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A BILL

To amend sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.11, 3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.183, 3506.14, 3509.01, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.07, 3511.08, 3511.09, 3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13, 3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.18, and 4507.061; to enact new section 3503.11 and sections 3506.24 and 3509.031; and to repeal section 3503.11 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Election Security and Modernization Act to create an automated voter registration and verification system, to modify the law governing absent voting, and to make other changes to the Election Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:
Section 1. That sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.11, 3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.183, 3506.14, 3509.01, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.07, 3511.08, 3511.09, 3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13, 3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.18, and 4507.061 be amended and new section 3503.11 and sections 3506.24 and 3509.031 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code relating to elections and political communications:

(A) "General election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November.

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year.

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except that in any year in which a presidential primary election is held, no special election shall be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on the third Tuesday after the first
Monday in March.

(E)(1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of political parties and as delegates and alternates to the conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year except in years in which a presidential primary election is held.

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and alternates to the national conventions of the major political parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included in references to primary elections. In years in which a presidential primary election is held, all primary elections shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county charter.

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code for the formation and existence of a political party.

(1) "Major political party" means any political party organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at the most recent regular state election.
(2) "Minor political party" means any political party organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the following requirements:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the political party's candidate for governor or nominees for presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office at the most recent regular state election. A political party that meets the requirements of this division remains a political party for a period of four years after meeting those requirements.

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a petition that meets the requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code.

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor political party until the time of the first election for governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the office of governor or president.

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate for election to the office of governor at the most recent regular state election at which a governor was elected received more votes than any other person received for election to that office in such precinct at such election.

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state.

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates for judicial office, for member of any board of education, for municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate ballots for elections for these offices.

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be a member of a political party and who has been certified to appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special election as the nominee of a political party because the candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political
party.

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue
certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held
in this state.

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector
may vote.

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county
established by the board of elections of such county within
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein
may vote at the same polling place.

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such
precinct may vote.

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of
the Revised Code.

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township,
city, village, or school district.

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of
the following:
(1) Secretary of state;

(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the division of elections in the capacity of attorney, administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;

(3) Director of a board of elections;

(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;

(5) Member of a board of elections;

(6) Employees of a board of elections;

(7) Precinct election officials;

(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.

(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.

(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, by forwardable mail and with return postage prepaid, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address. The notice shall comply with all applicable requirements of the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993."

(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state-
funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, or any other public or government office or agency that implements a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, including the department of job and family services, the program administered under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not include public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.


(AA) "Photo identification" means a document that meets each of the following requirements:

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or signature pollbook.

(2) It shows the current address of the individual to whom it was issued, which shall conform to the address in the poll list or signature pollbook, except for a driver's license or a
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state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code, which may show either the current or former address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or signature pollbook.

(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was issued.

(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed.

(5) It was issued by the government of the United States or this state.

(BB) "Bank statement" includes a statement from any financial or brokerage institution and includes a statement mailed to a person or delivered or made available to the person electronically.

(CC) "Utility bill" means a statement of fees owed or paid for services including water, sewer, electric, heating, cable, internet, telephone, or cellular telephone services. "Utility bill" includes a statement mailed to a person or delivered or made available to the person electronically.

Sec. 3501.05. The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;

(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.

(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of elections;
(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in force;

(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;

(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and records;

(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;

(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state;

(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall appear on the ballot;

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I)(2)(b) of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to ballot language for any local question or issue approved and transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the Revised Code;

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on state questions and issues and determine and certify to the sufficiency of those petitions;

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are
provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers necessary;

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the several counties of the requirements of the election laws;

(N) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N)(2) of this section, investigate the administration of election laws, frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and report violations of election laws to the attorney general or prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution;

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code.

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the results of elections, the cost of elections in the various counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative to elections the secretary of state considers desirable;

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code;

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters from the statewide voter registration database and, if
applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the following:

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses the national change of address service provided by the United States postal system through its licensees;

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;

(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason for that mark or removal.

(R)(1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters or updating voter registration information, such as name and residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 3503.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to develop, implement, and administer the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, including rules prescribing all of the following:

(a) The manner and format in which the bureau of motor
vehicles must transmit information to the secretary of state;

(b) An earlier deadline for the bureau of motor vehicles to transmit information to the secretary of state than the deadline described in division (C) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, if the bureau obtains that information during the period immediately preceding the close of voter registration before an election;

(c) Procedures for the bureau of motor vehicles, the office of the secretary of state, and boards of elections to follow to ensure that information transmitted through the system that is not considered a public record remains confidential.

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter registration forms through boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers;

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in this state;

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles consistent with this chapter;

(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary of state to do all of the following:

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities;
(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other voters;

(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of standards for the certification of voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment.

(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666, and provide training in the operation of that system;

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result of any conference or teleconference call with a board of elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as is practicable after the completion of the conference or teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes place.

(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the secretary of state not later than one month after the completion of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the
number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web site in an archive format for each subsequent election.

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and other voting requirements;

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector may make available to a board of elections a more recent signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook produced by the board of elections of the county in which the elector resides;

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, or referendum;

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to establish procedures and standards for determining when a board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that is under official oversight to transition out of official oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of state.

(EE) Perform other duties required by law.

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of representative to congress, the secretary of state shall establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to instruct or reinstruct election officers.
In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as the chief election officer, the secretary of state may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the election laws.

In any controversy involving or arising out of the adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question.

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of state's motion, be made a party.

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of Franklin county.

Public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of state pursuant to this section.
The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general election and only if the general assembly has made an appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals.

Upon the request of the secretary of state, a state agency shall provide any information or assistance the secretary of state requires to carry out the secretary of state's powers and duties under Title XXXV of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3501.11. Each board of elections shall exercise by a majority vote all powers granted to the board by Title XXXV of the Revised Code, shall perform all the duties imposed by law, and shall do all of the following:

(A) Establish, define, provide, rearrange, and combine election precincts;

(B) Fix and provide the places for registration and for holding primaries and elections;

(C) Provide for the purchase, preservation, and maintenance of booths, ballot boxes, books, maps, flags, blanks, cards of instructions, and other forms, papers, and equipment used in registration, nominations, and elections;

(D) Appoint and remove its director, deputy director, and employees and all registrars, precinct election officials, and other officers of elections, fill vacancies, and designate the ward or district and precinct in which each shall serve;

(E) Make and issue rules and instructions, not inconsistent with law or the rules, directives, or advisories
issued by the secretary of state, as it considers necessary for the guidance of election officers and voters;

(F) Advertise and contract for the printing of all ballots and other supplies used in registrations and elections;

(G) Provide for the issuance of all notices, advertisements, and publications concerning elections, except as otherwise provided in division (G) of section 3501.17 and divisions (F) and (G) of section 3505.062 of the Revised Code;

(H) Provide for the delivery of ballots, pollbooks, and other required papers and material to the polling places;

(I) Cause the polling places to be suitably provided with voting machines, marking devices, automatic tabulating equipment, stalls, and other required supplies. In fulfilling this duty, each board of a county that uses voting machines, marking devices, or automatic tabulating equipment shall conduct a full vote of the board during a public session of the board on the allocation and distribution of voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment for each precinct in the county.

(J) Investigate irregularities, nonperformance of duties, or violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code by election officers and other persons; administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, and compel the production of books, papers, records, and other evidence in connection with any such investigation; and report the facts to the prosecuting attorney or the secretary of state;

(K)(1) Review, examine, and certify the sufficiency and validity of petitions and nomination papers, and, after certification, return to the secretary of state all petitions
and nomination papers that the secretary of state forwarded to
the board;

(2) Examine each initiative petition, or a petition filed
under section 307.94 or 307.95 of the Revised Code, received by
the board to determine whether the petition falls within the
scope of authority to enact via initiative and whether the
petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to place the
issue on the ballot, as described in division (M) of section
3501.38 of the Revised Code. The petition shall be invalid if
any portion of the petition is not within the initiative power.

(L) Receive the returns of elections, canvass the returns,
make abstracts of them, and transmit those abstracts to the
proper authorities;

(M) Issue certificates of election on forms to be
prescribed by the secretary of state;

(N) Make an annual report to the secretary of state, on
the form prescribed by the secretary of state, containing a
statement of the number of voters registered, elections held,
votes cast, appropriations received, expenditures made, and
other data required by the secretary of state;

(O) Prepare and submit to the proper appropriating officer
a budget estimating the cost of elections for the ensuing fiscal
year;

(P) Perform other duties as prescribed by law or the
rules, directives, or advisories of the secretary of state;

(Q) Investigate and determine the residence qualifications
of electors;

(R) Administer oaths in matters pertaining to the
administration of the election laws;

(S) Prepare and submit to the secretary of state, whenever the secretary of state requires, a report containing the names and residence addresses of all incumbent county, municipal, township, and board of education officials serving in their respective counties;

(T) Establish and maintain a voter registration database of all qualified electors in the county who offer to register;

(U) Maintain voter registration records, make reports concerning voter registration as required by the secretary of state, and remove ineligible electors from voter registration lists in accordance with law and directives of the secretary of state;

(V) Give approval to ballot language for any local question or issue and transmit the language to the secretary of state for the secretary of state's final approval;

(W) Prepare and cause the following notice to be displayed in a prominent location in every polling place:

"NOTICE

Ohio law prohibits any person from voting or attempting to vote more than once at the same election.

Violators are guilty of a felony of the fourth degree and shall be imprisoned and additionally may be fined in accordance with law."

(X) In all cases of a tie vote or a disagreement in the board, if no decision can be arrived at, the director or chairperson shall submit the matter in controversy, not later than fourteen days after the tie vote or the disagreement, to
the secretary of state, who shall summarily decide the question, and the secretary of state's decision shall be final.

(Y) Assist each designated agency, deputy registrar of motor vehicles, public high school and vocational school, public library, and office of a county treasurer in the implementation of a program for registering voters at all voter registration locations as prescribed by the secretary of state. Under this program, each board of elections shall direct to the appropriate board of elections any voter registration applications for persons residing outside the county where the board is located within five days after receiving the applications.

(Z) On any day on which an elector may vote in person at the office of the board or at another site designated by the board, consider the board or other designated site a polling place for that day. All requirements or prohibitions of law that apply to a polling place shall apply to the office of the board or other designated site on that day.

(AA) Perform any duties with respect to voter registration and voting by uniformed services and overseas voters that are delegated to the board by law or by the rules, directives, or advisories of the secretary of state.

(BB) Prepare an election administration plan and submit it to the secretary of state not later than seventy-five days before each presidential primary election and not later than one hundred twenty days before each general election held in an even-numbered year. The election administration plan shall be on a template prescribed by the secretary of state and shall include all of the following:

(1) Precinct election official recruitment, training, and
accountability; 624

(2) Resource allocation; 625

(3) Communication before and on the day of the election; 626

(4) Materials; 627

(5) Contingencies and continuity planning; 628

(6) Security; 629

(7) Voter registration; 630

(8) Absent voting; 631

(9) Polling places and accessibility; 632

(10) Ballot preparation; 633

(11) Pre-election testing; 634

(12) Reconciliation and audits; 635

(13) A master calendar; 636

(14) Any other topic prescribed by the secretary of state. 637

Sec. 3501.22. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in 638
division (A)(2) of this section, on or before the fifteenth day 639
of September in each year, the board of elections by a majority 640
vote shall, after careful examination and investigation as to 641
their qualifications, appoint for each election precinct four 642
residents of the county in which the precinct is located, as 643
precinct election officials. Except as otherwise provided in 644
division (C) of this section, all precinct election officials 645
shall be qualified electors. The precinct election officials 646
shall constitute the election officers of the precinct. Not more 647
than one-half of the total number of precinct election officials 648
shall be members of the same political party. The term of such 649
precinct officers shall be for one year. The board may, at any time, designate any number of election officers, not more than one-half of whom shall be members of the same political party, to perform their duties at any precinct in any election. The board may appoint additional officials, equally divided between the two major political parties, when necessary to expedite voting. If the board of elections determines that four precinct election officials are not required in a precinct for a special election, the board of elections may select two of the precinct's election officers, who are not members of the same political party, to serve as the precinct election officials for that precinct in that special election.

Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by the board. When new precincts have been created, the board shall appoint precinct election officials for those precincts for the unexpired term. Any precinct election official may be summarily removed from office at any time by the board for neglect of duty, malfeasance, or misconduct in office or for any other good and sufficient reason.

Precinct election officials shall perform all of the duties provided by law for receiving the ballots and supplies, opening and closing the polls, and overseeing the casting of ballots during the time the polls are open, and any other duties required by section 3501.26 of the Revised Code.

A board of elections may designate two precinct election officials as counting officials to count and tally the votes cast and certify the results of the election at each precinct, and perform other duties as provided by law. To expedite the counting of votes at each precinct, the board may appoint additional officials, not more than one-half of whom shall be
members of the same political party.

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the board shall designate one of the precinct election officials who is a member of the dominant political party to serve as a voting location manager, whose duty it is to deliver the returns of the election and all supplies to the office of the board. For these services, the voting location manager shall receive additional compensation in an amount, consistent with section 3501.28 of the Revised Code, determined by the board of elections.

