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A BILL

To amend sections 3302.11, 3311.053, 3311.73, 1
3313.09, 3501.01, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04, 2
3513.052, and 3513.261 and to repeal sections 3
3513.254, 3513.255, and 3513.256 of the Revised 4
Code regarding the nomination and election of 5
members of school district boards of education. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 3302.11, 3311.053, 3311.73, 7
3313.09, 3501.01, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04, 3513.052, and 8
3513.261 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 9

Sec. 3302.11. (A) This section applies to any school 10
district that becomes subject to division (K) of section 3302.10 11
of the Revised Code, as it exists on and after ~~the effective~~ 12
~~date of this section~~ October 15, 2015. 13

(B) As used in this section, "mayor" means the mayor of 14
the municipality in which a majority of the territory of a 15
school district to which this section applies is located or, if 16
no such municipality exist, the mayor of a municipality selected 17
by the superintendent of public instruction in which the 18

district has territory. 19

(C) On the first day of January following the date on 20
which this section first applies to a school district, the mayor 21
shall appoint a new five-member board of education for the 22
district from a slate of candidates nominated by the nominating 23
panel established under division (D)(1) of this section. 24

(D)(1) Not later than thirty days after the date on which 25
this section first applies to a school district, the 26
superintendent of public instruction shall convene a nominating 27
panel to nominate candidates for appointment to the district 28
board of education. The panel shall consist of the following 29
members: 30

(a) Two persons appointed by the mayor, one of whom shall 31
be a representative of the business community or an institution 32
of higher education located in the district; 33

(b) One principal employed by the district, who shall be 34
selected by a vote of the district's principals conducted by the 35
state superintendent; 36

(c) One teacher appointed by the bargaining representative 37
for teachers employed by the district; 38

(d) One parent of a student enrolled in the district 39
appointed by the parent-teacher association, or a similar 40
organization selected by the state superintendent; 41

(e) The chairperson of the academic distress commission 42
established for the district under section 3302.10 of the 43
Revised Code and the chief executive officer appointed under 44
division (C)(1) of that section, until such time as the 45
commission ceases to exist. 46

(2) The state superintendent shall be a nonvoting member 47
of the panel and shall serve as chairperson of the panel for the 48
first two years of the panel's existence. After that time, the 49
panel shall select one of its members as chairperson. The panel 50
shall meet as necessary to make nominations at the call of the 51
chairperson. All members of the panel shall serve at the 52
pleasure of their appointing authority. A vacancy on the panel 53
shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. 54

(E) Not later than thirty days after the nominating panel 55
is convened, the panel shall nominate a slate of at least ten 56
candidates for possible appointment to the district board of 57
education. All candidates shall be residents of the school 58
district and shall hold no elected public office. At least two 59
of the candidates shall reside outside of the municipal 60
corporation served by the mayor, if that municipal corporation 61
does not contain all of the district's territory. 62

(F) Not later than thirty days after receiving the slate 63
of candidates, the mayor shall select five members from the 64
slate for appointment to the district board of education. 65
Initial members of the board shall take office on the first day 66
of January following their appointment and their terms shall 67
expire on the thirtieth day of June following the referendum 68
election required by division (G) (1) of this section. 69

(G) (1) At the general election held in the first even- 70
numbered year occurring at least three years after the date on 71
which the academic distress commission established for the 72
district ceases to exist pursuant to division (N) (1) of section 73
3302.10 of the Revised Code, a referendum election shall be held 74
to determine if the mayor shall continue to appoint the district 75
board of education. Not later than ninety days before the 76

general election, the board of education shall notify the board 77
of elections of each county containing territory of the district 78
of the referendum election. At the general election, the 79
following question shall be submitted to the electors of the 80
district: 81

"Shall the mayor of... (here insert the name of the 82
applicable municipal corporation) continue to appoint the 83
members of the board of education of the... (here insert the 84
name of the school district to which this section applies)?" 85

The board of elections of the county in which the majority 86
of the district's territory is located shall make all necessary 87
arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors, 88
and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in 89
the same manner as regular elections in the district for the 90
election of county officers, provided that in any such election 91
in which only part of the electors of a precinct are qualified 92
to vote, the board of elections may assign voters in such part 93
to an adjoining precinct. Such an assignment may be made to an 94
adjoining precinct in another county with the consent and 95
approval of the board of elections of such other county. Notice 96
of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general 97
circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive 98
weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior 99
to the election. If the board of elections operates and 100
maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice 101
of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the 102
election. The notice shall state the question on which the 103
election is being held. The ballot shall be in the form 104
prescribed by the secretary of state. Costs of submitting the 105
question to the electors shall be charged to the district in 106
accordance with section 3501.17 of the Revised Code. 107

