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A BILL

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 2
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised 3
Code to modify the campaign finance law, and to 4
name this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 6
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3599.03, 7
3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 10
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 11
meets either of the following requirements: 12

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 13
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 14
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 15
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 16

that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 17
division remains a political party for a period of four years 18
after meeting those requirements. 19

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 20
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 21
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 22
all of the following requirements: 23

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 24
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 25
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 26
election for such office. 27

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 28
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 29
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 30
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 31
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 32
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 33

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 34
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 35
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 36
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 37
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 38

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 39
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 40
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 41
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 42
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 43
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 44
the usual place of residence of each of them. 45

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

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

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

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

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

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

committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 75
convention or conference of a political party. 76

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 77
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 78
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 79
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 80
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 81
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 82
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 83
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 84
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 85
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 86
Revenue Code. 87~~

~~(5) "Contribution" (4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in 88
divisions (C) (4) (b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 89
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 90
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 91
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 92
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 93
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 94
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 95
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 96
results of an election. Any 97~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 98
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 99
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 100
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 101
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 102
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 103
or person other than the person to whom the services are 104

rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 105
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 106
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 107
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 108
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 109
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 110
of contributions filed under that section. 111

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 112
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 113
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 114
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 115
following: 116

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 117
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 118
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 119
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 120
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 121
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 122
another person, that are made to or received by the political 123
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 124
of an election; 125

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 126
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 127
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 128
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 129
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 130
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 131
another person, that are made to or received by the political 132
contributing entity; 133

(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 134

separate account. 135

(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow 136
the procedure described in division (C) (4) (c) (i) of this 137
section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of 138
indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 139
or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an 140
inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the 141
payment by any person other than the person to whom the services 142
are rendered for the personal services of another person, that 143
is made to or received by the political contributing entity is 144
considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or 145
received for the purpose of influencing the results of an 146
election. 147

(d) None of the following are considered a contribution 148
under divisions (C) (4) (a) to (c) of this section: 149

~~(a)~~ (i) Services provided without compensation by 150
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on 151
behalf of a person; 152

~~(b)~~ (ii) Ordinary home hospitality; 153

~~(c)~~ (iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by 154
that volunteer campaign worker; 155

~~(d)~~ (iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 156
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 157

~~(e)~~ (v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 158
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 159
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 160
communication; 161

~~(f)~~ (vi) Any gift given to a state or county political 162

party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of 163
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 164

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 165
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 166
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 167
same meaning as in that section. 168

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 169
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 170

~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 171
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 172
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 173
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 174
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 175
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 176
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 177
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 178
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 179
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 180
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 181
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 182
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 183
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 184
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 185
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 186
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 187
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 188
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 189
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 190
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 191
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 192

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(10)~~ (9) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in

section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	222
(11) <u>(10)</u> "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a	223
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a	224
campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a	225
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a	226
campaign fund exists.	227
(12) <u>(11)</u> "Campaign fund" means money or other property,	228
including contributions.	229
(13) <u>(12)</u> "Public official or employee" has the same	230
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	231
(14) <u>(13)</u> "Caucus" means all of the members of the house	232
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the	233
general assembly who are members of the same political party.	234
(15) <u>(14)</u> "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is	235
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and	236
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	237
(16) <u>(15)</u> "In-kind contribution" means anything of value	238
other than money that is used to influence the results of an	239
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in	240
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative	241
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or	242
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent	243
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at	244
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee,	245
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination,	246
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any	247
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign	248
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign	249
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution	250

to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 251

~~(17)~~ (16) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure 252
or other use of funds or anything of value by a person 253
~~advocating to advocate~~ the election or defeat of an identified 254
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 255
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 256
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 257
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 258
used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 259

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 260
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 261
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 262
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 263
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 264
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 265
~~contributing entity.~~ 266

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 267
communication containing a message advocating the election or 268
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 269

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 270
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 271
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 272
by unambiguous reference. 273

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 274
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 275
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 276
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 277
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 278
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 279

display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is	280
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following:	281
(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans,	282
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure	283
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or	284
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made;	285
(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been,	286
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an	287
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has	288
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from	289
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent;	290
(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of	291
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party	292
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a	293
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education	294
efforts.	295
(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or	296
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to	297
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate,	298
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the	299
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it	300
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-	301
related activities the person may authorize expenditures.	302
(18) -(17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an	303
employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups,	304
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor	305
union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions,	306
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other	307
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that	308

exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 309
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 310
and other terms and conditions of employment. 311

~~(19)~~ (18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 312
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 313
Campaign Act. 314

~~(20)~~ (19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 315
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 316
431, et seq., as amended. 317

~~(21)~~ (20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 318
county political party must establish under division (A) (1) of 319
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 320

~~(22)~~ (21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 321
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 322

~~(23)~~ (22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 323
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 324
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 325
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 326
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 327

~~(24)~~ (23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 328
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 329

