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A BILL

1	To amend sections 3501.01, 3503.14, 3503.16,	1
	3503.19, 3503.28, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.182,	2
	3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051,	3
	3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 3509.10,	4
	3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.07,	5
	3511.08, 3511.09, 3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13,	6
	4507.50, and 4507.52 and to enact section	7
	4507.502 of the Revised Code to require photo	8
	identification to vote, to make other changes to	9
	the Election Law, and to require the Bureau of	10
	Motor Vehicles to provide free state	11
	identification cards to persons seventeen and	12
	older.	13

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

Section 1.	That sect	ions 3501.01, 3503.14, 3503.16,	14
3503.19, 3503.28	8, 3505.18,	3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183,	15
3509.03, 3509.04	4, 3509.05,	3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509	.08, 16
3509.09, 3509.10), 3511.02,	3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.	07, 17
3511.08, 3511.09	9, 3511.10,	3511.11, 3511.13, 4507.50, and	18

enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code 21 relating to elections and political communications: 22 (A) "General election" means the election held on the 23 first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 24 (B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 25 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 26 odd-numbered year. 27 (C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 28 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 29 30 even-numbered year. (D) "Special election" means any election other than those 31 elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 32 election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 33 Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by 34 a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a 35 primary election, except that in any year in which a 36 presidential primary election is held, no special election shall 37 be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county 38 charter, but may be held on the third Tuesday after the first 39 Monday in March. 40 (E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 41 held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 42 political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 43 of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 44 political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 45

conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be

held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each

4507.52 be amended and section 4507.502 of the Revised Code be

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year except in years in which a presidential primary election is held.

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 50 election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which 51 an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 52 alternates to the national conventions of the major political 53 parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 54 otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 55 in references to primary elections. In years in which a 56 presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 57 shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 58 March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 59 charter. 60

(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
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organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less
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than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at
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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
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political party's candidate for governor or nominees for
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presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not
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less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office
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that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 77 party for a period of four years after meeting those 78 requirements. 79

(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
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accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement
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on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special
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election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who
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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
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been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special
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election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 106 nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 107 Revised Code. 108

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 109 is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 110 be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 111 for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common 112 pleas, for member of any board of education, for municipal or 113 township offices in which primary elections are not held for 114 nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of 115 municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate 116 ballots for elections for these offices. 117

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be 118 a member of a political party and who has been certified to 119 appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special 120 election as the nominee of a political party because the 121 candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party 122 for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated 123 under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in 124 accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 125

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling
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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
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in this state.

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(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having	136
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.	137
(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.	138
(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an	139
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector	140
may vote.	141
(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county	142
established by the board of elections of such county within	143
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein	144
may vote at the same polling place.	145
(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each	146
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such	147
precinct may vote.	148
(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of	149
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of	150
the Revised Code.	151
(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township,	152
city, village, or school district.	153
(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of	154
the following:	155
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(1) Secretary of state;	156
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the	157
division of elections in the capacity of attorney,	158
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections	159
administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	160
(3) Director of a board of elections;	161
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	162

(5) Member of a board of elections;	163
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	164
(7) Precinct election officials;	165
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a	166
temporary or part-time basis.	167
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board	168
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state,	169
informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who	170
wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status	171
of the application; the information necessary to complete or	172
update the application, if any; and if the application is	173
complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	174
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board	175

of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to 176 a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current 177 address. 178

(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the 179 state that provides public assistance or that provides state-180 funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to 181 persons with disabilities and that is required by the National 182 Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed 183 and administered by the secretary of state for registering 184 voters, or any other public or government office or agency that 185 implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 186 of state for registering voters, including the department of job 187 and family services, the program administered under section 188 3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 189 department of mental health and addiction services, the 190 department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 191

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Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the192secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not193include public high schools and vocational schools, public194libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.195

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

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 199
 Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended. 200

(AA) "Photo identification" means a document one of the 201
following documents or combinations of documents that meets each 202
of the following requirements includes the individual's name, 203
photograph, and current address: 204

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was 205 issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or 206 signature pollbookAn unexpired Ohio driver's license, commercial 207 driver's license, or state identification card issued by the 208 registrar of motor vehicles or deputy registrar under Chapter 209 4507. of the Revised Code. If the driver's license or state 210 identification card does not contain the elector's current 211 address, the driver's license or state identification card shall 212 be accompanied by a copy of a current utility bill, bank 213 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 214 document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 215 board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, 216 that shows the individual's name and current address. 217

(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	221
Revised Code, which may show either the current or former-	222
address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of	223
whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or	224
signature pollbookAn expired Ohio driver's license, Ohio	225
commercial driver's license, or state identification card issued	226
by the registrar of motor vehicles or deputy registrar under	227
Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code and an unexpired United States	228
military identification card. If the driver's license or state	229
identification card does not contain the elector's current	230
address, the driver's license or state identification card shall	231
be accompanied by a copy of a current utility bill, bank	232
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government	233
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a	234
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,	235
that shows the individual's name and current address.	236
(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was-	237
issued.	238
(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed.	239
(5) It was issued by the government of the United States	240
or this state.	241
Sec. 3503.14. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe	242
the form and content of the registration, change of residence,	243
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall	244
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of	245
1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following:	245
1995 and shall include spaces for all of the following.	240
(1) The voter's name;	247
(2) The voter's address;	248

(3) The current date;

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(4) The voter's date of birth;	250
(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following:	251
(a) The voter's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license <u>or state</u>	252
identification card number, if any;	253
(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security	254
number, if any;	255
(c) A copy of a current and valid p hoto identification, a	256
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current	257
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or	258
other government document, other than a notice of voter	259
registration mailed by a board of elections under section	260
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the voter's name and	261
address.	262
(6) The voter's signature.	263
The registration form shall include a space on which the	264
person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and	265

provide the person's address and a space on which the person 266 registering an applicant shall name the employer who is 267 employing that person to register the applicant. 268

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 269 under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 270 state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 271 have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 272 character of the information provided by the voter so as to 273 accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 274 information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 275 that data to the statewide voter registration database 276 established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 277

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 278 applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 279 duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 280 address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 281 register an applicant on a form prepared under this section: 2.82 (1) An election official; 283 (2) A county treasurer; 284 (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 285 (4) An employee of a designated agency; 286 (5) An employee of a public high school; 287 (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 288 (7) An employee of a public library; 289 (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 290 (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 291 (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 292 (11) An employee of an election official. 293 (C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised 294 Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own 295 name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by 296 the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling 297 out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an 298 applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate 299 300 in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person 301 registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that 302 the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register 303

to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.

(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of 305
name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person 306
registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or 307
failed to name the employer who is employing that person to 308
register the applicant as required under division (A) of this 309
section. 310

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

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 321 (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 322 elector changes the place of residence of that registered 323 elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 324 county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 325 elector shall report the change by delivering a change of 326 residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as 327 prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of 328 the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated 329 agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public 330 library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the 331 secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy 332 registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of 333 elections in person or by a third person. Any voter 334 registration, change of address, or change of name application, 335 returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or 336 the board of elections. 337

A registered elector also may update the registration of 338 that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 339 change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 340 election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 341 registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 342 another site designated by the board. 343

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 344 precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 345 special election and has not filed a notice of change of 346 residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 347 by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 348 completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 349 identification in the form of a current and valid photo 350 identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 351 352 current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 353 354 voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section-3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current 355 356 address of the elector, and casting a ballot.

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 357 registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 358 the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 359 filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may 360 vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 361 assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 362 change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 363 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 364

to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change,365such as a marriage license or court order that includes the366elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and367sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot.368

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 369 another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 370 and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 371 the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 372 filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 373 whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 374 in that election if that registered elector complies with 375 division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 376

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 377 after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 378 registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 379 the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 380 prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 381 election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 382 time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 383 election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 384 the day of the election at either of the following locations: 385

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that386registered elector resides;387

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant
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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 ballot394envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence395or change of name, whichever is appropriate;396

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 397 the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 398 board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 399 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 400 location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 401 that other location instead of the office of the board of 402 403 elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 404 elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 405

406 (d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 407 elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 408 on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 409 ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 410 registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 411 elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 412 the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 413 the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 414 location instead of the office of the board of elections, 415 whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 416 at any other location for that particular election. 417

(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 may
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with
division (G) of this section or does all of the following:

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 424 or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 425 that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 426 held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-427 fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 428 prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 429 or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 430 Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 431 county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 432 location instead of the office of the board of elections, 433 appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 434 election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 435 to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 436 has designated another location in the county at which 437 registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 438 the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 439 the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 440 pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 441 the board has designated another location in the county at which 442 registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 443 the office of the board of elections; 444

(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;
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(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 448 the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 449 pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 450 the board has designated another location in the county at which 451 registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 452 the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 453 that registered elector has moved; 454

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 455 falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 456 elector has moved from one county to another county within the 457 state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 458 office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 459 of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 460 another location in the county at which registered electors may 461 vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 462 of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 463 location for that particular election. 464

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 465 to division (G) of this section shall not make written 466 application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 467 Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 468 section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 469 during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 470 in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 471 that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 472 to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 473 voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 474 by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 475 to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 476 insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 477 section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 478

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised479Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site480different from the office of the board at which registered481electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this482section.483

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or

change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 485 the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 486 residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 487 update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 488 incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 489 acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 490 information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 491 registration. 492

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

The board of elections shall provide change of residence499and change of name forms to the probate court and court of500common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person501eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order502of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court503shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections504within five days after receiving them.505

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 506 vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 507 appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 508 to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 509 has designated another location in the county at which 510 registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 511 of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 512 on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 513 of the following: 514

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(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 515 information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 516 to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 517 after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 518 registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday 519 prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's 520 ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 521 has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 522 of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 523 524 change of name;

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had
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a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is
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qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division
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(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that
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the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of
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elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or
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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 536 falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 537 has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 538 the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 539 personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 540 prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 541 elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 542 location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 543 location or address for that particular election. 544