(2) If a majority of the electors voting on the question 108
proposed in division (G) (1) of this section approve the 109
question, the mayor shall appoint a new board of education on 110
the immediately following first day of July from a slate of 111
candidates nominated by the nominating panel in the same manner 112
as the initial board was appointed pursuant to divisions (E) and 113
(F) of this section. ~~Three~~If the appointment takes place before 114
the effective date of this amendment, three of the members of 115
the new board shall be appointed to four-year terms and two of 116
the members shall be appointed to two-year terms, each term 117
beginning on the first day of July. ~~Thereafter~~If the appointment 118
takes place after the effective date of this amendment, the 119
mayor shall appoint members to ~~four-year~~two-year terms in the 120
same manner prescribed in divisions (E) and (F) of this section. 121
Whenever the nominating panel is required to nominate a slate of 122
candidates, the panel shall nominate at least twice the number 123
of candidates as members to be appointed to the board at that 124
time, including two candidates who reside outside of the 125
municipal corporation served by the mayor, if that municipal 126
corporation does not contain all of the district's territory. 127
Nothing in this division shall preclude the nominating panel 128
from nominating as a candidate a person who was a member of the 129
board prior to the referendum election or shall preclude the 130
mayor from appointing such a person to the new board. 131

(3) If a majority of the electors voting on the question 132
proposed in division (G) (1) of this section disapprove the 133
question, a new board of education shall be elected at the next 134
regular election occurring in November of an odd-numbered year. 135
The board shall have the same number of members as the board in 136
place prior to the board appointed under this section. ~~At such~~ 137
~~election~~If the election takes place before the effective date of 138

this amendment, one-half of the total number of members rounded 139
up to the next whole number shall be elected for terms of four 140
years and the remaining members shall be elected for terms of 141
two years. If the election takes place on or after the effective 142
date of this amendment, all of the members shall be elected for 143
terms of two years. Thereafter, their successors shall be 144
elected in the same manner and for the same terms as provided in 145
the Revised Code for members of boards of education. All members 146
of the board of education appointed under this section shall 147
continue to serve after the end of the terms to which they were 148
appointed until their successors are qualified and assume office 149
in accordance with section 3313.09 of the Revised Code. 150

(H) All of the following shall apply to a board of 151
education appointed under division (F) or (G) (2) of this 152
section: 153

(1) At any given time, at least two of the board members 154
shall have significant expertise in education, finance, or 155
business management and at least one member shall reside outside 156
of the municipal corporation served by the mayor, if that 157
municipal corporation does not contain all of the district's 158
territory. 159

(2) The members of the board shall designate one of its 160
members as the chairperson of the board. The chairperson shall 161
have all the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon the 162
president of a board of education by the Revised Code. 163

(3) The mayor may remove any member of the board with the 164
advice and consent of the nominating panel. 165

Sec. 3311.053. (A) The boards of education of up to five 166
adjoining educational service centers may, by identical 167

resolutions adopted by a majority of the members of each 168
governing board within any sixty-day period, combine such 169
educational service centers into one educational service center. 170
The resolutions shall state the name of the new center, which 171
may be styled as a "joint educational service center." The 172
resolutions shall also indicate whether the governing board of 173
the new educational service center is to be formed in accordance 174
with division (B) of this section, in accordance with division 175
(A) of section 3311.054 of the Revised Code, or in accordance 176
with section 3311.057 of the Revised Code. 177

A copy of each resolution shall be filed with the state 178
board of education. The new educational service center shall be 179
created and the governing boards of the participating 180
educational service centers shall be dissolved and a new 181
governing board established thirty days after the date on which 182
the last resolution was filed with the state board. 183

(B) The initial members of a new governing board 184
established in accordance with this division shall be appointed 185
as follows: 186

(1) If two educational service centers combine, each 187
center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall 188
appoint two members to the new governing board and the four 189
members so selected shall select a fifth member within ten days 190
of the date on which the last of the four members is appointed. 191

(2) If three educational service centers combine, each 192
center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall 193
appoint one member to the new governing board and the three 194
members so selected shall select the remaining two members of 195
the governing board within ten days of the date on which the 196
last of the three members is appointed. 197

(3) If four educational service centers combine, each 198
center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall 199
appoint one member to the new governing board and the four 200
members so selected shall select the remaining member of the 201
governing board within ten days of the date on which the last of 202
the four members is appointed. 203

(4) If five educational service centers combine, each 204
center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall 205
appoint one member to the new governing board. 206

If the members appointed to a new governing board by the 207
governing boards of the combining educational service centers 208
are unable to agree on the selection of the remaining members of 209
the new governing board within ten days, the probate judge of 210
the county in which the greatest number of pupils under the 211
supervision of the new educational service center reside shall 212
appoint the remaining members. 213

Electors of the new educational service center shall elect 214
a new governing board at the next general election occurring in 215
an odd-numbered year and more than ninety days after the date of 216
the appointment of the last member to the initial governing 217
board. Members shall serve for the duration of the term to which 218
they are elected or until their successors are elected and 219
qualified. At such election, two members shall be elected to 220
terms of two years and three members shall be elected to terms 221
of four years. Thereafter, their successors shall be elected in 222
the same manner and for the same terms as members of governing 223
boards of all educational service centers. ~~Each candidate for~~ 224
~~election as a member of the educational service center governing~~ 225
~~board shall file a nominating petition in accordance with~~ 226
~~section 3513.255 of the Revised Code.~~ 227

