

As Introduced

**135th General Assembly
Regular Session
2023-2024**

S. B. No. 324

Senators Gavarone, Brenner

A BILL

To amend sections 303.12, 303.59, 307.94, 3501.01, 1
3501.38, 3501.381, 3501.39, 3503.01, 3503.13, 2
3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.16, 3
3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 4
3505.20, 3509.05, 3509.08, 3513.07, 3513.261, 5
3517.01, 3517.12, 3519.02, 3519.05, 3519.16, and 6
3599.21 and to enact sections 3503.201 and 7
3503.202 of the Revised Code to require proof of 8
citizenship to register to vote and to modify 9
procedures regarding voter roll maintenance, 10
absent voting, and election petitions. 11

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

Section 1. That sections 303.12, 303.59, 307.94, 3501.01, 12
3501.38, 3501.381, 3501.39, 3503.01, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 13
3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.181, 14
3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3509.05, 3509.08, 3513.07, 15
3513.261, 3517.01, 3517.12, 3519.02, 3519.05, 3519.16, and 16
3599.21 be amended and sections 3503.201 and 3503.202 of the 17
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 18

Sec. 303.12. (A) (1) Amendments to the zoning resolution 19

may be initiated by motion of the county rural zoning 20
commission, by the passage of a resolution by the board of 21
county commissioners, or by the filing of an application by one 22
or more of the owners or lessees of property within the area 23
proposed to be changed or affected by the proposed amendment 24
with the county rural zoning commission. The board of county 25
commissioners may require that the owner or lessee of property 26
filing an application to amend the zoning resolution pay a fee 27
to defray the cost of advertising, mailing, filing with the 28
county recorder, and other expenses. If the board of county 29
commissioners requires such a fee, it shall be required 30
generally, for each application. The board of county 31
commissioners, upon the passage of such a resolution, shall 32
certify it to the county rural zoning commission. 33

(2) Upon the adoption of a motion by the county rural 34
zoning commission, the certification of a resolution by the 35
board of county commissioners to the commission, or the filing 36
of an application by property owners or lessees as described in 37
division (A)(1) of this section with the commission, the 38
commission shall set a date for a public hearing, which date 39
shall not be less than twenty nor more than forty days from the 40
date of adoption of such a motion, the date of the certification 41
of such a resolution, or the date of the filing of such an 42
application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the 43
commission by one publication in one or more newspapers of 44
general circulation in each township affected by the proposed 45
amendment at least ten days before the date of the hearing. 46

(B) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 47
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land, as listed on the county 48
auditor's current tax list, written notice of the hearing shall 49
be mailed by the county rural zoning commission, by first class 50

mail, at least ten days before the date of the public hearing to 51
all owners of property within and contiguous to and directly 52
across the street from the area proposed to be rezoned or 53
redistricted to the addresses of those owners appearing on the 54
county auditor's current tax list. The failure of delivery of 55
that notice shall not invalidate any such amendment. 56

(C) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 57
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 58
auditor's current tax list, the published and mailed notices 59
shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing 60
and include all of the following: 61

(1) The name of the county rural zoning commission that 62
will be conducting the hearing; 63

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, resolution, or 64
application is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 65

(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be 66
rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the 67
names of owners of these properties, as they appear on the 68
county auditor's current tax list; 69

(4) The present zoning classification of property named in 70
the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of 71
that property; 72

(5) The time and place where the motion, resolution, or 73
application proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be 74
available for examination for a period of at least ten days 75
prior to the hearing; 76

(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice 77
of the public hearing by publication, by mail, or by both 78
publication and mail; 79

(7) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, 80
the matter will be submitted to the board of county 81
commissioners for its action; 82

(8) Any other information requested by the commission. 83

(D) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the 84
zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten 85
parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax 86
list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and 87
place of the public hearing and include all of the following: 88

(1) The name of the county rural zoning commission that 89
will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment; 90

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, 91
or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 92

(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the 93
proposed amendment will be available for examination for a 94
period of at least ten days prior to the hearing; 95

(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice 96
of the hearing by publication; 97

(5) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, 98
the matter will be submitted to the board of county 99
commissioners for its action; 100

(6) Any other information requested by the commission. 101

Hearings shall be held in the county court house or in a 102
public place designated by the commission. 103

(E) Within five days after the adoption of the motion 104
described in division (A) of this section, the certification of 105
the resolution described in division (A) of this section, or the 106

filing of the application described in division (A) of this 107
section, the county rural zoning commission shall transmit a 108
copy of it together with text and map pertaining to it to the 109
county or regional planning commission, if there is such a 110
commission. 111

The county or regional planning commission shall recommend 112
the approval or denial of the proposed amendment or the approval 113
of some modification of it and shall submit its recommendation 114
to the county rural zoning commission. The recommendation shall 115
be considered at the public hearing held by the county rural 116
zoning commission on the proposed amendment. 117

The county rural zoning commission, within thirty days 118
after the hearing, shall recommend the approval or denial of the 119
proposed amendment, or the approval of some modification of it, 120
and shall submit that recommendation together with the motion, 121
application, or resolution involved, the text and map pertaining 122
to the proposed amendment, and the recommendation of the county 123
or regional planning commission on it to the board of county 124
commissioners. 125

The board of county commissioners, upon receipt of that 126
recommendation, shall set a time for a public hearing on the 127
proposed amendment, which date shall be not more than thirty 128
days from the date of the receipt of that recommendation. Notice 129
of the hearing shall be given by the board by one publication in 130
one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county, at 131
least ten days before the date of the hearing. 132

(F) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 133
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 134
auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth 135
the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all 136

of the following:	137
(1) The name of the board of county commissioners that will be conducting the hearing;	138 139
(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;	140 141
(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list;	142 143 144 145
(4) The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of that property;	146 147 148
(5) The time and place where the motion, application, or resolution proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	149 150 151 152
(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;	153 154 155
(7) Any other information requested by the board.	156
(G) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all of the following:	157 158 159 160 161
(1) The name of the board of county commissioners that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;	162 163

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, 164
or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 165

(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the 166
proposed amendment will be available for examination for a 167
period of at least ten days prior to the hearing; 168

(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice 169
of the hearing by publication; 170

(5) Any other information requested by the board. 171

(H) Within twenty days after its public hearing, the board 172
of county commissioners shall either adopt or deny the 173
recommendation of the county rural zoning commission or adopt 174
some modification of it. If the board denies or modifies the 175
commission's recommendation, a majority vote of the board shall 176
be required. 177

The proposed amendment, if adopted by the board, shall 178
become effective in thirty days after the date of its adoption, 179
unless, within thirty days after the adoption, there is 180
presented to the board of county commissioners a petition, 181
signed by a number of qualified voters residing in the 182
unincorporated area of the township or part of that 183
unincorporated area included in the zoning plan equal to not 184
less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all 185
candidates for governor in that area at the most recent general 186
election at which a governor was elected, requesting the board 187
to submit the amendment to the electors of that area for 188
approval or rejection at a special election to be held on the 189
day of the next primary or general election occurring at least 190
ninety days after the petition is submitted. Each part of this 191
petition shall contain the number and the full and correct 192

title, if any, of the zoning amendment resolution, motion, or 193
application, furnishing the name by which the amendment is known 194
and a brief summary of its contents. In addition to meeting the 195
requirements of this section, each petition shall be governed by 196
the rules specified in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. 197

The form of a petition calling for a zoning referendum and 198
the statement of the circulator shall be substantially as 199
follows: 200

"PETITION FOR ZONING REFERENDUM 201

(if the proposal is identified by a particular name or number, 202
or both, these should be inserted here) _____ 203

A proposal to amend the zoning map of the unincorporated 204
area of _____ Township, _____ County, 205
Ohio, adopted _____ (date) _____ (followed by brief 206
summary of the proposal). 207

To the Board of County Commissioners of _____ 208
County, Ohio: 209

We, the undersigned, being electors residing in the 210
unincorporated area of _____ Township, included within 211
the _____ County Zoning Plan, equal to not less than 212
eight per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for 213
governor in the area at the preceding general election at which 214
a governor was elected, request the Board of County 215
Commissioners to submit this amendment of the zoning resolution 216
to the electors of _____ Township residing within the 217
unincorporated area of the township included in the 218
_____ County Zoning Resolution, for approval or 219
rejection at a special election to be held on the day of the 220
next primary or general election to be held on 221

_____ (date) _____, pursuant to section 303.12 of the Revised Code. 222
223

Street Address Date of 224
Signature or R.F.D. Township Precinct County Signing 225

_____ 226
_____ 227

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 228

I, _____ (name of circulator) _____, 229
declare under penalty of election falsification that I ~~am an~~ 230
~~elector of the state of Ohio and~~ reside at the address appearing 231
below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing 232
part petition containing _____ (number) _____ signatures; that I 233
have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers 234
were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; 235
and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and 236
belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports 237
to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 238
3501.382 of the Revised Code. (The circulator shall personally 239
write the number of electors whose signatures the petition paper 240
contains.) 241

For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 242
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 243
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 244
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 245
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 246
produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 247
service of process at the residence address I have provided. 248

I am compensated to circulate this petition by 249

_____ (name and address of employer). (The 250
circulator shall complete the preceding sentence as required by 251
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being 252
compensated to circulate the petition.) 253

_____ 254

(Signature of circulator) 255

_____ 256

(Address of circulator's 257

permanent residence ~~in this~~ 258

_____ state) 259

_____ 260

(City, village, or township, 261

and zip code) 262

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 263

FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 264

No amendment for which such a referendum vote has been 265

requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the vote 266

cast on the issue is in favor of the amendment. Upon 267

certification by the board of elections that the amendment has 268

been approved by the voters, it shall take immediate effect. 269

Within five working days after an amendment's effective 270

date, the board of county commissioners shall file the text and 271

maps of the amendment in the office of the county recorder and 272

with the regional or county planning commission, if one exists. 273

The failure to file any amendment, or any text and maps, 274

or duplicates of any of these documents, with the office of the 275

county recorder or the county or regional planning commission as 276

required by this section does not invalidate the amendment and 277

is not grounds for an appeal of any decision of the board of zoning appeals. 278
279

Sec. 303.59. A resolution designating a restricted area 280
prohibiting the construction of utility facilities, if adopted 281
by the board of county commissioners, becomes effective thirty 282
days after the date of its adoption, unless, within thirty days 283
after the adoption, there is presented to the board of county 284
commissioners a petition, signed by a number of registered 285
electors residing in the county equal to not less than eight per 286
cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in 287
that county at the most recent general election at which a 288
governor was elected, requesting the board of county 289
commissioners to submit the resolution to the electors of that 290
county for approval or rejection at a special election to be 291
held on the day of the next primary or general election that 292
occurs at least one hundred twenty days after the petition is 293
filed. Each part petition shall contain the number and the full 294
and correct title, if any, of the resolution, motion, or 295
application, furnishing the name by which the resolution is 296
known and a brief summary of its contents. In addition to 297
meeting the requirements of this section, each petition shall be 298
governed by the rules specified in section 3501.38 of the 299
Revised Code. 300

The form of a petition calling for a referendum on the 301
designation of a restricted area and the statement of the 302
circulator shall be substantially as follows: 303

"PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON THE DESIGNATION OF A 304
RESTRICTED AREA PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY 305
FACILITIES 306

(if the proposal is identified by a particular name or 307

number, or both, these should be inserted here) _____ 308

A proposal to designate a restricted area prohibiting the 309
construction of utility facilities in the unincorporated area of 310
_____ county, Ohio, adopted _____ (date) (followed by 311
brief summary of the resolution). 312