The board shall issue to each precinct election official a certificate of appointment, which the official shall present to the voting location manager at the time the polls are opened.

(2) If the board of elections, by a vote of at least three members of the board, opts to have a single voting location serve more than one precinct, the board may do any of the following:

(a) Designate a single voting location manager for the voting location. The voting location manager shall be a member of the political party whose candidate received the highest number of votes for governor at the most recent general election for that office in the precincts whose polling places are located at the applicable voting location, when tallying the combined vote for governor in all such precincts.

(b) Combine the pollbooks for those precincts to create a single pollbook for the voting location;

(c) If electronic pollbooks are being used in the voting location, as described in section 3506.021 of the Revised Code, appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each
precinct, so long as the board approves the decision to reduce
the number of precinct election officials by the affirmative
vote of at least three of its members.

(B) If the board of elections determines that not enough
qualified electors in a precinct are available to serve as
precinct officers, it may appoint persons to serve as precinct
officers at a primary, special, or general election who are at
least seventeen years of age and are registered to vote in
accordance with section 3503.07 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) A board of elections, in conjunction with the board
of education of a city, local, or exempted village school
district, the governing authority of a community school
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or the
chief administrator of a nonpublic school may establish a
program permitting certain high school students to apply and, if
appointed by the board of elections, to serve as precinct
officers at a primary, special, or general election.

In addition to the requirements established by division
(C)(2) of this section, a board of education, governing
authority, or chief administrator that establishes a program
under this division in conjunction with a board of elections may
establish additional criteria that students shall meet to be
eligible to participate in that program.

(2)(a) To be eligible to participate in a program
established under division (C)(1) of this section, a student
shall be a United States citizen, a resident of the county, and
at least seventeen years of age, and enrolled in the senior year
of high school.

(b) Any student applying to participate in a program
established under division (C)(1) of this section, as part of the student's application process, shall declare the student's political party affiliation with the board of elections.

(3) No student appointed as a precinct officer pursuant to a program established under division (C)(1) of this section shall be designated as a voting location manager.

(4) Any student participating in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section shall be excused for that student's absence from school on the day of an election at which the student is serving as a precinct officer.

(D) In any precinct with six or more precinct officers, up to two students participating in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section who are under eighteen years of age may serve as precinct officers. Not more than one precinct officer in any given precinct with fewer than six precinct officers shall be under eighteen years of age.

Sec. 3501.29. (A) The board of elections shall provide for each precinct a polling place and provide adequate facilities at each polling place for conducting the election. The board shall provide a sufficient number of screened or curtained voting compartments to which electors may retire and conveniently mark their ballots, protected from the observation of others. Each voting compartment shall be provided at all times with writing implements, instructions how to vote, and other necessary conveniences for marking the ballot. The voting location manager shall ensure that the voting compartments at all times are adequately lighted and contain the necessary supplies. The board shall utilize, in so far as practicable, rooms in public schools and other public buildings for polling places. Upon application of the board of elections, the authority which has the control
of any building or grounds supported by taxation under the laws of this state, shall make available the necessary space therein for the purpose of holding elections and adequate space for the storage of voting machines, without charge for the use thereof. A reasonable sum may be paid for necessary janitorial service. When polling places are established in private buildings, the board may pay a reasonable rental therefor, and also the cost of liability insurance covering the premises when used for election purposes, or the board may purchase a single liability policy covering the board and the owners of the premises when used for election purposes. When removable buildings are supplied by the board, they shall be constructed under the contract let to the lowest and best bidder, and the board shall observe all ordinances and regulations then in force as to safety. The board shall remove all such buildings from streets and other public places within thirty days after an election, unless another election is to be held within ninety days.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board shall ensure all of the following:

(a) That polling places and the office of the board are free of barriers that would impede ingress and egress of handicapped persons;

(b) That the minimum number of special parking locations, also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, for handicapped persons are designated at each polling place and at the office of the board in accordance with 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, and in compliance with division (E) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code;

(c) That the entrances of polling places and the office of the board are level or are provided with a nonskid ramp that

(d) That doors are a minimum of thirty-two inches wide.

(2) Notwithstanding division (B)(1)(a), (c), or (d) of this section, certain polling places or the office of the board may be specifically exempted by the secretary of state upon certification by a board of elections that a good faith, but unsuccessful, effort has been made to modify, or change the location of, such polling places or the office of the board.

(C) At any polling place that is exempted from compliance by the secretary of state, the board of elections shall permit any handicapped elector who travels to that elector's polling place or to the office of the board, but who is physically unable to enter the polling place or the office of the board, shall be permitted to vote in accordance with the assistance of two polling place officials of major political parties, in the vehicle that conveyed that elector to the polling place, or to receive and cast that elector's ballot at the door of the polling place division (C) of section 3505.18 or division (F) of section 3509.051 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(D) The secretary of state shall:

(1) Work with other state agencies to facilitate the distribution of information and technical assistance to boards of elections to meet the requirements of division (B) of this section;

(2) Work with organizations that represent or provide services to handicapped, disabled, or elderly citizens to effect a wide dissemination of information about the availability of
absentee voting, voting in the voter's vehicle or at the door of
the polling place or the office of the board, or other election
services to handicapped, disabled, or elderly citizens.

(E) Before the day of an election, the director of the
board of elections of each county shall sign a statement
verifying that each polling place that will be used in that
county at that election meets the requirements of division (B)
(1)(b) of this section. The signed statement shall be sent to
the secretary of state by certified mail or electronically.

(F) As used in this section, "handicapped" means having
lost the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a
wheelchair.

Sec. 3501.38. All declarations of candidacy, nominating
petitions, or other petitions presented to or filed with the
secretary of state or a board of elections or with any other
public office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any
nomination or office or for the holding of an election on any
issue shall, in addition to meeting the other specific
requirements prescribed in the sections of the Revised Code
relating to them, be governed by the following rules:

(A) Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or
issue which is the subject of the petition shall sign a
petition. Each signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to
section 3503.01 of the Revised Code. The facts of qualification
shall be determined as of the date when the petition is filed.

(B) Signatures shall be affixed in ink. Each signer may
also print the signer's name, so as to clearly identify the
signer's signature.

(C) Each signer shall place on the petition after the signer's name the date of signing and the location of the signer's voting residence, including the street and number if in a municipal corporation or the rural route number, post office address, or township if outside a municipal corporation. The voting address given on the petition shall be the address appearing in the registration records at the board of elections.

(D) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, no person shall write any name other than the person's own on any petition. Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, no person may authorize another to sign for the person. If a petition contains the signature of an elector two or more times, only the first signature shall be counted.

(E)(1) On each petition paper, the circulator shall indicate the number of signatures contained on it, and shall sign a statement made under penalty of election falsification that the circulator witnessed the affixing of every signature, that all signers were to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. On the circulator's statement for a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition for a person seeking to become a statewide candidate or for a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum petition, the circulator shall identify the circulator's name, the address of the circulator's permanent residence, and the name and address of the person employing the
(2) As used in division (E) of this section, "statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, if a circulator knowingly permits an unqualified person to sign a petition paper or permits a person to write a name other than the person's own on a petition paper, that petition paper is invalid; otherwise, the signature of a person not qualified to sign shall be rejected but shall not invalidate the other valid signatures on the paper.

(G) The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in a public office, strike from it any signature the circulator does not wish to present as a part of the petition.

(H) Any signer of a petition or an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code on behalf of a signer may remove the signer's signature from that petition at any time before the petition is filed in a public office by striking the signer's name from the petition; no signature may be removed after the petition is filed in any public office.

(I)(1) No alterations, corrections, or additions may be made to a petition after it is filed in a public office.

(2)(a) No declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or other petition for the purpose of becoming a candidate may be withdrawn after it is filed in a public office. Nothing in this division prohibits a person from withdrawing as a candidate as otherwise provided by law.
(b) No petition presented to or filed with the secretary of state, a board of elections, or any other public office for the purpose of the holding of an election on any question or issue may be resubmitted after it is withdrawn from a public office or rejected as containing insufficient signatures. Nothing in this division prevents a question or issue petition from being withdrawn by the filing of a written notice of the withdrawal by a majority of the members of the petitioning committee with the same public office with which the petition was filed prior to the sixtieth day before the election at which the question or issue is scheduled to appear on the ballot.

(J) All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, or other petitions under this section shall be accompanied by the following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

(K) All separate petition papers shall be filed at the same time, as one instrument.

(L) If a board of elections distributes for use a petition form for a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or any type of question or issue petition that does not satisfy the requirements of law as of the date of that distribution, the board shall not invalidate the petition on the basis that the petition form does not satisfy the requirements of law, if the petition otherwise is valid. Division (L) of this section applies only if the candidate received the petition from the board within ninety days of when the petition is required to be filed.

(M)(1) Upon receiving an initiative petition, or a petition filed under section 307.94 or 307.95 of the Revised
Code, concerning a ballot issue that is to be submitted to the electors of a county or municipal political subdivision, the board of elections shall examine the petition to determine:

(a) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a municipal political subdivision's authority to enact via initiative, including, if applicable, the limitations placed by Sections 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution on the authority of municipal corporations to adopt local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations as are not in conflict with general laws, and whether the petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot. The petition shall be invalid if any portion of the petition is not within the initiative power; or

(b) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a county's authority to enact via initiative, including whether the petition conforms to the requirements set forth in Section 3 of Article X of the Ohio Constitution, including the exercise of only those powers that have vested in, and the performance of all duties imposed upon counties and county officers by law, and whether the petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot. The finding of the board shall be subject to challenge by a protest filed pursuant to division (B) of section 307.95 of the Revised Code.

(2) After making a determination under division (M)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, the board of elections shall promptly transmit a copy of the petition and a notice of the board's determination to the office of the secretary of state. Notice of the board's determination shall be given to the petitioners and the political subdivision.

(3) If multiple substantially similar initiative petitions
are submitted to multiple boards of elections and the
determinations of the boards under division (M)(1)(a) or (b) of
this section concerning those petitions differ, the secretary of
state shall make a single determination under division (M)(1)(a)
or (b) of this section that shall apply to each such initiative
petition.

(N) A board of elections shall continue to verify every
signature on a petition after the number of signatures found to
be valid equals the minimum required number of valid signatures.
When the board determines that an elector has signed a petition
and that the signature is valid, the board shall note that fact
in the elector's registration record.

Sec. 3503.09. (A)(1) The secretary of state shall adopt
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections,
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable,
of change of name and change of residence changes forms for
voter registration records in the statewide voter registration
database.

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter
registrations that permit information from a voter registration
application received by a designated agency or an office of
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available
electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable
board of elections under division (E)(2) of section 3503.10 or
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall
do all of the following:

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter registration database;

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections before the information is added to the statewide voter registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing voter registration;

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration information electronically to transmit an identifier for data relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the electronic data to the original voter registration application.

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 or division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.11. (A)(1) When a person applies in person to receive or renew a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification card, or to receive a duplicate or replacement of one of those items, the registrar or deputy registrar shall attempt to obtain all of the following information from that person:

(a) The person's legal name;

(b) The person's residence address;
(c) The person's date of birth;

(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state identification card, if the person has been assigned one;

(e) The last four digits of the person's social security number.

(2) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor vehicles shall prescribe a method by which the registrar or a deputy registrar, upon obtaining all of the information described in division (A)(1) of this section concerning a person, may use the information in the statewide voter registration database immediately to determine whether the person is registered to vote in this state and, if so, whether the person is registered at the address and under the name the person provided under division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) When the registrar or deputy registrar obtains all of the information described in division (A)(1) of this section concerning a person who is not registered to vote in this state under the person's current name, the registrar or deputy registrar shall proceed to offer the person voter registration under division (B) of this section, unless the registrar or deputy registrar has information indicating that the person is not eligible to vote in this state.

(B)(1) When the registrar or deputy registrar offers a person voter registration pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall cause a customer facing electronic display to ask the person whether the person wishes to be registered to vote. The secretary of state shall prescribe the language to appear on the display. When the display asks the person that question, the display also shall
inform the person of both of the following:

(a) The fact that if the person declines to be registered to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes;

(b) The fact that if the person wishes to be registered to vote, the office at which the person submitted the person's information will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes.

(2) If the person indicates that the person wishes to be registered to vote, the customer facing electronic display shall present the person with all of the following information, using language prescribed by the secretary of state:

(a) A statement that in order to register to vote, the person must be a United States citizen, at least eighteen years of age at the time of the next general election, and have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election;

(b) A statement that election falsification is a felony of the fifth degree;

(c) A statement instructing the person to decline to be registered to vote if the person is not eligible to register.

(3) The customer facing electronic display then shall request the person to provide the person's signature electronically in association with a statement, made under penalty of election falsification, that the person is a United States citizen, will be at least eighteen years of age at the time of the next general election, will have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election, and is otherwise eligible to vote in this state. The secretary of state
shall prescribe the language to appear on the display.

(4) If the person electronically signs the statement described in division (B)(3) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall proceed under division (C)(1) of this section.