(C) The funds of each former educational service center 228
shall be paid over in full to the governing board of the new 229
educational service center, and the legal title to all property 230
of the former governing boards shall become vested in the new 231
governing board. 232

The governing board of an educational service center 233
created under this section shall honor all contracts made by the 234
former governing boards. 235

Sec. 3311.73. (A) No later than ninety days before the 236
general election held in the first even-numbered year occurring 237
at least four years after the date it assumed control of the 238
municipal school district pursuant to division (B) of section 239
3311.71 of the Revised Code, the board of education appointed 240
under that division shall notify the board of elections of each 241
county containing territory of the municipal school district of 242
the referendum election required by division (B) of this 243
section. 244

(B) At the general election held in the first even- 245
numbered year occurring at least four years after the date the 246
new board assumed control of a municipal school district 247
pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, 248
the following question shall be submitted to the electors 249
residing in the school district: 250

"Shall the mayor of _____ (here insert the name of the 251
applicable municipal corporation) continue to appoint the 252
members of the board of education of the _____ (here insert the 253
name of the municipal school district)?" 254

The board of elections of the county in which the majority 255
of the school district's territory is located shall make all 256

necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers, provided that in any such election in which only part of the electors of a precinct are qualified to vote, the board of elections may assign voters in such part to an adjoining precinct. Such an assignment may be made to an adjoining precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the board of elections of such other county. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the question on which the election is being held. The ballot shall be in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. Costs of submitting the question to the electors shall be charged to the municipal school district in accordance with section 3501.17 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a majority of electors voting on the issue proposed in division (B) of this section approve the question, the mayor shall appoint a new board on the immediately following first day of July pursuant to division (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code.

(D) If a majority of electors voting on the issue proposed in division (B) of this section disapprove the question, a new seven-member board of education shall be elected at the next regular election occurring in November of an odd-numbered year.

~~At~~ If such an election takes place before the effective date of

this amendment, four members shall be elected for terms of four 288
years and three members shall be elected for terms of two years. 289
If such an election takes place on or after the effective date 290
of this amendment, all members shall be elected for terms of two 291
years. Thereafter, ~~their successors~~ the successor of any member 292
of a board of education elected pursuant to this division shall 293
be elected in the same manner and for the same terms as members 294
of boards of education of a city school district. All members of 295
the board of education of a municipal school district appointed 296
pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code 297
shall continue to serve after the end of the terms to which they 298
were appointed until their successors are qualified and assume 299
office in accordance with section 3313.09 of the Revised Code. 300

Sec. 3313.09. The (A) Prior to the effective date of this 301
amendment, the terms of office of members of each board of 302
education shall begin on the first day of January after their 303
election and each such officer shall hold ~~his~~ office for four 304
years, except as otherwise provided by law. Four year terms of 305
office shall expire on December thirty-first, except as 306
otherwise provided by law. 307

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, on and 308
after the effective date of this amendment, the terms of office 309
of members of each board of education shall be for two years, 310
beginning on the first day of January after their election. 311

(B) A member of a board of education who was serving in 312
that office prior to the effective date of this amendment shall 313
serve the remainder of the member's four-year term. Thereafter, 314
the term of office for that member, if re-elected, or the 315
member's successor shall be for two years. 316

(C) No person shall hold the office of member of a board 317

of education for a period of longer than four successive terms 318
of two years. Terms shall be considered successive unless 319
separated by a period of four or more years. Only terms 320
beginning on or after the effective date of this amendment shall 321
be considered in determining an individual's eligibility to hold 322
office. 323

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code 324
relating to elections and political communications: 325

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 326
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 327

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 328
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 329
odd-numbered year. 330

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 331
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 332
even-numbered year. 333

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 334
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 335
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 336
Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by 337
a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a 338
primary election, except that in any year in which a 339
presidential primary election is held, no special election shall 340
be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county 341
charter, but may be held on the third Tuesday after the first 342
Monday in March. 343

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 344
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 345
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 346

of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 347
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 348
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 349
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 350
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 351
held. 352

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 353
election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 354
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 355
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 356
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 357
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 358
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 359
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 360
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 361
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 362
charter. 363

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 364
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 365
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 366

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 367
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 368
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 369
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 370
the most recent regular state election. 371

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 372
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 373
following requirements: 374

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 375

political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 376
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 377
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 378
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 379
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 380
party for a period of four years after meeting those 381
requirements. 382

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 383
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 384
division (F) (2) (a) of this section, a petition that meets the 385
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 386

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 387
political party until the time of the first election for 388
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 389
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 390
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 391
office of governor or president. 392

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 393
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 394
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 395
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 396
more votes than any other person received for election to that 397
office in such precinct at such election. 398

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 399
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 400
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 401
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 402
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 403
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 404
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 405

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims 406
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has 407
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special 408
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 409
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 410
Revised Code. 411

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 412
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 413
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 414
for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common 415
pleas, for member of ~~any~~ the state board of education, for 416
municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not 417
held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for 418
offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide 419
for separate ballots for elections for these offices. 420

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be 421
a member of a political party and who has been certified to 422
appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special 423
election as the nominee of a political party because the 424
candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party 425
for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated 426
under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in 427
accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 428

