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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 1  
3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code to 2  
allow certain entities to file campaign finance 3  
statements electronically and to require the 4  
Secretary of State to make the information in 5  
those electronic statements available online. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 7  
3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 8  
follows: 9

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 10  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 11  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 12  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 13  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 14  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 15  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 16  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 17  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 18

the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 19  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 20  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 21  
the following dates: 22

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 23  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 24  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 25  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 26  
before the election; 27

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 28  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 29  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 30  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 31  
day before the filing of the statement; 32

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 33  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 34  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 35  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 36  
the last day of December of the previous year; 37

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 38  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 39  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 40  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 41  
day of June of that year. 42

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 43  
statements prescribed under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this 44  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 45  
committee's candidate. 46

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this 47

section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 48  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 49  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 50  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 51  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 52  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 53  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 54  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 55

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 56  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 57  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 58  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 59  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 60  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 61  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 62  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 63  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 64  
days before the general election. 65

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 66  
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 67  
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 68  
this section. 69

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 70  
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 71  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 72  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 73  
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 74  
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 75  
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 76  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 77

party, or political contributing entity. 78

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 79  
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 80  
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 81  
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 82  
(A) (4) of this section. 83

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 84  
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 85  
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 86  
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 87  
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 88  
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 89  
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 90  
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 91  
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 92

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 93  
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 94  
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 95  
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 96  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 97  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 98  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 99  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 100  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 101  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 102  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 103

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 104  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 105  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 106  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 107

received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 108  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 109  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 110  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 111  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 112  
under this section and made under penalty of election 113  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 114  
this section, as applicable. 115

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 116  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 117  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 118  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 119  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 120  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 121  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 122  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 123  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 124  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 125  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 126  
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 127  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 128  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 129  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 130  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 131  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 132  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 133  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 134  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 135  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 136  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 137  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 138

business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 139  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 140  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 141  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 142  
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 143  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 144  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 145  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 146  
required by this section. 147

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 148  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 149  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 150  
and (D) (6) of this section and division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of section 151  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 152  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 153  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 154  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 155  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 156  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 157  
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 158  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 159  
Revised Code. 160

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 161  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 162  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 163  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 164  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 165  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 166  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 167  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 168  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 169

previously filed statement. 170

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 171  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 172  
section shall contain the following information: 173

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 174  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 175  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 176  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 177  
and expenditure statement; 178

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 179  
candidate's full name and address; 180

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 181  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 182  
(1) of this section. 183

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 184  
a general, primary, or special election; 185

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 186  
include the following information: 187

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 188

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 189  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 190  
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 191  
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 192  
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 193  
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 194  
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 195  
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 196  
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 197

fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 198  
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 199  
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 200  
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 201

(ii) If a political action committee, political 202  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 203  
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 204  
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 205  
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 206  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 207  
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 208  
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 209  
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 210  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 211

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 212  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 213  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 214  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 215  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 216  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 217  
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 218  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 219  
of which the employees are members, if any. 220

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 221  
than money; 222

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 223

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 224  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 225  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 226



less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 227  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 228  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 229  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 230  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 231  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 232  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 233  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 234  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 235  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 236  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 237  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 238  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 239  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 240  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 241  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 242  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 243  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 244  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 245  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 246  
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 247  
a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 248  
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 249  
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 250  
address of any members who paid those dues. 251

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 252  
separately from all other contributions. The information 253  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 254  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 255  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 256

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 257

officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 258  
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 259  
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 260  
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 261  
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 262  
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 263  
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 264  
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 265  
this division: 266

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 267  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 268

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 269  
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 270  
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 271  
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 272  
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 273  
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 274

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 275  
following information: 276

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 277

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 278  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 279  
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 280  
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 281  
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 282  
section; 283

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 284  
made; 285

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 286

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 287  
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 288  
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 289  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 290  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 291  
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 292  
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 293  
division ~~(H)~~(F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall 294  
be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 295  
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 296  
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 297  
in ink on a printed form. 298

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 299  
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 300  
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 301  
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 302  
donor. 303

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 304  
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 305  
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 306  
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 307  
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 308  
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 309

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 310  
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 311  
nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 312  
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 313  
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 314  
division (A) (2) of this section. 315

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 316

become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 317  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 318  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 319  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 320  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 321  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 322  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 323  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 324  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 325  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 326  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 327  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 328  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 329  
national convention or conference of a political party. 330

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 331  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 332  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 333  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 334  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 335

