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A BILL

To amend sections 3501.01, 3503.09, 3503.10, 1
3503.11, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 2
3503.20, 3503.23, 3503.28, 3505.181, 3509.02, 3
3509.04, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3513.041, 3513.05, 4
3513.07, 3513.18, 3513.19, 3513.191, 3513.257, 5
3517.012, 3517.013, and 3599.12; to enact 6
section 3503.071; and to repeal sections 7
3513.192 and 3513.20 of the Revised Code to 8
permit an elector to change party affiliation 9
through the voter registration process, to 10
require an elector to register as a member of a 11
political party in order to participate in that 12
party's primary election, and to name this act 13
the Voter Registration Modernization Act. 14

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

Section 1. That sections 3501.01, 3503.09, 3503.10, 15
3503.11, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.23, 16
3503.28, 3505.181, 3509.02, 3509.04, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3513.041, 17
3513.05, 3513.07, 3513.18, 3513.19, 3513.191, 3513.257, 18
3517.012, 3517.013, and 3599.12 be amended and section 3503.071 19
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 20

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code 21
relating to elections and political communications: 22

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 23
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 24

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 25
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 26
odd-numbered year. 27

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 28
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 29
even-numbered year. 30

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 31
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 32
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 33
Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first 34
Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the 35
Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal 36
or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except 37
that in any year in which a presidential primary election is 38
held, no special election shall be held in May, except as 39
authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on 40
the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. 41

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 42
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 43
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 44
of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 45
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 46
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 47
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 48
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 49

held. 50

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 51
election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which 52
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 53
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 54
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 55
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 56
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 57
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 58
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 59
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 60
charter. 61

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 62
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 63
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 64

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 65
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 66
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 67
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 68
the most recent regular state election. 69

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 70
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 71
following requirements: 72

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 73
political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 74
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 75
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 76
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 77
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 78

party for a period of four years after meeting those 79
requirements. 80

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 81
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 82
division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a petition that meets the 83
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 84

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 85
political party until the time of the first election for 86
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 87
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 88
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 89
office of governor or president. 90

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 91
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 92
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 93
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 94
more votes than any other person received for election to that 95
office in such precinct at such election. 96

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 97
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 98
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 99
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 100
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 101
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 102
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 103

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who ~~claims~~ 104
~~is not to be~~ affiliated with a political party, and whose name 105
has been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or 106
special election through the filing of a statement of candidacy 107

and nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of 108
the Revised Code. 109

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 110
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 111
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 112
for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common 113
pleas, for member of any board of education, for municipal or 114
township offices in which primary elections are not held for 115
nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of 116
municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate 117
ballots for elections for these offices. 118

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who ~~claims to be~~ 119
~~a member of~~ is affiliated with a political party and who has 120
been certified to appear on the office-type ballot at a general 121
or special election as the nominee of a political party because 122
the candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's 123
party for the public office the candidate seeks, has been 124
nominated under section 3517.012, or is selected by party 125
committee in accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised 126
Code. 127

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not 128
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling 129
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a 130
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a 131
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political 132
party. 133

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue 134
certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on 135
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held 136
in this state. 137

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having	138
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.	139
(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.	140
(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an	141
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector	142
may vote.	143
(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county	144
established by the board of elections of such county within	145
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein	146
may vote at the same polling place.	147
(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each	148
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such	149
precinct may vote.	150
(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of	151
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of	152
the Revised Code.	153
(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township,	154
city, village, or school district.	155
(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of	156
the following:	157
(1) Secretary of state;	158
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the	159
division of elections in the capacity of attorney,	160
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections	161
administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	162
(3) Director of a board of elections;	163
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	164

(5) Member of a board of elections;	165
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	166
(7) Precinct election officials;	167
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	168 169
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	170 171 172 173 174 175 176
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address.	177 178 179 180
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, or any other public or government office or agency that implements a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, including the department of job and family services, the program administered under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for	181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193

Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 194
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 195
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 196
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 197

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 198
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 199
U.S.C.A. 1973gg. 200

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 201
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended. 202

(AA) (1) "Photo identification" means one of the following 203
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and 204
is not expired: 205

(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card, 206
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor 207
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of 208
the Revised Code; 209

(b) A United States passport or passport card; 210

(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio 211
national guard identification card, or United States department 212
of veterans affairs identification card. 213

(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means 214
images of both the front and back of a document described in 215
division (AA) (1) of this section, except that if the document is 216
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification 217
means an image of the passport's identification page that 218
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other 219
identifying information and the passport's expiration date. 220

(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued 221

by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 222
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to 223
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license, 224
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted 225
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction 226
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include 227
a limited term license issued under section 4507.09 of the 228
Revised Code. 229

(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by 230
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to 231
4507.52 of the Revised Code. 232

(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document 233
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant 234
for a driver's license or state identification card that 235
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license 236
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of 237
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the 238
mail. 239

Sec. 3503.071. (A) An elector's political party 240
affiliation shall be determined based on the most recent of the 241
following: 242

(1) The elector's affiliation, if any, with a currently 243
recognized political party as indicated on the elector's most 244
recent voter registration application or voter registration 245
update form; 246

(2) In the case of an elector who is registered to vote in 247
this state before the effective date of this section, the 248
currently recognized political party, if any, whose ballot the 249
elector most recently cast at a primary election held during the 250

calendar year of the effective date of this section or the 251
previous two calendar years. 252

(B) (1) Each voter registration application and voter 253
registration update form prescribed by the secretary of state 254
shall include all of the following: 255

(a) A list of the political parties that are recognized in 256
this state, accompanied by boxes for the applicant to check to 257
select a party with which the applicant wishes to be affiliated; 258

(b) A space for the applicant to write the name of a 259
recognized political party that is not listed on the form, if 260
the applicant wishes to be affiliated with that party; 261

(c) A box for the applicant to check to indicate that the 262
applicant does not wish to be affiliated with any political 263
party; 264

(d) A notice that the applicant may select or write the 265
name of only one recognized political party and that the 266
applicant is not required to select a political party. 267

(2) An applicant who submits a voter registration 268
application or update form shall be considered unaffiliated if 269
either of the following apply: 270

(a) The applicant indicates on the application or form 271
that the applicant does not wish to be affiliated with any 272
political party. 273

(b) The applicant is not currently registered as 274
affiliated with a political party, does not select or write the 275
name of a recognized political party, and does not indicate that 276
the applicant does not wish to be affiliated with any political 277
party. 278

(3) An applicant who submits a voter registration update 279
form shall remain registered as affiliated with the applicant's 280
current political party if the applicant currently is affiliated 281
with a political party, does not select or write the name of a 282
recognized political party, and does not indicate that the 283
applicant does not wish to be affiliated with any political 284
party. 285

Sec. 3503.09. (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 286
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 287
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 288
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 289
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 290
of ~~name and residence changes for voter registration records in~~ 291
~~the statewide voter registration database~~ update forms. 292

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 293
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter 294
registrations that permit information from a voter registration 295
application received by a designated agency or an office of 296
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available 297
electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter 298
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable 299
board of elections under division (E) (2) of section 3503.10 or 300
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code. 301

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall 302
do all of the following: 303

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a 304
designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, 305
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 306
office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter 307
registration database; 308

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 309
be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 310
before the information is added to the statewide voter 311
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 312
voter registration; 313

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy 314
registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration 315
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data 316
relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by 317
the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the 318
electronic data to the original voter registration application. 319

Sec. 3503.10. (A) Each designated agency shall designate 320
one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the 321
voter registration program within the agency and its 322
departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person 323
shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of 324
state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of 325
the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by 326
the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no 327
additional compensation for performing such duties. 328

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and 329
vocational school, public library, and office of a county 330
treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations 331
voter registration applications and assistance in the 332
registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in 333
accordance with this chapter. 334

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its 335
applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter 336
registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of 337
state that includes all of the following: 338

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or
update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for
the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to
register or decline to register to vote, and the statement,
highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you
will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at
this time.";

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the
statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to
vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be
provided by this agency.";

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out
the voter registration application form, we will help you. The
decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill
out the application form in private.";

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has
interfered with your right to register or to decline to register
to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register
or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your
own political party or other political preference, you may file
a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with
the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number
for each such official's office.

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter
registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each
applicant with each application for service or assistance, and
with each written application or form for recertification,
renewal, or change of address.

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following:

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter 368
registration program in order to provide to each applicant who 369
wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same 370
degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter 371
registration application as is provided by the agency with 372
regard to the completion of its own form; 373

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications, and 374
~~voter registration change of residence forms, and voter~~ 375
~~registration change of name update forms,~~ regardless of whether 376
the application or form was distributed by the designated 377
agency, for transmittal to the office of the board of elections 378
in the county in which the agency is located. Each designated 379
agency and the appropriate board of elections shall establish a 380
method by which the voter registration applications and other 381
voter registration forms are transmitted to that board of 382
elections within five days after being accepted by the agency. 383

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily 384
engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under 385
a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a 386
person with disabilities at a person's home, provide the 387
services described in divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section 388
at the person's home; 389

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the 390
secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of 391
an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated 392
the person's voter registration records, and information 393
relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection 394
with a voter registration application issued by a designated 395
agency. 396

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit 397

written instructions on the implementation of the voter 398
registration program within each designated agency, public high 399
school and vocational school, public library, and office of a 400
county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as 401
follows: 402

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter 403
registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a 404
person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or 405
decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a 406
person's decision to register or not register to vote; 407

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter 408
registration not seek to influence a person's decision to 409
register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any 410
political preference or party allegiance, and not make any 411
statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect 412
of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to 413
register or not register has any bearing on the availability of 414
services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class 415
in school, or on credit for a particular class in school; 416

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in 417
completing the voter registration application, what to do with 418
the completed voter registration application or voter 419
registration update form, and when the application must be 420
transmitted to the appropriate board of elections; 421

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and 422
where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy 423
reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under 424
the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; 425

(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to 426

questions about voter registration forms and procedures. 427

(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in- 428
class voter registration program in a public high school or 429
vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state 430
or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education 431
shall do all of the following: 432

(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during 433
these days when the person designated to assist with voter 434
registration shall provide voter registration assistance; 435

(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration 436
from the public high school's or vocational school's staff; 437

(3) Make voter registration applications and materials 438
available, as outlined in the voter registration program 439
established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 440
3501.05 of the Revised Code; 441

(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or 442
declining to register to vote, or registering as affiliated with 443
a particular political party or registering to vote and 444
remaining unaffiliated, will not affect or be a condition of 445
your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school 446
course or class, participating in a curricular or 447
extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or 448
participating in a program or activity otherwise available to 449
pupils enrolled in this school district's schools."; 450