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not 429
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling 430
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a 431
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a 432
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political 433
party. 434

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue 435

certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on 436
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held 437
in this state. 438

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having 439
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote. 440

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election. 441

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an 442
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector 443
may vote. 444

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county 445
established by the board of elections of such county within 446
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein 447
may vote at the same polling place. 448

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each 449
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such 450
precinct may vote. 451

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of 452
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of 453
the Revised Code. 454

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 455
city, village, or school district. 456

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of 457
the following: 458

(1) Secretary of state; 459

(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the 460
division of elections in the capacity of attorney, 461
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections 462

administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	463
(3) Director of a board of elections;	464
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	465
(5) Member of a board of elections;	466
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	467
(7) Precinct election officials;	468
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	469 470
(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.	471 472 473 474 475 476 477
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address.	478 479 480 481
(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	482 483 484 485 486 487 488 489 490

and family services, the program administered under section 491
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 492
department of mental health and addiction services, the 493
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 494
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 495
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 496
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 497
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 498

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 499
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 500
U.S.C.A. 1973gg. 501

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 502
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended. 503

(AA) "Photo identification" means a document that meets 504
each of the following requirements: 505

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was 506
issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or 507
signature pollbook. 508

(2) It shows the current address of the individual to whom 509
it was issued, which shall conform to the address in the poll 510
list or signature pollbook, except for a driver's license or a 511
state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the 512
Revised Code, which may show either the current or former 513
address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of 514
whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or 515
signature pollbook. 516

(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was 517
issued. 518

(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed. 519

(5) It was issued by the government of the United States 520
or this state. 521

Sec. 3505.03. (A) On the office type ballot shall be 522
printed the names of all candidates for election to offices, 523
except the office of judge of a municipal court, county court, 524
or court of common pleas, who were nominated at the most recent 525
primary election as candidates of a political party or who were 526
nominated in accordance with section 3513.02 of the Revised 527
Code, and the names of all candidates for election to offices 528
who were nominated by nominating petitions, except candidates 529
for the office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or 530
court of common pleas, for member of the state board of 531
education, ~~for member of a board of education,~~ for municipal 532
offices, and for township offices. 533

(B) The face of the ballot below the stub shall be 534
substantially in the following form: 535

"OFFICIAL OFFICE TYPE BALLOT 536

(1) To vote for a candidate record your vote in the manner 537
provided next to the name of such candidate. 538

(2) If you tear, soil, deface, or erroneously mark this 539
ballot, return it to the precinct election officers or, if you 540
cannot return it, notify the precinct election officers, and 541
obtain another ballot." 542

(C) The order in which the offices shall be listed on the 543
ballot shall be prescribed by, and certified to each board of 544
elections by, the secretary of state; provided that for state, 545
district, and county offices the order from top to bottom shall 546
be as follows: governor and lieutenant governor, attorney 547
general, auditor of state, secretary of state, treasurer of 548

state, chief justice of the supreme court, justice of the 549
supreme court, United States senator, representative to 550
congress, state senator, state representative, judge of a court 551
of appeals, member of a board of education, county commissioner, 552
county auditor, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the court of 553
common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county treasurer, county 554
engineer, and coroner. The offices of governor and lieutenant 555
governor shall be printed on the ballot in a manner that 556
requires a voter to cast one vote jointly for the candidates who 557
have been nominated by the same political party or petition. 558

(D) Within the rectangular space within which the title of 559
each judicial office listed in division (C) of this section is 560
printed on the ballot and immediately below the title shall be 561
printed the date of the commencement of the term of the office, 562
if it is a full term, as follows: "Full term commencing 563
_____ (Date) _____," or the date of the end of the term of the 564
office, if it is an unexpired term, as follows: "Unexpired term 565
ending _____ (Date) _____" 566

(E) (1) The names of all candidates for an office shall be 567
arranged in a group under the title of that office, and, except 568
for absentee ballots or when the number of candidates for a 569
particular office is the same as the number of candidates to be 570
elected for that office, shall be rotated from one precinct to 571
another. On absentee ballots, the names of all candidates for an 572
office shall be arranged in a group under the title of that 573
office and shall be so alternated that each name shall appear, 574
insofar as may be reasonably possible, substantially an equal 575
number of times at the beginning, at the end, and in each 576
intermediate place, if any, of the group in which such name 577
belongs, unless the number of candidates for a particular office 578
is the same as the number of candidates to be elected for that 579

office. 580

(2) Within the rectangular space within which the title of 581
each office for member of a board of education is printed on the 582
ballot shall be printed "For Member of Board of Education," and 583
the number to be elected, directions to the voter as to voting 584
for one, two, or more, and, if the office to be voted for is 585
member of a board of education of a city school district, words 586
shall be printed in said space on the ballot to indicate whether 587
candidates are to be elected from subdistricts or at large. 588