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 336  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 337  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 338  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 339  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 340  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 341  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 342  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 343  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, ~~divisions~~ 344  
division (E), ~~(F), and (G)~~ of section 3517.106, division (D) of 345  
section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division 346  
(C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 347

3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this 348  
section, ~~divisions~~ division (E), ~~(F)~~, and ~~(G)~~ of section 349  
3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of 350  
section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 351  
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 352  
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 353  
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 354  
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 355  
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 356  
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 357  
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 358  
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 359  
format. 360

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 361  
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 362  
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 363  
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 364  
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 365  
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 366  
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 367  
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 368  
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 369  
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 370  
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 371  
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 372  
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 373  
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 374  
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 375  
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 376  
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 377  
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 378

and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 379  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 380  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 381  
appropriate. 382

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 383  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 384  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 385  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 386  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 387

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 388  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 389  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 390  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 391  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 392  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 393  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 394  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 395  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 396  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 397  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 398  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 399  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 400  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 401  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 402  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 403  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 404  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 405  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 406  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 407  
number to each political action committee that files a 408  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 409

division if the political action committee is required by 410  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 411  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 412  
state. 413

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 414  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 415  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 416

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 417  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 418  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 419  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 420  
campaign committee. 421

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 422  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 423  
separate from all other funds. 424

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 425  
state candidate fund that is separate from an account that 426  
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 427  
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from 428  
all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit 429  
into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary 430  
contributions that are made to or accepted by the political 431  
party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed 432  
in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county 433  
political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions 434  
received by the party into one or more accounts that are 435  
separate from its state candidate fund and from its account that 436  
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 437  
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 438

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 439  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 440  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 441  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 442  
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 443  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 444  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 445  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 446  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 447  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 448  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 449  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 450  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 451  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 452

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 453  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 454  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 455  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 456  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 457  
(4) of this section. 458

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 459  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 460  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 461  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 462  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 463  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 464  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 465

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 466  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 467  
following: 468



(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 469  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 470  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 471  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 472  
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 473  
of the Revised Code; 474

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 475  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 476  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 477  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 478  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 479  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 480  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 481  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 482  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 483  
of transmission. 484

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division ~~(F)~~ 485  
(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make 486  
available online to the public through the internet the 487  
contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 488  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 489  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 490

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 491  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 492  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 493  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 494  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 495  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 496

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 497  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 498

corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 499  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 500  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 501  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ 502

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 503  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 504

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 505  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 506  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 507  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 508  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 509  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 510  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 511  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 512  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 513  
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 514  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 515

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 516  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 517  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 518  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 519  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 520  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 521  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 522  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 523  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 524  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 525  
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 526

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 527  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 528

required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 529  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 530  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 531  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 532  
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 533  
written request for the information required under division (B) 534  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 535  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 536  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 537

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 538  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 539  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 540  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 541

(F) As used in this section: 542

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 543  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 544  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 545  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 546  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 547  
post-office box. 548

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 549  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 550  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 551  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 552  
highway name and number. 553

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 554  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 555  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 556  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 557

treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 558  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 559  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 560  
to that address. 561

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 562  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 563  
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 564  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 565  
committee: 566

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 567  
section; 568

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 569  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 570  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 571

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 572  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 573  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 574  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 575  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 576  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 577  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 578  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 579  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 580  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 581  
box number. 582

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 583  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 584  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 585  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 586

of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 587  
the supreme court. 588

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 589  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 590  
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 591  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 592  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 593

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 594  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 595  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 596  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 597  
Revised Code. 598

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 599  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 600  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 601  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 602  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 603  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 604  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 605  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 606  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 607  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 608  
combined reporting periods. 609

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 610  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 611  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 612  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 613  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 614  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 615  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 616

statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 617  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 618  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 619  
election periods. 620

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 621  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 622  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 623  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 624  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 625  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 626  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 627  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 628  
candidates. 629

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 630  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 631  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 632  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 633

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 634  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 635  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 636  
member making the contribution. 637

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 638  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 639  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 640  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 641  
following: 642

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 643  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 644  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 645

the partners, owners, or members; or 646

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 647  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 648  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 649  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 650  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 651  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 652  
the contribution. 653

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 654  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 655  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 656  
section. 657

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 658  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 659  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 660  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 661  
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 662  
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 663

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 664  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 665  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 666

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 667  
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 668  
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 669  
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 670  
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 671

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 672  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 673  
candidate or holds office. 674

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 675  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 676  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 677  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 678  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 679  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 680  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 681  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 682  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 683  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 684  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 685  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 686  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 687  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 688  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 689