(5) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor vehicles shall prescribe procedures for the registrar and deputy registrars to offer voter registration under this section in compliance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act," 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., and regulations adopted under that act.

(C)(1) Not later than seven days after the registrar or deputy registrar obtains all of the information described in division (A)(1) of this section concerning a person who is not registered to vote in this state under the person's current name, along with the person's electronic signature under division (B) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall transmit the information and signature, along with any newly assigned driver's license or state identification card number and any telephone number or electronic mail address the person has provided, to the secretary of state electronically in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

(2) Not later than seven days after the bureau of motor vehicles learns of a change of residence address of a registered elector under division (A) of this section, division (F)(2) of section 4507.061, or division (C) of section 4507.09 of the Revised Code, the bureau shall transmit the elector's updated information, along with any newly assigned driver's license or state identification card number, to the secretary of state electronically in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state.
(3) Not later than seven days after the bureau of motor vehicles obtains all of the information described in division (A)(1) of this section concerning a person who is registered to vote in this state at the person's current address and under the person's current name, the registrar or deputy registrar shall transmit the information, along with any newly assigned driver's license or state identification card number and any telephone number or electronic mail address the person has provided, to the secretary of state electronically in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

(D)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section, when the secretary of state receives information concerning a person under division (C) of this section, the secretary of state shall consult the statewide voter registration database to determine whether the person is registered to vote at the person's current address and under the person's current name, and if not, promptly shall transmit the person's information electronically to the appropriate board of elections.

(b) If the person is registered to vote at the person's current address and under the person's current name, the secretary of state promptly shall transmit to the appropriate board of elections an electronic notice of the date of the person's transaction with the registrar or deputy registrar, along with any telephone number or electronic mail address the person has provided.

(2) If the secretary of state determines that a person concerning whom the secretary of state receives information under division (C) of this section is not registered to vote at the person's current address or under the person's current name,
but is a participant in the address confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.48 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall not transmit that information to the board of elections. Instead, the secretary of state shall send a notice to the person explaining the process to register to vote or to update the person's confidential registration under section 111.44 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If the board of elections determines that a person whose information is sent to the board under division (D)(1)(a) of this section is eligible to register to vote or to update the person's voter registration, the board promptly shall register the person to vote or update the person's voter registration, as applicable, and send the person a notice in accordance with section 3503.19 of the Revised Code. The electronic record transmitted to the board of elections under this division shall be considered to be the person's voter registration form.

(2) Upon receiving a notice under division (D)(1)(b) of this section concerning an elector, the board of elections shall record the date of the elector's transaction with the registrar or deputy registrar in the elector's registration record.

(F) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor vehicles shall ensure that the procedures implemented under this section maintain the integrity, security, and confidentiality of information contained in the statewide voter registration database.

Sec. 3503.12. All registrations shall be carefully checked, and in case any person is found to have registered more than once one registration form, the additional all registration forms other than the most recent registration form shall be canceled by the board of elections.
Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for registration.

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of barriers.

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair.

Sec. 3503.13. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 111.44 of the Revised Code or by state or federal law, registration forms submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection at all times when the office of the board of elections is open for business, under such regulations as the board adopts, provided that no person shall be permitted to inspect voter registration forms except in the presence of an employee of the board.

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary of state, provided that the board includes the required voter registration information in the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.14. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form and content of the registration, change of residence, and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following:

(1) The voter's name;

(2) The voter's address;

(3) The current date;

(4) The voter's date of birth;

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following:

(a) The voter's driver's license or state identification card number, if any;

(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security number, if any;

(c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the voter's name and
(6) The voter's signature.

The registration form shall include a space on which the person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and provide the person's address and a space on which the person registering an applicant shall name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant.

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric character of the information provided by the voter so as to accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of that data to the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code.

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's address, or name the employer who is employing the person to register an applicant on a form prepared under this section:

(1) An election official;

(2) A county treasurer;

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(4) An employee of a designated agency;

(5) An employee of a public high school;
(6) An employee of a public vocational school;

(7) An employee of a public library;

(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;

(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;

(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(11) An employee of an election official.

(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.

(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant as required under division (A) of this section.

(E) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election


and signature-matching purposes.

(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3503.15. (A)(1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of state and made continuously available to each board of elections and to other agencies as authorized by law.

(2)(a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state that is collected in the course of normal business and that is necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no public official or employee, shall sell that information or data or use that information or
(b) Information provided under this division for maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall not be used to update the name or address of a registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both.

(c) A board of elections shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D)(7) of this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if that information does not conform with information provided under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.

(3)(a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements to share information or data that is in the possession of the secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the state providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state.

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise confidential information or data to persons or organizations
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.

The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or organizations who may receive that information or data. The secretary of state shall not share that information or data with a person or organization not identified in those rules. The secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization that receives confidential information or data under this division keeps the information or data confidential in the person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering into a confidentiality agreement with the person or organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under this division shall include a requirement that the person or organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the event that the person or organization breaches the agreement.

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data under division (A)(3) of this section shall sell the information or data or use the information or data for profit.

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, the information and data the secretary of state receives under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section that is necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable state and federal law:

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the database in a manner that ensures that the name of each registered elector appears in the database, that only
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are  
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are  
eliminated from the database;

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable  
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from  
the database;

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors  
are not removed in error from the database.

(B) The statewide voter registration database established  
under this section shall be the official list of registered  
voters for all elections conducted in this state.

(C) The statewide voter registration database established  
under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the  
following:

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of  
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and  
with the offices of all other boards of elections;

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records  
contained in the database with records maintained by each board  
of elections;

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to  
the records contained in the database by each board of elections  
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add,  
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct  
updates of the database;

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered  
voters and their registration information by name, driver's  
license or state identification card number, birth date, social  


security number, or current address;

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter registration information is maintained;

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records for not less than five years after they are canceled and to record the reason for their cancellation.

(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following:

(1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter registration database;

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter registration records into the statewide voter registration database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, if new registration information is received;

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled voter registration records from the statewide voter registration database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter registration database and to make updates of that database;

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the information contained in the statewide voter registration database;

(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and
data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary of state under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information and data;

(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (A)(2)(a) or (3)(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that the information in the registration record does not conform to records maintained by such an agency.

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's name and voter registration information from the statewide voter registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by the secretary of state under division (D)(3) of this section after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code.

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the operation of the statewide voter registration database to each board of elections and to any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct updates of the database.

(G)(1) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall be made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of this section, the following information from the statewide voter registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made
available on the web site:

(i) The voter's name;

(ii) The voter's address;

(iii) The voter's precinct number;

(iv) The voter's voting history.

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter
registration database shall permit a voter to search for the
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of
updating the information made available on the secretary of
state's web site under division (G)(1)(b) of this section. Those
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the
location of a precinct polling place within the county.

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or
general election, not later than one business day after
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G)
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose
of division (G)(1)(b) of this section.

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review
of the statewide voter registration database as follows:
(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information in the statewide voter registration database with the information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of motor vehicles under division (A)(2) of this section to identify any person who does all of the following, in the following order:

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;

(b) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change of residence or change of name form updated, or votes in this state;

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen.

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen or to submit a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly shall send the person a second notice and form.

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.
(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2) of this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration.

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under division (H)(2) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney general for further investigation and possible prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify the attorney general of the cancellation.

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal office.

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered elector changes the place of residence of that registered elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that
registered elector shall report the change by delivering a change of residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any voter registration, change of address, or change of name application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or the board of elections.

A registered elector also may update the registration of that registered elector by filing a change of residence or change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general election at the polling place in the precinct in which that registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at another site designated by the board of elections one of the methods described in section 3503.19 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1)(a) Any registered elector who moves within a precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a notice of reported the change of residence in accordance with the board of elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing identification in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current address of the elector, and casting a ballot.

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a notice of change of name in accordance with the board of elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, such as a marriage license or court order that includes the elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot.

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to another within a county or moves from one precinct to another and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with the board of elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election if that registered elector complies with division (G) (E) of this section or does all of the following:

(a) Appears at any time or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the election at the office of the board of
elections, appears at any time during regular business hours on
the Monday prior to the election at the office of the board of
elections, or appears on the day of the election at either of
the following locations:

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that
registered elector resides;

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board
has designated another location in the county at which
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of
the office of the board of elections.

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence
or change of name, whichever is appropriate;

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at
that other location instead of the office of the board of
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate;

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate,
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other location for that particular election.

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to another county within the state on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not registered to vote in the county to which that registered elector moved reported the change of residence in accordance with section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election if that registered elector complies with division (E) of this section or does all of the following:

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections;

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence;

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, using the address to which that registered elector has moved;

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that that registered elector has moved from one county to another county within the state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other location for that particular election.

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant to division (C) of this section shall not make written application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (C) of this section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted.
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant
to division (C)-(E) of this section. Any ballot determined to be
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted.

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site
different from the office of the board at which registered
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this
section.

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's
registration.

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be
available at each polling place, and when these forms are
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate,
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections.

The board of elections shall provide change of residence
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections within five days after receiving them.

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote on the day of the election if that registered elector does all of the following:

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday close of business on the tenth day prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a change of name;

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity;

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice of change of name, whichever is appropriate;

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other location or address for that particular election.

Sec. 3503.19. (A) Persons qualified to register or to change their registration because of a change of address or change of name may register or change their registration in by doing any of the following:

(a) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person or through another person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a branch office established by the board of elections, or in:

(b) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person or through another person at a
probate court or a court of common pleas. The board of elections shall provide the forms to the courts, and the courts shall provide the forms to any person eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order of the court or who applies for a marriage license.

(c) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the secretary of state or at the office of any board of elections. A registered elector may also change the elector's registration on:

(d) Being registered or having the elector's registration updated through the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code;

(e) Submitting an application through the online voter registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code;

(f) Submitting a voter registration or change of address or change of name form in person to the election officials on election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the Revised Code. Voter registration and change of address or change of name forms shall be available at each polling place, and the election officials shall return all completed forms, together with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections.

(g) In the case of a person who is eligible to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. 20301, et seq., returning the person's completed voter registration or change of address or change of name form electronically to the office of the secretary of state or to the
board of elections of the county in which the person's voting
resident is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised
Code.

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office
of a county treasurer shall transmit any voter registration
application or change of registration form that it receives to
the board of elections of the county in which the state or local
office is located, within five days after receiving the voter
registration application or change of registration form.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this
section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public
library, the office of a county treasurer, a probate court or
court of common pleas, the office of the secretary of state, or
the office of a board of elections no later than the thirtieth
day preceding a primary, special, or general election for the
person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that
election. An otherwise valid registration application received
after that day entitles the elector to vote at all subsequent
elections.

(b) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by
the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.11 or 4507.061
of the Revised Code concerning a person who is eligible to
register to vote must have been submitted to the bureau by the
person not later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or general election for the person to be registered to vote and to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. Otherwise valid information transmitted under that division that was submitted after that day entitles the person to be registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent elections.

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a registration application or change of name or change of address form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the identity of the state or local office that receives the registration.

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or general election in order for the person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid voter registration application that is returned by mail does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be valid for that election if received by the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or general election.

(B)(1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form in person or by mail to any state or local office of a designated agency, to a public high school or vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to the office of the secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code.

(b) Subject to division (B)(2)(c) of this section, an applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form through another person to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.

(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the office of the secretary of state.

(d) (3) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before
an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within ten days after receiving the application. If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that election.

(C)(1) A board of elections that receives a voter registration application or change of address or change of name form and is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in the registration form shall register the applicant or update the elector's registration, as applicable, not later than twenty business days after receiving the application, unless that application is received during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The board shall promptly notify the applicant person in writing of each of the following:

(a) The applicant's registration fact that the person has been registered to vote or had the person's registration updated, as applicable;

(b) The precinct in which the applicant person is to vote;

(c) In bold type as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than this notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."

(d) If the person was registered to vote or had the person's registration updated through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, all of the following:

(i) The fact that the person has been registered to vote or has had the person's registration updated, as applicable, for purposes of the next election occurring at least thirty days after the date the person submitted the person's information to the bureau of motor vehicles;

(ii) The process to decline the registration or update or to submit corrected registration information by signing and returning the notice to the secretary of state or the board of elections;

(iii) A statement that if the person declines to be registered to vote or to have the person's registration updated, that fact will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes;

(iv) A statement that if the person wishes to be registered to vote or to have the person's registration updated,
the office at which the person submitted the person's information will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes.

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notification to be delivered to the correct address.

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C)(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned to the board.

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to provide identification to the election officials and to vote by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the voter's notification was returned from that voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to division (B)(4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United States mail of the cancellation.

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided in division (C)(2) of this section and sent a confirmation
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C)(2) of this section in any election during the period of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, the person's registration shall be canceled.

(4)(a) If a person who was registered to vote through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code declines the registration under division (C)(1)(d)(ii) of this section, the board shall treat the declination as a request to cancel the person's voter registration.