(3) The method of printing the ballots to meet the 589
rotation requirement of this section shall be as follows: the 590
least common multiple of the number of names in each of the 591
several groups of candidates shall be used, and the number of 592
changes made in the printer's forms in printing the ballots 593
shall correspond with that multiple. The board of elections 594
shall number all precincts in regular serial sequence. In the 595
first precinct, the names of the candidates in each group shall 596
be listed in alphabetical order. In each succeeding precinct, 597
the name in each group that is listed first in the preceding 598
precinct shall be listed last, and the name of each candidate 599
shall be moved up one place. In each precinct using paper 600
ballots, the printed ballots shall then be assembled in tablets. 601

(F) Under the name of each candidate nominated at a 602
primary election, nominated by petition under section 3517.012 603
of the Revised Code, or certified by a party committee to fill a 604
vacancy under section 3513.31 of the Revised Code shall be 605
printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 606
candidate's name is printed, the name of the political party by 607
which the candidate was nominated or certified. Under the name 608
of each candidate appearing on the ballot who filed a nominating 609

petition and requested a ballot designation as a nonparty 610
candidate under section 3513.257 of the Revised Code shall be 611
printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 612
candidate's name is printed, the designation of "nonparty 613
candidate." Under the name of each candidate appearing on the 614
ballot who filed a nominating petition and requested a ballot 615
designation as an other-party candidate under section 3513.257 616
of the Revised Code shall be printed, in less prominent type 617
face than that in which the candidate's name is printed, the 618
designation of "other-party candidate." No designation shall 619
appear under the name of a candidate appearing on the ballot who 620
filed a nominating petition and requested that no ballot 621
designation appear under the candidate's name under section 622
3513.257 of the Revised Code, or who filed a nominating petition 623
and failed to request a ballot designation either as a nonparty 624
candidate or as an other-party candidate under that section. 625

(G) Except as provided in this section, no words, 626
designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or the 627
candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the method 628
by which the candidate was nominated or certified, shall be 629
printed under or after a candidate's name that is printed on the 630
ballot. 631

Sec. 3505.04. On the nonpartisan ballot shall be printed 632
the names of all nonpartisan candidates for election to the 633
office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of 634
common pleas, the office of member of the state board of 635
education, ~~the office of member of a board of education,~~ 636
municipal or township offices for municipal corporations and 637
townships in which primary elections are not held for nomination 638
of candidates by political parties, and municipal offices of 639
municipal corporations having charters which provide for 640

separate ballots for elections for such municipal offices. 641

Such ballots shall have printed across the top, and below 642
the stubs, "Official Nonpartisan Ballot." 643

The order in which the offices are listed on the ballot 644
shall be prescribed by, and certified to each board of elections 645
by, the secretary of state; provided that the office of member 646
of the state board of education shall be listed first on the 647
ballot, then county judicial offices, followed by municipal and 648
township offices, ~~and by offices of member of a board of~~ 649
~~education,~~ in the order stated. 650

Within the rectangular space within which the title of 651
each judicial office is printed on the ballot and immediately 652
below such title shall be printed the date of the commencement 653
of the term of the office, if a full term, as follows: "Full 654
term commencing _____ (Date) _____," or the date of the end of 655
the term of the office, if an unexpired term, as follows: 656
"Unexpired term ending _____ (Date) _____" 657

The secretary of state shall prescribe the information and 658
directions to the voter to be printed on the ballot within the 659
rectangular space in which the title of office of member of the 660
state board of education appears. 661

~~Within the rectangular space within which the title of~~ 662
~~each office for member of a board of education is printed on the~~ 663
~~ballot shall be printed "For Member of Board of Education," and~~ 664
~~the number to be elected, directions to the voter as to voting~~ 665
~~for one, two, or more, and, if the office to be voted for is~~ 666
~~member of a board of education of a city school district, words~~ 667
~~shall be printed in said space on the ballot to indicate whether~~ 668
~~candidates are to be elected from subdistricts or at large.~~ 669

The names of all nonpartisan candidates for an office 670
shall be arranged in a group under the title of that office, and 671
shall be rotated and printed on the ballot as provided in 672
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 673

No name or designation of any political party nor any 674
words, designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or 675
the candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the 676
method by which such candidate was nominated or certified, shall 677
be printed under or after any nonpartisan candidate's name which 678
is printed on the ballot. 679

Sec. 3513.04. Candidates for party nominations to state, 680
district, county, and municipal offices or positions, and member 681
of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, for 682
which party nominations are provided by law, and for election as 683
members of party controlling committees shall have their names 684
printed on the official primary ballot by filing a declaration 685
of candidacy and paying the fees specified for the office under 686
divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code, 687
except that the joint candidates for party nomination to the 688
offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall, for the two 689
of them, file one declaration of candidacy. The joint candidates 690
also shall pay the fees specified for the joint candidates under 691
divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. 692

The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the 693
declaration of candidacy of a candidate for party nomination to 694
the office of governor unless the declaration of candidacy also 695
shows a joint candidate for the same party's nomination to the 696
office of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the 697
declaration of candidacy of a candidate for party nomination to 698
the office of lieutenant governor unless the declaration of 699

candidacy also shows a joint candidate for the same party's 700
nomination to the office of governor, and shall not accept for 701
filing a declaration of candidacy that shows a candidate for 702
party nomination to the office of governor or lieutenant 703
governor who, for the same election, has already filed a 704
declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 705
write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by the filling of 706
a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any 707
other state office or any federal or county office. 708