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 690  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 691  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 692  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 693  
be a write-in candidate. 694

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 695  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 696  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 697  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 698

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 699  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 700  
limitations described in that division during an election 701  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 702  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 703  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 704



a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 705  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 706  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 707  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 708  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 709  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 710  
write-in candidate. 711

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 712  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 713  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 714  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 715  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 716  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 717  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 718  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 719

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 720  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 721  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 722  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 723  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 724  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 725  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 726  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 727  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 728  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 729  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 730  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 731  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 732  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 733  
receives from all other contributors. 734

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 735  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 736  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 737  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 738  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 739

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 740  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 741  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 742  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 743  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 744  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 745  
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 746

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 747  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 748  
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 749  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 750  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 751  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 752  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 753  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 754  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 755  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 756  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 757  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 758  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 759  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 760  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 761  
following: 762

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 763  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 764

candidate's campaign committee; 765

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 766  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 767  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 768  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 769  
of the Revised Code. 770

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 771  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 772  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 773  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 774  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 775  
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 776  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 777  
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 778  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 779  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 780

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 781  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 782  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 783  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 784  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 785  
candidate, the individual, partnership, or other entity shall 786  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 787  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 788  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 789  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 790  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 791  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 792  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 793  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 794

on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 795  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 796  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 797  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division ~~(C)~~(E) of 798  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 799  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 800  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 801  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 802  
election falsification. 803

(C) (1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, 804  
campaign committee, political action committee with ten or more 805  
members, or legislative campaign fund makes an independent 806  
expenditure, or whenever a political action committee with fewer 807  
than ten members makes an independent expenditure in excess of 808  
one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or question, or in 809  
excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide ballot issue or 810  
question, for the purpose of financing communications advocating 811  
support of or opposition to an identified ballot issue or 812  
question or solicits without the express consent of the ballot 813  
issue committee a contribution for or against an identified 814  
ballot issue or question through public political advertising, a 815  
statement shall appear or be presented in a clear and 816  
conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 817  
following: 818

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 819  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 820  
issue committee; 821

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor 822  
organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or 823  
political action committee that has paid for the communication 824

or public political advertising in accordance with section 825  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 826

(2) (a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, 827  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 828  
or political action committee makes an independent expenditure 829  
in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 830  
corporation or labor organization shall report the independent 831  
expenditure in accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 832  
of the Revised Code, and the campaign committee, legislative 833  
campaign fund, political party, or political action committee 834  
shall report the independent expenditure and identify the ballot 835  
issue or question on a statement prescribed by the secretary of 836  
state and filed by the committee, fund, or party as part of its 837  
statement of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division 838  
(A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of 839  
the Revised Code. 840

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 841  
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 842  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 843  
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures in 844  
excess of one hundred dollars in support of or opposition to any 845  
ballot issue or question, the individual, partnership, or other 846  
entity shall file with the secretary of state in the case of a 847  
statewide ballot issue or question, or with the board of 848  
elections in the county that certifies the issue or question for 849  
placement on the ballot in the case of a district or local issue 850  
or question, not later than the dates specified in divisions (A) 851  
(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 852  
and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a statement 853  
itemizing all independent expenditures made during the period 854  
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the 855

last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 856  
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 857  
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 858  
division ~~(C)~~(E) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 859  
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 860  
indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure 861  
and the ballot issue or question in support of or opposition to 862  
which it was made and shall be made under penalty of election 863  
falsification. 864

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 865  
fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 866  
organization, or other organization or association shall use or 867  
cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an 868  
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any 869  
candidate or any ballot issue or question. A name is false or 870  
fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative 871  
campaign fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 872  
organization, or other organization or association does not 873  
actually exist or operate, if the corporation, labor 874  
organization, or other organization or association has failed to 875  
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 876  
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 877  
committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 878  
committee has failed to file a designation of the appointment of 879  
a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D)(1) of 880  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 881

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 882  
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 883  
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 884  
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 885  
section. 886

<b>Sec. 3517.106.</b> (A) As used in this section:	887
(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court.	888 889 890 891
(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or other correction to that statement.	892 893
(B) <del>(1)</del> The secretary of state shall store <u>all of the following information</u> on computer <del>the</del> :	894 895
(1) <u>The information</u> contained in statements of contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in statements of independent expenditures required to be filed under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code <del>by any of the following:</del>	896 897 898 899 900 901
<del>(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide office;</del>	902 903
<del>(b) The political action committees and political contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code;</del>	904 905 906
<del>(c) Legislative campaign funds;</del>	907
<del>(d) State political parties;</del>	908
<del>(e) Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor organizations, or other entities that make independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question;</del>	909 910 911 912
<del>(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office</del>	913