~~(25)~~ (24) "Political contributing entity" means any 330
entity, including a corporation ~~or~~, labor organization, 331
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 332
association, that may lawfully make ~~makes~~ contributions and or 333
expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action 334
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, political 335
party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign 336
committee, or state candidate fund. ~~For purposes of this~~ 337

~~division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the~~ 338
~~Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of~~ 339
~~competent jurisdiction.~~ 340

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 341
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 342

Sec. 3517.08. (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 343
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 344
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 345
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 346
of the Revised Code. 347

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 348
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 349
contribution by the political action committee or the political 350
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 351
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 352
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 353
endorsements. 354

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 355
considered a contribution by the political party or an 356
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 357
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 358
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 359
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 360
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 361
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 362

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political 363
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 364
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 365
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 366

expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing-~~ 367
~~association's,~~ political contributing entity's, or political 368
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 369
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 370

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 371
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 372
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 373
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 374
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 375
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 376
activities. 377

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 378
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 379
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 380

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 381
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 382
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 383
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 384
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 385
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 386
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 387
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 388
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 389
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 390

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 391
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 392
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 393
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 394
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 395
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 396

legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 397
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 398
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 399

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 400
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 401
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 402
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 403
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 404
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 405
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 406
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 407
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 408
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 409
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 410
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 411
the following dates: 412

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 413
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 414
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 415
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 416
before the election; 417

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 418
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 419
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 420
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 421
day before the filing of the statement; 422

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 423
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 424
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 425
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 426

the last day of December of the previous year; 427

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 428
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 429
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 430
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 431
day of June of that year. 432

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 433
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 434
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 435
committee's candidate. 436

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 437
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 438
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 439
party, or political contributing entity that has received 440
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 441
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 442
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 443
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 444
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 445

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 446
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 447
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 448
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 449
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 450
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 451
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 452
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 453
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 454
days before the general election. 455

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 456
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 457
required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of 458
this section. 459

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall 460
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 461
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 462
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 463
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 464
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 465
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 466
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 467
party, or political contributing entity. 468

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 469
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 470
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 471
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 472
(A) (4) of this section. 473

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 474
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 475
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 476
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 477
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 478
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 479
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 480
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 481
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 482

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 483
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 484
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 485

political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 486
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 487
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 488
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 489
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 490
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 491
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 492
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 493

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 494
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 495
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 496
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 497
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 498
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 499
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 500
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 501
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 502
under this section and made under penalty of election 503
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 504
this section, as applicable. 505

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 506
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 507
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 508
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 509
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 510
statement not later than three business days after the last day 511
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 512
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 513
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 514
extending through the day of that general election, each time 515
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 516

of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 517
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 518
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 519
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 520
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 521
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 522
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 523
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 524
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 525
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 526
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 527
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 528
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 529
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 530
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 531
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 532
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 533
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 534
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 535
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 536
required by this section. 537

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 538
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 539
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 540
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 541
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 542
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 543
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 544
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 545
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 546
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 547

contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 548
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 549
Revised Code. 550

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 551
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 552
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 553
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 554
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 555
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 556
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 557
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 558
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 559
previously filed statement. 560

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 561
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 562
section shall contain the following information: 563

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 564
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 565
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 566
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 567
and expenditure statement; 568

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 569
candidate's full name and address; 570

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 571
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 572
(1) of this section; 573

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 574
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 575

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 576

shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 577
unincorporated business; 578

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 579
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 580
of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 581
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 582
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 583
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 584
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 585
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 586
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 587
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 588
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 589
class of voting securities of, the other corporation or 590
unincorporated business. 591

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 592
a general, primary, or special election; 593

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 594
include the following information: 595

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 596

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 597
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 598
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 599
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 600
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 601
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 602
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 603
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 604
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 605

fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 606
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 607
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 608
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 609

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

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

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

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

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 632
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 633
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 634

less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 635
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 636
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 637
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 638
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 639
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 640
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 641
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 642
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 643
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 644
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 645
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 646
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 647
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 648
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 649
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 650
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 651
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 652
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 653
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 654
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 655
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 656
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 657
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 658
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 659
those dues. 660

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The amount of each expenditure.	695
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	696 697 698 699 700 701 702 703 704 705 706 707
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	708 709 710 711 712
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.	713 714 715 716 717 718
(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with the nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in division (A) (2) of this section.	719 720 721 722 723 724

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 725
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 726
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 727
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 728
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 729
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 730
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 731
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 732
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 733
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 734
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 735
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 736
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 737
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 738
national convention or conference of a political party. 739

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

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

3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division (E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to store the information contained in the statements on computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily available to whoever is required to file the statements in that format.

