
registration applications declined. 4008

**Sec. 5727.61.** Every public utility required by law to make 4009  
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner under 4010  
sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code shall file 4011  
therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 4012  
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 4013  
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such public utility 4014  
has not, during the preceding year, except as permitted by 4015  
~~sections 3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the 4016  
Revised Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, 4017  
consented, or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property 4018  
~~for or in aid of or opposition to~~ make a contribution to a 4019  
political party, a candidate for election or nomination to 4020  
public office, ~~or~~ a political action committee, or legislative 4021

campaign fund, ~~or organization that supports or opposes any such~~ 4022  
 ~~candidate or in any manner used any of its money or property for~~ 4023  
 ~~any partisan political purpose whatever,~~ or for the 4024  
reimbursement or indemnification of any person for money or 4025  
property so used. Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner 4026  
prescribes shall be attached to or made a part of the return, 4027  
statement, or report required to be made by such public utility 4028  
under sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code. 4029

**Sec. 5733.27.** Every corporation required by law to make 4030  
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner shall 4031  
file therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 4032  
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 4033  
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such corporation has 4034  
not, during the preceding year, except as permitted ~~by sections~~ 4035  
~~3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the Revised 4036  
Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, consented, 4037  
or agreed to pay or use any of its money or property ~~for or in~~ 4038  
~~aid of or opposition to make a contribution~~ to a political 4039  
party, a candidate for election or nomination to public office, 4040  
~~or a political action committee, or legislative campaign fund,~~ 4041  
~~or organization that supports or opposes any such candidate or~~ 4042  
~~in any manner used any of its money or property for any partisan~~ 4043  
~~political purpose whatever,~~ or for the reimbursement or 4044  
indemnification of any person for money or property so used. 4045  
Such forms of affidavit as the commissioner prescribes shall be 4046  
attached to or made a part of the return, statement, or report 4047  
required to be made by such corporation. 4048

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 4049  
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.11, 4050  
3517.13, 3517.154, 3517.992, 3599.03, 3921.22, 4503.03, 5727.61, 4051  
and 5733.27 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4052

**Section 3.** That section 3517.107 of the Revised Code is 4053  
hereby repealed. 4054

**Section 4.** The General Assembly acknowledges the ruling of 4055  
the Supreme Court of the United States in *Citizens United v.* 4056  
*Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), that 4057  
corporations and labor organizations have a First Amendment 4058  
right to make independent expenditures advocating the election 4059  
or defeat of candidates for office in the same manner as other 4060  
entities. 4061

**Section 5.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 4062  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4063  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4064  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4065  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4066  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4067  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4068  
as presented in this act: 4069

Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4070  
H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General Assembly. 4071

Section 3517.11 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4072  
H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General Assembly. 4073

**Section 6.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 4074  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 4075  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 4076  
ensure the integrity of Ohio's electoral process. Therefore, 4077  
this act shall go into immediate effect. 4078