To the board of county commissioners of _____ county, 313
Ohio: 314

We, the undersigned, being electors residing in 315
_____ county, equal to not less than eight per cent of the 316
total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the county at 317
the preceding general election at which a governor was elected, 318
request the board of county commissioners to submit this 319
designation of a restricted area to the electors of _____ 320
county, for approval or rejection at a special election to be 321
held on the day of the primary or general election to be held on 322
_____ (date), pursuant to section 303.59 of the Revised 323
Code. 324

_____ Signature 325

_____ Residence address 326

_____ Date of signing 327

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 328

I, _____ (name of circulator), declare under penalty 329
of election falsification that I reside at the address appearing 330
below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing 331
part petition containing _____ (number) signatures; that I 332
have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers 333
were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; 334
and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and 335

belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports 336
to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 337
3501.382 of the Revised Code. (The circulator shall personally 338
write the number of electors whose signatures the petition paper 339
contains.) 340

For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 341
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 342
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 343
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 344
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 345
produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 346
service of process at the residence address I have provided. 347

I am compensated to circulate this petition by 348
_____ (name and address of employer). (The 349
circulator shall complete the preceding sentence as required by 350
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being 351
compensated to circulate the petition.) 352

_____ (Signature of circulator) 353

_____ (Circulator's residence address) 354

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 355
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 356

The petition shall be filed with the board of county 357
commissioners. Within two weeks after receiving a petition filed 358
under this section, the board of county commissioners shall 359
certify the petition to the board of elections. A petition filed 360
under this section shall be certified to the board of elections 361
not less than ninety days prior to the election at which the 362
question is to be voted upon. 363

The board of elections shall determine the sufficiency and 364

validity of each petition certified to it by a board of county commissioners under this section. If the board of elections determines that a petition is sufficient and valid, the question shall be voted upon at a special election to be held on the day of the next primary or general election that occurs at least one hundred twenty days after the date the petition is filed with the board of county commissioners, regardless of whether any election will be held to nominate or elect candidates on that day.

No resolution designating a restricted area for which such a referendum vote has been requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the vote cast on the issue is in favor of the resolution. Upon certification by the board of elections that the resolution has been approved by the voters, it shall take immediate effect.

Within five working days after the resolution's effective date, the board of county commissioners shall file the text of the resolution and maps of the restricted area in the office of the county recorder and with the county or regional planning commission, if one exists.

The failure to file any resolution, or any text and maps, or duplicates of any of these documents, with the office of the county recorder as required by this section does not invalidate the resolution.

Sec. 307.94. Electors of a county, equal in number to ten per cent of the number who voted for governor in the county at the most recent gubernatorial election, may file, not later than one hundred fifteen days before the date of a general election, a petition with the board of county commissioners asking that the question of the adoption of a county charter in the form

attached to the petition be submitted to the electors of the 395
county. The petition shall be available for public inspection at 396
the offices of the county commissioners during regular business 397
hours until four p.m. of the one hundred eleventh day before the 398
election, at which time the board shall, by resolution, certify 399
the petition to the board of elections of the county for 400
submission to the electors of the county, unless the signatures 401
are insufficient or the petitions otherwise invalid, at the next 402
general election. 403

Such electors may, in the alternative not later than the 404
one hundred thirtieth day before the date of a general election, 405
file such a petition with the board of elections of the county. 406
In such case the board of elections shall immediately proceed to 407
determine whether the petition and the signatures on the 408
petition meet the requirements of law and to count the number of 409
valid signatures and to note opposite each invalid signature the 410
reason for the invalidity. The board of elections shall complete 411
its examination of the petition and the signatures and shall 412
submit a report to the board of county commissioners not later 413
than the one hundred twentieth day before the date of the 414
general election certifying whether the petition is valid or 415
invalid and, if invalid, the reasons for invalidity, whether 416
there are sufficient valid signatures, and the number of valid 417
and invalid signatures. The petition and a copy of the report to 418
the board of county commissioners shall be available for public 419
inspection at the board of elections. If the petition is 420
certified by the board of elections to be valid and to have 421
sufficient valid signatures, the board of county commissioners 422
shall forthwith and not later than four p.m. on the one hundred 423
eleventh day before the general election, by resolution, certify 424
the petition to the board of elections for submission to the 425

electors of the county at the next general election. If the 426
petition is certified by the board of elections to be invalid or 427
to have insufficient valid signatures, or both, the petitioners' 428
committee may protest such findings or solicit additional 429
signatures as provided in section 307.95 of the Revised Code, or 430
both, or request that the board of elections proceed to 431
establish the validity or invalidity of the petition and the 432
sufficiency or insufficiency of the signatures in an action 433
before the court of common pleas in the county. Such action must 434
be brought within three days after the request has been made, 435
and the case shall be heard forthwith by a judge or such court 436
whose decision shall be certified to the board of elections and 437
to the board of county commissioners in sufficient time to 438
permit the board of county commissioners to perform its duty to 439
certify the petition, if it is determined by the court to be 440
valid and contain sufficient valid signatures, to the board of 441
elections not later than four p.m. on the one hundred eleventh 442
day prior to the general election for submission to the electors 443
at such general election. 444

A county charter to be submitted to the voters by petition 445
shall be considered to be attached to the petition if it is 446
printed as a part of the petition. A county charter petition may 447
consist of any number of separate petition papers. Each part 448
shall have attached a copy of the charter to be submitted to the 449
electors, and each part shall otherwise meet all the 450
requirements of law for a county charter petition. Section 451
3501.38 of the Revised Code applies to county charter petitions. 452

The petitioners shall designate in the petition the names 453
~~and addresses~~ of a committee of not fewer than three nor more 454
than five persons who will represent them in all matters 455
relating to the petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings 456

pertaining to such petitions may be served on the ~~committee, or~~ 457
~~any of them~~ committee's agent designated under division (N) (1) 458
of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, either personally or by 459
certified mail, or by leaving it at the agent's usual place of 460
residence ~~of each of them.~~ 461

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code 462
relating to elections and political communications: 463

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 464
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 465

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 466
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 467
odd-numbered year. 468

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 469
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 470
even-numbered year. 471

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 472
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 473
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 474
Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first 475
Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the 476
Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal 477
or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except 478
that in any year in which a presidential primary election is 479
held, no special election shall be held in May, except as 480
authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on 481
the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. 482

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 483
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 484
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 485

of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 486
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 487
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 488
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 489
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 490
held. 491

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 492
election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 493
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 494
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 495
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 496
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 497
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 498
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 499
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 500
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 501
charter. 502

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 503
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 504
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 505

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 506
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 507
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 508
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 509
the most recent regular state election. 510

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 511
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 512
following requirements: 513

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 514

political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 515
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 516
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 517
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 518
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 519
party for a period of four years after meeting those 520
requirements. 521

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 522
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 523
division (F) (2) (a) of this section, a petition that meets the 524
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 525

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 526
political party until the time of the first election for 527
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 528
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 529
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 530
office of governor or president. 531

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 532
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 533
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 534
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 535
more votes than any other person received for election to that 536
office in such precinct at such election. 537

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 538
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 539
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 540
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 541
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 542
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 543
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 544

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims 545
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has 546
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special 547
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 548
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 549
Revised Code. 550

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 551
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 552
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 553
for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common 554
pleas, for member of any board of education, for municipal or 555
township offices in which primary elections are not held for 556
nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of 557
municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate 558
ballots for elections for these offices. 559

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be 560
a member of a political party and who has been certified to 561
appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special 562
election as the nominee of a political party because the 563
candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party 564
for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated 565
under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in 566
accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 567

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not 568
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling 569
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a 570
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a 571
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political 572
party. 573

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue 574

certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on 575
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held 576
in this state. 577

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having 578
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote. 579

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election. 580

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an 581
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector 582
may vote. 583

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county 584
established by the board of elections of such county within 585
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein 586
may vote at the same polling place. 587

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each 588
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such 589
precinct may vote. 590

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of 591
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of 592
the Revised Code. 593

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 594
city, village, or school district. 595

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of 596
the following: 597

(1) Secretary of state; 598

(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the 599
division of elections in the capacity of attorney, 600
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections 601

administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor; 602

(3) Director of a board of elections; 603

(4) Deputy director of a board of elections; 604

(5) Member of a board of elections; 605

(6) Employees of a board of elections; 606

(7) Precinct election officials; 607

(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a 608
temporary or part-time basis. 609

(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board 610
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, 611
informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who 612
wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status 613
of the application; the information necessary to complete or 614
update the application, if any; and if the application is 615
complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote. 616

(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board 617
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to 618
a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current 619
address, name, or other information required for registration. 620
The notice shall be sent by forwardable mail, shall be 621
accompanied by a postage prepaid, preaddressed return envelope 622
containing a form on which the elector may verify or correct the 623
elector's registration, and shall meet the requirements of the 624
National Voter Registration Act of 1993. 625

(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the 626
state that provides public assistance or that provides state- 627
funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to 628
persons with disabilities and that is required by the National 629

Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed 630
and administered by the secretary of state for registering 631
voters, or any other public or government office or agency that 632
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 633
of state for registering voters, including the department of job 634
and family services, the program administered under section 635
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 636
department of mental health and addiction services, the 637
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 638
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 639
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 640
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 641
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 642

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 643
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 644
U.S.C.A. 1973gg. 645

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 646
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended. 647

(AA)(1) "Photo identification" means one of the following 648
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and 649
is not expired: 650

(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card, 651
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor 652
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of 653
the Revised Code; 654

(b) A United States passport or passport card; 655

(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio 656
national guard identification card, or United States department 657
of veterans affairs identification card. 658

(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means 659
images of both the front and back of a document described in 660
division (AA) (1) of this section, except that if the document is 661
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification 662
means an image of the passport's identification page that 663
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other 664
identifying information and the passport's expiration date. 665

(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued 666
by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 667
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to 668
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license, 669
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted 670
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction 671
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include 672
a limited term license issued under section 4507.09 of the 673
Revised Code. 674

(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by 675
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to 676
4507.52 of the Revised Code. 677

(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document 678
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant 679
for a driver's license or state identification card that 680
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license 681
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of 682
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the 683
mail. 684

(EE) (1) "Proof of citizenship" means evidence that an 685
individual is a United States citizen, in the form of one of the 686
following: 687

(a) The number of the individual's current or expired Ohio driver's license or state identification card, if the board of elections verifies using information obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles that the individual has submitted documentation to the bureau that indicates that the individual is a United States citizen; 688
689
690
691
692
693

(b) The individual's current or expired Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or interim identification form issued on or after April 7, 2023, or a copy of the front and back of that license, card, or form, if the license, card, or form does not include a notation designating that the individual is a noncitizen of the United States; 694
695
696
697
698
699

(c) The individual's current or expired driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by another state within the United States, or a copy of the front and back of the license or card, if the issuing agency indicates on the license or card that the individual is a United States citizen; 700
701
702
703
704

(d) The individual's birth certificate, certification of report of birth, or consular report of birth abroad, or a copy of one of those documents; 705
706
707

(e) The individual's current or expired United States passport or passport card, a copy of the identification page of the passport, or a copy of the front and back of the passport card; 708
709
710
711

(f) The individual's certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship or a copy of one of those documents. 712
713

(2) If an individual's current legal name is different from the name on the individual's proof of citizenship, the individual also shall provide proof of the change of name, such 714
715
716

as a copy of a marriage license or court order. 717

Sec. 3501.38. All declarations of candidacy, nominating 718
petitions, or other petitions presented to or filed with the 719
secretary of state or a board of elections or with any other 720
public office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any 721
nomination or office or for the holding of an election on any 722
issue shall, in addition to meeting the other specific 723
requirements prescribed in the sections of the Revised Code 724
relating to them, be governed by the following rules: 725

(A) Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or 726
issue which is the subject of the petition shall sign a 727
petition. Each signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to 728
section 3503.01 of the Revised Code. The facts of qualification 729
shall be determined as of the date ~~when~~ the elector signs the 730
~~petition is filed.~~ 731