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

~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 787
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 788
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 789
appropriate. 790

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

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

division if the political action committee is required by 818
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 819
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 820
state. 821

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

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

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

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

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 843
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 844
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 845
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 846

authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 847
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 848
are members of that political party to the house of the general 849
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 850
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 851
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 852
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 853
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 854
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 855
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 856

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

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

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

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 873
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 874
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 875
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 876

section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 877
of the Revised Code; 878

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 879
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 880
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 881
disbursement information in the statements described in division 882
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 883
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 884
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 885
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 886
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 887
of transmission. 888

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 889
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 890
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 891
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 892
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 893
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 894

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 895
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 896
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 897
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 898
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 899
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 900

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 901
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 902
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 903
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 904
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 905
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 906

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 907
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 908

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

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

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 931
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 932
required under divisions (B)(4)(b)(ii) and (iii) of this 933
section, that committee is considered to have met the 934
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 935
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 936

connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 937
written request for the information required under division (B) 938
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 939
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 940
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 941

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

(F) As used in this section: 946

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the

court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 995
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 996
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 997

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 998
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 999
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 1000
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1001

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1002
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1003
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1004
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1005
Revised Code. 1006

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1007
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1008
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1009
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1010
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1011
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1012
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1013
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1014
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1015
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1016
combined reporting periods. 1017

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

statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1025
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1026
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1027
election periods. 1028

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1029
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1030
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1031
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1032
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1033
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1034
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1035
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1036
candidates. 1037

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1038
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1039
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1040
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1041

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1042
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1043
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1044
member making the contribution. 1045

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1046
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1047
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1048
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1049
following: 1050

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1051
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1052
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1053

the partners, owners, or members; or 1054

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1055
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1056
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1057
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1058
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1059
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1060
the contribution. 1061

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1062
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1063
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1064
section. 1065

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1066
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1067
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1068
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1069
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1070
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1071

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1072
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1073
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1074

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 1075
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 1076
~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 1077
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 1078
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1079

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1080
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1081
candidate or holds office. 1082

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1083
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1084
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1085
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1086
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1087
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1088
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1089
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1090
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1091
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1092
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1093
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1094
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1095
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1096
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1097

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1098
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1099
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1100
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1101
be a write-in candidate. 1102

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1103
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1104
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1105
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1106

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1107
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1108
limitations described in that division during an election 1109
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1110
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1111
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1112

a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1113
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1114
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1115
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1116
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1117
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1118
write-in candidate. 1119

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1120
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1121
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1122
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1123
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1124
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1125
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1126
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1127

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1128
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1129
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1130
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1131
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1132
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1133
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1134
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1135
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1136
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1137
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1138
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1139
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1140
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1141
receives from all other contributors. 1142

Sec. 3517.102. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1143
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1144
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 1145

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 1146
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 1147
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1148
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1149
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1150
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1151

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1152
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1153
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1154
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1155
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1156
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1157

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1158
state senator. 1159

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1160
state representative. 1161

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1162
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1163
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1164
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1165

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1166
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1167
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1168
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1169
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1170
election. 1171

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1172
established by a state or county political party under division 1173
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1174

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1175
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1176
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general 1177
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by 1178
legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1179
numbered year. 1180

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1181
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1182
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1183

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1184
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1185

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1186
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1187
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1188
member of the general assembly. 1189

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1190
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1191
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1192
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1193
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1194

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1195
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1196
following: 1197

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1198
member of the same party that established the legislative 1199
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1200

campaign fund is associated; 1201

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1202
member of the same party that established the legislative 1203
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1204
campaign fund is associated. 1205

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1206
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1207
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1208
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1209
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1210
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1211
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1212
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1213
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1214

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1215
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1216
than: 1217

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1218
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1219
general election period; 1220

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1221
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1222
general election period; 1223

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1224
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1225
general election period; 1226

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1227
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1228
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1229

year;	1230
(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;	1231 1232
(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1233 1234
(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1235 1236
(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1237 1238
(b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political party of any county other than the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located.	1239 1240 1241 1242
(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.	1243 1244
(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:	1245 1246 1247
(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1248 1249 1250
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1251 1252 1253
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1254 1255 1256

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative	1257
campaign fund in a calendar year;	1258
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1259
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1260
(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action	1261
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar	1262
year. This division does not apply to a political action	1263
committee that makes a contribution to a political action	1264
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it.	1265
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is	1266
affiliated with another political action committee or with a	1267
political contributing entity if they are both established,	1268
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same	1269
corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing	1270
association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary,	1271
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor	1272
organization, continuing association, or other person.	1273
(b) No political action committee shall make a	1274
contribution or contributions to a county political party for	1275
the party's state candidate fund.	1276
(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or	1277
contributions aggregating more than:	1278
(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1279
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a	1280
general election period;	1281
(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1282
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a	1283
general election period;	1284
(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1285

one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1286 1287
(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1288 1289
(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1290 1291
(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no political party shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee or to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1292 1293 1294 1295 1296
(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.	1297 1298
(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:	1299 1300 1301 1302
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	1303 1304
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	1305 1306
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	1307 1308
(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:	1309 1310 1311
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a	1312

ballot in that county. 1313

(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of 1314
an elected public office that represents all or part of the 1315
population of that county at the time the contribution is made. 1316

(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party 1317
shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1318
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1319
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1320
period, aggregating more than: 1321

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1322
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1323

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1324
one senate candidate; 1325

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1326
any one house candidate. 1327