~~of member of the general assembly;~~ 914

~~(g) County political parties, with respect to their state~~ 915  
~~candidate funds. with the secretary of state and the information~~ 916  
~~transmitted to the secretary of state by boards of elections~~ 917  
~~under division (E) (2) of this section;~~ 918

(2) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 919  
information contained in disclosure of electioneering 920  
communications statements required to be filed under section 921  
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 922

(3) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 923  
information contained in deposit and disbursement statements 924  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 925  
under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 926

(4) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 927  
gift and disbursement information contained in statements 928  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 929  
under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. 930

(5) The ~~secretary of state shall store on computer the~~ 931  
information contained in donation and disbursement statements 932  
required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state 933  
under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 934

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 935  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 936  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 937  
parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor 938  
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other 939  
~~entities described in division (B) of this section that are~~ 940  
~~permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of~~ 941  
~~transmission,~~ and to members of the news media and other 942



interested persons, for a reasonable fee, computer programs that 943  
are compatible with the secretary of state's method of storing 944  
the information contained in the statements. 945

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 946  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 947  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 948  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 949  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 950  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 951  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 952

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 953  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 954  
least six years. 955

(E) (1) Subject to division ~~(H)~~ (J) of this section and 956  
subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, 957  
and verified the successful operation of any system the 958  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of 959  
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 960  
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 961  
statements by electronic means of transmission, ~~the each of the~~ 962  
following entities shall be permitted or required to file 963  
statements by electronic means of transmission, as applicable: 964

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 965  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 966  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 967  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 968  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 969  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 970  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 971  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 972

transmission. 973

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 974  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 975  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 976  
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 977  
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 978  
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 979  
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 980  
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 981  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 982  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 983  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 984  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 985

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 986  
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 987  
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 988  
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 989  
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 990  
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 991

(d) A political action committee and a political 992  
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 993  
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 994  
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 995  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 996  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 997  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 998  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 999  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1000  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1001  
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1002

exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1003  
electronic means of transmission. 1004

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1005  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1006  
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1007  
to the office of the secretary of state. 1008

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1009  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1010  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1011

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1012  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1013  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1014  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1015  
to the board of elections. 1016

(h) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 1017  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1018  
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 1019  
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 1020  
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 1021  
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1022  
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 1023  
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 1024  
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 1025  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 1026

(i) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 1027  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1028  
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 1029  
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 1030  
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 1031

statement specified in that division by electronic means of 1032  
transmission to the board of elections. 1033

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1034  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1035  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1036  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1037  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1038  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1039  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1040  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1041  
received the addendum or amended statement. 1042

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this division~~ (E) 1043  
(3) (b) of this section, within five business days after a 1044  
statement filed ~~by a campaign committee of a candidate for~~ 1045  
~~statewide office under division (E) (1) of this section~~ is 1046  
received by the secretary of state by electronic or other means 1047  
of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available 1048  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 1049  
division ~~(F)~~ (G) of this section, the contribution and 1050  
expenditure information in that statement. ~~The~~ 1051

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1052  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1053  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1054  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1055  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1056  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1057  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1058  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1059  
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1060  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1061

office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1062  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1063  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1064  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1065  
office. 1066

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1067  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1068  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1069  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1070  
Code, the ~~campaign committee entity that filed the statement~~ 1071  
shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to 1072  
the statement that provides the information necessary to 1073  
complete or correct the statement or, if required ~~by the~~ 1074  
~~secretary of state~~ under that division, an amended statement. 1075

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1076  
receives ~~from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide-~~ 1077  
~~office~~ an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1078  
electronic or other means of transmission ~~under this division or~~ 1079  
~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code,~~ the 1080  
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 1081  
information in the addendum or amended statement available 1082  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1083  
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section. 1084

~~(2)~~ Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1085  
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 1086  
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of~~ 1087  
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section~~ 1088  
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance~~ 1089  
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, a political-~~ 1090  
~~action committee and a political contributing entity described~~ 1091

~~in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign fund, and a state political party may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the total amount of the contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures made by the political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of transmission.~~