(B) Signatures shall be affixed in ink. Each signer may 732
also print the signer's name, so as to clearly identify the 733
signer's signature. 734

(C) Each signer shall place on the petition after the 735
signer's name the date of signing and the location of the 736
signer's voting residence, including the street and number if in 737
a municipal corporation or the rural route number, post office 738
address, or township if outside a municipal corporation. The 739
voting address given on the petition shall be the address 740
appearing in the registration records at the board of elections. 741

(D) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of 742
the Revised Code, no person shall write any name other than the 743
person's own on any petition. Except as otherwise provided in 744
section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, no person may authorize 745

another to sign for the person. If a petition contains the 746
signature of an elector two or more times, only the first 747
signature shall be counted. 748

~~(E)(1)~~ (E) On each petition paper, the circulator shall 749
personally indicate the number of signatures contained on it, 750
and shall sign a statement made under penalty of election 751
falsification that ~~the~~ includes all of the following: 752

(1) A statement that the circulator witnessed the affixing 753
of every signature, that all signers were to the best of the 754
circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that 755
every signature is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and 756
belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports 757
to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 758
3501.382 of the Revised Code. ~~On the circulator's statement for 759
a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition for a person 760
seeking to become a statewide candidate or for a statewide 761
initiative or a statewide referendum petition, the circulator 762
shall identify the~~; 763

(2) The circulator's name, ~~and~~ the address of the 764
circulator's permanent residence, ~~and the name and address of 765
the~~; 766

(3) If any person employing is compensating the circulator 767
to circulate the petition, ~~if any.~~ 768

~~(2) As used in division (E) of this section, "statewide 769
candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of 770
governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office 771
of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or 772
attorney general. as described in division (C) of section 773
3501.381 of the Revised Code, the name and address of that 774~~

person; 775

(4) The following statement: 776

"For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 777
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 778
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 779
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 780
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 781
produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 782
service of process at the residence address I have provided." 783

(F) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of 784
the Revised Code, if a circulator knowingly permits an 785
unqualified person to sign a petition paper or permits a person 786
to write a name other than the person's own on a petition paper, 787
that petition paper is invalid; otherwise, the signature of a 788
person not qualified to sign shall be rejected but shall not 789
invalidate the other valid signatures on the paper. 790

(G) The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in 791
a public office, strike from it any signature the circulator 792
does not wish to present as a part of the petition. 793

(H) Any signer of a petition or an attorney in fact acting 794
pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code on behalf of a 795
signer may remove the signer's signature from that petition at 796
any time before the petition is filed in a public office by 797
striking the signer's name from the petition; no signature may 798
be removed after the petition is filed in any public office. 799

(I) (1) No alterations, corrections, or additions may be 800
made to a petition after it is filed in a public office. 801

(2) (a) No declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, 802
or other petition for the purpose of becoming a candidate may be 803

withdrawn after it is filed in a public office. Nothing in this 804
division prohibits a person from withdrawing as a candidate as 805
otherwise provided by law. 806

(b) No petition presented to or filed with the secretary 807
of state, a board of elections, or any other public office for 808
the purpose of the holding of an election on any question or 809
issue may be resubmitted after it is withdrawn from a public 810
office or rejected as containing insufficient signatures. 811
Nothing in this division prevents a question or issue petition 812
from being withdrawn by the filing of a written notice of the 813
withdrawal by a majority of the members of the petitioning 814
committee with the same public office with which the petition 815
was filed prior to the sixtieth day before the election at which 816
the question or issue is scheduled to appear on the ballot. 817

(J) All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, 818
or other petitions under this section shall be accompanied by 819
the following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER 820
COMMITTS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE 821
FIFTH DEGREE. 822

(K) All separate petition papers shall be filed at the 823
same time, as one instrument. 824

(L) If a board of elections distributes for use a petition 825
form for a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or any 826
type of question or issue petition that does not satisfy the 827
requirements of law as of the date of that distribution, the 828
board shall not invalidate the petition on the basis that the 829
petition form does not satisfy the requirements of law, if the 830
petition otherwise is valid. Division (L) of this section 831
applies only if the candidate received the petition from the 832
board within ninety days of when the petition is required to be 833

filed. 834

(M) (1) Upon receiving an initiative petition, or a 835
petition filed under section 307.94 or 307.95 of the Revised 836
Code, concerning a ballot issue that is to be submitted to the 837
electors of a county or municipal political subdivision, the 838
board of elections shall examine the petition to determine: 839

(a) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a 840
municipal political subdivision's authority to enact via 841
initiative, including, if applicable, the limitations placed by 842
Sections 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution on 843
the authority of municipal corporations to adopt local police, 844
sanitary, and other similar regulations as are not in conflict 845
with general laws, and whether the petition satisfies the 846
statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot. The 847
petition shall be invalid if any portion of the petition is not 848
within the initiative power; or 849

(b) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a 850
county's authority to enact via initiative, including whether 851
the petition conforms to the requirements set forth in Section 3 852
of Article X of the Ohio Constitution, including the exercise of 853
only those powers that have vested in, and the performance of 854
all duties imposed upon counties and county officers by law, and 855
whether the petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to 856
place the issue on the ballot. The finding of the board shall be 857
subject to challenge by a protest filed pursuant to division (B) 858
of section 307.95 of the Revised Code. 859

(2) After making a determination under division (M) (1) (a) 860
or (b) of this section, the board of elections shall promptly 861
transmit a copy of the petition and a notice of the board's 862
determination to the office of the secretary of state. Notice of 863

the board's determination shall be given to the petitioners and 864
the political subdivision. 865

(3) If multiple substantially similar initiative petitions 866
are submitted to multiple boards of elections and the 867
determinations of the boards under division (M) (1) (a) or (b) of 868
this section concerning those petitions differ, the secretary of 869
state shall make a single determination under division (M) (1) (a) 870
or (b) of this section that shall apply to each such initiative 871
petition. 872

(N) With respect to any petition for which a committee is 873
designated to represent the petitioners, both of the following 874
apply: 875

(1) The committee shall designate an agent upon whom 876
notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the petition 877
may be served. Each part-petition shall include the names of the 878
members of the committee and the name and address of the 879
committee's agent as they exist at the time the part-petition is 880
printed. 881

(2) The committee shall designate in writing the names and 882
addresses of one or more members or agents of the committee who 883
consent to testify on behalf of the committee. The designation 884
may set out the matters on which each person designated may 885
testify. Upon request, the committee's agent described in 886
division (N) (1) of this section shall make the designation 887
available to the secretary of state, a board of elections, or a 888
court of competent jurisdiction. 889

Sec. 3501.381. (A) (1) Any person who will receive 890
compensation for supervising, managing, or otherwise organizing 891
any effort to obtain signatures for a ~~declaration of candidacy,~~ 892

~~nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write in-~~ 893
~~candidate for a person seeking to become a statewide candidate-~~ 894
~~or for a statewide initiative petition or a statewide referendum-~~ 895
~~petition~~ described in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code shall 896
file a statement to that effect with the office of the secretary 897
of state before any signatures are obtained for the petition or 898
before the person is engaged to supervise, manage, or otherwise 899
organize the effort to obtain signatures for the petition, 900
whichever is later. 901

(2) Any person who will compensate a person for 902
supervising, managing, or otherwise organizing any effort to 903
obtain signatures for a ~~declaration of candidacy, nominating-~~ 904
~~petition, or declaration of intent to be a write in candidate-~~ 905
~~for a person seeking to become a statewide candidate or for a-~~ 906
~~statewide initiative or a statewide referendum petition~~ 907
described in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code shall file a 908
statement to that effect with the office of the secretary of 909
state before any signatures are obtained for the petition or 910
before the person engages a person to supervise, manage, or 911
otherwise organize the effort to obtain signatures for the 912
petition, whichever is later. 913

~~(B)~~ (3) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form 914
and content of the statements required under division (A) of 915
this section. 916

~~(C)~~ (4) Whoever violates division ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) or (2) of this 917
section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the 918
petition for which a person was compensated for supervising, 919
managing, or otherwise organizing the effort to obtain 920
signatures shall be deemed invalid. 921

~~(D)~~ As used in this section, "statewide candidate" means 922

~~the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant- 923
governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, 924
auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general. 925~~

(B) At all times while circulating a petition, a person 926
who is compensated for circulating the petition shall have, 927
plainly visible on the circulator's person, a badge that legibly 928
identifies the circulator as a paid circulator. The secretary of 929
state shall prescribe the form of the badge. 930

(C) For purposes of this section, a person is compensated 931
for taking an action if any of the following apply: 932

(1) The person has been paid, given, or promised, or has 933
received, any money or other thing of value as consideration for 934
taking the action. 935

(2) The person is a regular salaried employee and the 936
person's employer has authorized the person to take the action 937
as part of the person's regular duties. 938

(3) The person has been given or promised, or has 939
received, an appointment, promotion, or increase in salary as 940
consideration for taking the action. 941

(4) The person has been given or promised, or has 942
received, assistance to obtain an appointment, promotion, or 943
increase in salary as consideration for taking the action. 944

Sec. 3501.39. ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The secretary of state or a board 945
of elections shall accept any petition described in section 946
3501.38 of the Revised Code unless one of the following occurs: 947

~~(1)~~ (a) A written protest against the petition or 948
candidacy, naming specific objections, is filed, a hearing is 949
held, and a determination is made by the election officials with 950

whom the protest is filed that the petition is invalid, in 951
accordance with any section of the Revised Code providing a 952
protest procedure. 953

~~(2)~~ (b) A written protest against the petition or 954
candidacy, naming specific objections, is filed, a hearing is 955
held, and a determination is made by the election officials with 956
whom the protest is filed that the petition violates any 957
requirement established by law. 958

~~(3)~~ (c) In the case of an initiative petition received by 959
the board of elections, the petition falls outside the scope of 960
authority to enact via initiative or does not satisfy the 961
statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot, as 962
described in division (M) of section 3501.38 of the Revised 963
Code. The petition shall be invalid if any portion of the 964
petition is not within the initiative power. 965

~~(4)~~ (d) The candidate's candidacy or the petition violates 966
the requirements of this chapter, Chapter 3513. of the Revised 967
Code, or any other requirements established by law. 968

(2) Whenever any person fails to fully comply with a 969
subpoena or an order to produce evidence served upon the person 970
in a proceeding under division (A) (1) of this section by the 971
secretary of state acting pursuant to section 3501.05, or by a 972
board of elections acting pursuant to division (J) of section 973
3501.11 or section 3519.18 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 974
state or the board of elections, as applicable, may file in a 975
court of competent jurisdiction, and serve upon the person, a 976
request for an order of the court that compels compliance with 977
the subpoena or order. If the court finds that the noncompliance 978
was in bad faith or for the purpose of delay, it may order the 979
person to pay to the secretary of state or the board of 980

elections, as applicable, the reasonable expenses incurred in 981
obtaining the order to comply, including attorney's fees, and 982
may invoke the sanctions provided by Rule 37 of the Rules of 983
Civil Procedure. 984

(B) No part-petition is properly verified if it appears on 985
the face thereof, or is made to appear by satisfactory evidence, 986
that any of the following are true: 987

(1) That the number and statement required by division (E) 988
of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code are not properly filled 989
out by the circulator; 990

(2) That the statement required by division (E) of section 991
3501.38 of the Revised Code is not properly signed, is altered 992
by erasure, interlineation, or otherwise, or is false in any 993
respect; 994

(3) That any one person has signed the part-petition more 995
than once; 996

(4) If applicable, that division (A) (1) or (2) of section 997
3501.381 of the Revised Code was violated with respect to the 998
petition; 999