Sec. 3503.19. (A) Persons qualified to register or to 545 change their registration because of a change of address or 546 change of name may register or change their registration in 547 person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at 548 the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 549 vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a 550 public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a 551 branch office established by the board of elections, or in 552 person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the 553 secretary of state or at the office of a board of elections. A 554 registered elector may also change the elector's registration on 555 election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible 556 to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the 557 Revised Code. 558

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 559 office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 560 vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 561 library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 562 voter registration application or change of registration form 563 that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 564 which the state or local office is located, within five days 565 after receiving the voter registration application or change of 566 registration form. 567

An otherwise valid voter registration application that is 568 returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 569 received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 570 office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 571 vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 572 library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 573 secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 574 later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 575

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general election for the person to qualify as an elector576eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid577registration application received after that day entitles the578elector to vote at all subsequent elections.579

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 580 office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 581 vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 582 library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 583 registration application or change of name or change of address 584 585 form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the identity of the state or local office that receives the 586 registration. 587

Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that 588 are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or 589 to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no 590 later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 591 general election in order for the person to qualify as an 592 elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid 593 voter registration application that is returned by mail does not 594 bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be 595 valid for that election if received by the office of the 596 secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 597 later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 598 general election. 599

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by
600 mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to
601 the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of
602 elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed
603 services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C.
604 1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by

electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to606the board of elections of the county in which the person's607voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the608Revised Code.609

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 610 registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 611 office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 612 vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 613 county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 614 the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 615 to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 616 accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 617 applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 618 the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 619 elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 620 is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 621

(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) 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 636 application. If a board of elections or the office of the 637 secretary of state receives a registration form under division 638 (B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day 639 before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 640 state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 641 642 board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 643 election. 644 (C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 645 registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 646 statements made in the registration form shall register the 647 applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 648 the application, unless that application is received during the 649 thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The 650 board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each of 6.51 the following: 652 (a) The applicant's registration; 653 (b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote; 654 (c) In bold type as follows: 655 "Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 656 order to verify identity. Identification may include a current 657 and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a 658 copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government-659 check, paycheck, or other government document, other than this 660 notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. 661 Voters who do not provide one of these documents photo 662 identification will still be able to vote by casting a 663

provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above

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forms of identification, including a social security number,665will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to666the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and667by casting a provisional ballot."668

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.

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to provide <u>photo</u> 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
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registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is
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returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided
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notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to	696
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or	697
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C)(2) of	698
this section in any election during the period of two federal	699
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice,	700
the person's registration shall be canceled.	701
Sec. 3503.28. (A) The secretary of state shall develop an	702
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure	703
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following	704
information:	705
(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or	706
for returning an applicant's completed registration form;	707
(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's	708
completed registration form if the person returning the form is	709
being compensated for registering voters;	710
(3) The locations to which a person may return an	711
applicant's completed registration form;	712
(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for	713
registering voters may return an applicant's completed	714
registration form;	715
(5) The registration and affirmation requirements	716
applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters	717
under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;	718
(6) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating	719
as follows:	720
"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in	721
order to verify identity. Identification may include a current	722

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and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a	723
copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government	724
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a	725
voter registration notification sent by a board of elections,	726
that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do	727
not provide one of these documents photo identification will	728
still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters	729
who do not have any of the above forms of identification,	730
including a social security number, will still be able to vote-	731
by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under-	732
penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional	733
ballot."	734

(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 742 information required to be included in the brochure developed 743 under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 744 voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 745 the office of the secretary of state. 746

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

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to

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distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this 753 section to any of the following officials or employees who are 754 requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in 755 the course of the official's or employee's normal duties: 756 (1) An election official; 757 (2) A county treasurer; 758 (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 759 (4) An employee of a designated agency; 760 (5) An employee of a public high school; 761 (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 762 (7) An employee of a public library; 763 (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 764 (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 765 (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 766 767 (11) An employee of an election official. (E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes 768 any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration 769 forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those 770 forms. 771

Sec. 3505.18. (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling 772 place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct 773 election officials the elector's full name and current address 774 and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a 775 current and valid photo identification, a military 776 identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 777 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 778

document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a	779
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,	780
that shows the name and current address of the elector.	781
(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide	782
photo identification to the precinct election officials any of	783
the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of	784
this section, the elector may cast a provisional ballot under	785
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code and do either of the	786
following:	787
(a) Write the elector's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license or state	788
identification card number or the last four digits of the	789
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot	790
envelope; or	791
(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not	792
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and	793
provide the photo identification required under division (A)(1)	794
of this section, the elector's <u>Ohio driver's license</u> or state	795
identification card number, or the last four digits of the	796
elector's social security number.	797
(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full	798
name and current address and provided any of the forms of <u>photo</u>	799
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section,	800
the elector shall <u>write confirm</u> the elector's name and address	801
by signing the elector's name at the proper place in the poll	802
list or signature pollbook provided for the purpose, except that	803
if, for any reason, an elector is unable to write <u>sign</u> the	804
elector's name and current address in the poll list or signature	805
pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place	806
intended for the elector's name, and a precinct election	807
official shall write the name of the elector at the proper place	808

on the poll list or signature pollbook following the elector's 809 mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested by the 810 precinct election official, who shall evidence the same by 811 signing the precinct election official's name on the poll list 812 or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, 813 if applicable, an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 814 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in 815 the poll list or signature pollbook in accordance with that 816 section. 817

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.

830 If the right of the elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 831 elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 832 to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 833 in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 834 ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 835 elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 836 attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 837 call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 838 ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 839

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numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 840 The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 841 to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 842 ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 843 person who voted the ballot. 844

Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election:

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 847 registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 848 to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 849 election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 850 official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 851 official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 852

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to provide <u>photo identification</u> to the election officials—any of the forms of identification required under division (A)(1) of section 3505.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and who appears to vote at the polling place;

(4) An individual whose notification of registration has
been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose
name in the official registration list and in the poll list or
signature pollbook has been marked under division (C) (2) of
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code;

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged867under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code;868

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(6) An individual who changes the individual's name and 869 remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name 870 change under division (B)(1)(b) of section 3503.16 of the 871 Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a 872 county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the 873 individual's name, or moves from one county to another within 874 the state, and completes and signs the required forms and 875 statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the 876 Revised Code; 877

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is
not that of the person who signed that name in the registration
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forms.

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot as follows:

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot in that election.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written
affirmation before an election official at the polling place
stating that the individual is both of the following:

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(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 892individual desires to vote; 893
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(b) Eligible to vote in that election.

(3) An election official at the polling place shall
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 transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter
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 information contained in the written affirmation executed by the
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individual under division (B)(2) of this section to an 898
appropriate local election official for verification under 899
division (B)(4) of this section. 900

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the
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ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under
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division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual
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is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall
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be counted as a vote in that election.

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 906 ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 907 individual written information that states that any individual 908 who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 909 the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 910 whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 911 the reason that the vote was not counted. 912

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 913 establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 914 telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 915 ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 916 individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 917 reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 918 established under this division also shall provide to an 919 individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 920 explaining how that individual may contact the board of 921 elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 922 individual's voter registration. 923

The appropriate state or local election official shall924establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to925protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal926information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free927

access system established under this division. The system shall928permit an individual only to gain access to information about929the individual's own provisional ballot.930

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 931 ballot, the individual provides photo identification in the form 932 of a current and valid photo identification, a military-933 identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank-934 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 935 document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 936 board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, 937 that shows the individual's name and current address, or 938 provides, the individual's Ohio driver's license or state 939 identification card number, or the last four digits of the 940 individual's social security number, the individual shall record-941 the type of identification provided or the driver's license, 942 state identification card, or social security number information 943 and include that information on the provisional ballot 944 affirmation under division (B)(3) of this section. 945

(7) During the seven days after the day of an election, an 946 individual who casts a provisional ballot because the individual 947 does not have or is unable to provide photo identification to 948 the election officials any of the required forms of 949 identification or because the individual has been successfully 950 challenged under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code shall 951 appear at the office of the board of elections and provide to 952 the board any additional information necessary to determine the 953 eligibility of the individual who cast the provisional ballot. 954

(a) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who
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 does not have or is unable to provide <u>photo identification</u> to
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 the election officials any of the required forms of
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identification to be eligible to be counted, the individual who	958
cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of the	959
election, shall do either of the following:	960
(i) Provide photo identification to the board of elections	961

proof of the individual's identity in the form of a current and962valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy963of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,964paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of965voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section9663503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the individual's name967and current address; or968

(ii) Provide to the board of elections the individual's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number.

(b) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 972 been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 973 Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 974 cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of that 975 election, shall provide to the board of elections any 976 identification or other documentation required to be provided by 977 the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 978 under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 979

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 980 eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 981 the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 982 precinct voting location guide using the residential street 983 address provided by the individual, an election official at the 984 precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 985 the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 986 election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 987

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and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible988to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional989ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of990the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong991precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of992elections in case the individual has additional questions.993

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 994 precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 995 ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 996 997 ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 998 for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 999 eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 1000 under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 1001 all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 1002 provisional ballot affirmation: 1003

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct1004precinct;1005

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 1006 individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 1007

(c) A statement that the election official informed the
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the
ballot being rejected;

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the1012individual is casting a provisional ballot; and1013

(e) The name of the polling location in which theindividual is casting a provisional ballot.