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

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

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a political action committee or a political contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic or other means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 1122  
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~~(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a county political party shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 1133  
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~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a county political party with respect to its state candidate fund is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in that statement.~~ 1143  
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~~If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of the statement for completeness and~~ 1150  
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~~accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement that provides the information necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that division, an amended statement.~~ 1152  
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~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a county political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 1158  
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~~(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the contributions received by the campaign committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten~~ 1167  
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~~thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic~~ 1183  
~~means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 1184

~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five~~ 1185  
~~business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of~~ 1186  
~~a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or~~ 1187  
~~a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a~~ 1188  
~~court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by~~ 1189  
~~electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of~~ 1190  
~~state shall make available online to the public through the~~ 1191  
~~internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the~~ 1192  
~~contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The~~ 1193  
~~secretary of state shall not make available online to the public~~ 1194  
~~through the internet any contribution or expenditure information~~ 1195  
~~contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary~~ 1196  
~~of state is able to make available online to the public through~~ 1197  
~~the internet the contribution and expenditure information for~~ 1198  
~~all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable~~ 1199  
~~filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is~~ 1200  
~~sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of~~ 1201  
~~the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates~~ 1202  
~~for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing~~ 1203  
~~deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the~~ 1204  
~~secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to~~ 1205  
~~the public through the internet the information for all~~ 1206  
~~candidates for that office.~~ 1207

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission~~ 1208  
~~is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of~~ 1209  
~~the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division~~ 1210  
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign~~ 1211  
~~committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the~~ 1212  
~~office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement~~ 1213

~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct  
the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under  
that division, an amended statement.~~ 1214  
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~~Within five business days after the secretary of state  
receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office  
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an  
addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic  
or other means of transmission under this division or division  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary  
of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information  
in the addendum or amended statement available online to the  
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~~(2)-(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member  
of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate  
for the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement,  
addendum, or amended statement is not filed by electronic means  
of transmission to the office of the secretary of state but is  
filed by printed version only under division (A) (2) of section  
3517.11 of the Revised Code with the appropriate board of  
elections, the campaign committee of a candidate for the office  
of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement,  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The  
board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the  
statement, addendum, or amended statement.~~ 1228  
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~~(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that division by electronic means of transmission or, if the total amount of independent expenditures made during the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by electronic means of transmission.~~

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

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

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

~~(H)~~ (F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic signature that satisfies all of the following:

(a) It is unique to the signer.

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 1305

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 1306  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 1307  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 1308

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 1309  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 1310  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 1311  
electronic signature is invalidated. 1312

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 1313  
state under division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of this section shall be attached 1314  
to or associated with the statement of contributions and 1315  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 1316  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 1317  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 1318  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 1319  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 1320  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 1321  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 1322  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 1323  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 1324  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 1325  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 1326  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 1327  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 1328  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 1329  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 1330  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 1331  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 1332

~~(I)~~(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the 1333  
following information available online to the public by any 1334

means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible through the 1335  
internet: 1336

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 1337  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 1338  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 1339  
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 1340  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 1341  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 1342  
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 1343  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code ~~available online to~~ 1344  
~~the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and~~ 1345  
~~accessible through the internet;~~ 1346

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 1347  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 1348  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 1349  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 1350  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 1351  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1352

~~(J)~~(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a 1353  
library that is open to the public and that is one of the 1354  
following: 1355

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 1356  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 1357

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 1358  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 1359

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 1360  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 1361  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1362  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1363

disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 1364  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 1365  
pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(G) of this section may be accessed. 1366

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 1367  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 1368  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 1369  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 1370  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 1371  
public. 1372

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 1373  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 1374  
transmission pursuant to division ~~(H)~~(F) (1) of this section and 1375  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1376  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 1377  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 1378  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 1379  
statements may be filed. 1380

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 1381  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 1382  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 1383  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 1384  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 1385  
that is accessible to the public. 1386

~~(K)~~(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or 1387  
charge brought against any campaign committee, political action 1388  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1389  
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 1390  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 1391  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 1392  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 1393

electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 1394  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 1395  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 1396  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 1397  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 1398  
legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 1399  
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 1400  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1401  
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 1402  
failed to so file: 1403

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1404  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1405  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1406  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1407  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1408  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 1409  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 1410  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 1411

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1412  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1413  
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1414  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1415  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1416  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 1417  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 1418  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 1419  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 1420  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 1421

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 1422  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1423



political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 1424  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 1425  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 1426  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 1427  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 1428  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 1429  
described in division ~~(K)~~(I) (2) of this section. 1430