(5) If applicable, that the circulator did not comply with 1000
the requirements of division (B) of section 3501.381 of the 1001
Revised Code while circulating the part-petition. 1002

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(C)~~ ~~(D)~~ of 1003
this section or section 3513.052 of the Revised Code, a board of 1004
elections shall not invalidate any declaration of candidacy or 1005
nominating petition under division ~~(A) (4)~~ ~~(A) (1) (d)~~ of this 1006
section after the sixtieth day prior to the election at which 1007
the candidate seeks nomination to office, if the candidate filed 1008
a declaration of candidacy, or election to office, if the 1009

candidate filed a nominating petition. 1010

~~(C)(1)~~ (D)(1) If a petition is filed for the nomination or 1011
election of a candidate in a charter municipal corporation with 1012
a filing deadline that occurs after the ninetieth day before the 1013
day of the election, a board of elections may invalidate the 1014
petition within fifteen days after the date of that filing 1015
deadline. 1016

(2) If a petition for the nomination or election of a 1017
candidate is invalidated under division ~~(C)(1)~~ (D)(1) of this 1018
section, that person's name shall not appear on the ballots for 1019
any office for which the person's petition has been invalidated. 1020
If the ballots have already been prepared, the board of 1021
elections shall remove the name of that person from the ballots 1022
to the extent practicable in the time remaining before the 1023
election. If the name is not removed from the ballots before the 1024
day of the election, the votes for that person are void and 1025
shall not be counted. 1026

Sec. 3503.01. ~~(A)~~ (A)(1) Every citizen of the United States 1027
who is of the age of eighteen years or over and who has been a 1028
resident of the state thirty days immediately preceding the 1029
election at which the citizen offers to vote, is a resident of 1030
the county and precinct in which the citizen offers to vote, and 1031
has been registered to vote for thirty days, has the 1032
qualifications of an elector and may vote at all elections in 1033
the precinct in which the citizen resides. 1034

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3) of 1035
this section, an elector who registers to vote or submits a 1036
change of residence or change of name form on or after the 1037
effective date of this amendment shall provide proof of 1038
citizenship to the board of elections. An elector whose 1039

registration record indicates that the elector has provided 1040
proof of citizenship to a board of elections is not required to 1041
provide proof of citizenship when subsequently registering to 1042
vote or updating the elector's registration in this state. 1043

(3) An elector who registers to vote or updates the 1044
elector's registration on a form prescribed under 52 U.S.C. 1045
20301, 20303, or 20508 is not required to provide proof of 1046
citizenship under division (A) (2) of this section. 1047

(B) When only a portion of a precinct is included within 1048
the boundaries of an election district, the board of elections 1049
may assign the electors residing in such portion of a precinct 1050
to the nearest precinct or portion of a precinct within the 1051
boundaries of such election district for the purpose of voting 1052
at any special election held in such district. In any election 1053
in which only a part of the electors in a precinct is qualified 1054
to vote, the board may assign voters in such part to an 1055
adjoining precinct. Such assignment may be made to an adjoining 1056
precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the 1057
board of elections of such other county if the number of voters 1058
assigned to vote in a precinct in another county is two hundred 1059
or less. 1060

The board shall notify all such electors so assigned, at 1061
least ten days prior to the holding of any such election, of the 1062
location of the polling place where they are entitled to vote at 1063
such election. 1064

As used in division (B) of this section, "election 1065
district" means a school district, municipal corporation, 1066
township, or other political subdivision that includes territory 1067
in more than one precinct or any other district or authority 1068
that includes territory in more than one precinct and that is 1069

authorized by law to place an issue on the ballot at a special 1070
election. 1071

Sec. 3503.13. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 1072
division (A) (2) of this section, voter registration forms 1073
submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration 1074
database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code 1075
are public records subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of 1076
the Revised Code. 1077

(2) None of the following are subject to disclosure under 1078
division (A) (1) of this section: 1079

(a) An elector's full or partial social security number, 1080
driver's license or state identification card number, telephone 1081
number, or electronic mail address; 1082

(b) A confidential voter registration record, as described 1083
in section 111.44 of the Revised Code; 1084

(c) The address of a designated public service worker, if 1085
the designated public service worker has submitted a redaction 1086
request to the board of elections under section 149.45 of the 1087
Revised Code; 1088

(d) An elector's proof of citizenship; 1089

(e) Any other information that is prohibited from being 1090
disclosed by state or federal law. 1091

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 1092
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 1093
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 1094
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 1095
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 1096
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 1097

Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 1098
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 1099
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 1100

Sec. 3503.14. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 1101
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 1102
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall 1103
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1104
1993 and shall ~~include spaces for~~ require the applicant to 1105
provide all of the following: 1106

(1) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's name; 1107

(2) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's address; 1108

(3) The current date; 1109

(4) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's date of birth; 1110

(5) ~~The voter to provide at least one~~ One of the following 1111
forms of identification and proof of citizenship: 1112

(a) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's Ohio driver's license or state 1113
identification card number, which the board of elections shall 1114
use to verify that the individual has submitted documentation to 1115
the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the individual 1116
is a United States citizen; 1117

(b) The last four digits of the ~~voter's~~ applicant's social 1118
security number and proof of citizenship. An applicant is not 1119
required to provide proof of citizenship if the applicant has 1120
previously provided proof of citizenship when registering to 1121
vote or submitting a change of residence or change of name in 1122
this state. 1123

(6) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's signature. 1124

The registration form shall include a space on which the 1125
person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and 1126
provide the person's address and a space on which the person 1127
registering an applicant shall name the employer who is 1128
employing that person to register the applicant. 1129

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 1130
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 1131
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 1132
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 1133
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 1134
accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 1135
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 1136
that data to the statewide voter registration database 1137
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 1138

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 1139
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 1140
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 1141
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 1142
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section: 1143

- (1) An election official; 1144
- (2) A county treasurer; 1145
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1146
- (4) An employee of a designated agency; 1147
- (5) An employee of a public high school; 1148
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 1149
- (7) An employee of a public library; 1150
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1151

(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;	1152
(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;	1153
(11) An employee of an election official.	1154
(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.	1155 1156 1157 1158 1159 1160 1161 1162 1163 1164 1165
(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant as required under division (A) of this section.	1166 1167 1168 1169 1170 1171
(E) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election and signature-matching purposes.	1172 1173 1174 1175 1176 1177
(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or	1178 1179 1180

returning those forms. 1181

Sec. 3503.15. (A) The secretary of state shall establish 1182
and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall 1183
be administered by the office of data analytics and archives in 1184
the office of the secretary of state and made continuously 1185
available to each board of elections and to other agencies as 1186
authorized by law. 1187

The statewide voter registration database shall be the 1188
official list of registered electors for all elections conducted 1189
in this state. 1190

(B) The statewide voter registration database shall, at a 1191
minimum, include all of the following: 1192

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 1193
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 1194
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 1195

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 1196
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 1197
of elections; 1198

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 1199
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 1200
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 1201
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 1202
updates of the database; 1203

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 1204
electors and their registration information by name, driver's 1205
license or state identification card number, birth date, social 1206
security number, or current address; 1207

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the 1208

integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter	1209
registration information is maintained;	1210
(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records	1211
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to	1212
record the reason for their cancellation.	1213
(C) For each registered elector, the statewide voter	1214
registration database shall include all of the following	1215
information:	1216
(1) The elector's name;	1217
(2) The elector's birth date;	1218
(3) The elector's current residence address;	1219
(4) The elector's precinct number;	1220
(5) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state	1221
identification card number, if available;	1222
(6) The last four digits of the elector's social security	1223
number, if available;	1224
(7) The elector's telephone number, if available;	1225
(8) The elector's electronic mail address, if available;	1226
(9) (a) The elector's voter registration date, which shall	1227
be determined based on the elector's most recent application to	1228
register to vote in this state, subject to division (C) (9) (b) of	1229
this section, as follows:	1230
(i) In the case of an application delivered in person to a	1231
state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the	1232
registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public	1233
high school or vocational school, a public library, or the	1234
office of a county treasurer, the date stamped on the	1235

application upon receipt by the entity that transmits the 1236
application to the board of elections or the secretary of state; 1237

(ii) In the case of an application delivered in person to 1238
a board of elections or the secretary of state, the date stamped 1239
on the application upon receipt by the board of elections or the 1240
secretary of state, as applicable; 1241

(iii) In the case of an application delivered by mail to a 1242
board of elections or the secretary of state, the date the 1243
application is postmarked; 1244

(iv) In the case of an application submitted through the 1245
online voter registration system established under section 1246
3503.20 of the Revised Code, the date of the online submission; 1247

(v) In the case of an application submitted to a board of 1248
elections by facsimile transmission or electronic mail under 1249
Chapter 3511. of the Revised Code, the date of the receipt of 1250
the transmission or electronic mail by the board of elections; 1251

(vi) In the case of a provisional ballot affirmation that 1252
serves as an application to register to vote in future elections 1253
because the individual who cast the ballot is not registered to 1254
vote, the date the board of elections determines that the 1255
provisional ballot is invalid under section 3505.183 of the 1256
Revised Code. 1257

(b) For purposes of determining an elector's voter 1258
registration date under division (C) (9) (a) of this section, all 1259
of the following apply: 1260

(i) An elector's voter registration date shall not be 1261
during the period beginning on the day after the close of voter 1262
registration before an election and ending on the day of the 1263
election. If the date determined under division (C) (9) (a) of 1264

this section would be during that period, the voter registration 1265
date instead shall be the date on which the board of elections 1266
processes the application to register to vote after the day of 1267
the election. 1268

(ii) A change of address or change of name form, including 1269
a provisional ballot affirmation that serves as a change of 1270
address or change of name form, is not considered an application 1271
to register to vote. 1272

(iii) An application to register to vote that is submitted 1273
by an individual who is already registered to vote in this state 1274
is not considered an application to register to vote. 1275

(10) The elector's voting history, including all of the 1276
following for each election in which the elector cast a ballot 1277
that was counted: 1278

(a) The date of the election; 1279

(b) If the election was a primary election, the political 1280
party whose ballot the elector cast at the primary election or 1281
an indication that the elector voted only on the questions and 1282
issues appearing on the ballot at a special election held on the 1283
day of the primary election; 1284

(c) The type of ballot the elector cast. 1285

(11) The elector's last activity date, which shall be 1286
determined in accordance with rules adopted by the secretary of 1287
state pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code; 1288

(12) The date, if any, on which a board of elections 1289
verified that the elector is a United States citizen, as 1290
described in division (A) (1) of section 3503.201 of the Revised 1291
Code; 1292

(13) If applicable, a notation that the elector registered 1293
to vote or submitted a notice of change of address or change of 1294
name on a form prescribed under 52 U.S.C. 20301, 20303, or 20508 1295
on or after the effective date of this amendment and has not 1296
been verified by a board of elections as a United States citizen 1297
under division (A) (1) of section 3503.201 of the Revised Code; 1298

(14) Any other information the secretary of state requires 1299
to be included by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 1300
Revised Code. 1301

(D) Every day during the period beginning on the forty- 1302
sixth day before an election and ending on the eighty-first day 1303
after the day of the election, a board of elections shall create 1304
a daily record of its voter registration database as of four 1305
p.m. and shall transmit the daily record to the secretary of 1306
state in a secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. 1307
The secretary of state shall archive the daily record and retain 1308
it for at least twenty-two months after the day of the election. 1309

(E) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to 1310
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section and 1311
sections 3503.151 to 3503.153 of the Revised Code, including 1312
rules doing all of the following: 1313

(1) Specifying the manner in which any voter registration 1314
records maintained by boards of elections in other data formats 1315
shall be converted for inclusion in the statewide voter 1316
registration database; 1317

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter 1318
registration records into the statewide voter registration 1319
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, 1320
if new registration information is received, and for 1321

transmitting information securely to the secretary of state; 1322

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled 1323
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration 1324
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 1325