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration 451
application and other voter registration forms are transmitted 452
to the board of elections within five days after being accepted 453
by the public high school or vocational school. 454

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public 455

high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a 456
county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter 457
registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, 458
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 459
office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated 460
person, and make available such space as may be necessary, 461
without charge to the county or state. 462

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be 463
displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a 464
notice that identifies the person designated to assist with 465
voter registration, the nature of that person's duties, and 466
where and when that person is available for assisting in the 467
registration of voters. 468

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and 469
services to disseminate information to increase public awareness 470
of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter 471
registration in every designated agency. 472

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of 473
education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, 474
or promote voluntary election registration programs within a 475
high school or vocational school, including programs in which 476
pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter 477
registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate. 478

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer 479
shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are 480
transmitted to the board of elections within five days after 481
being accepted by the public library or office of the county 482
treasurer. 483

(L) The department of job and family services and its 484

departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration 485
of the aspects of the voter registration program for the 486
department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of 487
state and the requirements of this section and the National 488
Voter Registration Act of 1993. 489

Sec. 3503.11. When any person applies for a driver's 490
license, commercial driver's license, a state of Ohio 491
identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised 492
Code, or motorcycle operator's license or endorsement, or the 493
renewal or duplicate of any license or endorsement under Chapter 494
4506. or 4507. of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor 495
vehicles or deputy registrar shall offer the applicant the 496
opportunity to register to vote or to update the applicant's 497
voter registration. The registrar of motor vehicles or deputy 498
registrar also shall make available to all other customers voter 499
registration applications and ~~change of residence and change of~~ 500
~~name, voter registration update~~ forms, but is not required to 501
offer assistance to these customers in completing a voter 502
registration application or other form. 503

The deputy registrar shall send any registration 504
application or any ~~change of residence or change of name voter~~ 505
~~registration update~~ form that was completed and submitted in 506
paper form to the deputy registrar to the board of elections of 507
the county in which the office of the deputy registrar is 508
located, within five days after accepting the application or 509
other form. The registrar shall send any completed registration 510
application received at the bureau of motor vehicles 511
headquarters location and any completed ~~change of residence or~~ 512
~~change of name voter registration update~~ form processed 513
electronically in systems or programs operated and maintained by 514
the bureau of motor vehicles to the secretary of state within 515

five days after accepting the application or other form. 516

The registrar shall collect from each deputy registrar 517
through the reports filed under division (J) of section 4503.03 518
of the Revised Code and transmit to the secretary of state 519
information on the number of voter registration applications and 520
~~change of residence or change of name~~ voter registration update 521
forms completed or declined, and any additional information 522
required by the secretary of state to comply with the National 523
Voter Registration Act of 1993. No information relating to an 524
applicant's decision to decline to register or update the 525
applicant's voter registration at the office of the registrar or 526
deputy registrar may be used for any purpose other than voter 527
registration record-keeping required by the secretary of state, 528
and all such information shall be kept confidential. 529

The secretary of state shall prescribe voter registration 530
applications and ~~change of residence and change of name~~ voter 531
registration update forms for use by the bureau of motor 532
vehicles. The bureau of motor vehicles shall supply all of its 533
deputy registrars with a sufficient number of voter registration 534
applications and ~~change of residence and change of name~~ voter 535
registration update forms. 536

Sec. 3503.14. ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The secretary of state shall 537
prescribe the form and content of the voter registration, ~~change~~ 538
~~of residence~~, and ~~change of name~~ voter registration update forms 539
used in this state. The forms shall meet the requirements of the 540
National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and shall include spaces 541
for all of the following: 542

~~(1)~~ (a) The voter's name; 543

~~(2)~~ (b) The voter's address; 544

~~(3)~~ ~~(c)~~ The current date; 545

~~(4)~~ ~~(d)~~ The voter's date of birth; 546

~~(5)~~ ~~(e)~~ The voter to provide at least one of the following 547
forms of identification: 548

~~(a)~~ ~~(i)~~ The voter's Ohio driver's license or state 549
identification card number; 550

~~(b)~~ ~~(ii)~~ The last four digits of the voter's social 551
security number. 552

~~(6)~~ ~~(f)~~ The voter's signature. 553

(2) The form shall include the political party affiliation 554
fields and notice described in division (B) (1) of section 555
3503.071 of the Revised Code. 556

(3) The registration form shall include a space on which 557
the person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name 558
and provide the person's address and a space on which the person 559
registering an applicant shall name the employer who is 560
employing that person to register the applicant. 561

(4) Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 562
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 563
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 564
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 565
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 566
accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 567
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 568
that data to the statewide voter registration database 569
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 570

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 571
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 572

duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 573
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 574
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section: 575

- (1) An election official; 576
- (2) A county treasurer; 577
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 578
- (4) An employee of a designated agency; 579
- (5) An employee of a public high school; 580
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 581
- (7) An employee of a public library; 582
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 583
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 584
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 585
- (11) An employee of an election official. 586

(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised 587
Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own 588
name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by 589
the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling 590
out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an 591
applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate 592
in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or 593
to ~~change~~ update the applicant's ~~name or residence~~ voter 594
registration. The person registering the applicant shall sign 595
the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the 596
applicant desired to register to vote or to ~~change the~~ 597
~~applicant's name or residence~~ update the applicant's voter 598
registration. 599

(D) No registration, ~~change of residence, or change of~~ 600
~~name update~~ form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a 601
person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name 602
or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to 603
register the applicant as required under division (A) of this 604
section. 605

(E) A voter registration application or voter registration 606
update form submitted online through the internet pursuant to 607
section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a 608
signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under 609
division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's 610
signature for all election and signature-matching purposes. 611

(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" 612
includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter 613
registration forms or to assist persons in completing or 614
returning those forms. 615

Sec. 3503.15. (A) The secretary of state shall establish 616
and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall 617
be administered by the office of data analytics and archives in 618
the office of the secretary of state and made continuously 619
available to each board of elections and to other agencies as 620
authorized by law. 621

The statewide voter registration database shall be the 622
official list of registered electors for all elections conducted 623
in this state. 624

(B) The statewide voter registration database shall, at a 625
minimum, include all of the following: 626

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 627
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 628

with the offices of all other boards of elections; 629

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 630
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 631
of elections; 632

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 633
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 634
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 635
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 636
updates of the database; 637

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 638
electors and their registration information by name, driver's 639
license or state identification card number, birth date, social 640
security number, or current address; 641

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the 642
integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter 643
registration information is maintained; 644

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records 645
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to 646
record the reason for their cancellation. 647

(C) For each registered elector, the statewide voter 648
registration database shall include all of the following 649
information: 650

(1) The elector's name; 651

(2) The elector's birth date; 652

(3) The elector's current residence address; 653

(4) The elector's precinct number; 654

(5) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 655

identification card number, if available; 656

(6) The last four digits of the elector's social security 657
number, if available; 658

(7) The elector's telephone number, if available; 659

(8) The elector's electronic mail address, if available; 660

(9) (a) The elector's voter registration date, which shall 661
be determined based on the elector's most recent application to 662
register to vote in this state, subject to division (C) (9) (b) of 663
this section, as follows: 664

(i) In the case of an application delivered in person to a 665
state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the 666
registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public 667
high school or vocational school, a public library, or the 668
office of a county treasurer, the date stamped on the 669
application upon receipt by the entity that transmits the 670
application to the board of elections or the secretary of state; 671

(ii) In the case of an application delivered in person to 672
a board of elections or the secretary of state, the date stamped 673
on the application upon receipt by the board of elections or the 674
secretary of state, as applicable; 675

(iii) In the case of an application delivered by mail to a 676
board of elections or the secretary of state, the date the 677
application is postmarked; 678

(iv) In the case of an application submitted through the 679
online voter registration system established under section 680
3503.20 of the Revised Code, the date of the online submission; 681

(v) In the case of an application submitted to a board of 682
elections by facsimile transmission or electronic mail under 683

Chapter 3511. of the Revised Code, the date of the receipt of 684
the transmission or electronic mail by the board of elections; 685

(vi) In the case of a provisional ballot affirmation that 686
serves as an application to register to vote in future elections 687
because the individual who cast the ballot is not registered to 688
vote, the date the board of elections determines that the 689
provisional ballot is invalid under section 3505.183 of the 690
Revised Code. 691

(b) For purposes of determining an elector's voter 692
registration date under division (C)(9)(a) of this section, all 693
of the following apply: 694

(i) An elector's voter registration date shall not be 695
during the period beginning on the day after the close of voter 696
registration before an election and ending on the day of the 697
election. If the date determined under division (C)(9)(a) of 698
this section would be during that period, the voter registration 699
date instead shall be the date on which the board of elections 700
processes the application to register to vote after the day of 701
the election. 702

(ii) A ~~change of address or change of name voter~~ 703
registration update form, including a provisional ballot 704
affirmation that serves as a ~~change of address or change of name~~ 705
voter registration update form, is not considered an application 706
to register to vote. 707

(iii) An application to register to vote that is submitted 708
by an individual who is already registered to vote in this state 709
is not considered an application to register to vote. 710

(10) The elector's political party affiliation, if any, as 711
determined under section 3503.071 of the Revised Code, and the 712

elector's voting history, including all of the following for 713
each election in which the elector cast a ballot that was 714
counted: 715

(a) The date of the election; 716

(b) If the election was a primary election, the political 717
party whose ballot the elector cast at the primary election or 718
an indication that the elector voted only on the questions and 719
issues appearing on the ballot at a special election held on the 720
day of the primary election; 721

(c) The type of ballot the elector cast. 722

(11) The elector's last activity date, which shall be 723
determined in accordance with rules adopted by the secretary of 724
state pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 725

(12) Any other information the secretary of state requires 726
to be included by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 727
Revised Code. 728

(D) Every day during the period beginning on the forty- 729
sixth day before an election and ending on the eighty-first day 730
after the day of the election, a board of elections shall create 731
a daily record of its voter registration database as of four 732
p.m. and shall transmit the daily record to the secretary of 733
state in a secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. 734
The secretary of state shall archive the daily record and retain 735
it for at least twenty-two months after the day of the election. 736

(E) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to 737
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section and 738
sections 3503.151 to 3503.153 of the Revised Code, including 739
rules doing all of the following: 740

(1) Specifying the manner in which any voter registration 741
records maintained by boards of elections in other data formats 742
shall be converted for inclusion in the statewide voter 743
registration database; 744

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter 745
registration records into the statewide voter registration 746
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, 747
if new registration information is received, and for 748
transmitting information securely to the secretary of state; 749

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled 750
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration 751
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 752

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, 753
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter 754
registration database and to make updates of that database; 755

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the 756
information contained in the statewide voter registration 757
database. 758

(F) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 759
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 760
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 761
the secretary of state under division (E)(3) of this section 762
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 763
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 764

(G) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 765
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 766
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 767
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 768
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 769

(H) A board of elections and any vendor with which it 770
contracts to provide voter registration software or related 771
services shall ensure that the board's voter registration system 772
and practices comply with the requirements of this section and 773
any rules adopted under this section. 774

Sec. 3503.16. ~~(A) Except as otherwise provided in division~~ 775
~~(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever~~ (A) Whenever 776
a registered elector changes the place of residence of that 777
registered elector ~~from one precinct to another within a county~~ 778
~~or from one county to another~~ this state, or has a change of 779
name or a change of political party affiliation, that registered 780
elector shall report the change by ~~delivering a change of~~ 781
~~residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as~~ 782
~~prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of~~ 783
~~the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated~~ 784
~~agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public~~ 785
~~library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the~~ 786
~~secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy~~ 787
~~registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of~~ 788
~~elections in person or by a third person. Any voter~~ 789
~~registration, change of address, or change of name application,~~ 790
~~returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or~~ 791
~~the board of elections.~~ 792

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 793
~~that registered elector by filing a change of residence or~~ 794
~~change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general~~ 795
~~election at the polling place in the precinct in which that~~ 796
~~registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at~~ 797
~~another site designated by the board~~ one of the methods 798
described in section 3503.19 of the Revised Code not later than 799
the thirtieth day before the day of an election, except as 800

otherwise permitted under this section.