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1328
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1329
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1330
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1331
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1332

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1333
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1334

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1335
committee of any one senate candidate; 1336

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1337
any one house candidate. 1338

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1339

a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1340
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1341
more than: 1342

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1343
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1344
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1345

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1346
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1347
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1348

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1349
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1350
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1351

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1352
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1353
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1354
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1355
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1356
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1357
any primary election period or general election period. 1358

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1359
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1360
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1361

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1362
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1363
contributions aggregating more than: 1364

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1365
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1366
general election period; 1367

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1368
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1369
general election period; 1370

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1371
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1372
general election period; 1373

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1374
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1375

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1376
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1377

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political 1378
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a 1379
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political 1380
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political 1381
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated 1382
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing 1383
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity 1384
or with a political action committee if they are both 1385
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they 1386
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1387
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1388
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1389
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1390
other person. 1391

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a 1392
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1393
the party's state candidate fund. 1394

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1395
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the 1396

following: 1397

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1398
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1399

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1400
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1401
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1402
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1403
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1404
in a general election period; 1405

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1406
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1407
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1408
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1409

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1410
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1411
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1412
a general election period from a county political party that has 1413
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1414
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1415

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1416
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1417
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1418
following: 1419

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1420
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1421

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1422
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1423
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1424
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1425

one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1426
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1427
in a general election period. 1428

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1429
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1430
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1431
a general election period from a county political party that has 1432
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1433
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1434

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1435
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1436
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1437

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1438
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1439

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1440
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1441
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1442
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1443
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1444
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1445
in a general election period. 1446

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1447
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1448
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1449
a general election period from a county political party that has 1450
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1451
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1452

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1453
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1454

county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1455
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1456
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1457
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1458
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1459
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1460
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1461

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1462
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1463
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1464
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1465
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1466
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1467
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1468
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1469
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1470
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1471
committee or any political contributing entity. 1472

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1473
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1474
party. 1475

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1476
political party shall do either of the following: 1477

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1478
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1479

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1480
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1481
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1482
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1483

one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year. 1484
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(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 1487
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(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age; 1489
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(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year. 1491
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(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a primary election period or a general election period more than: 1497
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(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a statewide candidate; 1501
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(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1503
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(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1505
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(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a legislative campaign fund aggregating more than: 1507
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(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in 1510
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the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1512

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1513
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, 1514
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1515

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1516
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 1517
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1518
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1519
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1520
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1521

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1522
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1523

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1524
committee of a house candidate. 1525

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1526
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1527
shall do either of the following: 1528

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1529
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1530

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1531
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1532
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1533
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1534

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1535
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1536
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1537
another political action committee or from a political 1538
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1539

(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1540
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1541
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1542
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1543
division does not apply to a political action committee or 1544
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1545
political action committee or political contributing entity 1546
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1547
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1548
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1549
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1550
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1551
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1552
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1553
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1554

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1555
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1556
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1557
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1558
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1559
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1560
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1561
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1562
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1563
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1564
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1565
from a single political action committee. 1566

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1567
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1568
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1569
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1570

all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1571
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1572
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1573
organization, ~~continuing association~~, or other person, including 1574
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1575
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1576
~~association~~, or other person, are considered to have been made 1577
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1578

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1579
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1580
does not include a political action committee that is organized 1581
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 1582
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 1583
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1584
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 1585
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 1586
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 1587
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 1588
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 1589
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 1590
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1591
committee, or political contributing entity. 1592

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1593
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1594
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1595
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1596
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1597
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1598
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1599

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1600

amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1601
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1602
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1603
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1604
fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1605

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1606
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1607
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1608
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1609
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1610
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1611
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1612
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1613
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1614
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1615
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1616
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1617
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1618
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1619
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1620
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1621
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1622
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1623
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1624
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1625
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1626
of state considers necessary. 1627

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1628
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1629
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1630
any of the following: 1631

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1632
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1633
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1634
3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1635

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1636
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1637
all or part of their contributions; 1638

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1639
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1640
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1641

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1642
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1643

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1644
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1645
section. 1646

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1647
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1648
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1649

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1650
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1651
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1652
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1653
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1654

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

assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1661

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1662
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1663
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1664
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1665
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1666
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1667
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1668
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1669
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1670
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1671
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1672
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1673
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1674
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1675
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1676
following: 1677

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1678
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1679
candidate's campaign committee; 1680

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1681
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1682
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1683
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1684
of the Revised Code. 1685

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1686
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1687
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1688
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1689
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1690

expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1691
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1692
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1693
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1694
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1695

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity, 1696
except a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, campaign committee, 1697
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1698
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1699
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1700
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity shall 1701
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1702
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1703
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1704
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1705
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1706
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1707
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1708
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1709
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1710
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1711
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1712
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1713
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1714
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1715
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1716
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1717
election falsification. 1718

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, 1719
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1720
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1721

campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1722
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1723
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 1724
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1725
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1726
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1727
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1728
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1729
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1730
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1731
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1732
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1733
both of the following: 1734