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 1016

voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place	1017
on the day of each election.	1018
(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and	1019
3505.183 of the Revised Code:	1020
(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the	1021
following:	1022
(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct	1023
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential	1024
street address in the county or the range of residential street	1025
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county;	1026
(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates	1027
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is	1028
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct	1029
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides	1030
in the county.	1031
(2) "Voting information" means all of the following:	1032
(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for	1033
that election;	1034
(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the	1035
hours during which polling places will be open;	1036
(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a	1037
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot;	1038
(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time	1039
voters under applicable federal and state laws;	1040
(e) General information on voting rights under applicable	1041
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an	1042
individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how	1043

to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 1044 to have been violated; 1045 (f) General information on federal and state laws 1046 regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 1047 misrepresentation. 1048 (F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the 1049 Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised 1050 Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to 1051 receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two 1052 precinct election officials of different political parties. A 1053 blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in 1054 marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the 1055 required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may 1056 receive assistance on the day of an election under that section. 1057 Sec. 3505.182. Each individual who casts a provisional 1058 ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall execute 1059 a written affirmation. The form of the written affirmation shall 1060 be printed upon the face of the provisional ballot envelope and 1061 shall be as follows: 1062 "Provisional Ballot Affirmation 1063 (A) Clearly print your full name: 1064 (B) Write your date of birth: _____ 1065 (C) (1) Write your current address: 1066 1067 (2) Have you moved without updating your voter 1068 registration?: 1069

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If yes, write your former address: _____ 1071 1072 Failure to provide your former address will not cause your 1073 provisional ballot to be rejected. 1074 (D) Provide one of the following forms of identification: 1075 (1) Write your full Ohio driver's license or state 1076 identification card number: _____ 1077 (2) Write the last four digits of your Social Security 1078 number: 1079 (3) If you did not write your full Ohio driver's license 1080 or state identification card number or the last four digits of 1081 your Social Security number, you must show one of the following 1082 forms of photo identification to the precinct election official. 1083 If you do not check one of the following boxes box affirming the 1084 type of that you showed photo identification you showed to the 1085 precinct election official, the board of elections will conclude 1086 that you did not show identification to your precinct election 1087 official and that you must show identification appear at the 1088 office of the board of elections during the seven days after the 1089 election and provide photo identification, your Ohio driver's 1090 license or state identification card number, or the last four 1091 <u>digits of your Social Security number for your vote to be</u> 1092 eligible to be counted. 1093

A form of I showed photo identification that was1094issued by the United States government or the State of Ohio,1095that contains your name and current address (or your former1096address if the identification is an Ohio driver's license or1097state identification card), and that has an expiration date that1098has not passed; to the precinct election official.1099

A military identification card; or1100A current utility bill, bank statement, government1101check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a1102notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections,1103that contains your name and current address.1104(4) If you fail to provide identification at this time,1105

you must go to the board of elections on or before the seventh 1106 day following this election to provide a qualifying form of 1107 identification in order for this ballot to count. 1108

(E) If your right to vote has been challenged, you mustprovide any required additional information to the board ofelections on or before the seventh day following this election.

(F) Sign and date the following statement:

I solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the 1113 United States; that I will be at least 18 years of age at the 1114 time of the general election; that I have lived in this state 1115 for 30 days immediately preceding this election in which I am 1116 voting this ballot; that I am a registered voter in the precinct 1117 in which I am voting this provisional ballot; and that I am 1118 eligible to vote in the election in which I am voting this 1119 provisional ballot. 1120

I understand that, if the information I provide on this 1121 provisional ballot affirmation is not fully completed and 1122 correct, if the board of elections determines that I am not 1123 registered to vote, a resident of this precinct, or eligible to 1124 vote in this election, or if the board of elections determines 1125 that I have already voted in this election, my provisional 1126 ballot will not be counted. I understand that, if I am not 1127 currently registered to vote or if I am not registered at my 1128

current address or under my current name, this form will serve1129as an application to register to vote or update my registration1130for future elections, as long as I provide all of the1131information required to register to vote or update my1132registration. I further understand that knowingly providing1133false information is a violation of law and subjects me to1134possible criminal prosecution.1135

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 1136 that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my 1137 knowledge and belief. 1138

Signature of Voter

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In addition to any information required to be included on 1145 the written affirmation, an individual casting a provisional 1146 ballot may provide additional information to the election 1147 official to assist the board of elections in determining the 1148 individual's eligibility to vote in that election, including the 1149 date and location at which the individual registered to vote, if 1150 known. 1151

If the individual provided all of the information required1152under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote or1153to update the individual's registration on the provisional1154ballot affirmation, the board of elections shall consider the1155individual's provisional ballot affirmation to also serve as a1156

notice of change of name, change of residence, or both, or as a 1157 voter registration form, as applicable, for that individual only 1158 for the purposes of future elections. 1159

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 1160 the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 1161 separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 1162 ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 1163 member of each major political party shall place the sealed 1164 provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 1165 office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 1166 shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 1167 ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 1168 the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 1169 prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 1170 receives information regarding the validity of a specific 1171 provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 1172 may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 1173 ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 1174

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 1175 and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 1176 and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 1177 ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 1178 election. The board shall examine the information contained in 1179 the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 1180 provisional ballot under division (B)(2) of section 3505.181 of 1181 the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 1182 the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 1183 be eligible to be counted: 1184

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 1185birth, and current address; 1186

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(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter1187in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted;1188

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote inthe election in which the provisional ballot is being voted.1190

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 1191 in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in 1192 determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 1193 to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 1194 information for determining ballot validity provided by the 1195 provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 1196 provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 1197 of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 1198 during the seven days after the day of the election under 1199 division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 1200 assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 1201 vote. 1202

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 1203 additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 1204 section and comparing the information required under division 1205 (B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 1206 statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 1207 all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 1208 shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 1209 to be counted: 1210

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properlyregistered to vote.1212

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible tocast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the1213individual cast the provisional ballot.

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(c) The individual provided all of the information	1216
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the	1217
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the	1218
individual cast the provisional ballot.	1219
(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security	1220
number or the elector's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license number or state	1221
identification card number are not different from the last four	1222
digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's	1223
Ohio driver's license number or state identification card number	1224
contained in the statewide voter registration database.	1225
(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the	1226
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different	1227
from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained	1228
in the statewide voter registration database.	1229
This division does not apply to an elector's provisional	1230
ballot if either of the following is true:	1230
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(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide	1232
voter registration database is January 1, 1800.	1233
(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at	1234
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other	1235
requirements of division (B)(3) of this section.	1236
(f) The elector's current address is not different from	1237
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter	1238
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the	1239
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has	1240
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as	1241
described in division (A)(6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised	1242

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 1244

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information required under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 1245 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 1246 election. 1247

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 1248 this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 1249 and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of 1250 this section and comparing the information required under 1251 division (B)(1) of this section with the elector's information 1252 in the statewide voter registration database, the board 1253 determines that any of the following applies, the provisional 1254 ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 1255 counted: 1256

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is notqualified or is not properly registered to vote.1258

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is noteligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election inwhich the individual cast the provisional ballot.1261

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 1262 information required under division (B)(1) of this section in 1263 the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 1264 individual cast the provisional ballot. 1265

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 1266 election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 1267

(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 valid1272photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a1273

current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1274 paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1275 voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section-1276 3503.19 of the Revised Code, with the voter's name and current 1277 address, the individual's Ohio_driver's license or state 1278 identification card number, or the last four digits of the 1279 individual's social security number or <u>the individual failed</u> to 1280 execute an affirmation under division (B) of section 3505.181 of 1281 the Revised Code. 1282 (vii) The last four digits of the elector's social 1283 security number or the elector's Ohio driver's license number or 1284 state identification card number are different from the last 1285 four digits of the elector's social security number or the 1286 elector's driver's license number or state identification card 1287 number contained in the statewide voter registration database. 1288 (viii) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 1289 month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from 1290 the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in 1291 the statewide voter registration database. 1292 This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 1293 ballot if either of the following is true: 1294 (I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 1295 voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 1296 (II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 1297 least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the 1298 requirements of division (B)(3) of this section, other than the 1299 requirements of division (B)(3)(e) of this section. 1300 (ix) The elector's current address is different from the 1301 elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 1302

database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is1303casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and1304has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in1305division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.1306

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 1307 additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 1308 section and comparing the information required under division 1309 (B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 1310 statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 1311 determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 1312 envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 1313 counted: 1314

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is1315qualified or properly registered to vote;1316

(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.
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(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 1320 (B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 1321 provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 1322 of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 1323 officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 1324 and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 1325 the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 1326 recorded that information in another database. 1327

(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
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election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 1332 precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 1333 (D)(2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 1334 have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 1335 election official correctly completed the form described in 1336 division (C)(2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1337

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 1338 under division (D)(1) of this section shall remake the 1339 provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 1340 1341 reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 1342 individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 1343 ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 1344 which the individual was eligible to vote. 1345

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible
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to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct
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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 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
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the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the
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destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which
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ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.

(F) 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 1362 until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 1363 provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 1364 this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 1365 section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 1366 that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 1367 ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 1368 determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 1369 the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 1370 such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 1371 ballot. 1372

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 1373 this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 1374 elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 1375 additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 1376 section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 1377 be counted during the ten days after the day of an election. 1378

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 1379 ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 1380 (B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 1381 an individual who must provide additional information to the 1382 board of elections under division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of 1383 the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 1384 eligibility until the individual provides that information or 1385 until the eleventh day after the day of the election, whichever 1386 is earlier. 1387

Sec. 3509.03. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of1388section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector1389desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall1390make written application for those ballots to the director board1391

of elections of the county in which the elector's voting 1392 residence is located. 1393 (B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 1394 section, the application need not be in any particular form but 1395 shall contain all of the following: 1396 (1) The elector's name; 1397 (2) The elector's signature; 1398 (3) The address at which the elector is registered to 1399 vote; 1400 (4) The elector's date of birth; 1401 (5) One Both of the following: 1402 (a) The elector's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license <u>or state</u> 1403 identification card number or a copy of the front and back of 1404 the elector's photo identification; 1405 (b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 1406 number+ 1407 (c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo-1408 identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy-1409 of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1410 paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1411 voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 1412 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of 1413 the elector. 1414 (6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 1415 voter's ballots are requested; 1416 (7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 1417

a qualified elector;

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(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the
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elector's party affiliation;
(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the
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elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed.
(2) If the elector has a confidential voter registration
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record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 1424 elector may provide the elector's program participant 1425 identification number instead of the address at which the 1426 elector is registered to vote. 1427

(D) Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be 1428 delivered to the director office of the board not earlier than 1429 the first day of January of the year of the elections for which 1430 the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than 1431 ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots 1432 are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve 1433 noon of the third day before the day of the election at which 1434 the ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the 1435 last Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots 1436 are to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the 1437 office of the board. 1438

(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter'sballot application to an elector under this section shall notprepay the return postage for that application.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 1442 sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 1443 official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 1444 absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 1445 of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 1446 applicant's name and address on an application for absent 1447 voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 1448 applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 1449 registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 1450 elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 1451 application. 1452