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not ~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence ~~with the board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may vote in that election by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing and signing a ~~notice of change of residence voter registration update form~~, showing photo identification, and casting a ballot.

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

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to another within a county or moves from one precinct to another and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not ~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence or change of name, whichever is appropriate, ~~with the board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may vote in that

election if that registered elector complies with division (G) 831
of this section or does all of the following: 832

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 833
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 834
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 835
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 836
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 837
election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 838
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 839
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 840
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 841

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 842
registered elector resides; 843

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 844
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 845
has designated another location in the county at which 846
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 847
the office of the board of elections. 848

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 849
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 850
envelope, which shall serve as a ~~notice of change of residence~~ 851
~~or change of name, whichever is appropriate~~ voter registration 852
update form; 853

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 854
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 855
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 856
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 857
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 858
that other location instead of the office of the board of 859

elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 860
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 861
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 862

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 863
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 864
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 865
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 866
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 867
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 868
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 869
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 870
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 871
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 872
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 873
at any other location for that particular election. 874

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 875
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 876
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 877
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 878
reported the change of residence under section 3503.19 of the 879
Revised Code may vote in that election if that registered 880
elector complies with division (G) of this section or does all 881
of the following: 882

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 883
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 884
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 885
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 886
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 887
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 888
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 889

Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 890
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 891
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 892
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 893
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 894
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 895
has designated another location in the county at which 896
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 897
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 898
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 899
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 900
the board has designated another location in the county at which 901
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 902
the office of the board of elections; 903

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 904
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 905
envelope, which shall serve as a ~~notice of change of residence~~ 906
voter registration update form; 907

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 908
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 909
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 910
the board has designated another location in the county at which 911
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 912
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 913
that registered elector has moved; 914

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 915
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 916
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 917
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 918
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 919

of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 920
another location in the county at which registered electors may 921
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 922
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 923
location for that particular election. 924

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 925
to division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this section shall not make written 926
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 927
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this 928
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 929
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 930
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 931
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 932
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 933
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 934
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 935
to division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 936
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 937
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 938

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 939
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 940
different from the office of the board at which registered 941
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 942
section. 943

~~(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 944
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 945
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 946
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 947
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 948
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 949~~

~~acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the~~ 950
~~information necessary to complete or update that registrant's~~ 951
~~registration.~~ 952

~~(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be~~ 953
~~available at each polling place, and when these forms are~~ 954
~~completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate,~~ 955
~~they shall be filed with election officials at the polling~~ 956
~~place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together~~ 957
~~with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections.~~ 958

~~The board of elections shall provide change of residence~~ 959
~~and change of name forms to the probate court and court of~~ 960
~~common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person~~ 961
~~eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order~~ 962
~~of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court~~ 963
~~shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections~~ 964
~~within five days after receiving them.~~ 965

~~(G)~~ A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 966
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 967
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 968
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 969
has designated another location in the county at which 970
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 971
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 972
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 973
of the following: 974

(1) Makes a written application on a form prescribed by 975
the secretary of state that includes all of the information 976
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code to the 977
appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after the 978
twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the registered 979

elector wishes to vote through the close of business on the 980
seventh day prior to that election and requests that the absent 981
voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the registered 982
elector has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the 983
address of that registered elector who has not moved but has had 984
a change of name; 985

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 986
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 987
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 988
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 989
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 990
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 991
infirmity; 992

(3) Completes and returns a voter registration update form 993
along with the completed absent voter's ballot ~~a notice of~~ 994
~~change of residence indicating the address to which the~~ 995
~~registered elector has moved, or a notice of change of name,~~ 996
~~whichever is appropriate;~~ 997

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 998
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 999
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1000
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1001
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1002
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1003
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1004
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1005
location or address for that particular election. 1006

Sec. 3503.19. ~~(A) Persons~~ (A) (1) Except as otherwise 1007
provided in division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, 1008
persons qualified to register or to ~~change~~ update their 1009

registration because of a change of address~~or, change of name,~~ 1010
or change of political party affiliation may register or ~~change~~ 1011
update their registration ~~in~~ by doing any of the following: 1012

(a) Submitting a voter registration application or a voter 1013
registration update form in person or through another person at 1014
any state or local office of a designated agency, at the office 1015
of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, at a 1016
public high school or vocational school, at a public library, at 1017
the office of a county treasurer, or at a branch office 1018
established by the board of elections,~~or in;~~ 1019

(b) Submitting a voter registration application or a voter 1020
registration update form in person or through another person at 1021
a probate court or a court of common pleas. The board of 1022
elections shall provide the forms to the courts, and the courts 1023
shall provide the forms to any person eighteen years of age or 1024
older who has a change of name by order of the court or who 1025
applies for a marriage license. 1026

(c) Submitting a voter registration application or a voter 1027
registration update form in person, through another person, or 1028
by mail at the office of the secretary of state or at the office 1029
of ~~a~~ any board of elections. ~~A registered elector may also~~ 1030
~~change the elector's registration on;~~ 1031

(d) Submitting a voter registration application or a voter 1032
registration update form through the online voter registration 1033
system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code; 1034

(e) Submitting a voter registration application or a voter 1035
registration update form in person to the election officials on 1036
election day at any polling place ~~where the elector is eligible~~ 1037
~~to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the~~ 1038

~~Revised Code. Voter registration applications and voter~~ 1039
~~registration update forms shall be available at each polling~~ 1040
~~place, and the election officials shall return all completed~~ 1041
~~forms, together with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the~~ 1042
~~board of elections.~~ 1043

(f) In the case of a person who is eligible to vote as a 1044
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 1045
52 U.S.C. 20310, returning the person's completed voter 1046
registration application or voter registration update form 1047
electronically to the office of the secretary of state or to the 1048
board of elections of the county in which the person's voting 1049
residence is located pursuant to Chapter 3511. of the Revised 1050
Code. 1051

(2) (a) Any state or local office of a designated agency, 1052
the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1053
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1054
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office 1055
of a county treasurer shall date stamp a voter registration 1056
application or voter registration update form it receives using 1057
a date stamp that does not disclose the identity of the state or 1058
local office that receives it and shall transmit any voter- 1059
~~registration-the application or change of registration-form that-~~ 1060
~~it receives-~~ to the board of elections of the county in which the 1061
state or local office is located, within five days after 1062
receiving the ~~voter registration-application or change of-~~ 1063
~~registration-form.~~ 1064

(b) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1065
of state receives a voter registration application or voter 1066
registration update form before the thirtieth day before an 1067
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1068

applicable, shall forward the application or form to the board 1069
of elections of the county in which the applicant resides within 1070
ten days after receiving it. If a board of elections or the 1071
office of the secretary of state receives a voter registration 1072
application or voter registration update form on or after the 1073
thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the 1074
secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the application 1075
or form to the board of elections of the county in which the 1076
applicant resides within thirty days after that election. 1077

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section 3503.16 of the 1078
Revised Code: 1079

(a) An otherwise valid voter registration application that 1080
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1081
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1082
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1083
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1084
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, the office of 1085
a county treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, or the 1086
office of a board of elections no later than the thirtieth day 1087
preceding a primary, special, or general election for the person 1088
to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. An 1089
otherwise valid registration application received after that day 1090
entitles the elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1091

~~Any state or local office of a designated agency, the~~ 1092
~~office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor~~ 1093
~~vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public~~ 1094
~~library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a~~ 1095
~~registration application or change of name or change of address~~ 1096
~~form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the~~ 1097
~~identity of the state or local office that receives the~~ 1098

~~registration.~~ 1099

(b) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1100
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1101
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1102
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1103
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1104
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1105
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1106
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1107
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1108
the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1109
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1110
general election. 1111

~~(B) (1)~~ (B) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, 1112
by mail, or through another person for voter registration forms 1113
to the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board 1114
of elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a 1115
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 1116
42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms 1117
by electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or 1118
to the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1119
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1120
Revised Code. 1121

~~(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed~~ 1122
~~registration form in person or by mail to any state or local~~ 1123
~~office of a designated agency, to a public high school or~~ 1124
~~vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a~~ 1125
~~county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to~~ 1126
~~the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible~~ 1127
~~to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in~~ 1128

~~accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the~~ 1129
~~applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to~~ 1130
~~the office of the secretary of state or to the board of~~ 1131
~~elections of the county in which the person's voting residence~~ 1132
~~is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code.~~ 1133

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an~~ 1134
~~applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form~~ 1135
~~through another person to any board of elections or the office~~ 1136
~~of the secretary of state.~~ 1137

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 1138
~~voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that~~ 1139
~~person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the~~ 1140
~~office of the secretary of state.~~ 1141

~~(d) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary~~ 1142
~~of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b)~~ 1143
~~or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before an~~ 1144
~~election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as~~ 1145
~~applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of~~ 1146
~~elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to~~ 1147
~~register to vote within ten days after receiving the~~ 1148
~~application. If a board of elections or the office of the~~ 1149
~~secretary of state receives a registration form under division~~ 1150
~~(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day~~ 1151
~~before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of~~ 1152
~~state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the~~ 1153
~~board of elections of the county in which the applicant is~~ 1154
~~seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that~~ 1155
~~election.~~ 1156

~~(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter~~ 1157
~~registration application or voter registration update form and~~ 1158

is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in the 1159
~~registration application or form~~ shall register the applicant ~~or~~ 1160
update the elector's registration not later than twenty business 1161
days after receiving the application, unless that application is 1162
received during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of 1163
an election. The board shall promptly notify the ~~applicant-~~ 1164
person in writing of each of the following: 1165