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1735
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1736
issue committee; 1737

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1738
~~organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or~~ 1739
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1740
that has paid for the communication or public political 1741
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1742
Code. 1743

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

political party, ~~or~~ political action committee, or political 1752
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 1753
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1754
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1755
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1756
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1757
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1758

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 1759
except a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1760
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1761
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1762
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1763
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1764
individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file with the 1765
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1766
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1767
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1768
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1769
than the dates specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) 1770
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1771
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1772
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1773
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1774
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1775
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1776
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1777
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1778
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1779
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1780
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1781
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1782

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor organization, political contributing entity,~~ or other organization or association shall use or cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, or an expenditure in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor organization, political contributing entity,~~ or other organization or association does not actually exist or operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or political action committee,~~ or political contributing entity has failed to file a designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or

other correction to that statement. 1813

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 1814
following information on computer: 1815

(1) The information contained in statements of 1816
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 1817
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 1818
statements of ~~independent~~ expenditures required to be filed 1819
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 1820
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 1821
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 1822

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 1823
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 1824
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 1825

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 1826
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1827
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1828

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 1829
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1830
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1831

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 1832
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1833
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1834

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

media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 1842
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 1843
state's method of storing the information contained in the 1844
statements. 1845

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1846
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1847
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1848
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1849
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1850
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1851
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1852

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1853
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1854
least six years. 1855

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 1856
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1857
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1858
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 1859
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1860
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1861
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 1862
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1863
transmission, as applicable: 1864

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

dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1872
transmission. 1873

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1874
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1875
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 1876
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1877
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 1878
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 1879
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 1880
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 1881
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1882
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1883
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1884
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1885

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 1886
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 1887
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 1888
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 1889
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 1890
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 1891

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

specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1902
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1903
electronic means of transmission. 1904

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1905
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1906
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1907
to the office of the secretary of state. 1908

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1909
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1910
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1911

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1912
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1913
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1914
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1915
to the board of elections. 1916

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1917
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1918
statewide candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition 1919
to a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division 1920
(B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1921
may file the statement specified in that division by electronic 1922
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state 1923
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 1924
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 1925
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 1926
electronic means of transmission. 1927

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1928
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1929
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1930

ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a statewide 1931
ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of 1932
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 1933
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 1934
to the board of elections. 1935

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1936
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1937
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1938
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1939
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1940
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1941
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1942
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1943
received the addendum or amended statement. 1944

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 1945
of this section, within five business days after a statement 1946
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 1947
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1948
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1949
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 1950
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1951
statement. 1952

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

secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1961
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1962
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1963
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1964
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1965
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1966
office. 1967

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1968
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1969
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1970
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1971
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 1972
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1973
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1974
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 1975
statement. 1976

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1977
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1978
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1979
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 1980
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1981
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 1982
section. 1983

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 1984
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 1985
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 1986
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 1987
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 1988
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 1989
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 1990

board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 1991
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 1992
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 1993
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 1994

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1995
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 1996
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 1997
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 1998
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 1999
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 2000
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 2001
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 2002
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2003
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2004
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2005
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2006
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2007
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2008
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2009
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2010
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2011
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2012
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2013
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2014

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2015

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2016

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2017
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2018
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2019

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2020
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2021
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2022
electronic signature is invalidated. 2023

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2024
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2025
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2026
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2027
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2028
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2029
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2030
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2031
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2032
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2033
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2034
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2035
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2036
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2037
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2038
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2039
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2040
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2041
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2042
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2043

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2044
information available online to the public by any means that are 2045
searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2046

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2047
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2048
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2049

all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2050
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2051
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2052
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2053
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2054

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2055
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2056
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2057
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2058
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2059
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2060

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2061
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2062

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2063
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2064

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2065
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2066

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2067
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2068
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2069
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2070
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2071
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2072
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2073

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2074
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2075
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2076
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2077
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2078

public. 2079

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2080
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2081
transmission pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section and 2082
divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2083
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2084
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2085
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2086
statements may be filed. 2087

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2088
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2089
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2090
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2091
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2092
that is accessible to the public. 2093

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2094
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2095
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2096
fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~any individual, partnership,~~ or other 2097
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2098
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2099
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2100
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2101
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2102
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2103
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2104
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2105
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the individual,~~ 2106
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2107
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2108

communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2109
failed to so file: 2110

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2111
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2112
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2113
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2114
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2115
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2116
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2117
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2118

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2119
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2120
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2121
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2122
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2123
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2124
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2125
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2126
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2127
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2128

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2129
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2130
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2131
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2132
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2133
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2134
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2135
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2136
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 2137

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2138

to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2139
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2140
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2141
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2142
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2143
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2144
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2145
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2146
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2147
provide for all of the following: 2148

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2149
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2150
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2151
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2152
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2153
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2154
statement. 2155

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2156
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2157
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2158
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2159
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2160
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2161
section. 2162

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2163
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2164
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2165
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2166
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2167
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2168

file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2169

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2170
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2171
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2172
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2173
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2174
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2175
for the eligible campaign committee. 2176