No person who seeks party nomination for an office or 709
position at a primary election by declaration of candidacy or by 710
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and no person 711
who is a first choice for president of candidates seeking 712
election as delegates and alternates to the national conventions 713
of the different major political parties who are chosen by 714
direct vote of the electors as provided in this chapter shall be 715
permitted to become a candidate by nominating petition, 716
including a nominating petition filed under section 3517.012 of 717
the Revised Code, by declaration of intent to be a write-in 718
candidate, or by filling a vacancy under section 3513.31 of the 719
Revised Code at the following general election for any office 720
other than the office of member of the state board of education, ~~721
office of member of a city, local, or exempted village board of
education, office of member of a governing board of an
educational service center,~~ or office of township trustee. 724

Sec. 3513.052. (A) No person shall seek nomination or 725
election to any of the following offices or positions at the 726
same election by filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, 727
a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 728
nominating petition, or by becoming a candidate through party 729
nomination in a primary election, or by the filling of a vacancy 730

under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code:	731
(1) Two or more state offices;	732
(2) Two or more county offices;	733
(3) A state office and a county office;	734
(4) A federal office and a state or county office;	735
(5) Any combination of two or more municipal or township	736
offices, positions as a member of a city, local, or exempted	737
village board of education, or positions as a member of a	738
governing board of an educational service center.	739
(B) The secretary of state or a board of elections shall	740
not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, a	741
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a	742
nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if	743
that person, for the same election, has already filed a	744
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-	745
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a	746
candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by	747
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the	748
Revised Code for:	749
(1) Any federal, state, or county office, if the	750
declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a write-in	751
candidate, or nominating petition is for a state or county	752
office;	753
(2) Any municipal or township office, or for member of a	754
city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for	755
member of a governing board of an educational service center, if	756
the declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a	757
write-in candidate, or nominating petition is for a municipal or	758

township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted 759
village board of education, or for member of a governing board 760
of an educational service center. 761

(C) (1) If the secretary of state determines, before the 762
day of the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination 763
to more than one office at that election in violation of 764
division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall do 765
one of the following: 766

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 767
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 768
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the 769
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 770
county. The board then shall determine the date on which the 771
person first sought to become a candidate for each of those 772
offices by filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of 773
intent to be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy 774
under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote 775
promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each 776
office for which the person sought to become a candidate after 777
the date on which the person first sought to become a candidate 778
for any of those offices. If the board determines that the 779
person sought to become a candidate for more than one of those 780
offices on the same date, the board shall vote promptly to 781
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 782
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 783
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order 784
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 785

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 786
seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 787
district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 788

which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 789
secretary of state shall determine the date on which the person 790
first sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by 791
filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to 792
be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under 793
section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state 794
shall order the board of elections of each county in which the 795
person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that 796
person as a candidate for each office for which the person 797
sought to become a candidate after the date on which the person 798
first sought to become a candidate for any of those offices. If 799
the secretary of state determines that the person sought to 800
become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 801
same date, the secretary of state shall order the board of 802
elections of each county in which the person is seeking to 803
appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate 804
for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the 805
highest office for which that person seeks nomination, according 806
to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the 807
Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote 808
promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance 809
with the order of the secretary of state. 810

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 811
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 812
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the 813
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 814
county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that 815
person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 816
office. 817

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 818
seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 819

which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 820
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 821
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 822
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 823
not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 824
vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 825
accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 826

(2) If a board of elections determines, before the day of 827
the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination to 828
more than one office at that election in violation of division 829
(A) of this section, the board shall do one of the following: 830

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 831
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within that 832
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board 833
shall determine the date on which the person first sought to 834
become a candidate for each of those offices by filing a 835
declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 836
write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 837
3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote promptly to 838
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office for which 839
the person sought to become a candidate after the date on which 840
the person first sought to become a candidate for any of those 841
offices. If the board determines that the person sought to 842
become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 843
same date, the board shall vote promptly to disqualify that 844
person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on 845
the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks 846
nomination, according to the ballot order prescribed under 847
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 848

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 849

seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 850
district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 851
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 852
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 853
state then shall determine the date on which the person first 854
sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by filing 855
a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 856
write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 857
3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state shall order 858
the board of elections of each county in which the person is 859
seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a 860
candidate for each office for which the person sought to become 861
a candidate after the date on which the person first sought to 862
become a candidate for any of those offices. If the secretary of 863
state determines that the person sought to become a candidate 864
for more than one of those offices on the same date, the 865
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 866
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 867
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 868
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 869
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order 870
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board 871
of elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the 872
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the 873
secretary of state. 874

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 875
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 876
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board 877
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 878
each office that is not a federal office. 879

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 880

seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 881
which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 882
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 883
state then shall order the board of elections of each county in 884
which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 885
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 886
not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 887
vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 888
accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 889

(D) (1) If the secretary of state determines, after the day 890
of the primary election and before the day of the general 891
election, that a person is seeking election to more than one 892
office at that election in violation of division (A) of this 893
section, the secretary of state shall do one of the following: 894

(a) If each office or the district for each office for 895
which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single 896
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the 897
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 898
county. The board then shall determine the offices for which the 899
person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The board 900
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 901
each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest 902
office for which that person seeks election, according to the 903
ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised 904
Code. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and 905
has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board 906
shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office 907
that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for 908
which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order 909
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 910

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is seeking election is a state office or an office with a district larger than a single county and none of the offices for which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the secretary of state shall promptly investigate and determine the offices for which the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the secretary of state. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) If each office or the district for each office for which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single county and any of those offices is a federal office, the secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal office. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that is not a federal office.