(a) The ~~applicant's fact that the person is registered to~~ 1166
vote or has had the person's registration updated; 1167

(b) The person's political party affiliation, if any, as 1168
determined under section 3503.071 of the Revised Code; 1169

(c) The precinct in which the ~~applicant-person~~ is to vote; 1170

~~(e)-(d)~~ In bold type as follows: 1171

"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 1172
order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo 1173
identification will still be able to vote by casting a 1174
provisional ballot." 1175

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 1176
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 1177
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 1178

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 1179
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 1180
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official 1181
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1182
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned 1183
to the board. 1184

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been 1185
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to vote 1186

by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised 1187
Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division 1188
(B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall 1189
correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove 1190
the indication that the voter's notification was returned from 1191
that voter's name on the official registration list and on the 1192
poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is 1193
not counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 1194
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration 1195
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United 1196
States mail of the cancellation. 1197

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid 1198
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is 1199
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 1200
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation 1201
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to 1202
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 1203
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of 1204
this section in any election during the period of two federal 1205
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 1206
the person's registration shall be canceled. 1207

Sec. 3503.20. (A) The secretary of state shall establish a 1208
secure online voter registration system. The system shall 1209
provide for all of the following: 1210

(1) An applicant to submit a voter registration 1211
application to the secretary of state online through the 1212
internet; 1213

(2) The online applicant to be registered to vote, if all 1214
of the following apply: 1215

(a) The application contains all of the following 1216
information: 1217

(i) The applicant's name; 1218

(ii) The applicant's address; 1219

(iii) The applicant's date of birth; 1220

(iv) The last four digits of the applicant's social 1221
security number; 1222

(v) The applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the 1223
number of the applicant's state identification card issued under 1224
section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 1225

(b) The applicant's name, address, and date of birth, the 1226
last four digits of the applicant's social security number, and 1227
the applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of 1228
the applicant's state identification card as they are provided 1229
in the application are not inconsistent with the information on 1230
file with the bureau of motor vehicles; 1231

(c) The applicant is a United States citizen, will have 1232
lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the 1233
next election, will be at least eighteen years of age on or 1234
before the day of the next general election, and is otherwise 1235
eligible to register to vote; 1236

(d) The applicant attests to the truth and accuracy of the 1237
information submitted in the online application under penalty of 1238
election falsification. 1239

(3) The application includes the political party 1240
affiliation fields and notice described in division (B)(1) of 1241
section 3503.071 of the Revised Code. 1242

(B) If an individual registers to vote or a registered
elector updates the elector's ~~name, address, or both~~
registration under this section, the secretary of state shall
obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's or elector's
signature that is on file with the bureau of motor vehicles.
That electronic signature shall be used as the applicant's or
elector's signature on voter registration records, for all
election and signature-matching purposes.

(C) The secretary of state shall employ whatever security
measures the secretary of state considers necessary to ensure
the integrity and accuracy of voter registration information
submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in
processing voter registration applications in the online system
shall not prevent an applicant from becoming registered or from
voting.

(D) The online voter registration application established
under division (A) of this section shall include the following
language:

"By clicking the box below, I affirm all of the following
under penalty of election falsification, which is a felony of
the fifth degree:

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information
is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or
update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio.

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is
true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

(3) I am a United States citizen.

(4) I will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately
preceding the next election.

(5) I will be at least eighteen years of age on or before 1272
the day of the next general election. 1273

(6) I authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to transmit 1274
to the Ohio Secretary of State my signature that is on file with 1275
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and I understand and agree that 1276
the signature transmitted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will 1277
be used by the Secretary of State to validate this electronic 1278
voter registration application as if I had signed this form 1279
personally." 1280

In order to register to vote or update a voter 1281
registration under division (A) of this section, an applicant or 1282
elector shall be required to mark the box in the online voter 1283
registration application that appears in conjunction with the 1284
previous statement. 1285

~~(E) The online voter registration process established 1286~~
~~under division (A) of this section shall be in operation and 1287~~
~~available for use by individuals who wish to register to vote or 1288~~
~~update their voter registration information online not earlier 1289~~
~~than January 1, 2017. During the period beginning on the first 1290~~
day after the close of voter registration before an election and 1291
ending on the day of the election, the online voter registration 1292
system shall display a notice indicating that the applicant will 1293
not be registered to vote for the purposes of that election. 1294

(F) Notwithstanding section 1.50 of the Revised Code, if 1295
any provision of this section or of division (E) of section 1296
3503.14 of the Revised Code is held invalid, or if the 1297
application of any provision of this section or of that division 1298
to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this section 1299
and that division cease to operate. 1300

Sec. 3503.23. (A) Fourteen days before an election, the
board of elections shall cause to be prepared from the statewide
voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of
the Revised Code a complete and official registration list for
each precinct, containing the names, addresses, and political
party ~~whose ballot the elector voted in the most recent primary~~
~~election within the current year and the immediately preceding~~
~~two calendar years,~~ affiliations of all qualified registered
voters in the precinct, except as otherwise provided in section
111.44 of the Revised Code. All the names, insofar as
practicable, shall be arranged in alphabetical order. The lists
may be prepared either in sheet form on one side of the paper or
in electronic form, at the discretion of the board. Each
precinct list shall be headed "Register of Voters," and under
the heading shall be indicated the district or ward and
precinct.

Appended to each precinct list shall be attached the names
of the members of the board and the name of the director. A
sufficient number of such lists shall be provided for
distribution to the candidates, political parties, or organized
groups that apply for them. The board shall have each precinct
list available at the board for viewing by the public during
normal business hours. The board shall ensure that, by the
opening of the polls on the day of a general or primary
election, each precinct has a paper copy of the registration
list of voters in that precinct.

(B) On the day of a general or primary election, precinct
election officials shall do both of the following:

(1) By the time the polls open, conspicuously post and
display at the polling place one copy of the registration list

of voters in that precinct in an area of the polling place that 1331
is easily accessible; 1332

(2) At 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. place a mark, on the official 1333
registration list posted at the polling place, before the name 1334
of those registered voters who have voted. 1335

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 3501.35 of the 1336
Revised Code, any person may enter the polling place for the 1337
sole purpose of reviewing the official registration list posted 1338
in accordance with division (B) of this section, provided that 1339
the person does not engage in conduct that would constitute 1340
harassment in violation of the election law, as defined in 1341
section 3501.90 of the Revised Code. 1342

Sec. 3503.28. (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 1343
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 1344
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 1345
information: 1346

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 1347
for returning an applicant's completed registration form; 1348

(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's 1349
completed registration form if the person returning the form is 1350
being compensated for registering voters; 1351

(3) The manner in which a person may establish or change 1352
the person's political party affiliation; 1353

(4) The locations to which a person may return an 1354
applicant's completed registration form; 1355

~~(4)~~ (5) The location to which a person who is compensated 1356
for registering voters may return an applicant's completed 1357
registration form; 1358

~~(5)~~ (6) The registration and affirmation requirements 1359
applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters 1360
under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code; 1361

~~(6)~~ (7) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, 1362
stating as follows: 1363

"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 1364
order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo 1365
identification will still be able to vote by casting a 1366
provisional ballot." 1367

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this 1368
section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high 1369
school, public vocational school, public library, office of a 1370
county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall 1371
distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) 1372
of this section to any person who requests more than two voter 1373
registration forms at one time. 1374

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the 1375
information required to be included in the brochure developed 1376
under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 1377
voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 1378
the office of the secretary of state. 1379

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web 1380
site, the board shall provide the information required to be 1381
included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this 1382
section to any person who prints a voter registration form that 1383
is made available on that web site. 1384

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to 1385
distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this 1386
section to any of the following officials or employees who are 1387

requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in 1388
the course of the official's or employee's normal duties: 1389

- (1) An election official; 1390
- (2) A county treasurer; 1391
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1392
- (4) An employee of a designated agency; 1393
- (5) An employee of a public high school; 1394
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 1395
- (7) An employee of a public library; 1396
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1397
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 1398
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1399
- (11) An employee of an election official. 1400

(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes 1401
any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration 1402
forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those 1403
forms. 1404

Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall 1405
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 1406

- (1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 1407
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 1408
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 1409
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 1410
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 1411
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 1412

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 1413
provide photo identification to the election officials; 1414

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 1415
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 1416
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 1417
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 1418
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 1419

(4) An individual whose notification of registration has 1420
been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose 1421
name in the official registration list and in the poll list or 1422
signature pollbook has been marked under division (C) (2) of 1423
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code; 1424

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged 1425
under section 3505.20 or ~~3513.20~~ 3513.19 of the Revised Code; 1426

(6) An individual who changes the individual's name and 1427
remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name 1428
change under division (B) (1) (b) of section 3503.16 of the 1429
Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a 1430
county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the 1431
individual's name, or moves from one county to another within 1432
the state, and completes and signs the required forms and 1433
statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the 1434
Revised Code; 1435

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the 1436
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is 1437
not that of the person who signed that name in the registration 1438
forms. 1439

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional 1440
ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to 1441

cast a provisional ballot as follows: 1442

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify 1443
the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 1444
in that election. 1445

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 1446
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 1447
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 1448
stating that the individual is both of the following: 1449

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 1450
individual desires to vote; 1451

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 1452

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 1453
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 1454
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 1455
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 1456
appropriate local election official for verification under 1457
division (B) (4) of this section. 1458

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 1459
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 1460
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 1461
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 1462
be counted as a vote in that election. 1463

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 1464
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 1465
individual written information that states that any individual 1466
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 1467
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 1468
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 1469
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1470

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 1471
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 1472
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 1473
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 1474
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 1475
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 1476
established under this division also shall provide to an 1477
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 1478
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 1479
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 1480
individual's voter registration. 1481

The appropriate state or local election official shall 1482
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 1483
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 1484
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 1485
access system established under this division. The system shall 1486
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 1487
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1488

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 1489
ballot, the individual provides photo identification, the 1490
individual shall record the type of identification provided on 1491
the provisional ballot affirmation and, if the individual 1492
provides an Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or 1493
interim identification document, the individual also shall write 1494
the individual's driver's license or state identification card 1495
number on the provisional ballot affirmation. 1496

(7) (a) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be 1497
counted when it is cast by an individual who does not have photo 1498
identification because the individual has a religious objection 1499
to being photographed, the individual shall complete an 1500

affidavit of religious objection under section 3505.19 of the 1501
Revised Code. The election officials shall attach the affidavit 1502
to the individual's provisional ballot envelope. If the 1503
individual does not complete the affidavit at the time of 1504
casting the provisional ballot, the individual may appear at the 1505
office of the board of elections within four days after the day 1506
of the election and complete the affidavit. 1507