(b) If an elector who had the elector's registration updated through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code declines the update under division (C)(1)(d)(ii) of this section, the board shall correct the elector's voter registration to reflect the name, address, and signature that it contained before the board updated the elector's voter registration under that section.

Sec. 3503.21. (A) The registration of a registered elector shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from reregistering to vote at any time.

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered elector.
elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the executor of the deceased elector's will;

(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code;

(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a location outside the county of registration in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(7) (a) The failure of the registered elector, after having been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either one or more of the following at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two federal general elections:

(i) Respond to such a confirmation notice and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;

(ii) Update the elector's registration and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;

(iii) Have the elector's registration updated under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code;

(iv) Conduct a transaction with the registrar of motor
vehicles or a deputy registrar, as described in division (E)(2)
of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code;

(v) Vote in an election;

(vi) Sign any petition that is filed with a public office
for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any nomination or
office or for the purpose of holding an election on any issue,
so long as the board of elections verifies the signatures on the
petition and determines that the elector’s signature is valid.

(8) (b) The registration of a registered elector described
in division (A)(6)(a) of this section shall be canceled not
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second
federal general election occurring after the elector is mailed a
confirmation notice or not later than one hundred twenty days
after the expiration of the four-year period described in that
division, whichever is later, provided that the registration
shall not be canceled during the ninety days immediately
preceding a federal primary or general election.

(7) The declination of an elector who has been registered
under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code to
register to vote, as described in division (C)(4)(a) of section
3503.19 of the Revised Code.

(8) The receipt by the board of elections of a
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the
Revised Code.

(B) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of
residence of send a confirmation notice to any registrant who
changes the registrant’s voting residence to a location outside
the registrant’s current county of registration. Any procedures
prescribed in this division shall be uniform and
nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with the Voting Rights Act
of 1965. The secretary of state may prescribe procedures under
this division that include the use of the national change of
address service provided by the United States postal system
through its licensees. Any program so prescribed shall be
completed not later than ninety days prior to the date of any
primary or general election for federal office.

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having
changed the elector’s voting residence to a location outside the
elector’s current county of registration shall not be canceled
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the
confirmation notice.

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised
Code, division (C)(2) or (C)(4)(a) of section 3503.19 of the
Revised Code, or division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised
Code.

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter
registration information to the secretary of state as required
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send
the information to the national change of address service described in division (B) of this section and request that service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary of state receives from that service. The board shall send a confirmation notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or correct the change of address information.

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in division (A)(7) or (B)(2) of this section shall be canceled not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later.

(F)(1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was registered, informing the recipient that the elector's registration has been canceled, of the reason for the cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the error.

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to division (A)(2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be
restored and treated as though it were never canceled.

**Sec. 3503.28.** (A) The secretary of state shall develop an information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following information:

1. The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or for submitting an applicant's completed registration form;

2. The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's completed registration form if the person returning the form is being compensated for registering voters;

3. The locations and manner in which a person may return an applicant's completed registration form to register or be registered to vote;

4. The location to which a person who is compensated for registering voters may return an applicant's completed registration form;

5. The registration and affirmation requirements applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;

6. The manner in which a person may decline in writing to be registered to vote under the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code;

7. A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating as follows:

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot."

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high school, public vocational school, public library, office of a county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who requests more than two voter registration forms at one time.

(C)(1) The secretary of state shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board shall provide the information required to be included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a voter registration form that is made available on that web site.

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this
section to any of the following officials or employees who are requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in the course of the official's or employee's normal duties:

(1) An election official;

(2) A county treasurer;

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(4) An employee of a designated agency;

(5) An employee of a public high school;

(6) An employee of a public vocational school;

(7) An employee of a public library;

(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;

(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;

(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;

(11) An employee of an election official.

(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3503.30. (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has caused himself the elector to be registered in a precinct which was that is not his the elector's place of residence, the board of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was committed by mistake, may, on his the elector's personal application and proof of his the elector's true residence, correct his the elector's registration form. The board may correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors
when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of fraudulent intent.

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been registered under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code in a precinct or under a name that is not the elector's place of residence or name, the board of elections, upon application of the elector and proof of the elector's true residence or name, as applicable, shall correct the elector's registration form. If the elector casts a provisional ballot because the elector's registration has been updated erroneously under those sections, the elector's provisional ballot shall be eligible to be counted, as described in division (E) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.33. (A) If an elector applying for registration is already registered in another state or in another county within this state, the elector shall declare this fact to the registration officer and shall sign on the registration form, which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code, if the board is aware of the person's previous residence address and that address is located in another state or in another county within this state, the board shall create a notice to cancel the previous registration for the purpose of complying with division (C) of this section.

(C) The director of the board of elections shall mail all such authorizations and notices described in division (A) or (B) of this section to the board of elections or comparable agency of the proper state and county. In the case of a notice
described in division (B) of this section, the board shall include with the notice a copy of the elector's most recent registration form. Upon the receipt of this authorization from the forwarding county, the director of a board of elections in Ohio, upon a comparison of the elector's signature with the elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and place it with the cancellation authorization in a separate file which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years.

The board shall notify the elector at the present address shown on the cancellation authorization or notice that his the elector's prior registration has been canceled.

(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior registration under division (C)(1) of this section, the board of elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this section receives a declination to register or to update the elector's registration under division (C)(4) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous registration and treat it as though it were never canceled.

Sec. 3505.18. (A) (1) (a) When an elector appears in a polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct election officials the elector's full name and current address and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current address of the elector.

(b) For purposes of this section and sections 3505.181 to 3505.183 of the Revised Code, an elector who provides proof of the elector's identity in the form of a copy of a current utility bill or bank statement may do so by showing a paper copy of the utility bill or bank statement or by showing the utility bill or bank statement on the elector's personal electronic device.

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to the precinct election officials any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code and do either of the following:

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number on the provisional ballot envelope; or

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the election and provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector's driver's license or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the elector's social security number.

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full name and current address and provided any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, the elector shall write sign the elector's name and address signature at the proper place in the poll list or signature
pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an elector is unable to write sign the elector's name and current address signature in the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the elector's name signature, and a precinct election official shall write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in accordance with that section.

The elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's signature on the elector's registration form or a digitized signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the same person, the election officials shall enter the date of the election on the registration form or shall record the date by other means prescribed by the secretary of state. The validity of an attorney in fact's signature on behalf of an elector shall be determined in accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

If the right of the elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the person who voted the ballot.

(C)(1) An elector who travels to the elector's polling place, but who is physically unable to enter the polling place, shall be permitted to vote in the vehicle that conveyed the elector to the polling place or at the door of the polling place. A bipartisan team of election officials shall permit the elector to provide identification and to sign the elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook or on a separate sheet to be added to the poll list or signature pollbook. If the right of the elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the elector's right to vote, the bipartisan team of election officials shall provide the elector with the appropriate paper ballots along with an envelope or secrecy sleeve.

(2) During the period of a statewide emergency declared by the governor, the secretary of state may prescribe procedures to allow other electors to vote in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section, as necessary to protect the public health and safety.

(3) Except as permitted under divisions (C)(1) and (2) of
this section, no elector shall be permitted to vote in a vehicle or at the door of a polling place.

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one member of each major political party shall place the sealed provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board receives information regarding the validity of a specific provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted.

(B)(1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable election. The board shall examine the information contained in the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the provisional ballot under division (B)(2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted:

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of birth, and current address;

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted;

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted.

(2) In addition to the information required to be included in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional information for determining ballot validity provided by the provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections during the seven days after the day of the election under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to vote.

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information required under division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board determines that all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box to be counted:

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly registered to vote.

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.
(c) The individual provided all of the information required under division (B)(1) of this section in the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number are not different from the last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number contained in the statewide voter registration database.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database.

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the elector has met all other requirements of division (B)(3) of this section.

(f) The elector's current address is not different from the elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in division (A)(6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, and except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this section.
(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional information required under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the election.

(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) and (E) of this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information required under division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board determines that any of the following applies, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted:

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not qualified or is not properly registered to vote.

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the information required under division (B)(1) of this section in the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any additional information required under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the election.

(vi) The individual failed to provide a current and valid
photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, with the voter's name and current address, the individual's driver's license or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(vii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number are different from the last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number contained in the statewide voter registration database.

(viii) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database.

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional ballot if either of the following is true:

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the requirements of division (B)(3) of this section, other than the requirements of division (B)(3)(e) of this section.

(ix) The elector's current address is different from the elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration
database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in division (A)(6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information required under division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to determine either of the following, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted:

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is qualified or properly registered to vote;

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot.

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division (B)(4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date and time that the determination was made, and the reason that the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already recorded that information in another database.

(D)(1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the
election official failed to direct the individual to the correct precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division (D)(2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the election official correctly completed the form described in division (C)(2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot under division (D)(1) of this section shall remake the provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for which the individual was eligible to vote.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, if an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted.

(E) Provisional (E)(1) If the board determines that a provisional ballot is not eligible to be counted under this section because the individual's address provided on the provisional ballot affirmation is different from the address contained in the statewide voter registration database, because the individual's name and signature provided on the provisional ballot affirmation are different from the name and signature contained in the statewide voter registration database, or both, and both of the following are true, the board shall correct the...
individual's voter registration record to reflect the information provided in the provisional ballot affirmation, and the provisional ballot nonetheless shall be eligible to be counted:

(a) The individual's voter registration was most recently updated through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code and not at the request of the individual or using information the individual submitted to the board of elections or the secretary of state;

(b) The individual's voter registration correctly reflected the individual's address, name, and signature, as provided on the provisional ballot affirmation, immediately before that update occurred.

(2) If an individual who cast a provisional ballot that is eligible to be counted under division (E)(1) of this section cast that ballot in the precinct indicated by the individual's voter registration record as updated through the automated voter registration and verification system, and not in the precinct in which the individual resides, the board shall remake the provisional ballot on a ballot for the precinct in which the individual resides to reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for which the individual was eligible to vote.

(F) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division (B)(4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(G) Provisional ballots that the board determines are eligible to be counted under division (B)(3) or (D) of this section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of this section for that election. Observers, as provided in section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot.

(H)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(H) (2) of this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to be counted during the ten days after the day of an election.

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by an individual who must provide additional information to the board of elections under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's
eligibility until the individual provides that information or until the eleventh day after the day of the election, whichever is earlier.

**Sec. 3506.14.** (A) Prior to each election, the board of elections shall test do both of the following as instructed by the secretary of state:

1. Test and audit the variable codes applicable to that election to verify the accuracy of any computer program that will be used for tallying the ballot cards for each precinct in which an election will be held.

2. Prior to the start of the count of the ballots, the board of elections shall have the voting machine or automatic tabulating equipment tested;

2. Conduct systematic logic and accuracy testing of every component of every voting machine, marking device, or piece of automatic tabulating equipment with every ballot style to be used in the election to ascertain that it the ballots are accurate and that the machines, devices, and equipment will accurately record, mark, or count the votes cast for all offices and on all questions and issues, as applicable. Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given by proclamation or posting as in the case of notice of elections. The test shall be conducted by processing a pre-audited group of ballots so marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each question and issue, and shall include for each office one or more ballots that have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject those votes. In that test a different number of valid votes shall be assigned to each candidate for an office, and for and against each question and
issue. If an error is detected, the cause for the error shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall be made and certified to by the board before the count is started. The

(B) All automatic tabulating equipment to be used in an election shall pass the same test testing described in division (A)(2) of this section at the beginning and conclusion of the election day count before the election returns are approved as official. On

(C) The board shall give public notice of the time and place of all testing to be conducted under this section by proclamation or posting as in the case of notice of elections. All testing under this section shall be conducted by bipartisan teams of election officials.

(D) No voting machine, marking device, or piece of automatic tabulating equipment shall be used in an election in this state without undergoing successful testing under this section.

(E) On completion of the election day count, the programs, test materials, and ballots shall be sealed and retained as provided for paper ballots in section 3505.31 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3506.24.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Elected official" means an elected officer of the state, any political subdivision, or the United States, other than a member of a central committee of a political party.

(2) "Voter registration system" means software and any related equipment used by a board of elections or the secretary of state to process, store, organize, maintain, or retrieve voter registration records.
(B)(1) No voter registration system, voting machine, marking device, or automatic tabulating equipment shall be used for the purpose of conducting elections in this state if an elected official or the spouse of an elected official is a partner, owner, or member of the person or entity that manufactured, assembled, or otherwise made the system, machine, device, or equipment or of the person or entity from which the system, machine, device, or equipment is acquired.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, an elected official or the spouse of an elected official is not considered an owner of a publicly traded person or entity if the elected official's and the spouse's combined ownership interest in the person or entity is less than ten per cent.

Sec. 3509.01. (A) The board of elections of each county shall provide absent voter's ballots for use at every primary and general election, or special election to be held on the day specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state. Those ballots shall be the same size, shall be printed on the same kind of paper, and shall be in the same form as has been approved for use at the election for which those ballots are to be voted; except that, in counties using marking devices, ballot cards may be used for absent voter's ballots, and those absent voters shall be instructed to record the vote in the manner provided on the ballot cards.