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2177
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 2178
section shall review the contribution and information made 2179
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2180
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2181
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2182
available on that web site. 2183

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2184
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2185
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2186
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2187
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 2188
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2189
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2190
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2191
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2192
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2193

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2194
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2195
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2196
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2197
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 2198

in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2199
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2200
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2201
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2202
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 2203
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2204
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2205
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2206
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2207
process is in effect and available for use. 2208

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2209
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2210
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2211
secretary of state pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section 2212
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2213
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2214
secretary of state. 2215

Sec. 3517.107. (A) As used in this section, "federal 2216
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 2217
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 2218
federal election commission under that act. 2219

(B) Any federal political committee may make 2220
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 2221
its federal account in connection with any state or local 2222
election in Ohio. Prior to making any such contribution, 2223
expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political 2224
committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a 2225
copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A 2226
federal political committee registered with the secretary of 2227
state under this division shall file with the secretary of state 2228

any amendment to its statement of organization that is required 2229
under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the 2230
federal election commission. 2231

(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the 2232
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee 2233
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2234
from its federal account in connection with a state or local 2235
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of 2236
state not later than the date on which its report is required to 2237
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under 2238
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages 2239
from that report: 2240

(1) The summary page; 2241

(2) The detailed summary page; 2242

(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the 2243
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made 2244
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio. 2245

The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and 2246
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local 2247
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a 2248
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe. 2249

(D) When, during any calendar year, a federal political 2250
committee makes a contribution from its federal account in 2251
connection with a state or local election in Ohio to a state or 2252
local political action committee that is required under section 2253
3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement prescribed by 2254
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and the federal political 2255
committee and state or local political action committee are 2256
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same 2257

corporation, organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other 2258
person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, department, 2259
or unit of that corporation, organization, ~~continuing~~ 2260
~~association,~~ or other person, the federal political committee 2261
shall file a statement with the secretary of state not later 2262
than the last business day of January of the next calendar year. 2263
The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2264
state and shall include a list of the names and addresses of 2265
contributors that are residents of Ohio that made contributions 2266
to the federal political committee during the calendar year 2267
covered by the statement and, for each name listed, the 2268
aggregate total amount contributed by each contributor during 2269
the reporting period. 2270

Sec. 3517.13. (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2271
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2272
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2273
Code. 2274

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2275
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 2276
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 2277
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 2278
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 2279
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 2280
Code. 2281

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 2282
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 2283
Revised Code. 2284

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2285
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 2286
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2287

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete	2288
and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section	2289
3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2290
(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete	2291
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of	2292
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	2293
(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall	2294
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section	2295
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code.	2296
(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person	2297
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special,	2298
or general election.	2299
(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent	2300
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other	2301
information required to be reported by a provision in sections	2302
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code.	2303
(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign	2304
committee, political action committee, political contributing	2305
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person	2306
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or	2307
airing electioneering communications in the name of another	2308
person.	2309
(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of	2310
another when either of the following applies:	2311
(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership	2312
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is	2313
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other	2314
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner	2315
making the contribution as required under division (I) of	2316

section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2317

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2318
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2319

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2320
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2321
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2322
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2323
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2324
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2325
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2326
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2327
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2328
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2329
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2330
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 2331
committees. 2332

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2333
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2334
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2335
exceeds: 2336

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2337
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2338
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2339
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2340
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2341
period; 2342

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2343
of that station by its other users. 2344

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2345

section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2346
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2347
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2348
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2349
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2350
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2351
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2352
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2353
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2354
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2355
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2356
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2357
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2358
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2359
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2360
campaign committee. 2361

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2362
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2363
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2364
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2365
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2366
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2367
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2368
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2369
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2370
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2371
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2372
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2373
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2374
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2375
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2376

officer's campaign committee. 2377

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2378
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2379
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2380
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2381
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2382
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2383
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2384
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2385
award of the contract. 2386

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2387
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2388
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2389
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2390
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2391
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2392
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2393
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2394
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2395
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2396
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2397

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2398
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2399
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2400
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2401
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2402
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2403
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2404
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2405
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2406

municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2407
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2408
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2409
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2410
contract for goods or services. 2411

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2412
actions of the controlling board. 2413

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2414
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2415
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2416
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2417
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2418
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2419
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2420
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2421
time of the award of the contract. 2422

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2423
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2424
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2425
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2426
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2427
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2428
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2429
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2430
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2431
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2432
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2433
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2434
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2435
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2436

of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a 2437
contract is being determined made before the two were married, 2438
after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 2439
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 2440
action brought solely for legal separation. 2441

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person 2442
shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly 2443
give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, 2444
for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, 2445
anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, 2446
including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for 2447
services the beneficiary personally performs, except as 2448
reimbursement for any of the following: 2449

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 2450
incurred by the beneficiary; 2451

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2452
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties 2453
as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 2454
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 2455
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 2456
office would normally be expected; 2457

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 2458
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 2459
following: 2460