(b) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 1508
when it is cast by any other individual who does not have or is 1509
unable to provide photo identification to the election 1510
officials, the individual who cast that ballot, within four days 1511
after the day of the election, shall appear at the office of the 1512
board of elections and provide photo identification. 1513

(8) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 1514
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 1515
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 1516
cast that ballot, within four days after the day of that 1517
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 1518
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 1519
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 1520
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 1521

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 1522
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 1523
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 1524
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 1525
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 1526
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 1527
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 1528
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 1529
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 1530

to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 1531
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 1532
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 1533
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 1534
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 1535

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 1536
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 1537
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 1538
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 1539
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 1540
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 1541
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 1542
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 1543
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 1544
provisional ballot affirmation: 1545

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 1546
precinct; 1547

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 1548
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 1549

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 1550
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 1551
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 1552
ballot being rejected; 1553

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 1554
individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 1555

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 1556
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 1557

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 1558
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 1559

on the day of each election. 1560

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 1561
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 1562

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 1563
following: 1564

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 1565
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 1566
street address in the county or the range of residential street 1567
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 1568

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 1569
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 1570
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 1571
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 1572
in the county. 1573

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 1574

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 1575
that election; 1576

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the 1577
hours during which polling places will be open; 1578

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a 1579
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot; 1580

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time 1581
voters under applicable federal and state laws; 1582

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable 1583
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an 1584
individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how 1585
to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 1586

to have been violated; 1587

(f) General information on federal and state laws 1588
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 1589
misrepresentation. 1590

(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the 1591
Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised 1592
Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to 1593
receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two 1594
precinct election officials of different political parties. A 1595
blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in 1596
marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the 1597
required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may 1598
receive assistance on the day of an election under that section. 1599

Sec. 3509.02. (A) Any qualified elector may vote by absent 1600
voter's ballots at an election. 1601

(B) Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the 1602
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1603
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1604
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1605
vote, at that other location on account of personal illness, 1606
physical disability, or infirmity, and who moves from one 1607
precinct to another within a county, changes the elector's name 1608
and moves from one precinct to another within a county, or moves 1609
from one county to another county within the state, on or prior 1610
to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has 1611
not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name may 1612
vote by absent voter's ballots in that election as specified in 1613
division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code. 1614

Sec. 3509.04. (A) If a board of elections receives an 1615

application for absent voter's ballots that does not contain all 1616
of the required information or is not submitted on an 1617
appropriate form, the board promptly shall notify the applicant 1618
of the additional information required to be provided by the 1619
applicant to complete that application, direct the applicant to 1620
use an appropriate form, or both, as applicable. 1621

(B) Upon receipt by the board of elections of an 1622
application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the 1623
required information and is submitted on an appropriate form, as 1624
provided by section 3509.03 and division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 1625
3503.16 of the Revised Code, the board, if the board finds that 1626
the applicant is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the 1627
applicant in person or mail directly to the applicant by special 1628
delivery mail, air mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, 1629
proper absent voter's ballots. The board shall deliver or mail 1630
with the ballots an unsealed identification envelope upon the 1631
face of which shall be printed a form substantially as follows: 1632

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 1633

I, _____ (Name of voter), declare under 1634
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 1635
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 1636
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 1637
in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 1638

My voting residence in Ohio is 1639

_____ 1640

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 1641

of _____ (City, Village, or Township) 1642

Ohio, which is in Ward _____ Precinct _____ 1643

in that city, village, or township. 1644

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 1645
providing my program participant identification number instead 1646
of my residence address: _____ 1647

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 1648
are primary election ballots of the _____ Party. 1649

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 1650
the _____ (general, special, or primary) election to be 1651
held on the _____ day of 1652
_____, _____. 1653

My date of birth is _____ (Month and Day), 1654
_____ (Year). 1655

(Voter must provide one of the following:) 1656

My Ohio driver's license or state identification card 1657
number is _____ (Driver's license or state 1658
identification card number). 1659

The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 1660
_____ (Last four digits of Social Security Number). 1661

_____ In lieu of providing a driver's license or state 1662
identification card number or the last four digits of my Social 1663
Security Number, I am enclosing a copy of my photo 1664
identification in the return envelope in which this 1665
identification envelope will be mailed. 1666

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 1667
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 1668

_____ 1669

(Signature of Voter) 1670

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 1671

THE FIFTH DEGREE." 1672

The board shall mail with the ballots and the unsealed 1673
identification envelope an unsealed return envelope upon the 1674
face of which shall be printed the post-office address of the 1675
board. In the upper left corner on the face of the return 1676
envelope, several blank lines shall be printed upon which the 1677
voter may write the voter's name and return address. The return 1678
envelope shall be of such size that the identification envelope 1679
can be conveniently placed within it for returning the 1680
identification envelope to the board. 1681

No public office, and no public official or employee who 1682
is acting in an official capacity, shall prepay the return 1683
postage for any absent voter's ballots. 1684

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 1685
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 1686
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification 1687
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on 1688
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 1689
elector's name and address on an identification envelope 1690
statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the 1691
elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 1692
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 1693
Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the 1694
elector's address on the identification envelope statement of 1695
voter. 1696

Sec. 3509.07. If election officials find that any of the 1697
following are true concerning an absent voter's ballot or absent 1698
voter's presidential ballot cast under section 3503.16, 3509.05, 1699
3509.08, or 3511.09 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, the 1700
person did not provide any required additional information to 1701

the board of elections not later than the fourth day after the 1702
day of the election, as permitted under division (D) (3) (b) or 1703
(E) (2) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the ballot shall 1704
not be accepted or counted: 1705

(A) The statement accompanying the ballot is incomplete as 1706
described in division (D) (3) (a) of section 3509.06 of the 1707
Revised Code or is insufficient; 1708

(B) The signatures do not correspond with the person's 1709
registration signature; 1710

(C) The applicant is not a qualified elector in the 1711
precinct or for the election in which the elector cast the 1712
ballot; 1713

(D) The ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of 1714
any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not 1715
entitled to vote; 1716

(E) Stub A is detached from the absent voter's ballot or 1717
absent voter's presidential ballot; ~~or~~ 1718

(F) The elector has not included with the elector's ballot 1719
any identification required under section 3509.05 or 3511.09 of 1720
the Revised Code. 1721

The vote of any absent voter may be challenged for cause 1722
in the same manner as other votes are challenged, and the 1723
election officials shall determine the legality of that ballot. 1724
Every ballot not counted shall be endorsed on its back "Not 1725
Counted" with the reasons the ballot was not counted, and shall 1726
be enclosed and returned to or retained by the board of 1727
elections along with the contested ballots. 1728

Sec. 3509.08. (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account 1729

of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or 1730
infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail 1731
or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial 1732
on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the 1733
elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in 1734
the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 1735
primary election may make application in writing for an absent 1736
voter's ballot to the board of elections of the elector's county 1737
in the manner described in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code. 1738
The application shall state the nature of the elector's illness, 1739
physical disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector 1740
is confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant 1741
inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's 1742
precinct on election day. 1743

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the 1744
applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of 1745
confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 1746
board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 1747
major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 1748
to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 1749
board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 1750
institution within the county, in which case the board shall 1751
designate two board employees belonging to the two major 1752
political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 1753
the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 1754
In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 1755
office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 1756
of the Revised Code. 1757

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two 1758
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 1759
that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 1760

reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 1761
to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 1762
elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 1763
assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 1764
they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 1765
matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 1766
cause. 1767

When two board employees belonging to the two major 1768
political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined 1769
elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot 1770
is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is 1771
returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the 1772
declaration on the identification envelope. 1773

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 1774
application for absent voter's ballots under this division. 1775

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent 1776
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section. 1777

(B) (1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to 1778
the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any 1779
general, special, or primary election may apply to the board of 1780
elections of the county where the elector is a qualified elector 1781
to vote in the election by absent voter's ballot if either of 1782
the following apply: 1783

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of 1784
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before 1785
the election; 1786

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as 1787
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency 1788
occurring before the election. 1789

(2) The application authorized under division (B) (1) of 1790
this section shall be made in writing in the manner described in 1791
section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, except that the application 1792
shall be delivered to the office of the board not later than 1793
three p.m. on the day of the election. The application shall 1794
indicate the hospital where the applicant or the applicant's 1795
child is confined, the date of the applicant's or the 1796
applicant's child's admission to the hospital, and the offices 1797
for which the applicant is qualified to vote. The applicant may 1798
also request that a member of the applicant's family, as listed 1799
in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, deliver the absent 1800
voter's ballot to the applicant. The board, after establishing 1801
to the board's satisfaction the validity of the circumstances 1802
claimed by the applicant, shall supply an absent voter's ballot 1803
to be delivered to the applicant. When the applicant or the 1804
applicant's child is in a hospital in the county where the 1805
applicant is a qualified elector and no request is made for a 1806
member of the family to deliver the ballot, the board shall 1807
arrange for the delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the 1808
applicant, and for its return to the office of the board, by two 1809
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 1810
according to the procedures prescribed in division (A) of this 1811
section. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a 1812
hospital outside the county where the applicant is a qualified 1813
elector and no request is made for a member of the family to 1814
deliver the ballot, the board shall arrange for the delivery of 1815
an absent voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the 1816
ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in the 1817
manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 1818

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under 1819
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but 1820

is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in 1821
division (B) (2) of this section may vote in accordance with 1822
division (B) (1) of this section if that qualified elector states 1823
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that 1824
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the 1825
circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 1826
3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector 1827
complies with divisions ~~(G) (1)~~ (E) (1) to (4) of section 3503.16 1828
of the Revised Code. 1829

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 1830
(1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return 1831
absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for 1832
absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1833
instead of applying for them under this section or may cast 1834
absent voter's ballots in person under section 3509.051 of the 1835
Revised Code. 1836

(D) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 1837
(1) of this section to whom ballots are delivered by two 1838
employees of the board of elections or who votes with the 1839
assistance of two employees of the board of elections shall be 1840
considered to have cast absent voter's ballots by mail, rather 1841
than in person, for the purpose of the laws governing voter 1842
identification. 1843