(B) The rotation of names of candidates and questions and issues shall be substantially complied with on absent voter's ballots, within the limitation of time allotted. Those ballots
shall be designated as "Absent Voter's Ballots." Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, those ballots shall be printed and ready for use as follows:

(1) For overseas voters and absent uniformed services voters eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as amended, ballots shall be printed and ready for use other than in person on the forty-sixth day before the day of the election.

(2) For all other voters, other than overseas voters and absent uniformed services voters, who are applying to vote absent voter's ballots other than in person, ballots shall be printed and ready for use on the first day after the close of voter registration before the election.

(3) For all voters who are applying to vote absent voter's ballots in person, ballots shall be printed and ready for use beginning on the first day after the close of voter registration before the election.

If, at the time for the close of in-person absent voting on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to cast their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall be kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent voter's ballots.

(C) Absent voter's ballots provided for use at a general or primary election, or special election to be held on the day specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state,
shall include only those questions, issues, and candidacies that have been lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at that election.

(D) If the laws governing the holding of a special election on a day other than the day on which a primary or general election is held make it impossible for absent voter's ballots to be printed and ready for use by the deadlines established in division (B) of this section, absent voter's ballots for those special elections shall be ready for use as many days before the day of the election as reasonably possible under the laws governing the holding of that special election.

(E) A copy of the absent voter's ballots shall be forwarded by the director of the board in each county to the secretary of state at least twenty-five days before the election.

Sec. 3509.02. (A) Any qualified elector may vote by absent voter's ballots at an election.

(B) Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location on account of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, and who moves from one precinct to another within a county, changes the elector's name and moves from one precinct to another within a county, or moves from one county to another county within the state, on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name may vote by absent voter's ballots in that election as specified in division (E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code.
Sec. 3509.03. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of section 3509.08, sections 3509.031, 3509.051, 3511.02, and 3511.021 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall make deliver a written application for those ballots, either in person or by mail, to the director board of elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence is located.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the application need not be in any particular form but shall contain all of the following:

(1) The elector's name;

(2) The elector's signature;

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;

(4) The elector's date of birth;

(5) One of the following:

(a) The elector's driver's license or state identification card number;

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.
(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed.

(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the elector may provide the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(D) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of section 3509.051 and in division (B) of section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an application for to receive absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director office of the board or submitted through the online system described in section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, as applicable, not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of the third close of business on the tenth day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the office of the board.

(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter's
ballet application to an elector under this section. No public office, and no public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, shall not prepay the return postage for that application for absent voter's ballots.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an application for absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on an application for absent voter's ballots before mailing that application to the applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter registration record, the secretary of state or a board of elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the application.

Sec. 3509.031. (A)(1) The secretary of state shall establish a secure online system for electors to apply for absent voter's ballots. The online system shall be available in addition to the procedures prescribed under section 3511.021 of the Revised Code to allow a uniformed services or overseas absent voter or a relative of such an absent voter to apply for ballots by electronic means.

(2) The online system shall permit an elector to submit the application not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the election or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election, whichever is earlier, and not later than the close of business on the tenth day before the day of the election.

(B)(1) The online application for absent voter's ballots shall require an elector to provide all of the following:
(a) The elector's name;

(b)(i) Except as otherwise provided under division (B)(1) of this section, the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(ii) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the elector may provide the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(c) The elector's date of birth;

(d) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card number;

(e) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(f) An indication of the election for which the absent voter's ballots are requested;

(g) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(h) The address to which the ballots shall be mailed, if different from the address at which the applicant is registered to vote.

(2) The application shall require the applicant to check a box affirming under penalty of election falsification that the applicant is a qualified elector.

(C) The secretary of state shall transmit each completed application submitted through the online system to the board of elections of the county in which the elector resides.
(D) The secretary of state shall employ security measures necessary to ensure the integrity and accuracy of information submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in processing applications for absent voter's ballots in the online system shall not prevent an elector from receiving absent voter's ballots.

Sec. 3509.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required information, the director board promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional information required to be provided by the applicant to complete that application.

(B) Upon receipt by the director board of elections of an application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the required information, as provided by section sections 3509.03 and 3509.031 and division (G) (E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, the director board, if the director board finds that the applicant is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the applicant in person or mail directly to the applicant by special delivery mail, air mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, proper absent voter's ballots. The director board shall deliver or mail with the ballots an unsealed identification envelope upon the face of which shall be printed a form substantially as follows:

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter
I, ________________________(Name of voter), declare under penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope."
My voting residence in Ohio is

________________________________________________________________

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number)

of ________________________________ (City, Village, or Township)
Ohio, which is in Ward ____________
Precinct ________________ in that city, village, or township.

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am
providing my program participant identification number instead
of my residence address: __________________________

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope
are primary election ballots of the __________ Party.

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at
the __________ (general, special, or primary) election to be
held on the __________________________ day of
__________________________, ___

My date of birth is _______________ (Month and Day),
__________ (Year).

(Voter—You must provide one of the following:)

My driver's license or state identification card
number is: _______________ (Driver's license number).

The—If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's
license or state identification card number, the last four
digits of my Social Security Number are:
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(Last four digits of Social Security Number).

———In lieu of providing a driver's license number or
the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am
enclosing a.
license or state identification card number or the last four
digits of your Social Security number, a copy of one of the
following in the return envelope in which this identification
envelope will be mailed: a current and valid photo
identification, a military identification, or a current utility
bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other
government document, other than a notice of voter registration
mailed by a board of elections, that shows my your name and
address. If you provide a copy of one of those documents,
enclose it in the return envelope along with the identification
envelope.

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification,
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe.

_________________________
(Signature of Voter)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF
THE FIFTH DEGREE."

The director board shall mail with the ballots and the
unsealed identification envelope an unsealed return envelope
upon the face of which shall be printed the official title and
post-office address of the director board. In the upper left
corner on the face of the return envelope, several blank lines
shall be printed upon which the voter may write the voter's name
and return address. The return envelope shall be of such size
that the identification envelope can be conveniently placed
within it for returning the identification envelope to the
director board.

A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers
absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section No.
public office, and no public official or employee who is acting
in an official capacity, shall not prepay the return postage for those any absent voter's ballots.

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an identification envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an elector's name and address on an identification envelope statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the identification envelope statement of voter.

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and sealed within the identification envelope received from the director board of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall cause the statement of voter on the outside of the identification envelope to be completed and signed, under penalty of election falsification.

(B) If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four
digits of the elector's social security number on the statement
of voter on the identification envelope, the elector also shall
include in the return envelope with the identification envelope
a copy of the elector's current valid photo identification, a
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or
other government document, other than a notice of voter
registration mailed by a board of elections under section
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of
the elector.

(C)(1) The elector shall mail the identification envelope
to the director from whom it was received office of the board of
elections in the return envelope, postage prepaid, or the
elector may personally deliver it to the director office of the
board, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, father-
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or
sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter,
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle,
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the
director office of the board. The return envelope shall be
transmitted to the director returned by no other person, in no
other manner, and to no other location, except as otherwise
provided in division (C)(2) of this section and in section
3509.08 of the Revised Code.

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting-
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots.
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the
(2) During the period beginning on the tenth day before the day of the election and ending at the close of the polls on the day of the election, the board of elections may provide not more than three secure outdoor drop boxes on the premises of the office of the board for the purpose of receiving ballots under this section. Each drop box shall be monitored by video surveillance twenty-four hours a day during the time that ballots may be deposited in the drop box. Only the elector or the elector's relative listed in division (C)(1) of this section may deposit the elector's ballots in a drop box.

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director office of the board not later than the close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's ballots delivered to the director office of the board later than the times specified shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2)(b) of this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to the day of the election shall be delivered to the director office of the board prior to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are received after the close of the polls on election day through the tenth day...
thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at the board of
elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) of
section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner provided in
division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any such ballots
that are received by the director of the board later
than the tenth day following the election shall not be counted,
but shall be kept by the board in the sealed identification
envelopes as provided in division (A) of this section.

(2) Division (B)(1)(D)(2)(a) of this section shall
not apply to any mail that is postmarked using a postage
evidencing system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39

Sec. 3509.051. An elector may appear at the office of the
board of elections to cast absent voter's ballots in person
instead of applying for those ballots under section 3509.03 or
3509.031 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or
any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of
the following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's
ballots in person:

(A) In-person absent voting shall be permitted
during the period beginning on the first day after the close of
voter registration before the election and ending on the Sunday
before the day of the election.

(2) If, at the time for the close of in-person absent
voting on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to
cast their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall
be kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent
voter's ballots.

(B) An in-person absent voter shall provide identification
to the election officials in the same manner as accordance with one of the following:

(1) As a voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of an election is required to provide The voter shall provide a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.18–3503.19 of the Revised Code, or that shows the name and current address of the voter. For purposes of this section, an elector who provides proof of the elector's identity in the form of a copy of a current utility bill or bank statement may do so by showing a paper copy of the utility bill or bank statement or by showing the utility bill or bank statement on the elector's personal electronic device.

(2) As a voter who casts an absent voter's ballot is required to submit a completed written application for an absent voter's ballot under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code The voter provide the voter's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the voter's social security number. The election officials shall verify that the number or digits the voter provides are not different from the number or digits in the voter's registration record.

(B) The absent voter shall not be required to complete a written application for absent voter's ballots or a statement of voter on an absent voter's ballot identification envelope.

(C) The board of elections shall provide a signature book to be signed by absent voters who are casting their ballots.
No person other than an election official shall be permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a ballot in person. An election official may challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the Revised Code.

An elector who travels to the office of the board to cast absent voter's ballots in person, but who is physically unable to enter the office of the board, shall be permitted to vote in the vehicle that conveyed the elector to the office of the board or at the door of the office of the board. A bipartisan team of election officials shall permit the elector to provide identification and to sign the elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook or on a separate sheet to be added to the poll list or signature pollbook. If the right of the elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the elector's right to vote, the bipartisan team of election officials shall provide the elector with the appropriate absent voter's ballots along with an envelope or secrecy sleeve.

During the period of a statewide emergency declared by the governor, the secretary of state may prescribe procedures to allow other electors to cast absent voter's ballots in person in accordance with division (F)(1) of this section, as necessary to protect the public health and safety.

Except as permitted under divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this section, no elector shall be permitted to cast absent
voter's ballots in person in a vehicle or at the door of the 
office of the board.

(G) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot after 
the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or entered 
into automatic tabulating equipment.

Sec. 3509.06. (A) The board of elections shall determine 
whether absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in 
each precinct, at the office of the board, or at some other 
location designated by the board, and shall proceed accordingly 
under division (B), (C), or (E) of this section, as applicable.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of 
this section, when the board of elections determines that absent 
voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in each precinct, 
the director board shall deliver to the voting location manager 
of each precinct on election day identification envelopes 
purporting to contain absent voter's ballots of electors whose 
voting residence appears from the statement of voter on the 
outside of each of those envelopes, to be located in that 
manager's precinct, and which were received by the director 
board not later than the close of the polls on election day. The 
director board shall deliver to the voting location manager a 
list containing the name and voting residence of each person 
whose voting residence is in such precinct to whom absent 
voter's ballots were mailed.

(2) The director board shall not deliver to the voting 
location manager identification envelopes cast by electors who 
provided a program participant identification number instead of 
a residence address on the identification envelope and shall not 
inform the voting location manager of the names and voting 
residences of persons who have confidential voter registration
records. Those identification envelopes shall be examined and processed as described in division (E) of this section.

(C) When the board of elections determines that absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted at the office of the board of elections or at another location designated by the board, special election officials shall be appointed by the board for that purpose having the same authority as is exercised by precinct election officials. The votes so cast shall be added to the vote totals by the board, and the absent voter's ballots shall be preserved separately by the board, in the same manner and for the same length of time as provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each of the identification envelopes purporting to contain absent voter's ballots delivered to the voting location manager of the precinct or the special election official appointed by the board of elections shall be handled as follows:

(1) The election officials shall compare the signature of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope with the signature of that elector on the elector's registration form and verify that the absent voter's ballot is eligible to be counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) Any of the precinct officials may challenge the right of the elector named on the identification envelope to vote the absent voter's ballots upon the ground that the signature on the envelope is not the same as the signature on the registration form, that the identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete, or upon any other of the grounds upon which the right of persons to vote may be lawfully challenged.
(b) If the elector's name does not appear in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook, the precinct officials shall deliver the absent voter's ballots to the director of the board of elections to be examined and processed in the manner described in division (E) of this section.

(3)(a) An identification envelope statement of voter shall be considered incomplete if it does not include all of the following:

(i) The voter's name;

(ii) The voter's residence address or, if the voter has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the voter's program participant identification number;

(iii) The voter's date of birth. The requirements of this division are satisfied if the voter provided a date of birth and any of the following is true:

(I) The month and day of the voter's date of birth on the identification envelope statement of voter are not different from the month and day of the voter's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database.

(II) The voter's date of birth contained in the statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.

(III) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the voter has met the requirements of divisions (D)(3)(a)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of this section.