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, 1326
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter 1327
registration database and to make updates of that database; 1328

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the 1329
information contained in the statewide voter registration 1330
database. 1331

(F) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 1332
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 1333
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 1334
the secretary of state under division (E) (3) of this section 1335
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 1336
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 1337

(G) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 1338
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 1339
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 1340
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 1341
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 1342

(H) A board of elections and any vendor with which it 1343
contracts to provide voter registration software or related 1344
services shall ensure that the board's voter registration system 1345
and practices comply with the requirements of this section and 1346
any rules adopted under this section. 1347

Sec. 3503.151. (A) The secretary of state, through the 1348
office of data analytics and archives, and the boards of 1349
elections shall maintain the accuracy of the statewide voter 1350

registration database in accordance with this section. 1351

(B) (1) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 1352
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 1353
department of job and family services, the department of 1354
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 1355
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 1356
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 1357
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 1358
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 1359
database, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. 1360
The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 1361
department of job and family services, the department of 1362
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections 1363
shall provide that information and data to the secretary of 1364
state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary 1365
of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to 1366
the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of 1367
the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the 1368
possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no 1369
public official or employee, shall sell that information or data 1370
or use that information or data for profit. 1371

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter 1372
119. of the Revised Code that establish, by mutual agreement 1373
with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the 1374
information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide 1375
to the secretary of state under division (B) (1) of this section 1376
and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that 1377
information and data. 1378

(3) The secretary of state shall make the information and 1379
data the bureau of motor vehicles provides to the secretary of 1380

state under division (B) (1) of this section available to the 1381
boards of elections for purposes of processing voter 1382
registration forms under section 3503.201 of the Revised Code. 1383

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 1384
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 1385
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 1386
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 1387
statewide voter registration database. Except as otherwise 1388
provided in division (C) (2) of this section, the secretary of 1389
state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the 1390
secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the 1391
state providing the data remains confidential while in the 1392
possession of the secretary of state. 1393

(2) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 1394
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 1395
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 1396
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 1397
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 1398
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 1399
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 1400
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 1401
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 1402
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 1403
that receives confidential information or data under this 1404
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 1405
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 1406
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 1407
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 1408
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 1409
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 1410
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 1411

(3) No person or entity that receives information or data 1412
under division (C) of this section shall sell the information or 1413
data or use the information or data for profit. 1414

(D) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 1415
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 1416
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 1417
receives under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that is 1418
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 1419
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 1420
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 1421
state and federal law: 1422

(1) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 1423
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 1424
registered elector appears in the database, that only 1425
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 1426
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 1427
eliminated from the database; 1428

(2) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 1429
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 1430
the database; 1431

(3) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 1432
are not removed in error from the database. 1433

(E) (1) The secretary of state shall use the information in 1434
the statewide voter registration database and the databases of 1435
the bureau of motor vehicles and the United States social 1436
security administration to prepare and transmit to each board of 1437
elections a weekly report that identifies each voter 1438
registration record in the county to which any of the following 1439
apply and that has not been identified in a previous weekly 1440

report: 1441

(a) The record contains neither an Ohio driver's license or state identification card number nor the last four digits of a social security number. 1442
1443
1444

(b) The record contains an Ohio driver's license or state identification card number, but one of the following applies: 1445
1446

(i) The number does not exist in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 1447
1448

(ii) The number exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles but is not associated with the first name, last name, and date of birth that appear in the voter registration record. 1449
1450
1451
1452

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the number exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and is associated with the first name, last name, and date of birth that appear in the voter registration record, but the residence address that appears in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles is not the same as the residence address that appears in the voter registration record. 1453
1454
1455
1456
1457
1458
1459

(c) The record contains the last four digits of a social security number, but one of the following applies: 1460
1461

(i) Those digits do not exist in the records of the United States social security administration. 1462
1463

(ii) Those digits exist in the records of the United States social security administration but are not associated with the first name, last name, and date of birth that appear in the voter registration record. 1464
1465
1466
1467

(2) The report shall exclude any voter registration record 1468

described in division (E) (1) (b) (iii) belonging to an elector to 1469
whom either of the following applies: 1470

(a) The elector is a participant in the address 1471
confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.99 1472
of the Revised Code. 1473

(b) The elector is a designated public service worker, as 1474
described in section 149.43 of the Revised Code, and one of the 1475
following applies: 1476

(i) The elector has submitted a redaction request to the 1477
secretary of state or to the board of elections under section 1478
149.45 of the Revised Code. 1479

(ii) It is otherwise apparent from the elector's voter 1480
registration record or from the records of the bureau of motor 1481
vehicles that the elector is a designated public service worker. 1482

(3) If, after a voter registration record appears on a 1483
report created under division (E) of this section because of the 1484
circumstances described in division (E) (1) (b) (iii) of this 1485
section, and the secretary of state learns in the preparation of 1486
a subsequent report that the elector's residence address in the 1487
records of the bureau of motor vehicles has been updated to 1488
match the elector's residence address in the voter registration 1489
record, the subsequent report shall include an instruction to 1490
the board to remove the indication from the elector's 1491
registration record added under division (A) (1) of section 1492
3503.201 of the Revised Code. 1493

(4) The board of elections shall proceed under section 1494
3503.201 of the Revised Code not later than two weeks after 1495
receiving the report. 1496

(5) Subject to division (A) (2) of section 3503.13 of the 1497

Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the information 1498
in each weekly report available to the public on the secretary 1499
of state's official web site. 1500

(F)(1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under 1501
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish a uniform method 1502
for addressing instances in which records contained in the 1503
statewide voter registration database do not conform with 1504
records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states 1505
described in division (B) or (C) of this section. That method 1506
shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being 1507
canceled on the sole basis that the information in the 1508
registration record does not conform to records maintained by 1509
such an agency. 1510

(2) Information provided under division (B) or (C) of this 1511
section for maintenance of the statewide voter registration 1512
database shall not be used to update the name or address of a 1513
registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector 1514
shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in 1515
filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both. 1516

(3) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 3503.201 of 1517
the Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a 1518
registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division 1519
~~(E)(1)~~ (F)(1) of this section to verify the accuracy of the 1520
information in the statewide voter registration database 1521
regarding that elector if that information does not conform with 1522
information provided under division (B) or (C) of this section 1523
and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to 1524
cast a regular ballot. 1525

Sec. 3503.152. The secretary of state shall conduct an 1526
annual review of the statewide voter registration database to 1527

identify persons who have not submitted proof of citizenship to 1528
a board of elections and who appear not to be United States 1529
citizens, as follows: 1530

(A) The secretary of state shall compare the information 1531
in the statewide voter registration database with the 1532
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 1533
motor vehicles under section 3503.151 of the Revised Code to 1534
identify any person who ~~does all of the following, in the~~ 1535
~~following order:~~ 1536

~~(1) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles~~ 1537
~~that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;~~ 1538

~~(2) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change~~ 1539
~~of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state;~~ 1540

~~(3) Submits~~ after registering to vote, submits 1541
documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates 1542
that the person is not a United States citizen. 1543

~~(B)~~ (B) (1) The secretary of state shall send a report to 1544
each board of elections of the persons residing in the county 1545
who have been identified under division (A) of this section and 1546
shall send a written notice to each person identified under 1547
division (A) of this section, instructing the person either to 1548
~~confirm that the person is a United States citizen~~ provide proof 1549
of citizenship to the board of elections of the county in which 1550
the person resides or to submit a completed voter registration 1551
cancellation form to the ~~secretary of state~~ board. The secretary 1552
of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation 1553
form with the notice. ~~If~~ 1554

(2) If the person provides proof of citizenship to the 1555
board of elections, the board promptly shall record that fact in 1556

the person's registration record, remove any indication in the 1557
elector's registration record that the elector is a federal-only 1558
voter, and notify the secretary of state. 1559

(3) If the person cancels the person's voter registration, 1560
the board promptly shall notify the secretary of state. 1561

(C) If, within thirty days after the first notice is sent 1562
under division (B) of this section, the person fails to respond 1563
to the secretary of state in the manner described in division 1564
(C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days after the 1565
notice is sent, provide proof of citizenship to the board of 1566
elections or cancel the person's voter registration, the 1567
secretary of state promptly shall send the person a second 1568
notice and form. 1569

~~(C) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 1570
~~is sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (B) of~~ 1571
~~this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that~~ 1572
~~the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state~~ 1573
~~shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.~~ 1574

~~(D) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 1575
~~was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (B) of~~ 1576
~~this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation~~ 1577
~~form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall~~ 1578
~~instruct the board of elections of the county in which the~~ 1579
~~person is registered to cancel the person's registration.~~ 1580

~~(E) (D) (1) If a person who is sent, within thirty days~~ 1581
~~after a second notice is sent under division (B) (C) of this~~ 1582
~~section, the person fails to respond to the secretary of state~~ 1583
~~in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this section~~ 1584
~~not later than thirty days after the second notice is sent~~ 1585

provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections or cancel 1586
the person's voter registration, the secretary of state shall 1587
refer the matter to the attorney general for further 1588
investigation and possible prosecution under section 3599.11, 1589
3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of the Revised 1590
Code. ~~If,~~ 1591

~~(2) If, after the thirtieth day after the second notice is~~ 1592
~~sent, secretary of state refers a person to the attorney general~~ 1593
~~under division (D) (1) of this section,~~ the person ~~sends a~~ 1594
~~completed~~ provides proof of citizenship to the board of 1595
elections or cancels the person's voter registration 1596
~~cancellation form to the secretary of state,~~ the secretary of 1597
state ~~shall instruct the board of elections of the county in~~ 1598
~~which the person is registered to cancel the person's~~ 1599
~~registration and shall notify the attorney general of the~~ 1600
~~cancellation that fact.~~ 1601

~~(F)~~ (E) The secretary of state shall not conduct the 1602
review described in this section during the ninety days 1603
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal 1604
office. 1605

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 1606
(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 1607
elector changes the place of residence of that registered 1608
elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 1609
county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 1610
elector shall report the change by delivering a change of 1611
residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as 1612
prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of 1613
the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated 1614
agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1615

library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the 1616
secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy 1617
registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of 1618
elections in person or by a third person. Any voter 1619
registration, change of address, or change of name application, 1620
returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or 1621
the board of elections. 1622

A registered elector also may update the registration of 1623
that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 1624
change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 1625
election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 1626
registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 1627
another site designated by the board. 1628

~~(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 1629
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 1630
special election and has not filed a notice of change of 1631
residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 1632
by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 1633
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1634
photo identification, and casting a ballot. 1635~~

~~(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1636
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 1637
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1638
filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may 1639
vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 1640
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 1641
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 1642
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 1643
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 1644
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 1645~~

~~elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and~~ 1646
~~sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot.~~ 1647

~~(2)(B)~~ Any registered elector who moves ~~from one precinct~~ 1648
~~to another~~ within a county, does not move but changes the 1649
elector's name, or moves ~~from one precinct to another within a~~ 1650
county and changes the name of that registered elector on or 1651
prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and 1652
has not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 1653
whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 1654
in that election if that registered elector complies with 1655
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 1656

~~(a)(1)~~ Appears at any time any time during regular 1657
business hours on or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the 1658
election in which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if 1659
the election is held on the day of a presidential primary 1660
election, the twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through 1661
noon of the Saturday prior to the election at the office of the 1662
board of elections, appears at any time during regular business 1663
hours on the Monday prior to the election at the office of the 1664
board of elections, or appears on the day of the election at 1665
either of the following locations: 1666

~~(i)(a)~~ The polling place for the precinct in which that 1667
registered elector resides; 1668

~~(i)(b)~~ The office of the board of elections or, if 1669
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1670
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1671
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1672
the office of the board of elections. 1673