Sec. 3513.041. A write-in space shall be provided on the 1844
ballot for every office, except in an election for which the 1845
board of elections has received no valid declarations of intent 1846
to be a write-in candidate under this section. Write-in votes 1847
shall not be counted for any candidate who has not filed a 1848
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate pursuant to 1849
this section. A qualified person who has filed a declaration of 1850

intent may receive write-in votes at either a primary or general 1851
election. Any candidate shall file a declaration of intent to be 1852
a write-in candidate before four p.m. of the seventy-second day 1853
preceding the election at which such candidacy is to be 1854
considered. If the election is to be determined by electors of a 1855
county or a district or subdivision within the county, such 1856
declaration shall be filed with the board of elections of that 1857
county. If the election is to be determined by electors of a 1858
subdivision located in more than one county, such declaration 1859
shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in 1860
which the major portion of the population of such subdivision is 1861
located. If the election is to be determined by electors of a 1862
district comprised of more than one county but less than all of 1863
the counties of the state, such declaration shall be filed with 1864
the board of elections of the most populous county in such 1865
district. Any candidate for an office to be voted upon by 1866
electors throughout the entire state shall file a declaration of 1867
intent to be a write-in candidate with the secretary of state 1868
before four p.m. of the seventy-second day preceding the 1869
election at which such candidacy is to be considered. In 1870
addition, candidates for president and vice-president of the 1871
United States shall also file with the secretary of state by 1872
that seventy-second day a slate of presidential electors 1873
sufficient in number to satisfy the requirements of the United 1874
States constitution. 1875

A board of elections shall not accept for filing the 1876
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate of a person 1877
seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same 1878
election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a 1879
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 1880
nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party 1881

nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy 1882
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code, for any 1883
federal, state, or county office, if the declaration of intent 1884
to be a write-in candidate is for a state or county office, or 1885
for any municipal or township office, for member of a city, 1886
local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of 1887
a governing board of an educational service center, if the 1888
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is for a 1889
municipal or township office, or for member of a city, local, or 1890
exempted village board of education, or for member of a 1891
governing board of an educational service center. 1892

No person shall file a declaration of intent to be a 1893
write-in candidate for the office of governor unless the 1894
declaration also shows the intent of another person to be a 1895
write-in candidate for the office of lieutenant governor. No 1896
person shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in 1897
candidate for the office of lieutenant governor unless the 1898
declaration also shows the intent of another person to be a 1899
write-in candidate for the office of governor. No person shall 1900
file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the 1901
office of governor or lieutenant governor if the person has 1902
previously filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in 1903
candidate to the office of governor or lieutenant governor at 1904
the same primary or general election. A write-in vote for the 1905
two candidates who file such a declaration shall be counted as a 1906
vote for them as joint candidates for the offices of governor 1907
and lieutenant governor. 1908

The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the 1909
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate of a person for 1910
the office of governor unless the declaration also shows the 1911
intent of another person to be a write-in candidate for the 1912

office of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the 1913
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate of a person for 1914
the office of lieutenant governor unless the declaration also 1915
shows the intent of another person to be a write-in candidate 1916
for the office of governor, and shall not accept for filing the 1917
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate of a person to 1918
the office of governor or lieutenant governor if that person, 1919
for the same election, has already filed a declaration of 1920
candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, 1921
or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through 1922
party nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a 1923
vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code, 1924
for any other state office or any federal or county office. 1925

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 1926
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate may be filed by 1927
any qualified elector who is eligible to vote in the election at 1928
which the candidacy is to be considered. The protest shall be in 1929
writing and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the 1930
sixty-seventh day before the day of the election. The protest 1931
shall be filed with the board of elections with which the 1932
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate was filed. Upon 1933
the filing of the protest, the board with which it is filed 1934
shall promptly fix the time for hearing it and shall proceed in 1935
regard to the hearing in the same manner as for hearings set for 1936
protests filed under section 3513.05 of the Revised Code. At the 1937
time fixed, the board shall hear the protest and determine the 1938
validity or invalidity of the declaration of intent to be a 1939
write-in candidate. If the board finds that the candidate is not 1940
an elector of the state, district, county, or political 1941
subdivision in which the candidate seeks election to office; is 1942
not affiliated with the political party whose nomination or 1943

office the candidate seeks at a primary election, if applicable; 1944
or has not fully complied with the requirements of Title XXXV of 1945
the Revised Code in regard to the candidate's candidacy, the 1946
candidate's declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1947
shall be determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; 1948
otherwise, it shall be determined to be valid. The determination 1949
of the board is final. 1950

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the 1951
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. 1952

Sec. 3513.05. Each person desiring to become a candidate 1953
for a party nomination at a primary election or for election to 1954
an office or position to be voted for at a primary election, 1955
except persons desiring to become joint candidates for the 1956
offices of governor and lieutenant governor and except as 1957
otherwise provided in section 3513.051 of the Revised Code, 1958
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 1959
day of the primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and 1960
petition and pay the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) 1961
of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The declaration of 1962
candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the 1963
same time as one instrument. When the offices are to be voted 1964
for at a primary election, persons desiring to become joint 1965
candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor 1966
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 1967
day of the primary election, comply with section 3513.04 of the 1968
Revised Code. The prospective joint candidates' declaration of 1969
candidacy and all separate petition papers of candidacies shall 1970
be filed at the same time as one instrument. The secretary of 1971
state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a 1972
declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to 1973
become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has 1974

already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of 1975
intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by 1976
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised 1977
Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the 1978
declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for 1979
any municipal or township office, if the declaration of 1980
candidacy is for a municipal or township office. 1981

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which 1982
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the 1983
petition, including a petition for joint candidates for the 1984
offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by 1985
at least one thousand qualified electors who are ~~members of~~ 1986
affiliated with the same political party as the candidate or 1987
joint candidates, and the declaration of candidacy and petition 1988
shall be filed with the secretary of state; provided that the 1989
secretary of state shall not accept or file any such petition 1990
appearing on its face to contain signatures of more than three 1991
thousand electors. 1992

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the 1993
declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only 1994
to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion 1995
thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty 1996
qualified electors who are ~~members of~~ affiliated with the same 1997
political party as ~~the political party of which the candidate is~~ 1998
~~a member~~. If the declaration of candidacy is for party 1999
nomination as a candidate for member of the legislative 2000
authority of a municipal corporation elected by ward, the 2001
petition shall be signed by not less than twenty-five qualified 2002
electors who are ~~members of~~ affiliated with the same political 2003
party ~~of which as~~ as the candidate ~~is a member~~. 2004

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that 2005
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, 2006
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its 2007
face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of 2008
signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for 2009
filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed 2010
invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the 2011
petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures 2012
accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures 2013
required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying 2014
signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures 2015
equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures. 2016

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for 2017
party nomination or for election as a candidate of a minor 2018
party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one- 2019
half the minimum number provided in this section, except that, 2020
when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state 2021
central committee or the county central committee of a political 2022
party, the minimum number shall be the same for a minor party as 2023
for a major party. 2024

If a declaration of candidacy is one for election as a 2025
member of the state central committee or the county central 2026
committee of a political party, the petition shall be signed by 2027
five qualified electors of the district, county, ward, township, 2028
or precinct within which electors may vote for such candidate. 2029
The electors signing such petition shall be ~~members of~~ 2030
affiliated with the same political party as the ~~political party~~ 2031
~~of which the candidate is a member.~~ 2032

~~For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of~~ 2033
~~candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is~~ 2034

~~considered to be a member of a political party if the elector~~ 2035
~~voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two~~ 2036
~~calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other~~ 2037
~~party's primary election within the preceding two calendar~~ 2038
~~years.~~ 2039

If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 2040
submitted only to electors within a county, or within a district 2041
or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, the 2042
petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the 2043
county. If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 2044
submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part 2045
thereof that is situated in more than one county, the petition 2046
shall be filed with the board of elections of the county within 2047
which the major portion of the population thereof, as 2048
ascertained by the next preceding federal census, is located. 2049

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each 2050
of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one 2051
county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing 2052
signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby 2053
be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition 2054
papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county 2055
are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the 2056
majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such 2057
county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall 2058
be invalid. 2059

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one 2060
person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or 2061
~~a member of person who is affiliated with~~ the same political 2062
party as the candidate or joint candidates, and each separate 2063
petition paper shall be governed by the rules set forth in 2064

section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. 2065

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each 2066
board such separate petition papers of each petition 2067
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary 2068
of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the 2069
county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a 2070
district shall promptly transmit to each board within such 2071
district such separate petition papers of each petition 2072
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 2073
to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such 2074
board. The board of a county within which the major portion of 2075
the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one 2076
county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each 2077
other county within which a portion of such subdivision is 2078
located such separate petition papers of each petition 2079
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 2080
to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such 2081
subdivision in the county of each such board. 2082

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all 2083
petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with a 2084
board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public 2085
inspection until four p.m. of the eightieth day before the day 2086
of the next primary election. Each board shall, not later than 2087
the seventy-eighth day before the day of that primary election, 2088
examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the 2089
signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed 2090
with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition 2091
papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together 2092
with its certification of its determination as to the validity 2093
or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each 2094
other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, 2095

together with its certification of its determination as to the 2096
validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other 2097
matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition 2098
papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the 2099
board with whom such petition papers were filed. 2100

For purposes of being eligible to sign or circulate a 2101
petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an 2102
elector is considered to be affiliated with a political party 2103
if, at the time the petition is verified, the elector is 2104
affiliated with that party as determined under section 3503.071 2105
of the Revised Code. 2106

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 2107
declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to 2108
an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed 2109
by any qualified elector who is ~~a member of~~ affiliated with the 2110
same political party as the candidate and who is eligible to 2111
vote at the primary election for the candidate whose declaration 2112
of candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling 2113
committee of that political party. The protest shall be in 2114
writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the 2115
seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. The 2116
protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the 2117
declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing 2118
of the protest, the election officials with whom it is filed 2119
shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith 2120
mail notice of the filing of the protest and the time fixed for 2121
hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They 2122
shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such 2123
hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, 2124
such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the 2125
validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and 2126

petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of 2127
the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which 2128
the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office 2129
or position, is not affiliated with the political party, or has 2130
not fully complied with this chapter, the candidate's 2131
declaration of candidacy and petition shall be determined to be 2132
invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it shall be determined 2133
to be valid. That determination shall be final. 2134

A protest against the candidacy of any persons filing a 2135
declaration of candidacy for joint party nomination to the 2136
offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be filed, 2137
heard, and determined in the same manner as a protest against 2138
the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy 2139
singly. 2140

The secretary of state shall, on the seventieth day before 2141
the day of a primary election, certify to each board in the 2142
state the forms of the official ballots to be used at the 2143
primary election, together with the names of the candidates to 2144
be printed on the ballots whose nomination or election is to be 2145
determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed 2146
valid declarations of candidacy and petitions. 2147

The board of the most populous county in a district 2148
comprised of more than one county but less than all of the 2149
counties of the state shall, on the seventieth day before the 2150
day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county 2151
in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the 2152
official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose 2153
nomination or election is to be determined only by electors 2154
within the district and who filed valid declarations of 2155
candidacy and petitions. 2156

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

Sec. 3513.07. The form of declaration of candidacy and
petition of a person desiring to be a candidate for a party
nomination or a candidate for election to an office or position
to be voted for at a primary election shall be substantially as
follows:

"DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

I, _____ (Name of Candidate), the
undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election
falsification that my voting residence is in _____
precinct of the _____ (Township) or
(Ward and City or Village) in the county of _____,
Ohio; that my voting residence is _____ (Street and
Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of the
_____ (City or Village) of
_____, Ohio; and that I am a qualified elector in
the precinct in which my voting residence is located. I am ~~a~~
~~member of~~ affiliated with the _____ Party. I hereby declare
that I desire to be _____ (a candidate for
nomination as a candidate of the Party for election to the
office of _____) (a candidate for election to the office

or position of _____) for the _____ in the 2187
state, district, (Full term or unexpired term ending 2188
_____) county, city, or village of 2189
_____, at the primary election to be held on the 2190
_____ day of _____, _____, and I hereby request that 2191
my name be printed upon the official primary election ballot of 2192
the said _____ Party as a candidate for _____ (such 2193
nomination) or (such election) as provided by law. 2194

I further declare that, if elected to said office or 2195
position, I will qualify therefor, and that I will support and 2196
abide by the principles enunciated by the _____ Party. 2197

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____ 2198

_____ 2199

(Signature of candidate) 2200

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 2201
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 2202

PETITION OF CANDIDATE 2203

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of 2204
Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, 2205
ward, township, or school district, and precinct set opposite 2206
our names, and ~~members of~~ affiliated with the 2207
_____ Party, hereby certify 2208
that _____ (Name of candidate) whose 2209
declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is ~~a member of~~ 2210
affiliated with the _____ Party, and is, in our opinion, 2211
well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position 2212
to which that candidate desires to be elected. 2213

Street City, 2214

and Village or 2215

Signature Number Township Ward Precinct County Date 2216

(Must use address on file with the board of elections) 2217

_____ 2218

_____ 2219

_____ 2220

_____ (Name of circulator 2221

of petition), declares under penalty of election falsification 2222

that the circulator of the petition is a qualified elector of 2223

the state of Ohio and resides at the address appearing below the 2224

signature of that circulator; that the circulator is ~~a member of~~ 2225

affiliated with the _____ Party; that the circulator is 2226

the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing 2227

_____ (Number) signatures; that the circulator witnessed 2228

the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the 2229

best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign; 2230

and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's 2231

knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature 2232

it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to 2233

section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. 2234

_____ 2235

(Signature of circulator) 2236

_____ 2237

(Address of circulator's 2238

permanent residence in this 2239

state) 2240

_____ 2241

(If petition is for a 2242
statewide candidate, the 2243
name and address of person 2244
employing to circulate 2245
petition, if any) 2246

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 2247
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 2248

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of 2249
declaration of candidacy and petition, and the form shall be 2250
substantially similar to the declaration of candidacy and 2251
petition set forth in this section, that will be suitable for 2252
joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant 2253
governor. 2254

The petition provided for in this section shall be 2255
circulated only by ~~a member of an elector who is affiliated with~~ 2256
the same political party as the candidate. 2257

Sec. 3513.18. (A) Party primaries shall be held at the 2258
same place and time, but there shall be separate pollbooks and 2259
tally sheets provided at each polling place for each party 2260
participating in the election. The pollbooks shall include each 2261
elector's political party affiliation, if any. An elector may 2262
vote a political party's ballot at a primary election only if 2263
the elector is affiliated with that political party as of the 2264
thirtieth day before the day of the primary election. 2265

(B) If a special election on a question or issue is held 2266
on the day of a primary election, there shall be provided in the 2267
pollbooks pages on which shall be recorded the names of all 2268
electors voting on said question or issue and not voting in such 2269

primary. ~~It shall not be necessary for electors desiring Any~~ 2270
~~elector may choose to vote only on the question or issue to~~ 2271
~~declare their political affiliation questions or issues~~ 2272
appearing on the ballot. An elector who is not affiliated with 2273
any political party shall vote only on the questions or issues 2274
appearing on the ballot. 2275

Sec. 3513.19. (A) It is the duty of any precinct election 2276
official, whenever any such official doubts that a person 2277
attempting to vote at a primary election is legally entitled to 2278
vote at that election, to challenge the right of that person to 2279
vote. The right of a person to vote at a primary election may be 2280
challenged as described in section 3505.20 of the Revised Code 2281
or upon the following grounds:— 2282

~~(1) That the person whose right to vote is challenged is~~ 2283
~~not a legally qualified elector;~~ 2284

~~(2) That the person has received or has been promised some~~ 2285
~~valuable reward or consideration for the person's vote;~~ 2286

~~(3) That ground that the person is not affiliated with or~~ 2287
~~is not a member of the political party whose ballot the person~~ 2288
~~desires to vote. Such party affiliation shall be, as determined~~ 2289
~~by examining the elector's voting record for the current year~~ 2290
~~and the immediately preceding two calendar years as shown on the~~ 2291
~~voter's registration card, using the standards of affiliation~~ 2292
~~specified in the seventh paragraph of under section 3513.05—~~ 2293
3503.071 of the Revised Code, as of the thirtieth day before the 2294
day of the primary election. Division (A)(3) of this section and 2295
~~the seventh paragraph of section 3513.05 of the Revised Code do~~ 2296
~~not prohibit a person who holds an elective office for which~~ 2297
~~candidates are nominated at a party primary election from doing~~ 2298
~~any of the following:~~ 2299

~~(a) If the person voted as a member of a different political party at any primary election within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years, being a candidate for nomination at a party primary held during the times specified in division (C) (2) of section 3513.191 of the Revised Code provided that the person complies with the requirements of that section;~~

~~(b) Circulating the person's own petition of candidacy for party nomination in the primary election.~~

~~(B) When the right of a person to vote is challenged upon the ground set forth in division (A) (3) of this section, membership in or political affiliation with a political party shall be determined by the person's statement, made under penalty of election falsification, that the person desires to be affiliated with and supports the principles of the political party whose primary ballot the person desires to vote.~~

(B) If a majority of the precinct officials finds that the person is not entitled to vote at the primary election, the person shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3513.191. (A) No person shall be a candidate for nomination or election at a party primary if the person ~~voted as a member of a different~~ is not affiliated with that political party ~~at any primary election within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years,~~ as determined under section 3503.071 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, either of the following persons may be candidates for nomination of any political party at a party primary:~~

~~(1) A person who does not hold an elective office;~~ 2329

~~(2) A person who holds an elective office other than one~~ 2330
~~for which candidates are nominated at a party primary.~~ 2331

~~(C) (1) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a A~~ 2332
person who holds an elective office for which candidates are 2333
nominated at a party primary may be a candidate at a primary 2334
election ~~held during the times specified in division (C) (2) of~~ 2335
~~this section~~ for nomination as a candidate of a political party 2336
~~of which the person is prohibited from being a candidate for~~ 2337
~~nomination under division (A) of this section, other than the~~ 2338
party that most recently nominated the person as a candidate for 2339
the office the person currently holds, only if all of the 2340
following are true: 2341

(1) The person submits a voter registration update form 2342
reflecting the change of political party affiliation not later 2343
than four p.m. of the thirtieth day before a declaration of 2344
candidacy and petition is required to be filed under section 2345
3513.05 of the Revised Code. 2346

(2) The person files a declaration of intent to seek the 2347
nomination of ~~that the person's new party and if, by filing the~~ 2348
~~declaration, the person has not violated division (C) (3) of this~~ 2349
~~section.~~ The declaration of intent shall: 2350

(a) Be filed not later than four p.m. of the thirtieth day 2351
before a declaration of candidacy and petition is required to be 2352
filed under section 3513.05 of the Revised Code; 2353

(b) Be filed with the same official with whom the person 2354
filing the declaration of intent is required to file a 2355
declaration of candidacy and petition; 2356

(c) Indicate the political party whose nomination in the 2357

primary election the person seeks; 2358

(d) Be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 2359

(3) The person has not violated division (C) of this 2360
section. 2361

~~(2)~~ (C) (1) No person filing a declaration of intent under 2362
division ~~(C) (1)~~ (B) of this section shall be a candidate at any 2363
primary election for nomination for an elective office for which 2364
candidates are nominated at a party primary during the calendar 2365
year in which the person files the declaration or during the 2366
next calendar year except as a candidate of the party indicated 2367
under division ~~(C) (1) (e)~~ (B) (2) (c) of this section. 2368

~~(3)~~ (2) No person who files a declaration of intent under 2369
division ~~(C) (1)~~ (B) (2) of this section shall file another such 2370
declaration for a period of ten years after the declaration is 2371
filed. 2372

~~(4) Notwithstanding the seventh paragraph of section~~ 2373
~~3513.05 of the Revised Code, a person who complies with this~~ 2374
~~section may circulate that person's own petition of candidacy~~ 2375
~~for party nomination at the party primary at which the person~~ 2376
~~seeks nomination under this section.~~ 2377

Sec. 3513.257. Each person ~~desiring who is not affiliated~~ 2378
with a political party, as determined under section 3503.071 of 2379
the Revised Code, and who desires to become an independent 2380
candidate for an office for which candidates may be nominated at 2381
a primary election, except persons desiring to become 2382
independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2383
lieutenant governor and for the offices of president and vice- 2384
president of the United States, shall file no later than four 2385
p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election 2386

immediately preceding the general election at which such 2387
candidacy is to be voted for by the voters, a statement of 2388
candidacy and nominating petition as provided in section 2389
3513.261 of the Revised Code. Persons desiring to become 2390
independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2391
lieutenant governor shall file, not later than four p.m. of the 2392
day before the day of the primary election, one statement of 2393
candidacy and one nominating petition for the two of them. 2394
Persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the 2395
offices of president and vice-president of the United States 2396
shall file, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before 2397
the day of the general election at which the president and vice- 2398
president are to be elected, one statement of candidacy and one 2399
nominating petition for the two of them. The prospective 2400
independent joint candidates' statement of candidacy shall be 2401
filed with the nominating petition as one instrument. 2402

The statement of candidacy and separate petition papers of 2403
each candidate or pair of joint candidates shall be filed at the 2404
same time as one instrument. 2405

The nominating petition shall contain signatures of 2406
qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or 2407
portion of a political subdivision in which the candidacy is to 2408
be voted on in an amount to be determined as follows: 2409

(A) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors 2410
throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including 2411
the nominating petition of independent joint candidates for the 2412
offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by 2413
no less than five thousand qualified electors, provided that no 2414
petition shall be accepted for filing if it purports to contain 2415
more than fifteen thousand signatures. 2416

(B) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any 2417
district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which less 2418
than five thousand electors voted for the office of governor at 2419
the most recent election for that office, the nominating 2420
petition shall contain signatures of not less than twenty-five 2421
qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or 2422
part thereof, or a number of qualified signatures equal to at 2423
least five per cent of that vote, if this number is less than 2424
twenty-five. 2425