~~(H)~~(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules 1431  
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a 1432  
campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office that 1433  
makes expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars 1434  
during the filing period or a campaign committee for the office 1435  
of member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a 1436  
court of appeals that would otherwise be required to file 1437  
campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission 1438  
under division (E) ~~or (F)~~ of this section to file those 1439  
statements by paper with the office of the secretary of state. 1440  
Those rules shall provide for all of the following: 1441

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 1442  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 1443  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 1444  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 1445  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 1446  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 1447  
statement. 1448

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 1449  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 1450  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 1451  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 1452  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 1453

to an electronic format as required under division ~~(I)~~(G) of 1454  
this section. 1455

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 1456  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 1457  
division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section to be made available online to 1458  
the public through the internet in the same manner, and at the 1459  
same times, as information is made available under divisions 1460  
(E), ~~(F)~~, and ~~(I)~~(G) of this section for candidates whose 1461  
campaign committees file those statements by electronic means of 1462  
transmission. 1463

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 1464  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 1465  
division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section shall file a notice indicating 1466  
that the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 1467  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 1468  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 1469  
for the eligible campaign committee. 1470

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 1471  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J) of this 1472  
section shall review the contribution and information made 1473  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 1474  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 1475  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 1476  
available on that web site. 1477

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 1478  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 1479  
~~(I)~~(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 1480  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 1481  
rules adopted under division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) (a) of this section, 1482  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 1483

shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 1484  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 1485  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 1486  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1487

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 1488  
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 1489  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 1490  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 1491  
to be developed under division ~~(L)~~(J)(1) of this section shall 1492  
be in effect and available for use by eligible campaign 1493  
committees for all campaign finance statements that are required 1494  
to be filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any 1495  
provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process 1496  
the secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) 1497  
(1) of this section is not in effect and available for use on 1498  
and after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of 1499  
campaign committees to file campaign finance statements by 1500  
electronic means of transmission shall be suspended until such 1501  
time as that process is in effect and available for use. 1502

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 1503  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 1504  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 1505  
secretary of state pursuant to division ~~(L)~~(J)(1) of this 1506  
section shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance 1507  
statements by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1508  
the secretary of state. 1509

**Sec. 3517.1011.** (A) As used in this section: 1510

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 1511  
of the Revised Code. 1512

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 1513  
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 1514  
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 1515  
system. 1516

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 1517  
of the Revised Code. 1518

(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, 1519  
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 1520  
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer 1521  
of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 1522  
estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 1523  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 1524  
another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the 1525  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1526  
communications. 1527

(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means 1528  
any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any 1529  
arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a 1530  
candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, 1531  
or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign 1532  
committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former 1533  
employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's 1534  
campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or 1535  
cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering 1536  
communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering 1537  
communication" when it is either of the following: 1538

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 1539  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 1540  
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 1541  
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 1542

candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 1543  
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 1544  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 1545  
toward having the communication made; 1546

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 1547  
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 1548  
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 1549  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1550  
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 1551  
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 1552  
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 1553  
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 1554  
the candidate's campaign committee. 1555

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 1556  
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 1557  
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 1558  
made through any person who provides a service that does not 1559  
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 1560  
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 1561  
also affects the content of the communication. 1562

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 1563

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 1564  
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 1565  
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 1566  
ten thousand dollars; 1567

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 1568  
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 1569  
disclosure date established under division (A) (6) (a) of this 1570  
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 1571

disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 1572  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 1573  
dollar. 1574

(7) (a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 1575  
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 1576  
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 1577  
following periods of time: 1578

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 1579  
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 1580  
election to that office, between the date that the person 1581  
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 1582  
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 1583  
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 1584  
will be elected to that office; 1585

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 1586  
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 1587  
election to that office, between the date of the primary 1588  
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 1589  
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 1590

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 1591  
the following: 1592

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 1593  
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 1594  
satellite television or radio station. For example, 1595  
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 1596  
appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 1597  
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 1598  
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 1599  
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 1600

telephone communications. 1601

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 1602  
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 1603  
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 1604  
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 1605  
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 1606  
party, political committee, or candidate; 1607

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or 1608  
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised 1609  
Code; 1610

(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate 1611  
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and 1612  
is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or 1613  
forum. 1614

(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 1615  
3517.109 of the Revised Code. 1616

(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the 1617  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1618  
1101 et seq., as amended. 1619

(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of 1620  
the Revised Code and includes any political organization 1621  
considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the 1622  
Internal Revenue Code. 1623