~~(b)(2)~~ Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1674

falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1675
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 1676
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1677

~~(e)~~ (3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 1678
of the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 1679
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 1680
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 1681
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 1682
that other location instead of the office of the board of 1683
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 1684
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 1685
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1686

~~(d)~~ (4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1687
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1688
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1689
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1690
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1691
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1692
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1693
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1694
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1695
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1696
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1697
at any other location for that particular election. 1698

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1699
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1700
general, primary, or special election and has not registered to 1701
vote in the county to which that registered elector moved may 1702
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with 1703
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 1704

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1705
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1706
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1707
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1708
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1709
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1710
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1711
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1712
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1713
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1714
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1715
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1716
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1717
has designated another location in the county at which 1718
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1719
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1720
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1721
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1722
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1723
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1724
the office of the board of elections; 1725

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1726
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1727
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1728

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1729
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1730
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1731
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1732
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1733
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1734
that registered elector has moved; 1735

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1736
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1737
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1738
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1739
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1740
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1741
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1742
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1743
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1744
location for that particular election. 1745

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1746
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1747
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1748
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1749
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1750
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1751
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1752
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1753
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1754
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1755
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1756
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1757
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1758
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1759

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1760
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1761
different from the office of the board at which registered 1762
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1763
section. 1764

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1765

~~change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send~~ 1766
~~the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of~~ 1767
~~residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall~~ 1768
~~update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is~~ 1769
~~incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the~~ 1770
~~acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the~~ 1771
~~information necessary to complete or update that registrant's~~ 1772
~~registration process it in accordance with section 3503.201 of~~ 1773
~~the Revised Code.~~ 1774

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1775
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1776
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1777
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1778
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1779
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1780

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1781
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1782
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1783
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1784
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1785
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1786
within five days after receiving them. 1787

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1788
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1789
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1790
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1791
has designated another location in the county at which 1792
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1793
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1794
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1795

of the following: 1796

(1) Makes a written application on a form prescribed by 1797
the secretary of state that includes all of the information 1798
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code to the 1799
appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after the 1800
twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the registered 1801
elector wishes to vote through the close of business on the 1802
seventh day prior to that election and requests that the absent 1803
voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the registered 1804
elector has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the 1805
address of that registered elector who has not moved but has had 1806
a change of name; 1807

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1808
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1809
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1810
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1811
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1812
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1813
infirmity; 1814

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1815
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1816
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1817
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1818

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1819
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1820
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1821
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1822
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1823
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1824
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1825

location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1826
location or address for that particular election. 1827

Sec. 3503.19. (A) Persons qualified to register or to 1828
change their registration because of a change of address or 1829
change of name may register or change their registration in 1830
person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at 1831
the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1832
vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a 1833
public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a 1834
branch office established by the board of elections, or in 1835
person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the 1836
secretary of state or at the office of a board of elections. A 1837
registered elector may also change the elector's registration on 1838
election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible 1839
to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the 1840
Revised Code. 1841

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1842
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1843
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1844
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 1845
voter registration application or change of registration form 1846
that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 1847
which the state or local office is located, within five days 1848
after receiving the voter registration application or change of 1849
registration form. 1850

An otherwise valid voter registration application that is 1851
returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1852
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1853
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1854
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1855

library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 1856
secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 1857
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1858
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 1859
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 1860
registration application received after that day entitles the 1861
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1862

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1863
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1864
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1865
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 1866
registration application or change of name or change of address 1867
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 1868
identity of the state or local office that receives the 1869
registration. 1870

Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that 1871
are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or 1872
to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no 1873
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1874
general election in order for the person to qualify as an 1875
elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid 1876
voter registration application that is returned by mail does not 1877
bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be 1878
valid for that election if received by the office of the 1879
secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1880
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1881
general election. 1882

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1883
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1884
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1885

elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1886
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1887
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 1888
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 1889
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1890
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1891
Revised Code. 1892

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1893
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1894
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1895
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1896
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1897
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1898
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1899
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 1900
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1901
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1902
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1903
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1904

(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an 1905
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1906
through another person to any board of elections or the office 1907
of the secretary of state. 1908

(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a 1909
voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that 1910
person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the 1911
office of the secretary of state. 1912

(d) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1913
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 1914
or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before an 1915

election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1916
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1917
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1918
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1919
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1920
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1921
(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day 1922
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1923
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1924
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1925
seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1926
election. 1927

~~(C) (1) (C)~~ A board of elections that receives a voter 1928
registration application and ~~is satisfied as to the truth of the~~ 1929
~~statements made in the registration form shall register the~~ 1930
~~applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving~~ 1931
~~process the application, unless that application is received~~ 1932
~~during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of an~~ 1933
~~election in accordance with section 3503.201 of the Revised~~ 1934
~~Code. The board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing~~ 1935
~~of each of the following:~~ 1936

~~(a) The applicant's registration;~~ 1937

~~(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote;~~ 1938

~~(c) In bold type as follows:~~ 1939

~~"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in~~ 1940
~~order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo~~ 1941
~~identification will still be able to vote by casting a~~ 1942
~~provisional ballot."~~ 1943

~~The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the~~ 1944

~~mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause
the notification to be delivered to the correct address.~~ 1945
1946

~~(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C)
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned
to the board.~~ 1947
1948
1949
1950
1951
1952

~~At the first election at which a voter whose name has been
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to vote
by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised
Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division
(B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall
correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove
the indication that the voter's notification was returned from
that voter's name on the official registration list and on the
poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is
not counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United
States mail of the cancellation.~~ 1953
1954
1955
1956
1957
1958
1959
1960
1961
1962
1963
1964
1965

~~(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of
this section in any election during the period of two federal
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice,~~ 1966
1967
1968
1969
1970
1971
1972
1973
1974

~~the person's registration shall be canceled.~~

1975

Sec. 3503.201. (A) When the board of elections receives a voter registration application or a notice of change of address or change of name, the board shall attempt to verify the applicant's United States citizenship by doing one of the following:

1976

1977

1978

1979

1980

(1) Confirming that the applicant has provided proof of citizenship and noting that fact in the applicant's voter registration record. If the applicant has provided the number of the applicant's Ohio driver's license or state identification card or if the applicant's voter registration record already contains that number, the board shall confirm, using information obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.151 of the Revised Code, that the applicant has submitted documentation to the bureau that indicates that the applicant is a United States citizen.

1981

1982

1983

1984

1985

1986

1987

1988

1989

1990

(2) Determining that the applicant's existing voter registration record obtained from the statewide voter registration database indicates that a board of elections has previously verified the applicant as a United States citizen.

1991

1992

1993

1994

(B) (1) (a) If the board is able to verify the applicant's United States citizenship under division (A) of this section, the application is complete, and the board is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in the registration form, the board shall register the applicant or update the applicant's registration.

1995

1996

1997

1998

1999

2000

(b) If the board receives a voter registration form, notice of change of address, or notice of change of name on a form prescribed under 52 U.S.C. 20301, 20303, or 20508, and the

2001

2002

2003

board is unable to verify the applicant's United States 2004
citizenship under division (A) of this section, but the form is 2005
otherwise valid and the board is satisfied as to the truth of 2006
the statements made in the form, the board shall register the 2007
applicant or update the applicant's registration, as applicable, 2008
and shall note in the applicant's registration record that the 2009
applicant has not provided proof of citizenship. 2010

(2) The board shall register an applicant or update the 2011
applicant's registration under division (B)(1) of this section 2012
not later than twenty business days after receiving the 2013
application, unless that application is received during the 2014
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election, and 2015
promptly shall send the applicant an acknowledgment notice. 2016

(3) The acknowledgment notice shall include all of the 2017
following information: 2018

(a) The fact that the elector has been registered to vote 2019
or has had the elector's registration updated, as applicable; 2020

(b) The precinct in which the elector is to vote; 2021

(c) In bold type as follows: 2022

"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 2023
order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo 2024
identification will still be able to vote by casting a 2025
provisional ballot." 2026

(4) The board shall send the acknowledgment notice by 2027
nonforwardable mail. If the acknowledgment notice is returned to 2028
the board as undeliverable, it shall investigate and cause the 2029
acknowledgment notice to be delivered to the correct address. 2030

(5) If, after investigating as required under division (B) 2031

(4) of this section, the board is unable to verify the elector's correct address, it shall proceed under section 3503.202 of the Revised Code. 2032
2033
2034

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, if the board is unable to verify the applicant's United States citizenship under division (A) of this section or if the application is otherwise incomplete, the board promptly shall send the applicant a notice that specifies the information necessary to complete or update the applicant's registration. 2035
2036
2037
2038
2039
2040

(D) If the board determines that the applicant appears not to be eligible to vote, the board shall reject the form and refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney of the county for investigation. 2041
2042
2043
2044

Sec. 3503.202. (A) When either of the following occurs, the board of elections shall send the elector a confirmation notice and shall mark the elector's name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to indicate that the elector must vote by provisional ballot: 2045
2046
2047
2048
2049

(1) The board determines that it is unable to verify an elector's residence address, as described in division (B) (5) of section 3503.201 of the Revised Code. 2050
2051
2052

(2) (a) The board receives a report from the secretary of state under division (E) of section 3503.151 of the Revised Code indicating that the board must verify the elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card number, the last four digits of the elector's social security number, or the elector's residence address. 2053
2054
2055
2056
2057
2058

(b) The board shall not follow the procedures of division (A) (2) (a) of this section on the basis that an elector appears 2059
2060

in a report indicating that the board must verify the elector's residence address if it is apparent to the board that the elector is a participant in the address confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.99 of the Revised Code or is a designated public service worker as described in section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 2061
2062
2063
2064
2065
2066

(c) Upon receiving notice in a subsequent report under division (A) (2) (a) of this section that an elector's residence address in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles has been updated to match the elector's residence address in the voter registration record, the board shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot. 2067
2068
2069
2070
2071
2072

(B) (1) If the board must verify an elector's residence address, and the elector provides a valid residence address to the board before the elector next appears to vote, the board shall correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot. 2073
2074
2075
2076
2077
2078

(2) If the board must verify an elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number, and the elector provides at least one of the following to the board before the elector next appears to vote, the board shall correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot: 2079
2080
2081
2082
2083
2084
2085

(a) An Ohio driver's license or state identification card number that exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and is associated with the elector's first name, last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of state; 2086
2087
2088
2089

(b) The last four digits of a social security number that 2090
exists in the records of the United States social security 2091
administration and is associated with the elector's first name, 2092
last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of 2093
state; 2094

(c) A correction to the elector's first name, last name, 2095
or date of birth in the elector's registration record such that 2096
the number in the elector's registration record meets the 2097
requirements of division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, as 2098
applicable, as confirmed by the secretary of state. 2099

(3) If the board must verify both the elector's residence 2100
address and the elector's Ohio driver's license or state 2101
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2102
elector's social security number, and the elector complies with 2103
divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, the board shall 2104
correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove 2105
the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot. 2106

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 2107
this section, at the first election at which the elector appears 2108
to vote, the elector shall vote by provisional ballot under 2109
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2110

(2) If the board must verify the elector's Ohio driver's 2111
license or state identification card number or the last four 2112
digits of the elector's social security number, then in order 2113
for the elector's provisional ballot to be eligible to be 2114
counted, in addition to meeting all other requirements described 2115
in division (B)(3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the 2116
elector shall provide at least one of the following on the 2117
provisional ballot affirmation or shall appear in person at the 2118
office of the board within four days after the day of the 2119

election and provide at least one of the following: 2120

(a) An Ohio driver's license or state identification card 2121
that exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and 2122
is associated with the elector's first name, last name, and date 2123
of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of state; 2124