Sec. 3509.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections 1453 receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not 1454 contain all of the required information, the director board 1455 promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional 1456 information required to be provided by the applicant to complete 1457 that application. 1458

(B) Upon receipt by the director board of elections of an 1459 application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the 1460 required information, as provided by section 3509.03 and 1461 division (G) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, the 1462 director board, if the director board finds that the applicant 1463 is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the applicant in person 1464 or mail directly to the applicant by special delivery mail, air 1465 mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, proper absent voter's 1466 ballots. The director board shall deliver or mail with the 1467 ballots an unsealed identification envelope upon the face of 1468 which shall be printed a form substantially as follows: 1469

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 1470

I, _______(Name of voter), declare under 1471 penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 1472 ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 1473 them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 1474 in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 1475

My voting residence in Ohio is

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1477 (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 1478 of _____ (City, Village, or Township) 1479 Ohio, which is in Ward _____ Precinct _____ 1480 in that city, village, or township. 1481 If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 1482 providing my program participant identification number instead 1483 of my residence address: 1484 The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 1485 are primary election ballots of the Party. 1486 Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 1487 the _____ (general, special, or primary) election to be 1488 held on the day of 1489 1490 _____/ ____· My date of birth is _____ (Month and Day), 1491 (Year). 1492 (Voter must provide one both of the following:) 1493 My <u>Ohio</u> driver's license <u>or state identification card</u> 1494 number is _____ (Driver's license or state_ 1495 identification card number). Alternatively, a copy of the front 1496 and back of my photo identification is enclosed in the return 1497 envelope in which this identification envelope will be mailed. 1498 The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 1499 _____ (Last four digits of Social Security Number). 1500 In lieu of providing a driver's license number or 1501 the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am 1502 enclosing a copy of one of the following in the return envelope 1503

in which this identification envelope will be mailed: a current-	1504
and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a-	1505
current utility bill, bank statement, government check,	1506
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of	1507
voter registration mailed by a board of elections, that shows my	- 1508
name and address.	1509
I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification,	1510
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe.	1511
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unsealed identification envelope an unsealed return envelope	1517
upon the face of which shall be printed the official title and	1518
post-office address of the <u>director board</u> . In the upper left	1519
corner on the face of the return envelope, several blank lines	1520
shall be printed upon which the voter may write the voter's name	
and return address. The return envelope shall be of such size	1522
that the identification envelope can be conveniently placed	1523
within it for returning the identification envelope to the	1524
director board.	1525
A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers	1526
absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section shall	1527
not prepay the return postage for those ballots.	1528
Except as otherwise provided in this section and in	1529
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election	1530
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification	1531
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on	1532
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behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 1533 elector's name and address on an identification envelope 1534 statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the 1535 elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 1536 registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 1537 Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the 1538 elector's address on the identification envelope statement of 1539 voter. 1540

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent 1541 voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 1542 the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 1543 whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 1544 voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 1545 board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 1546 ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 1547 the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 1548 board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 1549 sealed within the identification envelope received from the 1550 director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 1551 cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 1552 1553 identification envelope to be completed and signed, under penalty of election falsification. 1554

If the The elector does not shall provide the elector's 1555 <u>Ohio</u> driver's license <u>or state identification card</u> number <u>on the</u> 1556 statement of voter on the identification envelope or a copy of 1557 the front and back of the elector's photo identification 1558 enclosed in the return envelope, and also shall provide the last 1559 four digits of the elector's social security number on the 1560 statement of voter on the identification envelope, the elector 1561 also shall include in the return envelope with the 1562 1563 identification envelope a copy of the elector's current valid

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identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 1585 sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 1586 falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 1587 board. 1588

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this1589section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's1590ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the1591close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's1592ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified1593

shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the1594sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to1595the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the1596Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at1597the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they1598shall be destroyed.1599

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 1600 this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to 1601 the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior 1602 to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in 1603 envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are 1604 received after the close of the polls on election day through 1605 the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at 1606 the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) 1607 and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner 1608 provided in division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any 1609 such ballots that are received by the director later than the 1610 tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 1611 be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 1612 provided in division (A) of this section. 1613

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section shall not apply to any
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system,
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including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1.

Sec. 3509.051. Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or any1617other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of the1618following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's ballots1619in person: at the office of the board of elections in accordance1620with this section.1621

(A) The absent voter shall provide <u>photo</u> identification to 1622the election officials, sign a poll list or signature pollbook, 1623

and cast a ballot in the same manner as one of the following:	1624
(1) As a voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of	1625
an election is required to provide identification under section	1626
3505.18 of the Revised Code ; or	1627
(2) As a voter who casts an absent voter's ballot is	1628
required to submit a completed written application for an absent	1629
voter's ballot under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code.	1630
(B) The absent voter shall not be required to complete a	1631
written application for absent voter's ballots or a statement of	1632
voter on an absent voter's ballot identification envelope.	1633
(C) The board of elections shall provide a signature book-	1634
to be signed by absent voters who are casting their ballots in-	1635
person.	1636
(D) No person other than an election official shall be	1637
permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who	1638
is casting a ballot in person. An election official may	1639
challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a	1640
ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election	1641
official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the	1642
day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the	1643
Revised Code.	1644
(E) (D) An individual who appears to cast absent voter's	1645
ballots in person and is eligible to cast a provisional ballot	1646
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall be permitted to	1647
do so as though the individual had appeared at a polling place	1648
on the day of the election.	1649
(E) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot after	1650
the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or entered	1651

into automatic tabulating equipment.

(F) Ballots cast under this section, other than1653provisional ballots, may be recorded by a voting machine or1654scanned by automatic tabulating equipment before the close of1655the polls on the day of the election, but the board of elections1656shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots before1657that time.1658Sec. 3509.06. (A) The board of elections shall determine1659

whether absent voter's ballots <u>cast under section 3503.16</u>, <u>3509.05</u>, <u>3509.08</u>, or <u>3511.09</u> of the <u>Revised Code</u> 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 1666 this section, when the board of elections determines that those 1667 absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in each 1668 precinct, the <u>director board</u> shall deliver to the voting 1669 location manager of each precinct on election day identification 1670 envelopes purporting to contain absent voter's ballots of 1671 electors whose voting residence appears from the statement of 1672 voter on the outside of each of those envelopes, to be located 1673 in that manager's precinct, and which were received by the 1674 director board not later than the close of the polls on election 1675 day. The director board shall deliver to the voting location 1676 manager a list containing the name and voting residence of each 1677 person whose voting residence is in such precinct to whom absent 1678 voter's ballots were mailed. 1679

(2) The <u>director board</u> shall not deliver to the voting
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 location manager identification envelopes cast by electors who
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a residence address on the identification envelope and shall not1683inform the voting location manager of the names and voting1684residences of persons who have confidential voter registration1685records. Those identification envelopes shall be examined and1686processed as described in division (E) of this section.1687

(C) When the board of elections determines that those 1688 absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted at the 1689 office of the board of elections or at another location 1690 designated by the board, special election officials shall be 1691 appointed by the board for that purpose having the same 1692 authority as is exercised by precinct election officials. The 1693 votes so cast shall be added to the vote totals by the board, 1694 and the absent voter's ballots shall be preserved separately by 1695 the board, in the same manner and for the same length of time as 1696 provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code. 1697

(D) Each of the identification envelopes purporting to
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 manager of the precinct or the special election official
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 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	1713
challenged.	1714
(b) If the elector's name does not appear in the pollbook	1715
or poll list or signature pollbook, the precinct officials shall	1716
deliver the absent voter's ballots to the director of the board	1717
of elections to be examined and processed in the manner	1718
described in division (E) of this section.	1719
(3)(a) An identification envelope statement of voter shall	1720
be considered incomplete if it does not include all of the	1721
following:	1722
(i) The voter's name;	1723
(ii) The voter's residence address or, if the voter has a	1724
confidential voter registration record, as described in section	1725
111.44 of the Revised Code, the voter's program participant	1726
identification number;	1727
(iii) The voter's date of birth. The requirements of this	1728
division are satisfied if the voter provided a date of birth and	1729
any of the following is true:	1730
(I) The month and day of the voter's date of birth on the	1731
identification envelope statement of voter are not different	1732
from the month and day of the voter's date of birth contained in	1733
the statewide voter registration database.	1734
(II) The voter's date of birth contained in the statewide	1735
voter registration database is January 1, 1800.	1736
(III) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at	1737
least three of its members, that the voter has met the	1738
requirements of divisions (D)(3)(a)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of	1739
this section.	1740

in accordance with this section.

(iv) The voter's signature; and 1741 (v) One-Both of the following forms of identification: 1742 (I) The voter's <u>Ohio</u> driver's license or state 1743 identification card number or a copy of the front and back of 1744 the voter's photo identification; 1745 (II) The last four digits of the voter's social security 1746 number; or 1747 (III) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, 1748 a military identification, or a current utility bill, bank-1749 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1750 document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1751 board of elections, that shows the voter's name and address. 1752 (b) If the election officials find that the identification 1753 envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that the 1754 information contained in that statement does not conform to the 1755 information contained in the statewide voter registration 1756 database concerning the voter, the election officials shall mail 1757 a written notice to the voter, informing the voter of the nature 1758 of the defect. The notice shall inform the voter that in order 1759 for the voter's ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the 1760 necessary information to the board of elections in writing and 1761 on a form prescribed by the secretary of state not later than 1762 the seventh day after the day of the election. The voter may 1763 deliver the form to the office of the board in person or by 1764 mail. If the voter provides the necessary information to the 1765 board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day 1766 of the election and the ballot is not successfully challenged on 1767 another basis, the voter's ballot shall be processed and counted 1768

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

(5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (5) (b) 1775 of this section, the name of each person voting who is entitled 1776 to vote only an absent voter's presidential ballot shall be 1777 entered in a pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook 1778 followed by the words "Absentee Presidential Ballot." The name 1779 of each person voting an absent voter's ballot, other than such 1780 persons entitled to vote only a presidential ballot, shall be 1781 entered in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook and 1782 the person's registration card marked to indicate that the 1783 person has voted. 1784

(b) If the person voting has a confidential voter1785registration record, the person's registration card shall be1786marked to indicate that the person has voted, but the person's1787name shall not be entered in the pollbook or poll list or1788signature pollbook.1789