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the secretary of state. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that is not a federal office.

(2) If a board of elections determines, after the day of the primary election and before the day of the general election, that a person is seeking election to more than one office at that election in violation of division (A) of this section, the board of elections shall do one of the following:

(a) If each office or the district for each office for which the person is seeking election is wholly within that county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board shall determine the offices for which the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The board shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person

seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under 973
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 974

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 975
seeking election is a state office or an office with a district 976
larger than a single county and none of the offices for which 977
the person is seeking election is a federal office, the board 978
shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of state 979
promptly shall investigate and determine the offices for which 980
the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The 981
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 982
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 983
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would 984
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that 985
person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed 986
under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board of 987
elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the 988
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the 989
secretary of state. If the person sought nomination at a primary 990
election and has not yet been issued a certificate of 991
nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that 992
person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below 993
the highest office for which that person seeks election, 994
according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 995
of the Revised Code. 996

(c) If each office or the district for each office for 997
which the person is seeking election is wholly within that 998
county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board 999
shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 1000
each office that is not a federal office. If the person sought 1001
nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a 1002
certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that 1003

certificate for that person for any office that is not a federal 1004
office. 1005

(d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 1006
seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for 1007
which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 1008
board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 1009
state shall order the board of elections of each county in which 1010
the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that 1011
person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 1012
office. Each board of elections so notified shall vote promptly 1013
to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance with the 1014
order of the secretary of state. If the person sought nomination 1015
at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate 1016
of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for 1017
that person for any office that is not a federal office. 1018

(E) When a person is disqualified as a candidate under 1019
division (C) or (D) of this section, on or before the seventieth 1020
day before the day of the applicable election, the board of 1021
elections shall remove the person's name from the ballot for any 1022
office for which that person has been disqualified as a 1023
candidate according to the directions of the secretary of state. 1024
When a person is disqualified as a candidate under division (C) 1025
or (D) of this section after the seventieth day before the day 1026
of the applicable election, the board of elections shall not 1027
remove the person's name from the ballot for any office for 1028
which that person has been disqualified as a candidate. The 1029
board of elections shall post a notice at each polling location 1030
on the day of the applicable election, and shall enclose with 1031
each absent voter's ballot given or mailed after the candidate 1032
is disqualified, a notice that votes for the person for the 1033
office for which the person has been disqualified as a candidate 1034

will be void and will not be counted. If the name is not removed 1035
from the ballots before the day of the election, the votes for 1036
the disqualified candidate are void and shall not be counted. 1037

(F) Any vacancy created by the disqualification of a 1038
person as a candidate under division (C) or (D) of this section 1039
may be filled in the manner provided for in sections 3513.30 and 1040
3513.31 of the Revised Code. 1041

(G) Nothing in this section or section 3513.04, 3513.041, 1042
3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, ~~3513.254~~, ~~3513.255~~, 3513.257, 1043
3513.259, or 3513.261 of the Revised Code prohibits, and the 1044
secretary of state or a board of elections shall not disqualify, 1045
a person from being a candidate for an office, if that person 1046
timely withdraws as a candidate for any offices specified in 1047
division (A) of this section for which that person first sought 1048
to become a candidate by filing a declaration of candidacy and 1049
petition, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or 1050
a nominating petition, by party nomination in a primary 1051
election, or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 1052
or 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 1053

(H) As used in this section: 1054

(1) "State office" means the offices of governor, 1055
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 1056
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 1057
of education, member of the general assembly, chief justice of 1058
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1059

(2) "Timely withdraws" means either of the following: 1060

(a) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable 1061
deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy, declaration of 1062
intent to be a write-in candidate, or nominating petition for 1063

the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become 1064
a candidate at the same election; 1065

(b) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable 1066
deadline for the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 1067
3513.31 of the Revised Code, if the person is seeking to become 1068
a candidate for a subsequent office at the same election under 1069
either of those sections. 1070

Sec. 3513.261. A nominating petition may consist of one or 1071
more separate petition papers, each of which shall be 1072
substantially in the form prescribed in this section. If the 1073
petition consists of more than one separate petition paper, the 1074
statement of candidacy of the candidate or joint candidates 1075
named need be signed by the candidate or joint candidates on 1076
only one of such separate petition papers, but the statement of 1077
candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate 1078
petition paper before the signatures of electors are placed on 1079
it. Each nominating petition containing signatures of electors 1080
of more than one county shall consist of separate petition 1081
papers each of which shall contain signatures of electors of 1082
only one county; provided that petitions containing signatures 1083
of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be 1084
declared invalid. In case petitions containing signatures of 1085
electors of more than one county are filed, the board of 1086
elections shall determine the county from which the majority of 1087
the signatures came, and only signatures from this county shall 1088
be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid. 1089