(b) The last four digits of a social security number that 2125
exists in the records of the United States social security 2126
administration and is associated with the elector's first name, 2127
last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of 2128
state; 2129

(c) A correction to the elector's first name, last name, 2130
or date of birth in the elector's registration record such that 2131
the number in the elector's registration record meets the 2132
requirements of division (C)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, as 2133
applicable, as confirmed by the secretary of state. 2134

(3) If the elector's provisional ballot is counted 2135
pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised 2136
Code and, if applicable, pursuant to division (C)(2) of this 2137
section, the board shall correct the elector's registration, if 2138
needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector must 2139
vote by provisional ballot. 2140

(4) If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to 2141
division (B)(4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the 2142
Revised Code or, if applicable, pursuant to division (C)(2) of 2143
this section, the board shall cancel the elector's registration 2144
and shall notify the elector by United States mail of the 2145
cancellation. The notice shall inform the elector that the 2146
elector may again register to vote if the elector is eligible to 2147
do so. 2148

Sec. 3503.21. (A) The registration of a registered elector	2149
shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following:	2150
(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written	2151
request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on	2152
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the	2153
elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a	2154
request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from	2155
reregistering to vote at any time.	2156
(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered	2157
elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code;	2158
(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified	2159
copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the	2160
deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the	2161
administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the	2162
executor of the deceased elector's will;	2163
(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony	2164
under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United	2165
States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code;	2166
(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered	2167
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section	2168
5122.301 of the Revised Code;	2169
(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a	2170
location outside the county of registration in accordance with	2171
division (B) of this section;	2172
(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having	2173
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the	2174
following:	2175
(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during	2176

a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include 2177
two general federal elections; 2178

(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least 2179
once during a period of four consecutive years, which period 2180
shall include two general federal elections. 2181

(8) The receipt by the board of elections of a 2182
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the 2183
Revised Code. 2184

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures 2185
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of 2186
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting 2187
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county 2188
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division 2189
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with 2190
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may 2191
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of 2192
the national change of address service provided by the United 2193
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so 2194
prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior 2195
to the date of any primary or general election for federal 2196
office. 2197

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 2198
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 2199
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 2200
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 2201
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 2202
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 2203
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 2204
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 2205
confirmation notice. 2206

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 2207
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of 2208
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised 2209
Code, division ~~(C) (2)~~ (C) (4) of section ~~3503.19~~ 3503.202 of the 2210
Revised Code, or division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised 2211
Code. 2212

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 2213
registration information to the secretary of state as required 2214
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 2215
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 2216
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 2217
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 2218
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 2219
the information to the national change of address service 2220
described in division (B) of this section and request that 2221
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 2222
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 2223
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 2224
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 2225
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 2226
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 2227
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 2228
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 2229
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 2230
correct the change of address information. 2231

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 2232
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 2233
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 2234
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 2235
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 2236
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 2237

respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 2238

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 2239
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 2240
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 2241
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 2242
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 2243
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 2244
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 2245
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 2246
error. 2247

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 2248
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 2249
restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 2250

Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall 2251
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 2252

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 2253
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 2254
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 2255
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 2256
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 2257
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 2258

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 2259
provide photo identification to the election officials; 2260

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 2261
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 2262
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 2263
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 2264
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 2265

(4) An individual ~~whose notification of registration has~~ 2266

~~been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose~~ 2267
name in the official registration list and in the poll list or 2268
signature pollbook has been marked under ~~division (C) (2) of~~ 2269
section ~~3503.19~~ 3503.202 of the Revised Code; 2270

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged 2271
under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code; 2272

(6) An individual who ~~changes the individual's name and~~ 2273
~~remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name~~ 2274
~~change under division (B) (1) (b) of section 3503.16 of the~~ 2275
~~Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a~~ 2276
~~county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the~~ 2277
~~individual's name,~~ or moves ~~from one county to another~~ within 2278
the state, and completes and signs the required forms and 2279
statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the 2280
Revised Code; 2281

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the 2282
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is 2283
not that of the person who signed that name in the registration 2284
forms. 2285

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional 2286
ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to 2287
cast a provisional ballot as follows: 2288

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify 2289
the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 2290
in that election. 2291

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 2292
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 2293
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 2294
stating that the individual is both of the following: 2295

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote; 2296
2297

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 2298

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 2299
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 2300
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 2301
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 2302
appropriate local election official for verification under 2303
division (B) (4) of this section. 2304

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 2305
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 2306
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 2307
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 2308
be counted as a vote in that election. 2309

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 2310
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 2311
individual written information that states that any individual 2312
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 2313
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 2314
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 2315
the reason that the vote was not counted. 2316

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 2317
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 2318
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 2319
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 2320
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 2321
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 2322
established under this division also shall provide to an 2323
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 2324

explaining how that individual may contact the board of 2325
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 2326
individual's voter registration. 2327

The appropriate state or local election official shall 2328
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 2329
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 2330
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 2331
access system established under this division. The system shall 2332
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 2333
the individual's own provisional ballot. 2334

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 2335
ballot, the individual provides photo identification, the 2336
individual shall record the type of identification provided on 2337
the provisional ballot affirmation and, if the individual 2338
provides an Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or 2339
interim identification document, the individual also shall write 2340
the individual's driver's license or state identification card 2341
number on the provisional ballot affirmation. 2342

(7) (a) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be 2343
counted when it is cast by an individual who does not have photo 2344
identification because the individual has a religious objection 2345
to being photographed, the individual shall complete an 2346
affidavit of religious objection under section 3505.19 of the 2347
Revised Code. The election officials shall attach the affidavit 2348
to the individual's provisional ballot envelope. If the 2349
individual does not complete the affidavit at the time of 2350
casting the provisional ballot, the individual may appear at the 2351
office of the board of elections within four days after the day 2352
of the election and complete the affidavit. 2353

(b) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 2354

when it is cast by any other individual who does not have or is 2355
unable to provide photo identification to the election 2356
officials, the individual who cast that ballot, within four days 2357
after the day of the election, shall appear at the office of the 2358
board of elections and provide photo identification. 2359

(8) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 2360
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 2361
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 2362
cast that ballot, within four days after the day of that 2363
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 2364
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 2365
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 2366
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 2367

(9) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 2368
when it is cast by an individual who has changed the 2369
individual's name or moved within the state, has not submitted a 2370
notice of change of address or change of name, as described in 2371
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, and has 2372
not previously provided proof of citizenship to a board of 2373
elections in this state, the individual shall submit proof of 2374
citizenship to the board of elections with the individual's 2375
provisional ballot or within four days after the day of the 2376
election. 2377

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 2378
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 2379
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 2380
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 2381
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 2382
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 2383
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 2384

election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 2385
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 2386
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 2387
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 2388
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 2389
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 2390
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 2391

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 2392
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 2393
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 2394
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 2395
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 2396
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 2397
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 2398
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 2399
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 2400
provisional ballot affirmation: 2401

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 2402
precinct; 2403

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 2404
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 2405

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 2406
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 2407
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 2408
ballot being rejected; 2409

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 2410
individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 2411

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 2412
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 2413

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 2414
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 2415
on the day of each election. 2416

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 2417
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 2418

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 2419
following: 2420

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 2421
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 2422
street address in the county or the range of residential street 2423
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 2424

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 2425
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 2426
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 2427
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 2428
in the county. 2429

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 2430

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 2431
that election; 2432

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the 2433
hours during which polling places will be open; 2434

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a 2435
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot; 2436

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time 2437
voters under applicable federal and state laws; 2438

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable 2439
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an 2440

individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how 2441
to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 2442
to have been violated; 2443

(f) General information on federal and state laws 2444
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 2445
misrepresentation. 2446

(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the 2447
Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised 2448
Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to 2449
receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two 2450
precinct election officials of different political parties. A 2451
blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in 2452
marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the 2453
required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may 2454
receive assistance on the day of an election under that section. 2455

Sec. 3505.182. Each individual who casts a provisional 2456
ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall execute 2457
a written affirmation. The form of the written affirmation shall 2458
be printed upon the face of the provisional ballot envelope and 2459
shall be as follows: 2460

"Provisional Ballot Affirmation 2461

(A) Clearly print your full name: _____ 2462

(B) Write your date of birth: _____ 2463

(C) (1) Write your current address: _____ 2464

_____ 2465

(2) Have you moved without updating your voter 2466
registration?: 2467

Yes _____ No _____	2468
If yes, write your former address: _____	2469
_____	2470
Failure to provide your former address will not cause your	2471
provisional ballot to be rejected.	2472
(D) (1) You must show photo identification to the election	2473
official that includes your name and photograph and is not	2474
expired. Check the type of photo identification you provided:	2475
_____ An Ohio driver's license or state identification	2476
card or an interim identification form issued by the Bureau of	2477
Motor Vehicles. If you showed your Ohio driver's license or	2478
state identification card or an interim identification form,	2479
write your full driver's license or state identification card	2480
number: _____	2481
_____ A United States passport or passport card;	2482
_____ A United States military identification card, Ohio	2483
national guard identification card, or United States department	2484
of veterans affairs identification card.	2485
(2) If you do not have photo identification because you	2486
have a religious objection to being photographed, complete an	2487
affidavit of religious objection. The precinct election official	2488
will attach it to the provisional ballot envelope.	2489
(3) If you did not show photo identification to the	2490
election official or complete an affidavit of religious	2491
objection, you must appear at the office of the board of	2492
elections during the four days after the election and provide	2493
photo identification or complete an affidavit of religious	2494
objection for your vote to be eligible to be counted.	2495

(4) ~~If Complete this section if you need to update your~~ 2496
~~voter registration, you may provide additional information~~ 2497
~~below. This information will not be used for ballot counting~~ 2498
~~purposes or if you need to verify the identification you used to~~ 2499
~~register to vote.~~ 2500

Write your full Ohio driver's license or state 2501
identification card number, which also serves as proof of 2502
citizenship if you have submitted documentation to the bureau of 2503
motor vehicles indicating that you are a United States citizen: 2504
_____ 2505

OR 2506

Write the last four digits of your Social Security number: 2507
_____ and attach proof of citizenship to the outside 2508
of this envelope. You are not required to attach proof of 2509
citizenship if you have previously provided proof of citizenship 2510
to a board of elections in Ohio. 2511

"Proof of citizenship" means evidence that you are a 2512
United States citizen, in the form of one of the following: a 2513
copy of the front and back of a current or expired Ohio driver's 2514
license, state identification card, or interim identification 2515
form, if you have submitted documentation to the bureau of motor 2516
vehicles indicating that you are a United States citizen; a copy 2517
of the front and back of a current or expired driver's license 2518
or nondriver identification card issued by another state within 2519
the United States, if the issuing agency indicates on the 2520
license or card that you are a United States citizen; a copy of 2521
a birth certificate, certification of report of birth, or 2522
consular report of birth abroad; a copy of the identification 2523
page of a current or expired United States passport; a copy of 2524
the front and back of a United States passport card; or a copy 2525

of a certificate of naturalization or certificate of 2526
citizenship. 2527

If the name on your proof of citizenship is different from 2528
your current legal name, you must also attach proof of your 2529
change of name, such as a copy of a marriage license or court 2530
order. 2531

If you are updating your registration, you have not 2532
previously provided proof of citizenship to a board of 2533
elections, and you do not provide it when you cast this ballot, 2534
you must provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections 2535
on or before the fourth day following this election in order for 2536
your ballot to be eligible to be counted. 2537

(E) If your right to vote has been challenged, you must 2538
provide any required additional information to the board of 2539
elections on or before the ~~seventh~~fourth day following this 2540
election. 2541