(6) The date of such election shall also be entered on the 1790 elector's registration form. If any such challenge is made and 1791 sustained, the identification envelope of such elector shall not 1792 be opened, shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reasons the 1793 ballots were not counted, and shall be delivered to the board. 1794

(E) (1) When the board of elections receives absent voter's 1795
ballots from an elector who has provided a program participant 1796
identification number instead of a residence address on the 1797
identification envelope statement of voter, the director and the 1798
deputy director personally shall examine and process the 1799

identification envelope statement of voter in the manner 1800 prescribed in division (D) of this section. 1801

(2) If the director and the deputy director find that the 1802 identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that 1803 the information contained in that statement does not conform to 1804 the information contained in the statewide voter registration 1805 database concerning the voter or to the information contained in 1806 the voter's confidential voter registration record, the director 1807 and the deputy director shall mail a written notice to the voter 1808 informing the voter of the nature of the defect. The notice 1809 shall inform the voter that in order for the voter's ballot to 1810 be counted the voter must provide the necessary information to 1811 the board of elections in writing and on a form prescribed by 1812 the secretary of state not later than the seventh day after the 1813 day of the election. The voter may deliver the form to the 1814 office of the board in person or by mail. If the voter provides 1815 the necessary information to the board of elections not later 1816 than the seventh day after the day of the election and the 1817 ballot is not successfully challenged on another basis, the 1818 voter's ballot shall be counted in accordance with this section. 1819

(3) The director or the deputy director may challenge the 1820 ballot on the ground that the signature on the envelope is not 1821 the same as the signature on the registration form, that the 1822 identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete, or 1823 upon any other of the grounds upon which the right of persons to 1824 vote may be lawfully challenged. If such a challenge is made, 1825 the board of elections shall decide whether to sustain the 1826 challenge. 1827

(4) If neither the director nor the deputy director1828challenges the ballot, or if such a challenge is made and not1829

sustained, the director and the deputy director shall open the 1830 envelope without defacing the statement of voter and without 1831 mutilating the ballots in it, shall remove the ballots contained 1832 in it, and shall transmit the ballots to the election officials 1833 to be counted with other absent voter's ballots from that 1834 precinct. 1835

(F) The board of elections may process absent voter's 1836
ballots before the time for counting those ballots, but the 1837
board shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots 1838
before that time. As used in this section and section 3511.11 of 1839
the Revised Code, processing an absent voter's ballot means any 1840
of the following: 1841

(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
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Code;

(2) Opening the identification envelope, if the absentvoter's ballot is eligible to be counted;1847

(3) Determining the validity of the absent voter's ballotunder section 3509.07 of the Revised Code;1849

(4) Preparing and sorting the absent voter's ballot forscanning by automatic tabulating equipment;1851

(5) Scanning the absent voter's ballot by automatic
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tabulating equipment, if the equipment used by the board of
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elections permits an absent voter's ballot to be scanned without
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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
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prior to the time of the closing of the polling places. No1859person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the1860count of absent voter's ballots in such a manner as to1861jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot.1862

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of
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this section, observers may be appointed under section 3505.21
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of the Revised Code to witness the examination and opening of
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identification envelopes and the processing and counting of
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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
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or residence addresses of those electors.

Sec. 3509.07. If election officials find that any of the 1874 following are true concerning an absent voter's ballot or absent 1875 voter's presidential ballot cast under section 3503.16, 3509.05, 1876 3509.08, or 3511.09 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, the 1877 person did not provide any required additional information to 1878 the board of elections not later than the seventh day after the 1879 day of the election, as permitted under division (D)(3)(b) or 1880 (E) (2) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the ballot shall 1881 not be accepted or counted: 1882

(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;
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(B) The signatures do not correspond with the person's1886registration signature;1887

(C) The applicant is not a qualified elector in the 1888 precinct; 1889 (D) The ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of 1890 any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not 1891 entitled to vote; 1892 (E) Stub A is detached from the absent voter's ballot or 1893 absent voter's presidential ballot; or 1894 (F) The elector has not included with the elector's ballot 1895

any identification required under section 3509.05 or 3511.09 of 1896 the Revised Code. 1897

The vote of any absent voter may be challenged for cause1898in the same manner as other votes are challenged, and the1899election officials shall determine the legality of that ballot.1900Every ballot not counted shall be endorsed on its back "Not1901Counted" with the reasons the ballot was not counted, and shall1902be enclosed and returned to or retained by the board of1903elections along with the contested ballots.1904

Sec. 3509.08. (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account 1905 of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or 1906 infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail 1907 or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial 1908 on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the 1909 elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in 1910 the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 1911 primary election may make application in writing for an absent 1912 voter's ballot to the director of the board of elections of the 1913 elector's county. The application shall include all of the 1914 information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1915 and shall state the nature of the elector's illness, physical 1916

disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector is 1917 confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant 1918 inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's 1919 precinct on election day. The Except as otherwise provided in 1920 division (B) of this section, the application shall not be valid 1921 if it is delivered to the director office of the board before 1922 the ninetieth day or after twelve noon of the third day before 1923 the day of the election at which the ballot is to be voted. 1924

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the 1925 1926 applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 1927 board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 1928 major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 1929 to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 1930 board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 1931 institution within the county, in which case the board shall 1932 designate two board employees belonging to the two major 1933 political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 1934 the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 1935 In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 1936 office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 1937 of the Revised Code. 1938

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two 1939 board employees belonging to the two major political parties 1940 that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 1941 reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 1942 to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 1943 elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 1944 assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 1945 they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 1946 matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 1947

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When two board employees belonging to the two major1949political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined1950elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot1951is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is1952returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the1953declaration on the identification envelope.1954

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 1955 application for absent voter's ballots under this division. 1956

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent1957voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section.1958

(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
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 an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before
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 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 section 3509.03 of the Revised Code,
and 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 1977 or the applicant's child's admission to the hospital, and the 1978 offices for which the applicant is qualified to vote. The 1979 applicant may also request that a member of the applicant's 1980 family, as listed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, 1981 deliver the absent voter's ballot to the applicant. The director 1982 board, after establishing to the director's board's satisfaction 1983 the validity of the circumstances claimed by the applicant, 1984 shall supply an absent voter's ballot to be delivered to the 1985 applicant. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a 1986 hospital in the county where the applicant is a qualified 1987 elector and no request is made for a member of the family to 1988 deliver the ballot, the director board shall arrange for the 1989 delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant, and for 1990 its return to the office of the board, by two board employees 1991 belonging to the two major political parties according to the 1992 procedures prescribed in division (A) of this section. When the 1993 applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital outside the 1994 county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request 1995 is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the 1996 director board shall arrange for the delivery of an absent 1997 voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the ballot shall be 1998 returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in 1999 section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 2000

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

circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 2008 3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector 2009 complies with divisions (G)(1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the 2010 Revised Code. 2011

(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 of the Revised Code instead of applying for them under this section or may cast <u>absent voter's ballots in person under section 3509.051 of the</u> <u>Revised Code</u>.

(D) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B)2019(1) of this section to whom ballots are delivered by two2020employees of the board of elections or who votes with the2021assistance of two employees of the board of elections shall be2022considered to have cast absent voter's ballots by mail, rather2023than in person, for the purpose of the laws governing voter2024identification.2025

Sec. 3509.09. (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for 2026 each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that 2027 precinct who has requested an absent voter's ballot for that 2028 election or cast absent voter's ballots in person under section 2029 <u>3509.051 of the Revised Code</u>, other than an elector who has a 2030 confidential voter registration record, as described in section 2021 111.44 of the Revised Code. 2032

(B) (1) (B)If a registered elector appears to vote in that2033precinct and that elector has requested or cast an absent2034voter's ballot for that election but the director has not2035received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain2036that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election,2037

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the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot	2038
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on-	2039
the day of that election.	2040

2041 (2) If a registered elector appears to vote in thatprecinct and that elector has requested an absent voter's ballot 2042 for that election and the director has received a sealed 2043 identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's 2044 voted absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector 2045 shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 2046 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that 2047 election. 2048

(C) (1) In counting absent voter's ballots under section 2049 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall 2050 compare the signature of each elector from whom the director 2051 board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting 2052 to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that 2053 election to the signature on that elector's registration form. 2054 Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3) of this section, 2055 if the board of elections determines that the absent voter's 2056 ballot in the sealed identification envelope is valid, it shall 2057 be counted. If the board of elections determines that the 2058 signature on the sealed identification envelope purporting to 2059 contain the elector's voted absent voter's ballot does not match 2060 the signature on the elector's registration form, the ballot 2061 shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during the time 2062 prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the poll list or 2063 signature pollbook from the precinct in which the elector is 2064 registered to vote to determine if the elector also cast a 2065 provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code-in-2066 2067 that precinct on the day of the election.