(11) "Political committee" means any of the following: 1624

(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of 1625  
persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one 1626  
thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes 1627  
expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars 1628

during a calendar year;	1629
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	1630
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	1631
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	1632
(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	1633
(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year.	1634
(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee.	1635
(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," "mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous reference to the person's status as a candidate.	1636
(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered into a contract to make the disbursement.	1637
(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, prior to making the first disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an	1638
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electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 1657  
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 1658  
make such disbursements. 1659

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 1660  
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 1661  
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 1662  
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 1663  
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 1664  
electioneering communications statement containing the following 1665  
information: 1666

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 1667  
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 1668  
control over the activities of the person making the 1669  
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 1670  
the person making the disbursement; 1671

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 1672  
the disbursement, if not an individual; 1673

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 1674  
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 1675  
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 1676

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 1677  
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 1678  
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 1679

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 1680  
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 1681  
individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 1682  
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 1683  
101(a) (20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 1684  
the account for electioneering communications, the information 1685

specified in division (D) (2) of this section for all 1686  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1687  
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 1688  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1689  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1690  
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 1691  
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 1692  
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 1693  
other than electioneering communications. 1694

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 1695  
described in division (D) (1) (e) of this section, the information 1696  
specified in division (D) (2) of this section for all 1697  
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 1698  
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 1699  
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 1700  
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 1701  
section during the period covered by the statement. 1702

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 1703  
to be reported under division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, 1704  
all of the following shall be reported: 1705

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 1706  
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 1707  
more; 1708

(b) (i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 1709  
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 1710  
registration number assigned to the political action committee 1711  
under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 1712

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 1713  
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 1714

self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 1715  
individual's business, if any; 1716

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 1717  
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 1718  
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 1719  
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 1720  
division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 1721  
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 1722  
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 1723

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 1724  
money; 1725

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 1726

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1727  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1728  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C)(6)(b) 1729  
and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 and division ~~(H)~~(F)(1) of section 1730  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1731  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 1732  
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 1733  
prescribed under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section by 1734  
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 1735  
of state. 1736

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1737  
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 1738  
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 1739  
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 1740  
division ~~(I)~~(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 1741  
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 1742

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 1743

statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 1744  
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 1745  
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 1746  
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 1747  
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 1748  
correction to the statement that provides the information 1749  
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 1750  
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 1751  
statement. 1752

Within five business days after the secretary of state 1753  
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 1754  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 1755  
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 1756  
division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1757  
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 1758  
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 1759  
correction to the statement or amended statement available 1760  
online to the public through the internet as provided in 1761  
division ~~(F)~~ (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 1762

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 1763  
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 1764  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 1765  
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 1766  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1767

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 1768  
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 1769  
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 1770  
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 1771  
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 1772  
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 1773

the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 1774  
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1775

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 1776  
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 1777  
that does both of the following: 1778

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 1779  
communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 1780  
candidate's campaign committee; 1781

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 1782  
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 1783  
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 1784

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 1785  
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 1786  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 1787  
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 1788  
costs of producing or airing the communication. 1789

(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 1790  
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 1791  
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 1792  
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 1793  
received from a corporation or labor organization. 1794

**Sec. 3517.11.** (A) (1) Campaign committees of candidates for 1795  
statewide office or the state board of education, political 1796  
action committees or political contributing entities that make 1797  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are 1798  
required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1799  
the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action 1800  
committees or political contributing entities that make 1801  
contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of 1802

the general assembly, political action committees or political 1803  
contributing entities that make contributions to state and 1804  
national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, 1805  
political action committees or political contributing entities 1806  
that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection 1807  
with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or 1808  
political contributing entities that make contributions to other 1809  
political action committees or political contributing entities, 1810  
political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth 1811  
in division (A) (3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, 1812  
and state and national political parties shall file the 1813  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1814  
with the secretary of state. 1815

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(F)~~(E) of 1816  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of 1817  
candidates for all other offices shall file the statements 1818  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board 1819  
of elections where their candidates are required to file their 1820  
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 1821

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 1822  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1823  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 1824  
file two copies of the printed version of any statement, 1825  
addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file 1826  
pursuant to division ~~(F)~~(E) or ~~(L)~~(J) of section 3517.106 1827  
of the Revised Code but files by printed version only with the 1828  
appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall 1829  
send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy 1830  
to the secretary of state before the close of business on the 1831  
day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or 1832  
amended statement. 1833