All signatures on nominating petitions shall be written in 1090
ink or indelible pencil. 1091

At the time of filing a nominating petition, the candidate 1092
designated in the nominating petition, and joint candidates for 1093

governor and lieutenant governor, shall pay to the election 1094
officials with whom it is filed the fees specified for the 1095
office under divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the 1096
Revised Code. The fees shall be disposed of by those election 1097
officials in the manner that is provided in section 3513.10 of 1098
the Revised Code for the disposition of other fees, and in no 1099
case shall a fee required under that section be returned to a 1100
candidate. 1101

Candidates or joint candidates whose names are written on 1102
the ballot, and who are elected, shall pay the same fees under 1103
section 3513.10 of the Revised Code that candidates who file 1104
nominating petitions pay. Payment of these fees shall be a 1105
condition precedent to the granting of their certificates of 1106
election. 1107

Each nominating petition shall contain a statement of 1108
candidacy that shall be signed by the candidate or joint 1109
candidates named in it or by an attorney in fact acting pursuant 1110
to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. Such statement of 1111
candidacy shall contain a declaration made under penalty of 1112
election falsification that the candidate desires to be a 1113
candidate for the office named in it, and that the candidate is 1114
an elector qualified to vote for the office the candidate seeks. 1115

The form of the nominating petition and statement of 1116
candidacy shall be substantially as follows: 1117

"STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY 1118

I, _____ (Name of 1119
candidate), the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of 1120
election falsification that my voting residence is in 1121
_____ Precinct of the 1122

_____ (Township) or (Ward and City, or
Village) in the county of _____ Ohio; that my post-
office address is _____ (Street and
Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of the
_____ (City, Village, or post office)
of _____, Ohio; and that I am a qualified elector
in the precinct in which my voting residence is located. I
hereby declare that I desire to be a candidate for election to
the office of _____ in the _____
(State, District, County, City, Village, ~~or Township, or School-~~
~~District~~) for the _____ (Full
term or unexpired term ending _____) at the General
Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, ____

I further declare that I am an elector qualified to vote
for the office I seek. Dated this _____ day of _____,

(Signature of candidate)

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

I, _____, hereby constitute
the persons named below a committee to represent me:

Name	Residence
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____ 1150

NOMINATING PETITION 1151

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of 1152
Ohio, whose voting residence is in the County, City, Village, 1153
Ward, Township or Precinct set opposite our names, hereby 1154
nominate _____ as a candidate for election to the 1155
office of _____ in the 1156
_____ (State, District, County, City, 1157
Village, ~~or Township, or School District~~) for the 1158
_____ (Full term or unexpired term ending 1159
_____) to be voted for at the general election 1160
next hereafter to be held, and certify that this person is, in 1161
our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office 1162
or position to which the person desires to be elected. 1163

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A		Street					
B		Address					
C		or R.F.D.					
D		(Must use					
E		address on	City,				
F		file with	Village				
G		the board of	or				Date of

of person employing circulator 1189

to circulate petition, if any) 1190

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 1191
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 1192

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of 1193
nominating petition for a group of candidates for ~~the office of~~ 1194
~~member of a board of education, township office,~~ and offices of 1195
municipal corporations of under two thousand population. 1196

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of statement 1197
of candidacy and nominating petition, which shall be 1198
substantially similar to the form of statement of candidacy and 1199
nominating petition set forth in this section, that will be 1200
suitable for joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1201
lieutenant governor. 1202

If such petition nominates a candidate whose election is 1203
to be determined by the electors of a county or a district or 1204
subdivision within the county, it shall be filed with the board 1205
of such county. If the petition nominates a candidate whose 1206
election is to be determined by the voters of a subdivision 1207
located in more than one county, it shall be filed with the 1208
board of the county in which the major portion of the population 1209
of such subdivision is located. 1210

If the petition nominates a candidate whose election is to 1211
be determined by the electors of a district comprised of more 1212
than one county but less than all of the counties of the state, 1213
it shall be filed with the board of elections of the most 1214
populous county in such district. If the petition nominates a 1215
candidate whose election is to be determined by the electors of 1216
the state at large, it shall be filed with the secretary of 1217

state. 1218

The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not 1219
accept for filing a nominating petition of a person seeking to 1220
become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has 1221
already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of 1222
intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or 1223
has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary 1224
election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 1225
3513.31 of the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county 1226
office, if the nominating petition is for a state or county 1227
office, or for any municipal or township office, for member of a 1228
city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for 1229
member of a governing board of an educational service center, if 1230
the nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, 1231
or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of 1232
education, or for member of a governing board of an educational 1233
service center. 1234

Section 2. That existing sections 3302.11, 3311.053, 1235
3311.73, 3313.09, 3501.01, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04, 3513.052, 1236
and 3513.261 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1237

Section 3. That sections 3513.254, 3513.255, and 3513.256 1238
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1239