(iv) The voter's signature; and

(v) One of the following forms of identification:
(I) The voter's driver's license or state identification card number;

(II) The last four digits of the voter's social security number; or

(III) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and address.

(b) If the election officials find that the identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that the information contained in that statement does not conform to the information contained in the statewide voter registration database concerning the voter, the election officials shall mail a written notice to the voter, informing the voter of the nature of the defect. The notice shall inform the voter that in order for the voter's ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the necessary information to the board of elections in writing and on a form prescribed by the secretary of state not later than the seventh day after the day of the election. The voter may deliver the form to the office of the board in person or by mail. If the voter provides the necessary information to the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the election and the ballot is not successfully challenged on another basis, the voter's ballot shall be processed and counted in accordance with this section.

(4) If no such challenge is made, or if such a challenge is made and not sustained, the voting location manager shall open the envelope without defacing the statement of voter and without mutilating the ballots in it, and shall remove the
ballots contained in it and proceed to count them.

(5)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the name of each person voting who is entitled to vote only an absent voter's presidential ballot shall be entered in a pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook followed by the words "Absentee Presidential Ballot." The name of each person voting an absent voter's ballot, other than such persons entitled to vote only a presidential ballot, shall be entered in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook and the person's registration card marked to indicate that the person has voted.

(b) If the person voting has a confidential voter registration record, the person's registration card shall be marked to indicate that the person has voted, but the person's name shall not be entered in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook.

(6) The date of such election shall also be entered on the elector's registration form. If any such challenge is made and sustained, the identification envelope of such elector shall not be opened, shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reasons the ballots were not counted, and shall be delivered to the board.

(E)(1) When the board of elections receives absent voter's ballots from an elector who has provided a program participant identification number instead of a residence address on the identification envelope statement of voter, the director and the deputy director personally shall examine and process the identification envelope statement of voter in the manner prescribed in division (D) of this section.

(2) If the director and the deputy director find that the
identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that the information contained in that statement does not conform to the information contained in the statewide voter registration database concerning the voter or to the information contained in the voter's confidential voter registration record, the director and the deputy director shall mail a written notice to the voter informing the voter of the nature of the defect. The notice shall inform the voter that in order for the voter's ballot to be counted the voter must provide the necessary information to the board of elections in writing and on a form prescribed by the secretary of state not later than the seventh day after the day of the election. The voter may deliver the form to the office of the board in person or by mail. If the voter provides the necessary information to the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the election and the ballot is not successfully challenged on another basis, the voter's ballot shall be counted in accordance with this section.

(3) The director or the deputy director may challenge the ballot on the ground that the signature on the envelope is not the same as the signature on the registration form, that the identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete, or upon any other of the grounds upon which the right of persons to vote may be lawfully challenged. If such a challenge is made, the board of elections shall decide whether to sustain the challenge.

(4) If neither the director nor the deputy director challenges the ballot, or if such a challenge is made and not sustained, the director and the deputy director shall open the envelope without defacing the statement of voter and without mutilating the ballots in it, shall remove the ballots contained in it, and shall transmit the ballots to the election officials
to be counted with other absent voter's ballots from that precinct.

(F) The board of elections may process absent voter's ballots before the time for counting those ballots, but the board shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots before that time. As used in this section and section 3511.11 of the Revised Code, processing an absent voter's ballot means any of the following:

(1) Examining the identification envelope statement of voter in order to verify that the absent voter's ballot is eligible to be counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) Opening the identification envelope, if the absent voter's ballot is eligible to be counted;

(3) Determining the validity of the absent voter's ballot under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code;

(4) Preparing and sorting the absent voter's ballot for scanning by automatic tabulating equipment;

(5) Scanning the absent voter's ballot by automatic tabulating equipment, if the equipment used by the board of elections permits an absent voter's ballot to be scanned without tabulating or counting the votes on the ballots scanned.

(G) Special election officials, employees or members of the board of elections, or observers shall not disclose the count or any portion of the count of absent voter's ballots prior to the time of the closing of the polling places. No person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the count of absent voter's ballots in such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot.
(H)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(2) of this section, observers may be appointed under section 3505.21 of the Revised Code to witness the examination and opening of identification envelopes and the processing and counting of absent voters' ballots under this section.

(2) Observers shall not be permitted to witness the examination and opening of identification envelopes returned by, and the processing and counting of absent voter's ballots cast by, electors who have confidential voter registration records in a manner that would permit the observers to learn the identities or residence addresses of those electors.

**Sec. 3509.07.** If election officials find that any of the following are true concerning an absent voter's ballot or absent voter's presidential ballot and, if applicable, the person did not provide any required additional information to the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the election, as permitted under division (D)(3)(b) or (E)(2) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the ballot shall not be accepted or counted:

(A) The statement accompanying the ballot is incomplete as described in division (D)(3)(a) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or is insufficient;

(B) The signatures do not correspond with the person's registration signature;

(C) The applicant is not a qualified elector in the precinct;

(D) The ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not entitled to vote;
(E) Except for an absent voter's ballot cast in person under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code, the ballot is not inside the identification envelope when the ballot is delivered to the board:

(F) Stub A is detached from the absent voter's ballot or absent voter's presidential ballot; or

(G) The elector has not included with the elector's ballot any identification required under section 3509.05 or 3511.09 of the Revised Code.

The vote of any absent voter may be challenged for cause in the same manner as other votes are challenged, and the election officials shall determine the legality of that ballot. Every ballot not counted shall be endorsed on its back "Not Counted" with the reasons the ballot was not counted, and shall be enclosed and returned to or retained by the board of elections along with the contested ballots.

Sec. 3509.08. (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or primary election may make application in writing for an absent voter's ballot to the director of the board of elections of the elector's county in the manner described in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code. The application shall include all of the information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code and shall state the nature of the elector's illness, physical disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector is
confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's precinct on election day. The application shall not be valid if it is delivered to the director before the ninetieth day or after twelve noon of the third day before the day of the election at which the ballot is to be voted.

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the board may designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private institution within the county, in which case the board shall designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code.

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two board employees belonging to the two major political parties that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other cause.
When two board employees belonging to the two major political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the declaration on the identification envelope.

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of application for absent voter's ballots under this division.

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section.

(B)(1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or primary election may apply to the director of the board of elections of the county where the elector is a qualified elector to vote in the election by absent voter's ballot if either of the following apply:

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before the election;

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before the election.

(2) The application authorized under division (B)(1) of this section shall be made in writing, shall include all of the information required under in the manner described in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, and except that the application shall be delivered to the director office of the board not later than three p.m. on the day of the election. The application shall indicate the hospital where the applicant or the
applicant's child is confined, the date of the applicant's or
the applicant's child's admission to the hospital, and the
offices for which the applicant is qualified to vote. The
applicant may also request that a member of the applicant's
family, as listed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code,
deliver the absent voter's ballot to the applicant. The director
board, after establishing to the director's board's satisfaction
the validity of the circumstances claimed by the applicant,
shall supply an absent voter's ballot to be delivered to the
applicant. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a
hospital in the county where the applicant is a qualified
elector and no request is made for a member of the family to
deliver the ballot, the director board shall arrange for the
delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant, and for
its return to the office of the board, by two board employees
belonging to the two major political parties according to the
procedures prescribed in division (A) of this section. When the
applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital outside the
county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request
is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the
director board shall arrange for the delivery of an absent
er's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the ballot shall be
returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but
is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in
division (B)(2) of this section may vote in accordance with
division (B)(1) of this section if that qualified elector states
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the
circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector complies with divisions (C)(1)-(E)(1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) (1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03, 3509.031, or 3509.051 of the Revised Code instead of applying for them under this section.

Sec. 3509.09. (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that precinct who has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election, other than an elector who has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election but the director board of elections has not received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election.

(2) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election and the director board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section...
3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election.

(C)(1) In counting absent voter's ballots under section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall compare the signature of each elector from whom the director board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election to the signature on that elector's registration form. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3) of this section, if the board of elections determines that the absent voter's ballot in the sealed identification envelope is valid, it shall be counted. If the board of elections determines that the signature on the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted absent voter's ballot does not match the signature on the elector's registration form, the ballot shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during the time prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the poll list or signature pollbook from the precinct in which the elector is registered to vote to determine if the elector also cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election.

(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional ballot, instead of the absent voter's ballot, if both of the following apply:

(a) The board of elections determines that the signature of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope in which the absent voter's ballots are enclosed does not match the signature of the elector on the elector's registration form;

(b) The elector cast a provisional ballot in the precinct on the day of the election.
(3) If the board of elections does not receive the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted absent voter's ballot by the applicable deadline established under section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, the provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election shall be counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is otherwise determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the board of elections counts a provisional ballot under division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, the returned identification envelope of that elector shall not be opened, and the ballot within that envelope shall not be counted. The identification envelope shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reason the ballot was not counted.

Sec. 3511.02. (A) Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff (1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located in accordance with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the director of the board of elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is located, in one of the following ways:
(1) That person may make written application for those
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to
the director office of the board or may mail it, send it by
facsimile machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through
internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of
elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the
director board. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of
this section, the application need not be in any particular form
but shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The elector's name;

(b) The elector's signature;

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to
d vote;

(d) The elector's date of birth;

(e) One of the following:

(i) The elector's driver's license or state identification
    number;

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security
    number;

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo
    identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy
    of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,
    paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of
    voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section
    3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of
    the elector.

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent
ever's ballots are requested;
(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;

(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, whichever is applicable;

(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed;

(l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall be so sent;

(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact information.

(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division (A)(3) of this section may use a single federal post card application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's
ballots for each election.

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father-
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law,
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only
by the director board or on a single federal post card as
provided in division (A)(2) of this section. The form of the
application shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The
director board shall furnish that blank form to any of the
relatives specified in this division desiring to make the
application, only upon the request of such a relative made in
person at the office of the board or upon the written request of
such a relative mailed to the office of the board. Except as
otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the
application, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant, shall
contain all of the following:

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are
requested;
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(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;

c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;

d) A statement identifying the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, as the case may be;

e) The elector's date of birth;

f) One of the following:

(i) The elector's driver's license or state identification card number;

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.

(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;
(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector;

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation;

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to the elector as specified in division (A)(3) of this section;

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet contact information to which ballots shall be sent through internet delivery;

(l) The signature and address of the person making the application.

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the application may include the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote.

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director of the board, not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and an application to receive uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots by mail or by another method permitted under
section 3511.021 of the Revised Code shall be delivered to the office of the board not later than twelve noon of the third close of business on the tenth day preceding the day of the election, or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election at which those ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the office of the board.

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors only, the applicant shall submit to the director board in addition to the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices.

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card application or other absent voter's ballot application to an elector under this section No public office, and no public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, shall not prepay the return postage for that application for absent voter's ballots.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card application or other application for absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a federal post card application or other application for absent voter's ballots before mailing that application to the applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter registration record, the secretary of state or the board of
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the application.

Sec. 3511.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections receives an application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required information, the director board promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional information required to be provided by the applicant to complete that application.

(B) Not later than the forty-sixth day before the day of each general or primary election, and at the earliest possible time before the day of a special election held on a day other than the day on which a general or primary election is held, the director of the board of elections shall mail, send by facsimile machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use as provided for in section 3511.03 of the Revised Code and for which the director board has received valid applications prior to that time. Thereafter, and until twelve noon of the third close of business on the tenth day preceding the day of election, the director board shall promptly, upon receipt of valid applications for them, mail, send by facsimile machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send to the proper persons all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use.

If, after the seventieth day before the day of a general or primary election, any other question, issue, or candidacy is lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at the general
or primary election, the board shall promptly provide a separate
official issue, special election, or other election ballot for
submitting the question, issue, or candidacy to those electors,
and the director board shall promptly mail, send by facsimile
machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery
if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the
secretary of state, or otherwise send each such separate ballot
to each person to whom the director board has previously mailed
or sent other uniformed services or overseas absent voter's
ballots.

A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots to an
elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage for those absent voter's
ballots. In mailing uniformed services or overseas absent
voter's ballots, the director board shall use the fastest mail
service available, but the director board shall not mail them by
certified mail.

Sec. 3511.05. (A) The director of the board of elections
shall place uniformed services or overseas absent voter's
ballots sent by mail in an unsealed identification envelope,
gummed ready for sealing. The director board shall include with
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots sent
electronically, including by facsimile machine, an instruction
sheet for preparing a gummed envelope in which the ballots shall
be returned. The envelope for returning ballots sent by either
means shall have printed or written on its face a form
substantially as follows:

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter
I, ________________________(Name of voter), declare under penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope.

My voting residence in Ohio is

________________________________________________________________
(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number)
of ________________________________ (City, Village, or Township) Ohio, which is in Ward __________ Precinct __________ in that city, village, or township.

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am providing my program participant identification number instead of my residence address: __________________________

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope are primary election ballots of the __________ Party.

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at the ________ (general, special, or primary) election to be held on the __________________________ day of __________________________, ___

My date of birth is ____________ (Month and Day), __________ (Year).