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2461
a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or 2462
ballot issue; 2463

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 2464
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2465

fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	2466
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party,	2467
political action committee, political contributing entity,	2468
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	2469
(d) Attending a political party convention or other	2470
political meeting.	2471
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred	2472
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated	2473
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit	2474
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on	2475
account.	2476
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly	2477
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of	2478
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O)	2479
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was	2480
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense	2481
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later	2482
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of	2483
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received	2484
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment	2485
made or reimbursement received from the other source.	2486
(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall	2487
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a	2488
political party, political action committee, political	2489
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign	2490
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or	2491
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly	2492
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of	2493
value from a political party, political action committee,	2494

political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2495
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2496

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2497
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2498
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2499
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2500
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2501
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2502
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2503
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2504

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2505
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2506

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2507
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2508

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2509
political meeting. 2510

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2511
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2512
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2513
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2514
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2515
political party, political action committee, political 2516
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2517
committee. 2518

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2519
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2520
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2521
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2522
political party, political action committee, political 2523

contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2524
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2525
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2526
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2527
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2528
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2529
employee's campaign committee. 2530

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2531
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2532
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2533
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2534
services on account. 2535

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2536
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2537
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2538
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2539
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2540
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2541
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2542

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2543
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2544
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2545
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2546
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2547
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2548
surrounding circumstances. 2549

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2550
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2551
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2552
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2553

expenses allowable.	2554
(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section:	2555
(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.	2556 2557
(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2558 2559
(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2560 2561 2562
(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate for state elective office.	2563 2564 2565 2566 2567 2568
(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's nomination or election to the federal office.	2569 2570 2571 2572 2573
(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the following:	2574 2575 2576 2577 2578
(a) A state candidate fund;	2579
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	2580

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2581
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2582
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2583
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 2584

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 2585
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 2586
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 2587
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 2588

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 2589
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 2590

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 2591
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2592
Code. 2593

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 2594
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 2595
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 2596
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 2597
independent expenditure ~~in support of or opposition to a~~ 2598
~~candidate for any elective office in this state, including an~~ 2599
~~office of a political party.~~ 2600

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 2601
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2602
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 2603
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 2604
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 2605
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 2606
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 2607
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2608
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2609

or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2610
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2611
the value of it, to the contributor. 2612

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2613
national" ~~has means any of the same meaning as in following:~~ 2614

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2615
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2616

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2617
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2618
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2619
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2620
United States; 2621

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2622
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2623
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2624
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2625
United States. 2626

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2627
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2628
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2629
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2630

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2631
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2632
restricted fund. 2633

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2634
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2635

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 2636
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 2637

money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 2638
any one state or county political party for the party's 2639
restricted fund in a calendar year. 2640

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 2641
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 2642
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 2643
organization in a calendar year. 2644

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 2645
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 2646
county political party. 2647

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 2648
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 2649
Revised Code. 2650

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2651
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2652
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 2653
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2654
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2655
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2656
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2657
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2658
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 2659
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 2660
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 2661
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 2662
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 2663
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 2664
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 2665
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2666

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

Sec. 3599.03. (A) (1) Except to carry on activities specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section,~~ no corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to public office, a political action committee including a political action committee of the corporation or labor organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization

that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its political action committee if an employee's or labor organization member's right to attend such an event is predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the corporation's or labor organization's political action committee.

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

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

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

(C) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~

~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2728
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2729
~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2730
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2731
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2732
~~section accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the~~ 2733
Revised Code. 2734

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2735
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2736
501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2737
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2738
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2739
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2740
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2741
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2742
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2743

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2744
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2745
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2746

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2747
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2748
this section. 2749

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2750
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2751
this section. 2752

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2753
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2754
violation of this section. 2755

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2756

institution to a state political party for services rendered 2757
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2758
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2759
section of the Revised Code. 2760

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2761
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2762
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2763
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2764
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2765
recipients of the communication. 2766

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2767
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2768
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2769
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2770
organization. 2771

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2772
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2773
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2774
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2775
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2776
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2777
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2778
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2779
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2780
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2781
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2782
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2783

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2784
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2785
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2786

employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2787
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2788
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2789
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2790

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2791
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2792

Sec. 3921.22. (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 2793
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 2794
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 2795
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 2796
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 2797
as provided in the benefit contract. 2798

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 2799
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 2800
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 2801
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 2802
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 2803
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 2804
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 2805
entity, or any other political organization. 2806

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 2807
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 2808
accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 2809
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 2810
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 2811
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 2812
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 2813
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 2814
society may do any of the following: 2815

(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the business and affairs of a separate account;	2816 2817
(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the account, provide special voting and other rights, including special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, investment advisory services, selection of certified public accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business and affairs of the account;	2818 2819 2820 2821 2822 2823
(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions (B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply.	2824 2825
Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy registrar in each county:	2826 2827 2828 2829
(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section;	2830 2831
(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section;	2832 2833
(iii) An individual;	2834
(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of section 1702.01 of the Revised Code.	2835 2836
(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or less according to the most recent federal decennial census and if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to act as a deputy registrar.	2837 2838 2839 2840 2841
(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the	2842 2843

county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal 2844
census. In a county with a population greater than forty 2845
thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last 2846
federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible 2847
to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the 2848
competitive selection process for the award of a deputy 2849
registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other 2850
person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for 2851
conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the 2852
county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 2853
administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised 2854
Code. 2855

Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in 2856
division (A)(1)(b) of this section, if no person applies to act 2857
under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county 2858
auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar 2859
may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the 2860
deputy registrar for that county. 2861

(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy 2862
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer 2863
service performance record of any person previously awarded a 2864
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A)(1) of this 2865
section. 2866

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 2867
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 2868
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 2869
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 2870
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 2871
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 2872
county. 2873

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 2874
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 2875

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 2876
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 2877
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 2878
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 2879
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 2880
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 2881
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 2882
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 2883
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 2884
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 2885
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 2886
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of~~ section 2887
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 2888
defined in ~~division (C) (8) of~~ that section that is primarily 2889
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 2890
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 2891
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 2892
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 2893
with contributions to that political party. 2894

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 2895
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 2896
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 2897
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 2898
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 2899
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 2900
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 2901
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 2902

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 2903

following to act as a deputy registrar: 2904

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 2905
auditor or, as authorized by division (A)(1)(b) of this section, 2906
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 2907
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 2908
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 2909
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 2910
office of a political subdivision; 2911

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 2912
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 2913
Revised Code. 2914

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 2915
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 2916
Revised Code. 2917

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this 2918
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 2919
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 2920
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 2921
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 2922
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 2923
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 2924
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 2925
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 2926
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 2927
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 2928
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 2929
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 2930
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 2931
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 2932
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 2933

contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 2934
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 2935
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 2936
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 2937
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 2938

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 2939
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 2940
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 2941
Revised Code. 2942

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 2943
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 2944
do all of the following: 2945

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 2946
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 2947
services to be performed; 2948

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 2949
be given as provided in this section; 2950

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 2951
of the deputy's office; 2952

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 2953
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 2954
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 2955
use of the equipment; 2956

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 2957
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 2958
operation by means of public service announcements; 2959

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 2960
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 2961

allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 2962
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 2963
the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable 2964
organization or philanthropic cause; 2965

(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to 2966
the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in 2967
each county be open to the public for at least four hours each 2968
weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located 2969
within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the 2970
office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 2971

(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, 2972
provide any person with information about the location and 2973
office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 2974

(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a 2975
nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 2976

(j) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, 2977
prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one 2978
deputy registrar's office at any time; 2979

(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, 2980
require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in 2981
a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the 2982
deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require 2983
the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple 2984
established internet-based mapping services. 2985

(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 2986
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 2987
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 2988
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 2989
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 2990

under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 2991
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 2992
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 2993
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 2994
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 2995
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 2996
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 2997
with accepting reinstatement fees. 2998

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 2999
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3000
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3001
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3002

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3003
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3004
vending machine; 3005

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3006
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3007

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1)(j) of this section, 3008
the rules may allow both of the following: 3009

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3010
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3011
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3012

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3013
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3014
public and that provides such services from more than one 3015
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3016
any location. 3017

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3018
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3019

section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3020
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3021
service to a member of the public. 3022

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3023
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3024
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3025
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3026
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3027
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3028

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3029
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3030
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3031
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3032
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3033

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3034
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3035
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3036
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3037
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3038
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3039
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3040
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3041
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3042
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3043

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3044
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3045
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3046

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3047
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3048

deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3049
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3050

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3051
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3052
more than three years; 3053

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3054
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3055
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3056
registrar. 3057

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3058
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3059
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3060
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3061
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3062
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3063

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3064
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3065
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3066
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3067
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3068
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3069
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3070
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3071
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3072
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3073
office. 3074

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3075
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3076
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3077

has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3078
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3079
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3080
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3081
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3082
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3083
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3084
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3085
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3086
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3087
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3088
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3089
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3090
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3091
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3092
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3093
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3094
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3095
paid. 3096

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3097
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3098
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3099
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3100
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3101
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3102
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3103
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3104
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3105

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3106
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3107
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3108

with the approval of the director, for cause. 3109

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3110
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3111
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3112
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3113
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3114
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3115
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3116
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3117
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3118
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3119
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3120
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3121
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3122

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3123
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3124
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3125
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3126
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 3127
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 3128
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 3129
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 3130
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3131
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3132
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3133
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3134
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3135
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3136
department. 3137

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3138

application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3139
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3140

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3141
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 3142
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 3143
Revised Code. 3144

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 3145
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 3146
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 3147
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 3148
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 3149
registration applications declined. 3150

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3151
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3152
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 3153
repealed. 3154

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Ohio Anti- 3155
Corruption Act. 3156

Section 4. Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code is 3157
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 3158
by both H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General Assembly. The 3159
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 3160
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 3161
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 3162
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 3163
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 3164
presented in this act. 3165