(3) Political action committees or political contributing 1834  
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 1835  
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 1836  
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 1837  
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 1838  
general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 1839  
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 1840  
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 1841  
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 1842  
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 1843  
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 1844  
having a population greater than that of any other county 1845  
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 1846  
as the case may be. 1847

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) ~~(3)~~ (1)(e) 1848  
of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 1849  
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 1850  
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1851  
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 1852

(B) (1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 1853  
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 1854  
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 1855  
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 1856  
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 1857  
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 1858  
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 1859  
receipt in writing. 1860

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 1861  
statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 1862  
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every 1863

candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 1864  
3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code of the requirements and 1865  
applicable penalties of those sections. The secretary of state 1866  
shall notify all candidates required to file those statements 1867  
with the secretary of state's office either by certified mail, 1868  
or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet 1869  
identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary 1870  
mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board of 1871  
elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any 1872  
candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board 1873  
on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to 1874  
be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of 1875  
state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the 1876  
candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The 1877  
board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of 1878  
state. The board shall notify all other candidates required to 1879  
file those statements with it either by certified mail, or, if 1880  
the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of 1881  
record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by 1882  
that internet identifier of record. 1883

(3) (a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 1884  
3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code that is found to be 1885  
incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted 1886  
shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who 1887  
filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the 1888  
incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary 1889  
of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the 1890  
office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the 1891  
office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and 1892  
accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness 1893  
and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates 1894



for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign 1895  
committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of 1896  
appeals file pursuant to division ~~(F)~~(E) or ~~(H)~~(J) of section 1897  
3517.106 of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of 1898  
elections where a statement filed for a candidate for the office 1899  
of member of the general assembly or for a candidate for the 1900  
office of judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the 1901  
statement to be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall 1902  
immediately notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or 1903  
inaccurate nature. If either an officer at the board of 1904  
elections or the secretary of state finds a statement filed for 1905  
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 1906  
for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals to 1907  
be incomplete or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall 1908  
send the notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature 1909  
of the statement. 1910

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 1911  
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 1912  
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 1913  
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 1914  
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 1915  
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 or section 1916  
3517.107 of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 1917  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 1918  
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 1919  
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 1920  
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 1921  
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 1922  
the office of the secretary of state or a board of elections 1923  
pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient 1924  
of the notice described in this division file by electronic 1925

means of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 1926  
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 1927

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 1928  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 1929  
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 1930  
filed: 1931

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 1932  
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 1933

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 1934  
statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the 1935  
Revised Code; 1936

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed 1937  
under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1938

(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under 1939  
section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1940

(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under 1941  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1942

An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement 1943  
that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 1944  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same 1945  
manner as the statement. 1946

The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 1947  
3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code 1948  
pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and 1949  
expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure 1950  
of electioneering communications statements, deposit and 1951  
disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and 1952  
donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of 1953

transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or 1954  
other corrections to those statements by electronic means of 1955  
transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic 1956  
means of transmission. 1957

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1958  
receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an 1959  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an 1960  
amended statement under division (B) (3) (a) of this section, the 1961  
secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), ~~(F)~~, and (G), ~~and~~ 1962  
~~(I)~~ of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of 1963  
the Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure, 1964  
contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift 1965  
and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in 1966  
that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement 1967  
available online to the public through the internet. 1968

(4) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 1969  
shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 1970  
3517.08 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 1971

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 1972  
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 1973  
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 1974  
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 1975  
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 1976  
Revised Code. 1977

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 1978  
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 1979  
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 1980  
conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 1981  
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 1982  
reported to the secretary of state. 1983

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 1984  
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 1985  
3517.17 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 1986  
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 1987  
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 1988  
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 1989  
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 1990  
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 1991  
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 1992  
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 1993  
Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has 1994  
jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 1995  
report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 1996  
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 1997  
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 1998  
Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 1999  
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 2000  
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 2001

(2) For purposes of division (C) (1) of this section, a 2002  
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 2003  
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 2004  
sections 3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code is incomplete 2005  
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 2006  
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 2007  
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 2008  
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 2009  
be reported under sections 3517.10, 3517.107, 3517.108, 2010  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 2011  
Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 2012  
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 2013  
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 2014

deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 2015  
during the reporting period. 2016

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 2017  
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 2018  
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 2019  
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 2020  
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 2021  
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2022

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.10, 3517.105, 2023  
3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code are hereby 2024  
repealed. 2025

**Section 3.** This act shall take effect on the first day of 2026  
January that occurs at least one hundred eighty days after the 2027  
act is filed with the Secretary of State. 2028