(Voter You must provide one of the following:)

My Your driver's license or state identification card number is: ______________ (Driver's license number).

The If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's license or state identification card number, the last four
digits of my Social Security Number are: ____________

(Last four digits of Social Security Number).

In lieu of providing a driver’s license number or the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am enclosing a copy of one of the following in the return envelope in which this identification envelope will be mailed: a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections, that shows my name and address. If you provide a copy of one of those documents, enclose it in the return envelope along with the identification envelope.

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that the statements above are true, as I verily believe.

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(Signature of Voter)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE."

(B) The director board shall also mail with the ballots and the unsealed identification envelope sent by mail an unsealed return envelope, gummed, ready for sealing, for use by the voter in returning the voter's marked ballots to the director office of the board. The director board shall send with the ballots and the instruction sheet for preparing a gummed envelope sent electronically, including by facsimile machine, an
instruction sheet for preparing a second gummed envelope as described in this division, for use by the voter in returning that voter's marked ballots to the director board. The return envelope shall have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an inch in width, printed across its face paralleling the top, with an intervening space of one quarter of an inch between such lines. The top line shall be one and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the parallel lines shall be printed: "OFFICIAL ELECTION UNIFORMED SERVICES OR OVERSEAS ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS -- VIA AIR MAIL." Three blank lines shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face of the envelope for the use by the voter in placing the voter's complete military, naval, or mailing address on these lines, and beneath these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words "check if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the voter will be outside the United States on the day of the election. The official title and the post-office address of the director to whom the envelope shall be returned office of the board shall be printed on the face of such envelope in the lower right portion below the bottom parallel line.

(C) On the back of each identification envelope and each return envelope shall be printed the following:

"Instructions to voter:

If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and enclosing same in the envelope for mailing them to the director of the board of elections, reclose the envelope in the most practicable way, by sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank
form printed below.

The flap on this envelope was firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when received, and required forced opening before sealing and mailing.

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(Signature of voter)"

(D) Division (C) of this section does not apply when absent voter's ballots are sent electronically, including by facsimile machine.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an identification envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an elector's name and address on an identification envelope statement of voter before mailing or electronically transmitting absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the identification envelope statement of voter.

Sec. 3511.06. The return envelope provided for in section 3511.05 of the Revised Code shall be of such size that the identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it for returning the identification envelope to the director office of the board of elections. The envelope in which the two envelopes and the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots are mailed to the elector shall have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an inch in width, printed across its face,
paralleling the top, with an intervening space of one-quarter of an inch between such lines. The top line shall be one and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the parallel lines shall be printed: "official uniformed services or overseas absent voter's balloting material--via air mail." The appropriate return address of the director of the board of elections shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face of such envelope. Several blank lines shall be printed on the face of such envelope in the lower right portion, below the bottom parallel line, for writing in the name and address of the elector to whom such envelope is mailed.

Sec. 3511.07. When mailing unsealed identification envelopes and unsealed return envelopes to persons, the director of the board of elections shall insert a sheet of waxed paper or other appropriate insert between the gummed flap and the back of each of such envelopes to minimize the possibility that the flap may become firmly stuck to the back of the envelope by reason of moisture, humid atmosphere, or other conditions to which they may be subjected. If the flap on either of such envelopes should be so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when it is received by the voter as to require forcible opening of the envelope in order to use it, the voter shall open such envelope in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking his voter's ballots and enclosing them in the envelope for mailing to the director of the board, he shall reclose such envelope in the most practicable way, by sealing it or otherwise, and shall sign the blank form printed on the back of such envelope.

Sec. 3511.08. The director of the board of elections shall keep a record of the name and address of each person to whom the director of the board mails or delivers uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots, the kinds of ballots so mailed or
delivered, and the name and address of the person who made the application for such ballots. After the director board has mailed or delivered such ballots the director board shall not mail or deliver additional ballots of the same kind to such person pursuant to a subsequent request unless such subsequent request contains the statement that an earlier request had been sent to the director board prior to the thirtieth day before the election and that the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots so requested had not been received by such person prior to the fifteenth day before the election, and provided that the director board has not received an identification envelope purporting to contain marked uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots from such person.

Sec. 3511.09. (A) Upon receiving uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the questions on the face of the identification envelope to be answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of the elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later
than 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election. If—

(B) If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number on the statement of voter on the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector. Each—

(C) Each elector who will be outside the United States on the day of the election shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact and shall mail the return envelope to the director board prior to the close of the polls on election day.

(D) Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

(E) The elector shall cause the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots to be returned to the office of the board of elections in a manner described in division (C) of section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, provided that the elector shall not be required to prepay the postage on the return envelope if, under 39 U.S.C. 3406, no postage is required.
Sec. 3511.10. If, after the first day after the close of voter registration before a general or primary election and before the close of the polls on the day of that election, a valid application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots is delivered to the director of the board of elections, voter may cast absent voter's ballots in person at the office of the board by a person making the application on the person's own behalf, the director shall forthwith deliver to the person all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use, together with an identification envelope of elections under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code. The person shall then immediately retire to a voting booth in the office of the board, and mark the ballots. The person shall then fold each ballot separately so as to conceal the person's markings thereon, and deposit all of the ballots in the identification envelope and securely seal it. Thereupon the person shall fill in answers to the questions on the face of the identification envelope, and by writing the person's usual signature in the proper place thereon, the person shall declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of that person's knowledge and belief. The person shall then deliver the identification envelope to the director. If thereafter, and before the third day preceding such election, the board provides additional separate official issue or special election ballots, as provided for in section 3511.04 of the Revised Code, the director board shall promptly, and not later than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of election, mail such additional ballots to such person at the address specified by that person for that purpose. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an application for absent voter's ballots, an
identification envelope statement of voter, or an absent voter's ballot requested under this section on behalf of an applicant.

In the event any person serving in the armed forces of the United States is discharged after the closing date of registration, and that person or that person's spouse, or both, meets all the other qualifications set forth in section 3511.011 of the Revised Code, the person or spouse shall be permitted to vote prior to the date of the election in the office of the board in the person's or spouse's county, as set forth in this section.

Sec. 3511.11. (A) Upon receipt of any return envelope bearing the designation "Official Election Uniformed Services or Overseas Absent Voter's Ballot" prior to the eleventh day after the day of any election, the director of the board of elections shall open it but shall not open the identification envelope contained in it. If, upon so opening the return envelope, the director finds ballots in it that are not enclosed in and properly sealed in the identification envelope, the director shall not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall promptly place them in the identification envelope and promptly seal it. If, upon so opening the return envelope, the director finds that ballots are enclosed in the identification envelope as required under division (E) of section 3509.07 of the Revised Code but that the identification envelope is not properly sealed, the director shall not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall promptly seal the identification envelope.

(B) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots delivered to the director not later than the close of the polls on election day shall be processed and counted in the manner
provided in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) A return envelope is not required to be postmarked in order for a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot contained in it to be valid. Except as otherwise provided in this division, whether or not the return envelope containing the ballot is postmarked, contains a late postmark, or contains an illegible postmark, a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot that is received after the close of the polls on election day through the tenth day after the election day shall be processed and counted on the eleventh day after the election day at the office of the board of elections in the manner provided in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code if the voter signed the identification envelope by the time specified in section 3511.09 of the Revised Code. However, if a return envelope containing a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot is so received and so indicates, but the identification envelope in it is signed after the close of the polls on election day, the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot shall not be counted.

(D) The following types of uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots shall not be counted:

(1) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots contained in return envelopes that bear the designation "Official Election Uniformed Services or Overseas Absent Voter's Ballots," that are received by the director of elections after the close of the polls on the day of the election, and that contain an identification envelope that is signed after the time specified in section 3511.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots contained in return envelopes that bear that designation and
that are received after the tenth day following the election.

The uncounted ballots shall be preserved in their identification envelopes unopened until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

Sec. 3511.13. (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that precinct who has requested a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election.

(B)(1) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election but the director board of elections has not received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election.

(2) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and the director board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election.

(C)(1) In counting uniformed services or overseas absent
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voter's ballots under section 3511.11 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall compare the signature of each elector from whom the director board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for that election to the signature on the elector's registration form. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3) of this section, if the board of elections determines that the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot in the sealed identification envelope is valid, it shall be counted. If the board of elections determines that the signature on the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot does not match the signature on the elector's registration form, the ballot shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during the time prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the poll list or signature pollbook from the precinct in which the elector is registered to vote to determine if the elector also cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election.

(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional ballot, instead of the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot, of an elector from whom the director board has received an identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots, if both of the following apply:

(a) The board of elections determines that the signature of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope in which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots are enclosed does not match the signature of the elector on the elector's registration form;
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(b) The elector cast a provisional ballot in the precinct on the day of the election.

(3) If the board of elections does not receive the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot by the applicable deadline established under section 3511.11 of the Revised Code, the provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election shall be counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is otherwise determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the board of elections counts a provisional ballot under division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, the returned identification envelope of that elector shall not be opened, and the ballot within that envelope shall not be counted. The identification envelope shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reason the ballot was not counted.

Sec. 3513.05. Each person desiring to become a candidate for a party nomination at a primary election or for election to an office or position to be voted for at a primary election, except persons desiring to become joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor and except as otherwise provided in section 3513.051 of the Revised Code, shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and petition and pay the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the same time as one instrument. When the offices are to be voted for at a primary election, persons desiring to become joint
candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, comply with section 3513.04 of the Revised Code. The prospective joint candidates' declaration of candidacy and all separate petition papers of candidacies shall be filed at the same time as one instrument. The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for any municipal or township office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a municipal or township office.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the petition, including a petition for joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by at least one thousand qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and the declaration of candidacy and petition shall be filed with the secretary of state; provided that the secretary of state shall not accept or file any such petition appearing on its face to contain signatures of more than three thousand electors.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors who are members of the same political party.
as the political party of which the candidate is a member. If
the declaration of candidacy is for party nomination as a
candidate for member of the legislative authority of a municipal
corporation elected by ward, the petition shall be signed by not
less than twenty-five qualified electors who are members of the
political party of which the candidate is a member.

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state,
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its
face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of
signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for
filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed
invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the
petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures
accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures
required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying
signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures
equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for
party nomination or for election as a candidate of a minor
party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one-
half the minimum number provided in this section, except that,
when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state
central committee or the county central committee of a political
party, the minimum number shall be the same for a minor party as
for a major party.

If a declaration of candidacy is one for election as a
member of the state central committee or the county central
committee of a political party, the petition shall be signed by
five qualified electors of the district, county, ward, township,
or precinct within which electors may vote for such candidate. The electors signing such petition shall be members of the same political party as the political party of which the candidate is a member.

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if the elector voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years.

If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors within a county, or within a district or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county. If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part thereof that is situated in more than one county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county within which the major portion of the population thereof, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, is located.

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall
be invalid.

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or a member of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code.

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each board such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a district shall promptly transmit to each board within such district such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such board. The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each other county within which a portion of such subdivision is located such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such subdivision in the county of each such board.

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with a board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public inspection until four p.m. of the eightieth day before the day of the next primary election. Each board shall, not later than the seventy-eighth day before the day of that primary election, examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the
signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the board with whom such petition papers were filed.

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the primary election for the candidate whose declaration of candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling committee of that political party. The protest shall be in writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. The protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing of the protest, the election officials with whom it is filed shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith mail notice of the filing of the protest and the time fixed for hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and
petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office or position, or has not fully complied with this chapter, the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition shall be determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it shall be determined to be valid. That determination shall be final.

A protest against the candidacy of any persons filing a declaration of candidacy for joint party nomination to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be filed, heard, and determined in the same manner as a protest against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy singly.

The secretary of state shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to each board in the state the forms of the official ballots to be used at the primary election, together with the names of the candidates to be printed on the ballots whose nomination or election is to be determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

The board of the most populous county in a district comprised of more than one county but less than all of the counties of the state shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within the district and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.
The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision smaller than the county and situated in more than one county is located shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county in which a portion of that subdivision is located the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within that subdivision and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

Sec. 3513.251. Nominations of candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of less than two thousand as ascertained by the next preceding federal census shall be made only by nominating petition and their election shall occur only in nonpartisan elections, unless a majority of the electors of such municipal corporation have petitioned for a primary election. Nominations of candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or more shall be made either by primary election in conjunction with a partisan general election or by nominating petition in conjunction with a nonpartisan general election, as determined under section 3513.01 of the Revised Code.

The nominating petitions of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of less than two thousand, as ascertained by the most recent federal census, shall be signed by not less than ten qualified electors of the municipal corporation. Any nominating petition filed under this section shall be filed with the board of elections not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election, provided that no such
nominating petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any other municipal office, or for a township office, for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures on a petition equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

Nomination of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or more, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be made only by nominating petition. Nominating petitions of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or more but less than five thousand, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors of the municipal corporation or ward thereof in the case of the nominating petition of a candidate for
election as councilperson from such ward. Nominating petitions of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of five thousand or more, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors of the municipal corporation or ward thereof in the case of the nominating petition of a candidate for election as councilperson from such ward.