(C) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any 2426
district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which five 2427
thousand or more electors voted for the office of governor at 2428
the most recent election for that office, the nominating 2429
petition shall contain a number of signatures equal to at least 2430
one per cent of those electors. 2431

All nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be 2432
voted on by electors throughout the entire state shall be filed 2433
in the office of the secretary of state. No nominating petition 2434
for the offices of president and vice-president of the United 2435
States shall be accepted for filing unless there is submitted to 2436
the secretary of state, at the time of filing the petition, a 2437
slate of presidential electors sufficient in number to satisfy 2438
the requirement of the United States Constitution. The secretary 2439
of state shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy 2440
of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the 2441
office of governor unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a 2442
person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office 2443
of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the 2444
statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an 2445
independent candidate for the office of lieutenant governor 2446
unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a person who desires 2447

to be an independent candidate for the office of governor, and 2448
shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a 2449
person who desires to be an independent candidate to the office 2450
of governor or lieutenant governor who, for the same election, 2451
has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of 2452
intent to be a write-in candidate, or a statement of candidacy, 2453
or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under 2454
section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any other state office 2455
or any federal or county office. 2456

Nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted 2457
on by electors within a district or political subdivision 2458
comprised of more than one county but less than all counties of 2459
the state shall be filed with the boards of elections of that 2460
county or part of a county within the district or political 2461
subdivision which had a population greater than that of any 2462
other county or part of a county within the district or 2463
political subdivision according to the last federal decennial 2464
census. 2465

Nominating petitions for offices to be voted on by 2466
electors within a county or district smaller than a county shall 2467
be filed with the board of elections for such county. 2468

No petition other than the petition of a candidate whose 2469
candidacy is to be considered by electors throughout the entire 2470
state shall be accepted for filing if it appears on its face to 2471
contain more than three times the minimum required number of 2472
signatures. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a 2473
nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if 2474
that person, for the same election, has already filed a 2475
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write- 2476
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a 2477

candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of 2478
the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county office, if 2479
the nominating petition is for a state or county office, or for 2480
any municipal or township office, for member of a city, local, 2481
or exempted village board of education, or for member of a 2482
governing board of an educational service center, if the 2483
nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, or 2484
for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of 2485
education, or for member of a governing board of an educational 2486
service center. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted 2487
for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be 2488
deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in 2489
the petition, the board of elections finds the number of 2490
signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of 2491
signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue 2492
verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures on a 2493
petition equals the minimum required number of qualified 2494
signatures. 2495

Any candidate, other than a candidate for judge of a 2496
municipal court, county court, or court of common pleas, who 2497
files a nominating petition may request, at the time of filing, 2498
that the candidate be designated on the ballot as a nonparty 2499
candidate or as an other-party candidate, or may request that 2500
the candidate's name be placed on the ballot without any 2501
designation. Any such candidate who fails to request a 2502
designation either as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party 2503
candidate shall have the candidate's name placed on the ballot 2504
without any designation. 2505

The purpose of establishing a filing deadline for 2506
independent candidates prior to the primary election immediately 2507
preceding the general election at which the candidacy is to be 2508

voted on by the voters is to recognize that the state has a 2509
substantial and compelling interest in protecting its electoral 2510
process by encouraging political stability, ensuring that the 2511
winner of the election will represent a majority of the 2512
community, providing the electorate with an understandable 2513
ballot, and enhancing voter education, thus fostering informed 2514
and educated expressions of the popular will in a general 2515
election. The filing deadline for independent candidates 2516
required in this section prevents splintered parties and 2517
unrestrained factionalism, avoids political fragmentation, and 2518
maintains the integrity of the ballot. The deadline, one day 2519
prior to the primary election, is the least drastic or 2520
restrictive means of protecting these state interests. The 2521
general assembly finds that the filing deadline for independent 2522
candidates in primary elections required in this section is 2523
reasonably related to the state's purpose of ensuring fair and 2524
honest elections while leaving unimpaired the political, voting, 2525
and associational rights secured by the first and fourteenth 2526
amendments to the United States Constitution. 2527

Sec. 3517.012. (A) (1) When a party formation petition 2528
meeting the requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code 2529
declaring the intention to organize a political party is filed 2530
with the secretary of state, the new party comes into legal 2531
existence on the date of filing and is entitled to nominate 2532
candidates to appear on the ballot at the general election held 2533
in even-numbered years that occurs more than one hundred twenty- 2534
five days after the date of filing. 2535

(2) (a) Upon receiving a party formation petition filed 2536
under division (A) (1) of this section, the secretary of state 2537
shall promptly transmit to each board of elections the separate 2538
petition papers that purport to contain signatures of electors 2539

of that board's county. 2540

(b) Not later than the one hundred eighteenth day before 2541
the day of the general election, each board shall examine and 2542
determine the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition 2543
papers and shall return them to the secretary of state, together 2544
with the board's certification of its determination as to the 2545
validity or invalidity of the signatures on the petition. 2546

(c) Any qualified elector may file a written protest 2547
against the petition with the secretary of state not later than 2548
the one hundred fourteenth day before the day of the general 2549
election. Any such protest shall be resolved in the manner 2550
specified under section 3501.39 of the Revised Code. 2551

(d) Not later than the ninety-fifth day before the day of 2552
the general election, the secretary of state shall determine 2553
whether the party formation petition is sufficient and shall 2554
notify the committee designated in the petition of that 2555
determination. 2556

(B) (1) Not later than one hundred ten days before the day 2557
of that general election and not earlier than the day the 2558
applicable party formation petition is filed, each candidate or 2559
pair of joint candidates wishing to appear on the ballot at the 2560
general election as the nominee or nominees of the party that 2561
filed the party formation petition shall file a nominating 2562
petition, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that 2563
includes the name of the political party that submitted the 2564
party formation petition. Except as otherwise provided in this 2565
section and sections 3505.03, 3505.08, 3506.11, 3513.31, 2566
3513.311, and 3513.312 of the Revised Code, the provisions of 2567
the Revised Code concerning independent candidates who file 2568
nominating petitions apply to candidates who file nominating 2569

petitions under this section. 2570

(2) (a) If the candidacy is to be submitted to electors 2571
throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including 2572
a petition for joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2573
lieutenant governor, shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 2574
electors who ~~have not voted as a member of~~ are not affiliated 2575
with a different political party ~~at any primary election within~~ 2576
~~the current year or the immediately preceding two calendar~~ 2577
~~years,~~ as determined under section 3503.071 of the Revised Code. 2578

(b) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, if~~ If 2579
the candidacy is to be submitted only to electors within a 2580
district, political subdivision, or portion thereof, the 2581
nominating petition shall be signed by not less than five 2582
qualified electors who ~~have not voted as a member of~~ are not 2583
affiliated with a different political party ~~at any primary~~ 2584
~~election within the current year or the immediately preceding~~ 2585
~~two calendar years,~~ as determined under section 3503.071 of the 2586
Revised Code. 2587

(3) (a) Each board of elections that is responsible to 2588
verify signatures on the nominating petition shall examine and 2589
determine the sufficiency of those signatures not later than the 2590
one hundred fifth day before the day of the general election ~~and~~ 2591
~~shall be resolved as specified in that section.~~ 2592

(b) Written protests against the petition may be filed in 2593
the manner specified under section 3513.263 of the Revised Code 2594
not later than the one hundredth day before the general election 2595
and shall be resolved as specified in that section. 2596

(c) Not later than the ninety-fifth day before the day of 2597
the general election, the secretary of state or the board of 2598

elections, as applicable, shall determine whether the nominating 2599
petition is sufficient and shall notify the candidate and the 2600
committee designated in the party formation petition of that 2601
determination. 2602

(C) (1) After being notified that the political party has 2603
submitted a sufficient party formation petition under division 2604
(A) of this section, the committee designated in a party 2605
formation petition shall, not later than the seventy-fifth day 2606
before the day of the general election, certify to the secretary 2607
of state a slate of candidates consisting of candidates or joint 2608
candidates who submitted sufficient nominating petitions under 2609
division (B) of this section. The slate certifying the 2610
candidates shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2611
state and signed by all of the individuals of the committee 2612
designated in the party formation petition. In no event shall 2613
the slate of candidates include more than one candidate for any 2614
public office or more than one set of joint candidates for the 2615
offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The names of the 2616
candidates or joint candidates so certified shall appear on the 2617
ballot at the general election as that party's nominees for 2618
those offices. For purposes of this division, "joint candidates" 2619
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 2620
lieutenant governor. 2621

(2) If a candidate's nominating petition is insufficient 2622
or if the committee does not certify the candidate's name under 2623
division (C) (1) of this section, the candidate shall not appear 2624
on the ballot in the general election. 2625

(3) If a party formation petition is insufficient, no 2626
candidate shall appear on the ballot in the general election as 2627
that political party's nominee, regardless of whether any 2628

candidate's nominating petition is sufficient. 2629

Sec. 3517.013. ~~Section~~ Division (B) of section 3513.191 of 2630
the Revised Code does not apply to persons desiring to become 2631
candidates for party nomination of a newly formed political 2632
party meeting the requirements of sections 3517.011 and 3517.012 2633
of the Revised Code for a period of four calendar years from the 2634
date of the party formation. 2635

Sec. 3599.12. (A) No person shall do any of the following: 2636

(1) Vote or attempt to vote in any primary, special, or 2637
general election in a precinct in which that person is not a 2638
legally qualified elector; 2639

(2) Vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same 2640
election by any means, including voting or attempting to vote 2641
both by absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 2642
3503.16 of the Revised Code and by regular ballot at the polls 2643
at the same election, or voting or attempting to vote both by 2644
absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 2645
of the Revised Code and by absent voter's ballots under Chapter 2646
3509. or armed service absent voter's ballots under Chapter 2647
3511. of the Revised Code at the same election; 2648

(3) Impersonate or sign the name of another person, real 2649
or fictitious, living or dead, and vote or attempt to vote as 2650
that other person in any such election; 2651

(4) Cast a ballot at any such election after objection has 2652
been made and sustained to that person's vote; 2653

(5) Knowingly vote or attempt to vote a ballot other than 2654
the official ballot. 2655

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 2656

guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. 2657

Section 2. That existing sections 3501.01, 3503.09, 2658
3503.10, 3503.11, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 2659
3503.23, 3503.28, 3505.181, 3509.02, 3509.04, 3509.07, 3509.08, 2660
3513.041, 3513.05, 3513.07, 3513.18, 3513.19, 3513.191, 2661
3513.257, 3517.012, 3517.013, and 3599.12 of the Revised Code 2662
are hereby repealed. 2663

Section 3. That sections 3513.192 and 3513.20 of the 2664
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2665

Section 4. This act shall be known as the Voter 2666
Registration Modernization Act. 2667