(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional2068ballot, instead of the absent voter's ballot, if both of the2069following apply:

(a) The board of elections determines that the signature
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of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope in
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which the absent voter's ballots are enclosed does not match the
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signature of the elector on the elector's registration form;
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(b) The elector cast a provisional ballot in the precinct2075on the day of the election.2076

(3) If the board of elections does not receive the sealed 2077 2078 identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted absent voter's ballot by the applicable deadline 2079 established under section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, the 2080 provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 of the Revised 2081 Code in that precinct on the day of the election shall be 2082 counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is otherwise 2083 determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of the 2084 Revised Code. 2085

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

Sec. 3509.10. If a board of elections receives an2092application for absent voter's ballots under this chapter2093section 3509.03 of the Revised Code and it is apparent to the2094board that the absent voter is a uniformed services voter or2095overseas voter, as defined in section 3511.01 of the Revised2096

Code, the board shall consider that applicant to have applied2097for uniformed services or overseas ballots under Chapter 3511.2098of the Revised Code and shall provide those ballots to that2099voter in accordance with the timelines and procedures applicable2100to uniformed services and overseas absent voters.2101

Sec. 3511.02. (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 2102 Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 2103 registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 2104 federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 2105 Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 2106 2107 (1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 2108 Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 2109 obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 2110 3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 2111 secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 2112 which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 2113 with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 2114 director of the board of elections of the county in which the 2115 person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 2116 2117 ways:

2118 (1) That person may make written application for those ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2119 the <u>director office of the board or may mail it</u>, send it by 2120 facsimile machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through 2121 internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of 2122 elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the 2123 director board. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 2124 this section, the application need not be in any particular form 2125 but shall contain all of the following information: 2126

(a) The elector's name;	2127
(b) The elector's signature;	2128
(c) The address at which the elector is registered to	2129
vote;	2130
(d) The elector's date of birth;	2131
(e) One <u>Both</u> of the following:	2132
(i) The elector's <u>Ohio driver's license or state</u>	2133
identification card_number_or a copy of the front and back of_	2134
the elector's photo identification;	2135
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security	2136
number ;	2137
(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo-	2138
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy-	2139
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,	2140
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of	2141
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section-	2142
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of	2143
the elector.	2144
(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent	2145
voter's ballots are requested;	2146
(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is	2147
a qualified elector;	2148
(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed	2149
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-	2150
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(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in	2152
the state immediately preceding the commencement of service,	2153

immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the 2154
service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United 2155
States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal 2156
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish 2157
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the 2158
United States, whichever is applicable; 2159

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

(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to theelector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed;2162

(1) 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 2167 elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of 2168 elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, 2169 the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact 2170 information. 2171

(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division 2172 (A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card 2173 application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 2174 voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 2175 a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 2176 that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 2177 Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 2178 by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 2179 constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 2180 the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 2181 shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 2182

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3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied2183separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's2184ballots for each election.2185

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 2186 absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 2187 such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father-2188 in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 2189 sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 2190 parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 2191 son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 2192 application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 2193 by the <u>director board</u> or on a single federal post card as 2194 provided in division (A)(2) of this section. The form of the 2195 application shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The 2196 director board shall furnish that blank form to any of the 2197 relatives specified in this division desiring to make the 2198 application, only upon the request of such a relative made in 2199 person at the office of the board or upon the written request of 2200 such a relative mailed to the office of the board. Except as 2201 otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the 2202 application, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant, shall 2203 contain all of the following: 2204

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are requested;

(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 2207
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-2208
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(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 2210vote; 2211

(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of	2212
residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of	2213
service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or	2214
near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the	2215
United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal	2216
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish	2217
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the	2218
United States, as the case may be;	2219
(e) The elector's date of birth;	2220
(f) One-Both of the following:	2221
(i) The elector's <u>Ohio driver's license or state</u>	2222
identification card number or a copy of the front and back of	2223
the elector's photo identification;	2224
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security	2225
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(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo- identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy-	2227 2228
(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,	2227 2228 2229
(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-	2227 2228 2229 2230
(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-	2227 2228 2229 2230 2231
(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-	2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232
(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.	2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232 2233
<pre>(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</pre>	2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232 2233 2233
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<pre>(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</pre>	2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232 2233 2234 2235 2236

board.

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 2240 the elector as specified in division (A)(3) of this section; 2241 (k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the 2242 telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 2243 machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 2244 sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 2245 the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 2246 contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 2247 internet delivery; 2248 2249 (1) The signature and address of the person making the 2250 application. (B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 2251 record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 2252 application may include the elector's program participant 2253 identification number instead of the address at which the 2254 elector is registered to vote. 2255 (C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 2256 absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director office 2257 of the board not earlier than the first day of January of the 2258 year of the elections for which the uniformed services or 2259 overseas absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier 2260 than ninety days before the day of the election at which the 2261 ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later 2262 than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of the 2263 election, or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before 2264 the day of the election at which those ballots are to be voted 2265

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is

if the application is delivered in person to the office of the

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entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors2269only, the applicant shall submit to the director board, in2270addition to the requirements of division (A) of this section, a2271statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for2272presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other2273offices.2274

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card
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 application or other absent voter's ballot application to an
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 elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage
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 for that application.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2279 sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2280 official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 2281 application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 2282 behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 2283 elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 2284 federal post card application or other application for absent 2285 voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2286 applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2287 registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 2288 elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2289 2290 application.

Sec. 3511.04. (A) If a director of a board of elections 2291 receives an application for uniformed services or overseas 2292 absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required 2293 information, the director board promptly shall notify the 2294 applicant of the additional information required to be provided 2295 by the applicant to complete that application. 2296

(B) Not later than the forty-sixth day before the day of 2297each general or primary election, and at the earliest possible 2298

time before the day of a special election held on a day other 2299 than the day on which a general or primary election is held, the 2300 director of the board of elections shall mail, send by facsimile 2301 machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery 2302 if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the 2303 secretary of state, or otherwise send uniformed services or 2304 overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use as provided 2305 for in section 3511.03 of the Revised Code and for which the 2306 director board has received valid applications prior to that 2307 time. Thereafter, and until twelve noon of the third day 2308 preceding the day of election, the <u>director board</u> shall 2309 promptly, upon receipt of valid applications for them, mail, 2310 send by facsimile machine, send by electronic mail, send through 2311 internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of 2312 elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send to the 2313 proper persons all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2314 ballots then ready for use. 2315

If, after the seventieth day before the day of a general 2316 or primary election, any other question, issue, or candidacy is 2317 lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at the general 2318 or primary election, the board shall promptly provide a separate 2319 official issue, special election, or other election ballot for 2320 submitting the question, issue, or candidacy to those electors, 2321 and the director board shall promptly mail, send by facsimile 2322 machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery 2323 if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the 2324 secretary of state, or otherwise send each such separate ballot 2325 to each person to whom the <u>director board</u> has previously mailed 2326 or sent other uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2327 ballots. 2328

A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers

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uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots to an2330elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage2331for those ballots. In mailing uniformed services or overseas2332absent voter's ballots, the director board shall use the fastest2333mail service available, but the director board shall not mail2334them by certified mail.2335

Sec. 3511.05. (A) The director of the board of elections 2336 shall place uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2337 ballots sent by mail in an unsealed identification envelope, 2338 gummed ready for sealing. The director board shall include with 2339 uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots sent 2340 electronically, including by facsimile machine, an instruction 2341 sheet for preparing a gummed envelope in which the ballots shall 2342 be returned. The envelope for returning ballots sent by either 2343 means shall have printed or written on its face a form 2344 2345 substantially as follows:

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 2346

I, _______(Name of voter), declare under 2347 penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 2348 ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 2349 them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 2350 in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 2351

My voting residence in Ohio is

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If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 2358 providing my program participant identification number instead 2359 of my residence address: _____ 2360 The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 2361 are primary election ballots of the _____ Party. 2362 Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 2363 the _____ (general, special, or primary) election to be 2364 held on the _____ day of 2365 2366 _____/ _____/ My date of birth is _____ (Month and Day), 2367 (Year). 2368 (Voter must provide one both of the following:) 2369 My <u>Ohio</u> driver's license <u>or state identification card</u> 2370 number is _____ (Driver's license <u>or state</u> 2371 identification card number). Alternatively, a copy of the front 2372 and back of my photo identification is enclosed in the return 2373 envelope in which this identification envelope will be mailed. 2374 The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 2375 (Last four digits of Social Security Number). 2376 2377 the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am-2378 enclosing a copy of one of the following in the return envelope 2379 in which this identification envelope will be mailed: a current 2380 and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a 2381 current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2382 paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2383 voter registration mailed by a board of elections, that shows my 2384 2385 name and address.

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 2386 that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 2387 2388 (Signature of Voter) 2389 WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 2390 THE FIFTH DEGREE." 2391 (B) The <u>director board</u> shall also mail with the ballots 2392 and the unsealed identification envelope sent by mail an 2393 unsealed return envelope, gummed, ready for sealing, for use by 2394 the voter in returning the voter's marked ballots to the 2395 director office of the board. The director board shall send with 2396 the ballots and the instruction sheet for preparing a gummed 2397 envelope sent electronically, including by facsimile machine, an 2398 instruction sheet for preparing a second gummed envelope as 2399 described in this division, for use by the voter in returning 2400 that voter's marked ballots to the <u>director</u> <u>board</u>. The return 2401 envelope shall have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an 2402 inch in width, printed across its face paralleling the top, with 2403 an intervening space of one quarter of an inch between such 2404 2405 lines. The top line shall be one and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the parallel lines shall be 2406 printed: "OFFICIAL ELECTION UNIFORMED SERVICES OR OVERSEAS 2407 ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS -- VIA AIR MAIL." Three blank lines shall 2408 be printed in the upper left corner on the face of the envelope 2409 for the use by the voter in placing the voter's complete 2410 military, naval, or mailing address on these lines, and beneath 2411 these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words "check 2412 if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the voter 2413

The official title and the post-office address of the director 2415

will be outside the United States on the day of the election.