Sec. 3513.253. Nominations of candidates for election as officers of a township shall be made only by nominating petitions, unless a majority of the electors of such township have petitioned for a primary election. The nominating petitions of nonpartisan candidates for township trustee and township fiscal officer shall be signed by not less than twenty-five qualified electors of the township. Such petition shall be filed with the board of elections not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election, provided that no such nominating petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any other township office, or for a municipal office, for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a
board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures on a petition equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

Sec. 3513.254. (A) The name of each candidate for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education shall appear on the nonpartisan ballot. Nominating petitions of candidates for member of a board of education of a local or exempted village school district shall be signed by twenty-five qualified electors of the school district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a board of education of a city school district having a population of less than twenty thousand, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by twenty-five qualified electors of the school district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a board of education of a city school district having a population of twenty thousand or more but less than fifty thousand, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by seventy-five qualified electors of the school district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a board of education of a city school district having a population of fifty thousand or more but less than one hundred thousand, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by one hundred fifty qualified electors of the school district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a board of education of a city school district having a population of one hundred thousand or more, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be signed by three hundred
qualified electors of the school district.

(B) Nominating petitions shall be filed with the board of elections not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election, provided that no such petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any other position as a member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education or position as a member of a governing board of an educational service center, or for a municipal or township office. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying petitions when the number of verified signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

(C) This section is subject to section 3513.256 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3513.255. This section is subject to section 3513.256 of the Revised Code. The name of each candidate for election as a member of a governing board of an educational service center
shall appear on the nonpartisan ballot. Each nominating petition shall be signed by fifty qualified electors who reside in one of the following, as applicable:

(A) The school districts over which the educational service center governing board has jurisdiction, in the case of any candidate running for a position on any educational service center governing board other than a governing board established in accordance with section 3311.054 of the Revised Code;

(B) The subdistrict in which the candidate is running, in the case of a position on a governing board of an educational service center established in accordance with section 3311.054 of the Revised Code.

Each nominating petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in which the central administrative offices of the educational service center governing board are located not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election, provided that no such petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any other position as a member of a governing board of an educational service center or position as a member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for a municipal or township office. When a petition of a candidate
has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying petitions when the number of verified signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

Sec. 3513.257. Each person desiring to become an independent candidate for an office for which candidates may be nominated at a primary election, except persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States, shall file no later than four p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election immediately preceding the general election at which such candidacy is to be voted for by the voters, a statement of candidacy and nominating petition as provided in section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall file, not later than four p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election, one statement of candidacy and one nominating petition for the two of them. Persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States shall file, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election at which the president and vice-president are to be elected, one statement of candidacy and one nominating petition for the two of them. The prospective independent joint candidates' statement of candidacy shall be filed with the nominating petition as one instrument.
The statement of candidacy and separate petition papers of each candidate or pair of joint candidates shall be filed at the same time as one instrument.

The nominating petition shall contain signatures of qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or portion of a political subdivision in which the candidacy is to be voted on in an amount to be determined as follows:

(A) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including the nominating petition of independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by no less than five thousand qualified electors, provided that no petition shall be accepted for filing if it purports to contain more than fifteen thousand signatures.

(B) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which less than five thousand electors voted for the office of governor at the most recent election for that office, the nominating petition shall contain signatures of not less than twenty-five qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or part thereof, or a number of qualified signatures equal to at least five per cent of that vote, if this number is less than twenty-five.

(C) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which five thousand or more electors voted for the office of governor at the most recent election for that office, the nominating petition shall contain a number of signatures equal to at least one per cent of those electors.
All nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted on by electors throughout the entire state shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. No nominating petition for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States shall be accepted for filing unless there is submitted to the secretary of state, at the time of filing the petition, a slate of presidential electors sufficient in number to satisfy the requirement of the United States Constitution. The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of governor unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of lieutenant governor unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of governor, and shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate to the office of governor or lieutenant governor who, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a statement of candidacy, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any other state office or any federal or county office.

Nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted on by electors within a district or political subdivision comprised of more than one county but less than all counties of the state shall be filed with the boards of elections of that county or part of a county within the district or political subdivision which had a population greater than that of any...
other county or part of a county within the district or political subdivision according to the last federal decennial census.

Nominating petitions for offices to be voted on by electors within a county or district smaller than a county shall be filed with the board of elections for such county.

No petition other than the petition of a candidate whose candidacy is to be considered by electors throughout the entire state shall be accepted for filing if it appears on its face to contain more than three times the minimum required number of signatures. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the nominating petition is for a state or county office, or for any municipal or township office, for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center, if the nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures on a
petition equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

Any nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition may request, at the time of filing, that the candidate be designated on the ballot as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate, or may request that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot without any designation. Any such candidate who fails to request a designation either as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate shall have the candidate's name placed on the ballot without any designation.

The purpose of establishing a filing deadline for independent candidates prior to the primary election immediately preceding the general election at which the candidacy is to be voted on by the voters is to recognize that the state has a substantial and compelling interest in protecting its electoral process by encouraging political stability, ensuring that the winner of the election will represent a majority of the community, providing the electorate with an understandable ballot, and enhancing voter education, thus fostering informed and educated expressions of the popular will in a general election. The filing deadline for independent candidates required in this section prevents splintered parties and unrestrained factionalism, avoids political fragmentation, and maintains the integrity of the ballot. The deadline, one day prior to the primary election, is the least drastic or restrictive means of protecting these state interests. The general assembly finds that the filing deadline for independent candidates in primary elections required in this section is reasonably related to the state's purpose of ensuring fair and honest elections while leaving unimpaired the political, voting, and associational rights secured by the first and fourteenth
amendments to the United States Constitution.

Sec. 3513.259. Nominations of candidates for the office of member of the state board of education shall be made only by nominating petition. The nominating petition of a candidate for the office of member of the state board of education shall be signed by not less than one hundred qualified electors.

No such nominating petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears on its face to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code, to be a candidate for any other state office or any federal or county office. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures equals the minimum required number of signatures. Such petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the most populous county in such district not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the general election at which state board of education members are elected.

Each nominating petition shall be signed by qualified
electors residing in the district in which the candidate
designated therein would be a candidate for election to the
office of member of the state board of education. Each candidate
shall be a qualified elector residing in the district in which
the candidate seeks election to such office.

As the word "district" is used in this section, it refers
to a district created under section 3301.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3599.11. (A) No

Subject to division (A)(2) of
this section, no person shall knowingly do any of the following:

(a) Knowingly register or make application or attempt to
register in a precinct in which the person is not a qualified
voter; or knowingly

(b) Knowingly aid or abet any person to so register; or

attempt

(c) Knowingly attempt to register or knowingly induce or
attempt to induce any person to so register; or knowingly

(d) Knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the
name of another, real or fictitious, in registering or
attempting to register; or by

(e) By false statement or other unlawful means, knowingly
procure, aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out
on the register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified
elector therein; or knowingly

(f) Knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to
an elector thereof; or knowingly

(g) Knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a lawful
examination by or before any registering officer; or make
(h) Knowingly make, print, or issue any false or counterfeit certificate of registration or knowingly alter any certificate of registration.

No person shall knowingly

(i) Knowingly register under more than one name or knowingly induce any person to so register.

No person shall knowingly

(j) Knowingly make any false statement on any form for registration or change of registration or upon any application or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot.

(2)(a) A person whose voter registration or voter registration update is processed through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code and who is not a qualified voter in the precinct or under the name indicated violates division (A)(1) of this section only if the person knowingly provides or attempts to provide false information with the intention of registering or submitting a registration update using that information.

(b) A person who aids, abets, induces, or attempts to induce another person to have the other person's voter registration or voter registration update processed through the automated voter registration and verification system described in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code when the other person is not a qualified voter in the precinct or under the name indicated violates division (A)(1) of this section only if the person knowingly causes or attempts to cause the other person to be registered to vote or to have the other person's registration updated using
information the person knows is false.

(3) Whoever violates this division (A)(1) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.

(B)(1) No person who helps another person register outside an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed registration form.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree.

(2)(a) No person who helps another person register outside an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to return any registration form entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days after that registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the registration form is received by the person within twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case the person shall return the registration form to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its receipt.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the
(b) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no person who helps another person register outside an official registration place shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(C)(1) No person who receives compensation for registering a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the registration form is received by the person within twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case the person shall return the registration form to any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its receipt.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) (2)(a), (B)(2)(b), (C)(1), or (C)(2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.

Sec. 3599.12. (A) No person shall do any of the following:

(1) Vote or attempt to vote in any primary, special, or general election in a precinct in which that person is not a legally qualified elector;

(2) Vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election by any means, including voting or attempting to vote both by absent voter's ballots under division (G) of section (E) of section
3503.16 of the Revised Code and by regular ballot at the polls at the same election, or voting or attempting to vote both by absent voter's ballots under division (G) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code and by absent voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or armed service absent voter's ballots under Chapter 3511. of the Revised Code at the same election;

(3) Impersonate or sign the name of another person, real or fictitious, living or dead, and vote or attempt to vote as that other person in any such election;

(4) Cast a ballot at any such election after objection has been made and sustained to that person's vote;

(5) Knowingly vote or attempt to vote a ballot other than the official ballot.

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree.

Sec. 3599.18. (A) No election official, person assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer shall knowingly do any of the following:

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful manner applies for registration or who should be registered or have the elector's registration updated under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code;

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on a voter registration list;

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the registration card or form of any qualified elector;

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any
duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer.

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Sec. 4507.061. (A) Beginning on and after July 1, 2022,
the registrar of motor vehicles may authorize the online renewal
of a driver's license or identification card issued by the
bureau of motor vehicles for eligible applicants. An applicant
is eligible for online renewal if all of the following apply:

(1) The applicant's current driver's license or
identification card was processed in person at a deputy
registrar office.

(2) The applicant has a photo on file with the bureau of
motor vehicles from the applicant's current driver's license or
identification card.

(3) The applicant's current driver's license or
identification card expires on the birthday of the applicant in
the fourth year after the date it was issued.

(4) The applicant is applying for a driver's license or
identification card that expires on the birthday of the
applicant in the fourth year after the date it is issued.

(5) The applicant's current driver's license or
identification card is unexpired or expired not more than six
months prior to the date of the application.

(6) The applicant is a citizen of the United States and a
permanent resident of this state.

(7) The applicant is twenty-one years of age or older, but
less than sixty-five years of age.
(8) The applicant's current driver's license or driving
privileges are not suspended, canceled, revoked, or restricted,
and the applicant is not otherwise prohibited by law from
obtaining a driver's license or identification card.

(9) The applicant has no changes to the applicant's name
or personal information, other than a change of address.

(10) The applicant has no medical restrictions that would
require the applicant to apply for a driver's license or
identification card in person at a deputy registrar office. The
registrar shall determine the medical restrictions that require
in person applications.

(B) An applicant may not submit an application online for
any of the following:

(1) A temporary instruction permit;

(2) A commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's
license temporary instruction permit;

(3) An initial issuance of an Ohio driver's license or
identification card;

(4) An initial issuance of a federally compliant driver's
license or identification card;

(5) An ignition interlock license;

(6) A nonrenewable license.

(C) The registrar may require an applicant to provide a
digital copy of any identification documents and supporting
documents as required by statute or administrative rule to
comply with current state and federal requirements.

(D) Except as otherwise provided, an applicant shall
comply with all other applicable laws related to the issuance of a driver's license or identification card in order to renew a driver's license or identification card under this section.

(E) The registrar may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and administer this section.

(F) The registrar and the secretary of state jointly shall prescribe procedures to do all of the following:

(1) Offer voter registration to an applicant under this section who is not registered to vote in this state under the applicant's current name and who is eligible to vote in this state;

(2) When an applicant under this section who is registered to vote in this state notifies the registrar of a change of residence address, transmit the updated information to the secretary of state in accordance with division (C)(2) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code;

(3) When an applicant who is registered to vote in this state at the applicant's current address and under the applicant's current name submits an application under this section, transmit the person's information to the secretary of state in accordance with division (C)(3) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. That existing sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.11, 3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.183, 3506.14, 3509.01, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.07, 3511.08, 3511.09,
3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13, 3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 5051
3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 3599.12, 5052
3599.18, and 4507.061 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 5053

**Section 3.** That section 3503.11 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 5054

**Section 4.** (A) The Secretary of State shall implement the online absent voter's ballot application system created under section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, not later than one year after this section takes effect. 5056

(B) The Secretary of State shall implement the automated voter registration and verification program created under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, as re-enacted by this act, and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, not later than two years after this section takes effect. 5059

**Section 5.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Election Security and Modernization Act. 5066

**Section 6.** The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

Section 3501.29 of the Revised Code as amended by both S.B. 10 and S.B. 109 of the 130th General Assembly. 5077

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly. 5079
Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code as amended by S.B. 47, S.B. 109, and S.B. 216, all of the 130th General Assembly.

Section 3511.10 of the Revised Code as amended by both S.B. 205 and S.B. 238 of the 130th General Assembly.