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to whom the envelope shall be returned office of the board shall	2416
be printed on the face of such envelope in the lower right	2417
portion below the bottom parallel line.	2418
(C) On the back of each identification envelope and each	2419
return envelope shall be printed the following:	2420
"Instructions to voter:	2421
If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the	2422
back of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible	2423
opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner	2424
least injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and	2425
enclosing same in the envelope for mailing them to the director	2426
of the board of elections, reclose the envelope in the most	2427
practicable way, by sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank	2428
form printed below.	2429
The flap on this envelope was firmly stuck to the back of	2430
the envelope when received, and required forced opening before	2431
sealing and mailing.	2432
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(Signature of voter)"	2434
(D) Division (C) of this section does not apply when	2435
absent voter's ballots are sent electronically, including by	2436
facsimile machine.	2437
(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in	2438
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election	2439
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification	2440
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on	2441
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an	2442
elector's name and address on an identification envelope	2443

statement of voter before mailing or electronically transmitting2444absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the2445elector has a confidential voter registration record, as2446described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of2447elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the2448identification envelope statement of voter.2449

Sec. 3511.06. The return envelope provided for in section 2450 3511.05 of the Revised Code shall be of such size that the 2451 identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it for 2452 2453 returning the identification envelope to the <u>director</u> office of the board of elections. The envelope in which the two envelopes 2454 and the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 2455 are mailed to the elector shall have two parallel lines, each 2456 one quarter of an inch in width, printed across its face, 2457 paralleling the top, with an intervening space of one-quarter of 2458 an inch between such lines. The top line shall be one and one-2459 quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the 2460 parallel lines shall be printed: "official uniformed services or 2461 overseas absent voter's balloting material--via air mail." The 2462 appropriate return address of the director of the board of 2463 2464 elections shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face of such envelope. Several blank lines shall be printed on the 2465 face of such envelope in the lower right portion, below the 2466 bottom parallel line, for writing in the name and address of the 2467 elector to whom such envelope is mailed. 2468

Sec. 3511.07. When mailing unsealed identification 2469 envelopes and unsealed return envelopes to persons, the director 2470 of the board of elections shall insert a sheet of waxed paper or 2471 other appropriate insert between the gummed flap and the back of 2472 each of such envelopes to minimize the possibility that the flap 2473 may become firmly stuck to the back of the envelope by reason of 2474

moisture, humid atmosphere, or other conditions to which they 2475 may be subjected. If the flap on either of such envelopes should 2476 be so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when it is 2477 received by the voter as to require forcible opening of the 2478 envelope in order to use it, the voter shall open such envelope 2479 in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking his the 2480 2481 voter's ballots and enclosing them in the envelope for mailing to the director, <u>he the voter</u> shall reclose such envelope in the 2482 most practicable way, by sealing it or otherwise, and shall sign 2483 the blank form printed on the back of such envelope. 2484

Sec. 3511.08. The director of the board of elections shall 2485 keep a record of the name and address of each person to whom the 2486 director board mails or delivers uniformed services or overseas 2487 absent voter's ballots, the kinds of ballots so mailed or 2488 delivered, and the name and address of the person who made the 2489 application for such ballots. After the director board has 2490 mailed or delivered such ballots the director board shall not 2491 mail or deliver additional ballots of the same kind to such 2492 person pursuant to a subsequent request unless such subsequent 2493 request contains the statement that an earlier request had been 2494 sent to the director board prior to the thirtieth day before the 2495 election and that the uniformed services or overseas absent 2496 voter's ballots so requested had not been received by such 2497 person prior to the fifteenth day before the election, and 2498 provided that the director board has not received an 2499 identification envelope purporting to contain marked uniformed 2500 services or overseas absent voter's ballots from such person. 2501

Sec. 3511.09. Upon receiving uniformed services or2502overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the2503questions on the face of the identification envelope to be2504answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the2505

proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall 2506 declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers 2507 to those questions are true and correct to the best of the 2508 elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note 2509 whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are 2510 any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to 2511 the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2512 ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the 2513 markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and 2514 securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then 2515 shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the 2516 return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to 2517 the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. 2518 The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 2519 a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the 2520 date of the election. 2521 If the The elector does not shall provide the elector's 2522 Ohio driver's license or state identification card number on the 2523 statement of voter on the identification envelope or a copy of 2524 2525

the front and back of the elector's photo identification 2526 enclosed in the return envelope with the identification envelope, and also shall provide the last four digits of the 2527 elector's social security number on the statement of voter on 2528 the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in-2529 the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of 2530 the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a 2531 military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, 2532 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2533 2534 document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, 2535 that shows the name and address of the elector. 2536 Each elector who will be outside the United States on the2537day of the election shall check the box on the return envelope2538indicating this fact and shall mail the return envelope to the2539director prior to the close of the polls on election day.2540

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot2541identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following2542statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION2543FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.2544

2545 Sec. 3511.10. If, after the first day after the close of voter registration before a general or primary election and 2546 before the close of the polls on the day of that election, a 2547 valid application for (A) A uniformed services or overseas 2548 absent voter's ballots is delivered to the director of the board 2549 of elections voter may cast absent voter's ballots in person at 2550 the office of the board by a person making the application on 2551 the person's own behalf, the director shall forthwith deliver to 2552 the person all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2553 ballots then ready for use, together with an identification 2554 envelope of elections in accordance with section 3509.051 of the 2555 Revised Code. The person shall then immediately retire to a 2556 voting booth in the office of the board, and mark the ballots. 2557 The person shall then fold each ballot separately so as to-2558 conceal the person's markings thereon, and deposit all of the 2559 2560 ballots in the identification envelope and securely seal it. Thereupon the person shall fill in answers to the questions on 2561 the face of the identification envelope, and by writing the 2562 2563 person's usual signature in the proper place thereon, the personshall declare under penalty of election falsification that the 2564 2565 answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of that person's knowledge and belief. The person shall then 2566 2567 deliver the identification envelope to the director. If

thereafter, and before the third day preceding such election, 2568 the board provides additional separate official issue or special 2569 election ballots, as provided for in section 3511.04 of the 2570 Revised Code, the director board shall promptly, and not later 2571 than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of election, 2572 mail such additional ballots to such person at the address 2573 2574 specified by that person for that purpose. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an 2575 2576 election official shall not fill out any portion of an-2577 application for absent voter's ballots, an identification envelope statement of voter, or an absent voter's ballot 2578 requested under this section on behalf of an applicant. 2579

(B) In the event any person serving in the armed forces of 2580 the United States is discharged after the closing date of 2581 registration, and that person or that person's spouse, or both, 2582 meets all the other qualifications set forth in section 3511.011 2583 of the Revised Code, the person or spouse shall be permitted to 2584 vote prior to the date of the election in the office of the 2585 board in the person's or spouse's county, as set forth in this 2586 section. 2587

Sec. 3511.11. (A) Upon receipt of any return envelope 2588 bearing the designation "Official Election Uniformed Services or 2589 Overseas Absent Voter's Ballot" prior to the eleventh day after 2590 the day of any election, the director of the board of elections 2591 shall open it but shall not open the identification envelope 2592 contained in it. If, upon so opening the return envelope, the 2593 director board finds ballots in it that are not enclosed in and 2594 properly sealed in the identification envelope, the director 2595 <u>board</u> shall not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall 2596 promptly place them in the identification envelope and promptly 2597 seal it. If, upon so opening the return envelope, the director 2598

board finds that ballots are enclosed in the identification2599envelope but that it is not properly sealed, the director board2600shall not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall2601promptly seal the identification envelope.2602

(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 2607 order for a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 2608 contained in it to be valid. Except as otherwise provided in 2609 this division, whether or not the return envelope containing the 2610 ballot is postmarked, contains a late postmark, or contains an 2611 illegible postmark, a uniformed services or overseas absent 2612 voter's ballot that is received after the close of the polls on 2613 election day through the tenth day after the election day shall 2614 be processed and counted on the eleventh day after the election 2615 day at the office of the board of elections in the manner 2616 provided in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code if the voter 2617 signed the identification envelope by the time specified in 2618 section 3511.09 of the Revised Code. However, if a return 2619 envelope containing a uniformed services or overseas absent 2620 voter's ballot is so received and so indicates, but the 2621 identification envelope in it is signed after the close of the 2622 polls on election day, the uniformed services or overseas absent 2623 voter's ballot shall not be counted. 2624

(D) The following types of uniformed services or overseas2625absent voter's ballots shall not be counted:2626

(1) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots2627contained in return envelopes that bear the designation2628

"Official Election Uniformed Services or Overseas Absent Voter's 2629 Ballots," that are received by the <u>director board of elections</u> 2630 after the close of the polls on the day of the election, and 2631 that contain an identification envelope that is signed after the 2632 time specified in section 3511.09 of the Revised Code; 2633

(2) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots
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 contained in return envelopes that bear that designation and
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 that are received after the tenth day following the election.
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The uncounted ballots shall be preserved in their2637identification envelopes unopened until the time provided by2638section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all2639other ballots used at the election for which ballots were2640provided, at which time they shall be destroyed.2641

Sec. 3511.13. (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for2642each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that2643precinct who has requested a uniformed services or overseas2644absent voter's ballot for that election or cast absent voter's2645ballots in person under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code,2646other than an elector who has a confidential voter registration2647record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code.2648

(B) (1) (B) If a registered elector appears to vote in that 2649 2650 precinct and that elector has requested or cast a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election but 2651 the director has not received a sealed identification envelope 2652 purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or 2653 overseas absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector 2654 shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 2655 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that 2656 election. 2657

(2) If a registered elector appears to vote in that	2658
precinct and that elector has requested a uniformed services or	2659
overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and the	2660
director has received a sealed identification envelope-	2661
purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or	2662
overseas absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector	2663
shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section	2664
3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that	2665
election.	2666

(C) (1) In counting uniformed services or overseas absent 2667 voter's ballots under section 3511.11 of the Revised Code, the 2668 2669 board of elections shall compare the signature of each elector from whom the <u>director board</u> has received a sealed 2670 identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's 2671 voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for 2672 that election to the signature on the elector's registration 2673 form. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3) of this 2674 section, if the board of elections determines that the uniformed 2675 services or overseas absent voter's ballot in the sealed 2676 identification envelope is valid, it shall be counted. If the 2677 2678 board of elections determines that the signature on the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's 2679 voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot does 2680 not match the signature on the elector's registration form, the 2681 ballot shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during 2682 the time prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the 2683 poll list or signature pollbook from the precinct in which the 2684 elector is registered to vote to determine if the elector also 2685 cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised 2686 Code in that precinct on the day of the election. 2687

(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional

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ballot, instead of the uniformed services or overseas absent2689voter's ballot, of an elector from whom the director board has2690received an identification envelope purporting to contain that2691elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's2692ballots, if both of the following apply:2693

(a) The board of elections determines that the signature
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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 2701 identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's 2702 voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot by 2703 the applicable deadline established under section 3511.11 of the 2704 Revised Code, the provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 2705 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election 2706 shall be counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is 2707 otherwise determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of 2708 the Revised Code. 2709

(D) If the board of elections counts a provisional ballot 2710 under division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, the returned 2711 identification envelope of that elector shall not be opened, and 2712 the ballot within that envelope shall not be counted. The 2713 identification envelope shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the 2714 reason the ballot was not counted. 2715

Sec. 4507.50. (A)(1) The registrar of motor vehicles or a 2716 deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 2717

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when all of the following apply: 2718 (a) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 2719 application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 2720 Revised Code and, if the person is under seventeen years of age, 2721 2722 payment of the applicable fees. (b) The person is a resident or a temporary resident of 2723 this state. 2724 (c) The person is not licensed as an operator of a motor 2725 vehicle in this state or another licensing jurisdiction. 2726 (d) The person does not hold an identification card from 2727 another jurisdiction. 2728 (2) (a) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 2729 registrar may issue a temporary identification card when all of 2730 2731 the following apply: (i) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 2732 application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 2733 Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees. 2734 (ii) The person is a resident or temporary resident of 2735 this state. 2736 (iii) The person's Ohio driver's or commercial driver's 2737 license has been suspended or canceled. 2738 (iv) The person does not hold an identification card from 2739 another jurisdiction. 2740 (b) The temporary identification card shall be identical 2741 to an identification card, except that it shall be printed on 2742 its face with a statement that the card is valid during the 2743 effective dates of the suspension or cancellation of the 2744

cardholder's license, or until the birthday of the cardholder in 2745 the fourth year after the date on which it is issued, whichever 2746 is shorter. 2747

(c) The cardholder shall surrender the temporary
identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar
before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license
is restored or reissued.

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) or (D) of this
section, an applicant who is under seventeen years of age shall
pay the following fees prior to issuance of an identification
card or a temporary identification card:

(a) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents if the card 2756
will expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the 2757
date of issuance or a fee of six dollars if the card will expire 2758
on the applicant's birthday eight years after the date of 2759
issuance; 2760

(b) A fee equal to the amount established under section
4503.038 of the Revised Code if the card will expire on the
applicant's birthday four years after the date of issuance or
twice that amount if the card will expire on the applicant's
birthday eight years after the date of issuance;

(c) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents if the card will 2766 expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the date of 2767 issuance or three dollars if the card will expire on the 2768 applicant's birthday eight years after the date of issuance, for 2769 the authentication of the documents required for processing an 2770 identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 2771 registrar that authenticates the required documents shall retain 2772 the entire amount of the fee. 2773

(2) The fees collected for issuing an identification card
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under this section, except for any fees allowed to the deputy
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registrar, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit
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of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section
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4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected
disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans'
administration person seventeen years of age or older may apply
to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that
veteran person of an identification card or a temporary
identification card under this section without payment of any
fee prescribed in division (B) of this section.

An application made under this division shall be2786accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability as the2787registrar may require by rule.2788

(D) A resident who is eligible for an identification card
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 with an expiration date that is in accordance with division (A)
 (B) (b) of section 4507.52 of the Revised Code and who is
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 currently unemployed under seventeen years of age may apply to
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 the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an
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 identification card under this section without payment of any
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 fee as prescribed in division (B) of this section.

An application made under division (D) of this section2796shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability2797and unemployment as the registrar may require by rule.2798

Sec. 4507.502. (A) (1) On the last business day of every2799month, each deputy registrar shall submit a verification form to2800the registrar of motor vehicles that contains the following2801information:2802

(a) The number of identification cards and temporary	2803
identification cards issued or renewed under section 4507.50 of	2804
the Revised Code during the course of that month without payment	2805
of any fees;	2806
(b) The number of duplicate, reprint, or replacement	2807
identification cards issued under section 4507.52 of the Revised	2808
Code during the course of that month without payment of any	2809
<u>fees.</u>	2810
(2) The registrar shall establish the necessary	2811
verification form and the manner in which the form shall be	2812
submitted.	2813
(B) The registrar shall reimburse each deputy registrar	2814
for the deputy registrar's services in issuing identification	2815
cards, based on the information submitted in accordance with	2816
division (A) of this section, in the following amounts:	2817
(1) The amount established under section 4503.038 of the	2818
Revised Code for each card issued under section 4507.50 of the	2819
Revised Code that will expire on the applicant's birthday four	2820
years after the date of issuance;	2821
(2) Two times the amount established under section	2822
4503.038 of the Revised Code for each card issued under section	2823
4507.50 of the Revised Code that will expire on the applicant's	2824
birthday eight years after the date of issuance;	2825
(3) One dollar and fifty cents for the authentication of	2826
documents for each card issued under section 4507.50 of the	2827
Revised Code that will expire on the applicant's birthday four	2828
years after the date of issuance;	2829
(4) Three dollars for the authentication of documents for	2830
each card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code that	2831

will expire on the applicant's birthday eight years after the	2832
<u>date of issuance;</u>	2833
(5) The amount established under section 4503.038 of the	2834
Revised Code for each duplicate, reprint, or replacement card	2835
issued under section 4507.52 of the Revised Code.	2836
(C) The registrar may adopt any rules necessary to	2837
implement and administer this section.	2838
Sec. 4507.52. (A)(1) Each identification card issued by	2839
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall	2840
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and	2841
shall display the following inscription:	2842
"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD	2843
This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a	2844
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of	2845
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card,	2846
who currently is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the	2847
state of Ohio."	2848
(2) The identification card shall display substantially	2849
the same information as contained in the application and as	2850
described in division (A)(1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised	2851
Code, but shall not display the cardholder's social security	2852
number unless the cardholder specifically requests that the	2853
cardholder's social security number be displayed on the card. If	2854
federal law requires the cardholder's social security number to	2855
be displayed on the identification card, the social security	2856
number shall be displayed on the card notwithstanding this	2857
section.	2858
(3) The identification card also shall display the color	2859

photograph of the cardholder.

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 2861 attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 2862 continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-2863 sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 2864 wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 2865 has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 2866 2867 display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 2868

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 2869 wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 2870 is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 2871 the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 2872 DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 2873 display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 2874 cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 2875 forces of the United States. 2876

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its2877reproduction or alteration without ready detection.2878

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 2879 years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 2880 registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 2881 twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 2882 card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 2883 before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 2884 characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 2885 is twenty-one years of age or older. 2886

(8) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (8) (b) of this
section, every identification card issued to a resident of this
state shall expire, unless canceled or surrendered earlier, on
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the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth or the eighth year
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after the date on which it is issued, based on the period of	2891
renewal requested by the applicant.	2892
(b) Upon request, the registrar or a deputy registrar	2893
shall issue an identification card to a resident of this state	2894
who is permanently or irreversibly disabled that shall expire,	2895
unless canceled or surrendered earlier, on the birthday of the	2896
cardholder in the eighth year after the date on which it is	2897
issued. The registrar shall issue a reminder notice to a	2898
cardholder, at the last known address of the cardholder, six	2899
months before the identification card is scheduled to expire.	2900
The registrar shall adopt rules governing the documentation a	2901
cardholder shall submit to certify that the cardholder is	2902
permanently or irreversibly disabled.	2903
As used in this section, "permanently or irreversibly	2904
disabled" means a condition of disability from which there is no	2905
present indication of recovery.	2906
(c) Every identification card issued to a temporary	2907
resident shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the	2908

resident shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the 2908 registrar and is nonrenewable, but may be replaced with a new 2909 identification card upon the applicant's compliance with all 2910 applicable requirements. 2911

(9) A cardholder may renew the cardholder's identification
card within ninety days prior to the day on which it expires by
filing an application and paying the prescribed fee, if
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required, in accordance with section 4507.50 of the Revised
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Code.

(10) If a cardholder applies for a driver's or commercial
driver's license in this state or another licensing
jurisdiction, the cardholder shall surrender the cardholder's
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before the license is issued.	2921
(B)(1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the	2922
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by	2923
doing both of the following:	2924
(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or	2925
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar;	2926
(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary	2927
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code.	2928
(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the	2929
cardholder's identification card through electronic means in	2930
accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code.	2931
(3) Any person who loses a card and, after obtaining a	2932
duplicate or reprint, finds the original, immediately shall	2933
surrender the original to the registrar or a deputy registrar.	2934
(4) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification	2935
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by	2936
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a	2937
deputy registrar and surrendering the cardholder's existing	2938
card.	2939
(5)(a) When a cardholder who is under seventeen years of	2940
age applies for a duplicate or reprint or obtains a replacement	2941
identification card, the cardholder shall pay a fee of two	2942
dollars and fifty cents. A <u>Regarding a cardholder</u> who is under	2943
seventeen years of age, a deputy registrar shall be allowed an	2944
additional fee equal to the amount established under section	2945
4503.038 of the Revised Code for issuing a duplicate or	2946
replacement identification card.	2947

identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar

(b) A disabled veteran who is a cardholder and has a 2948 service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by 2949 the veterans' administration cardholder who is seventeen years 2950 of age or older may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar 2951 for the issuance of a duplicate or replacement identification 2952 card without payment of any fee prescribed in this section or 2953 may apply to the registrar for a reprint identification card 2954 without payment of any fee prescribed in this section. 2955

(c) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled
and who is unemployed and who is under seventeen years of age
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may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the
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issuance of a duplicate or replacement identification card
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without payment of any fee prescribed in this section or may
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apply to the registrar for a reprint identification card without
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payment of any fee prescribed in this section.

(6) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification2963card expires on the same date as the card it replaces.2964

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 2965 that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 2966 altered. The registrar also shall cancel any card that is 2967 surrendered to the registrar or to a deputy registrar after the 2968 holder has obtained a duplicate, reprint, replacement, or 2969 driver's or commercial driver's license. 2970

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions
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shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or
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privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification
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card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly
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operated or franchised transit system from using an
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identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or
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services of the system.

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or	2978
possess an identification card.	2979
(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a	2980
person who applies no more than thirty days before the	2981
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any	2982
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person	2983
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the	2984
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it	2985
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty-	2986
one years of age or older.	2987
(F) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is	2988
guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	2989
Section 2. That existing sections 3501.01, 3503.14,	2990
3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.28, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.182,	2991
3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07,	2992
3509.08, 3509.09, 3509.10, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06,	2993
3511.07, 3511.08, 3511.09, 3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13, 4507.50,	2994
and 4507.52 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	2995
Section 3. The General Assembly, applying the principle	2996
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that	2997
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of	2998
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections,	2999
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended	3000
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the	3001
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections	3002
as presented in this act:	3003
Section 3505 18 of the Revised Code as amended by S B 47 .	3004

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code as amended by S.B. 47,3004S.B. 109, and S.B. 216, all of the 130th General Assembly.3005

Section 3511.10 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3006

S.B. 205 and S.B. 238 of the 130th General Assembly.