(F) Sign and date the following statement: 2542

I solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the 2543
United States; that I will be at least 18 years of age at the 2544
time of the general election; that I have lived in this state 2545
for 30 days immediately preceding this election in which I am 2546
voting this ballot; that I am a registered voter in the precinct 2547
in which I am voting this provisional ballot; and that I am 2548
eligible to vote in the election in which I am voting this 2549
provisional ballot. 2550

I understand that, if the information I provide on this 2551
provisional ballot affirmation is not fully completed and 2552
correct, if the board of elections determines that I am not 2553
registered to vote, a resident of this precinct, or eligible to 2554

vote in this election, or if the board of elections determines 2555
that I have already voted in this election, my provisional 2556
ballot will not be counted. I understand that, if I am not 2557
currently registered to vote or if I am not registered at my 2558
current address or under my current name, this form will serve 2559
as an application to register to vote or update my registration 2560
for future elections, as long as I provide all of the 2561
information required to register to vote or update my 2562
registration. I further understand that knowingly providing 2563
false information is a violation of law and subjects me to 2564
possible criminal prosecution. 2565

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 2566
that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my 2567
knowledge and belief. 2568

_____ 2569

Signature of Voter 2570

_____ 2571

Date 2572

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 2573
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 2574

In addition to any information required to be included on 2575
the written affirmation, an individual casting a provisional 2576
ballot may provide additional information to the election 2577
official to assist the board of elections in determining the 2578
individual's eligibility to vote in that election, including the 2579
date and location at which the individual registered to vote, if 2580
known. 2581

If the individual provided all of the information required 2582

under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote or 2583
to update the individual's registration on the provisional 2584
ballot affirmation, the board of elections shall consider the 2585
individual's provisional ballot affirmation to also serve as a 2586
notice of change of name, change of residence, or both, or as a 2587
voter registration form, as applicable, for that individual only 2588
for the purposes of future elections. 2589

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 2590
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 2591
separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 2592
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 2593
member of each major political party shall place the sealed 2594
provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 2595
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 2596
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 2597
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 2598
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 2599
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 2600
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2601
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2602
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2603
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2604

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2605
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2606
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2607
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2608
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2609
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2610
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2611
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2612
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2613

be eligible to be counted: 2614

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2615
birth, and current address; 2616

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2617
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2618

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2619
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2620

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2621
in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in 2622
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2623
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2624
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2625
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2626
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2627
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2628
during the four days after the day of the election under 2629
~~division (B) (7) or (8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, 2630
to assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility 2631
to vote. 2632

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2633
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2634
section and comparing the information required under division 2635
(B)(1) of this section with the individual's information in the 2636
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2637
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2638
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2639
to be counted: 2640

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2641
registered to vote. 2642

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 2643
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 2644
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2645

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2646
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the 2647
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2648
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2649

(d) One of the following applies: 2650

(i) The individual provided photo identification at the 2651
time of casting the provisional ballot or appeared at the office 2652
of the board within four days after the day of the election and 2653
provided photo identification. If the individual provided the 2654
individual's Ohio driver's license or state identification card 2655
or an interim identification form, the individual provided the 2656
individual's driver's license number or state identification 2657
card number and the number is not different from the 2658
individual's driver's license number or state identification 2659
card number contained in the statewide voter registration 2660
database. 2661

(ii) The individual completed an affidavit of religious 2662
objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code at the time 2663
of casting the provisional ballot or at the office of the board 2664
within four days after the day of the election and the affidavit 2665
is valid under that section. 2666

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2667
month and day of the individual's date of birth are not 2668
different from the day and month of the individual's date of 2669
birth contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2670

This division does not apply to an individual's 2671

provisional ballot if either of the following is true: 2672

(i) The individual's date of birth contained in the 2673
statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2674

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2675
least three of its members, that the individual has met all 2676
other requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2677

(f) The individual's current address is not different from 2678
the individual's address contained in the statewide voter 2679
registration database, unless the individual indicated that the 2680
individual is casting a provisional ballot because the 2681
individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of 2682
address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of 2683
the Revised Code. 2684

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2685
information required under division (B) (8) of section 3505.181 2686
of the Revised Code within four days after the day of the 2687
election. 2688

(h) If the individual cast a provisional ballot because 2689
the individual has moved or had a change of name and has not 2690
submitted a notice of change of address or change of name, as 2691
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2692
Code, the board verifies the individual's United States 2693
citizenship as described in division (A) of section 3503.201 of 2694
the Revised Code. 2695

(i) If applicable, the individual provided the information 2696
required under division (C) (2) of section 3503.202 of the 2697
Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or within 2698
four days after the day of the election. 2699

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2700

this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 2701
and additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of 2702
this section and comparing the information required under 2703
division (B)(1) of this section with the individual's 2704
information in the statewide voter registration database, the 2705
board determines that any of the following applies, the 2706
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2707
shall not be counted: 2708

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2709
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2710

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2711
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2712
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2713

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2714
information required under division (B)(1) of this section in 2715
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2716
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2717

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2718
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2719

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2720
additional information required under division (B)(8) of section 2721
3505.181 of the Revised Code within four days after the day of 2722
the election. 2723

(vi) The individual failed to provide photo 2724
identification, to provide the individual's driver's license or 2725
state identification card number if the individual provided 2726
photo identification in the form of an Ohio driver's license or 2727
state identification card or an interim identification form, or 2728
to complete an affidavit of religious objection. 2729

(vii) The individual failed to execute an affirmation	2730
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.	2731
(viii) The individual provided photo identification in the	2732
form of an Ohio driver's license or state identification card or	2733
an interim identification form and the driver's license number	2734
or state identification card number the individual provided is	2735
different from the individual's driver's license number or state	2736
identification card number contained in the statewide voter	2737
registration database.	2738
(ix) The individual completed an affidavit of religious	2739
objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code, but the	2740
affidavit is not valid under that section.	2741
(x) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the	2742
month and day of the individual's date of birth are different	2743
from the day and month of the individual's date of birth	2744
contained in the statewide voter registration database.	2745
This division does not apply to an individual's	2746
provisional ballot if either of the following is true:	2747
(I) The individual's date of birth contained in the	2748
statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.	2749
(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at	2750
least three of its members, that the individual has met all of	2751
the requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than	2752
the requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section.	2753
(xi) The individual's current address is different from	2754
the individual's address contained in the statewide voter	2755
registration database, unless the individual indicated that the	2756
individual is casting a provisional ballot because the	2757
individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of	2758

address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of 2759
the Revised Code. 2760

(xii) If the individual cast a provisional ballot because 2761
the individual has moved or had a change of name and has not 2762
submitted a notice of change of address or change of name, as 2763
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2764
Code, the board is unable to verify the individual's United 2765
States citizenship as described in division (A) of section 2766
3503.201 of the Revised Code. 2767

(xiii) If applicable, the individual did not provide the 2768
information required under division (C) (2) of section 3503.202 2769
of the Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or 2770
within four days after the day of the election. 2771

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2772
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2773
section and comparing the information required under division 2774
(B) (1) of this section with the individual's information in the 2775
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2776
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2777
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2778
counted: 2779

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2780
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2781

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2782
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2783
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2784

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2785
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2786
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2787

of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2788
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2789
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2790
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2791
recorded that information in another database. 2792

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2793
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2794
to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 2795
which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 2796
election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 2797
precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 2798
(D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 2799
have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 2800
election official correctly completed the form described in 2801
division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2802

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2803
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2804
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2805
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2806
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2807
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2808
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2809
which the individual was eligible to vote. 2810

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2811
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2812
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2813
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2814
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2815
shall not be counted. 2816

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 2817

(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 2818
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 2819
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 2820
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 2821
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 2822

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2823
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 2824
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2825
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2826
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2827
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2828
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 2829
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2830
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2831
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2832
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2833
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2834
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2835
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2836
ballot. 2837

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 2838
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 2839
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 2840
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2841
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 2842
be counted during the seven days after the day of an election. 2843

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2844
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2845
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 2846
an individual who must provide photo identification, complete an 2847

affidavit of religious objection, or provide additional 2848
information to the board of elections under ~~division (B) (7) or~~ 2849
~~(8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code for the board to 2850
determine the individual's eligibility until the individual does 2851
so or until the eighth day after the day of the election, 2852
whichever is earlier. 2853

Sec. 3505.20. Any person offering to vote may be 2854
challenged at the polling place by any precinct election 2855
official. If the board of elections has ruled on the question 2856
presented by a challenge prior to election day, its finding and 2857
decision shall be final, and the voting location manager shall 2858
be notified in writing. If the board has not ruled, the question 2859
shall be determined as set forth in this section. If any person 2860
is so challenged as unqualified to vote, the voting location 2861
manager shall tender the person the following oath: "You do 2862
swear or affirm under penalty of election falsification that you 2863
will fully and truly answer all of the following questions put 2864
to you concerning your qualifications as an elector at this 2865
election." 2866

(A) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2867
ground that the person is not a United States citizen, the 2868
precinct election officials shall put the following questions: 2869

(1) Are you a citizen of the United States? 2870

(2) ~~Are you a native or naturalized citizen?~~ 2871

~~(3) Where were you born?~~ 2872

~~(4) What official documentation do~~ Do you possess to prove 2873
proof of your United States citizenship? Please provide that 2874
documentation. 2875

If the person offering to vote ~~claims to be a naturalized~~ 2876

~~citizen of the United States, the person shall, before the vote-~~ 2877
~~is received, produce~~ produces proof of citizenship for 2878
inspection of the precinct election officials ~~a certificate of-~~ 2879
~~naturalization,~~ other than the number of the person's Ohio 2880
driver's license or state identification card, and ~~declare-~~ 2881
declares under oath that the person is ~~the identical person-~~ 2882
~~named in the certificate. If the person states under oath that,~~ 2883
~~by reason of the naturalization of the person's parents or one-~~ 2884
~~of them, the person has become~~ a citizen of the United States, 2885
and ~~when or where the person's parents were naturalized, the-~~ 2886
~~certificate of naturalization need not be produced~~ the person 2887
shall be permitted to cast a regular ballot. If the person is 2888
unable to provide ~~a certificate of naturalization~~ proof of 2889
citizenship, other than the number of the person's Ohio driver's 2890
license or state identification card, on the day of the 2891
election, the precinct election officials shall provide to the 2892
person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 2893
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 2894
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 2895
board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2896
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2897

(B) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2898
ground that the person has not resided in this state for thirty 2899
days immediately preceding the election, the precinct election 2900
officials shall put the following questions: 2901

(1) Have you resided in this state for thirty days 2902
immediately preceding this election? If so, where have you 2903
resided? 2904

(2) Did you properly register to vote? 2905

(3) Can you provide some form of identification containing 2906

your current mailing address in this precinct? Please provide 2907
that identification. 2908

(4) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other 2909
location in this or in any other state at this election? 2910

(5) Have you applied for an absent voter's ballot in any 2911
state for this election? 2912

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 2913
the person's eligibility to cast a ballot in the election, the 2914
precinct election officials shall provide to the person, and the 2915
person may vote, a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 2916
the Revised Code. The provisional ballot shall not be counted 2917
unless it is properly completed and the board of elections 2918
determines that the voter is properly registered and eligible to 2919
vote in the election. 2920

(C) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2921
ground that the person is not a resident of the precinct where 2922
the person offers to vote, the precinct election officials shall 2923
put the following questions: 2924

(1) Do you reside in this precinct? 2925

(2) When did you move into this precinct? 2926

(3) When you came into this precinct, did you come for a 2927
temporary purpose merely or for the purpose of making it your 2928
home? 2929

(4) What is your current mailing address? 2930

(5) Do you have some official identification containing 2931
your current address in this precinct? Please provide that 2932
identification. 2933

(6) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other 2934
location in this or in any other state at this election? 2935

(7) Have you applied for any absent voter's ballot in any 2936
state for this election? 2937

The precinct election officials shall direct an individual 2938
who is not in the appropriate polling place to the appropriate 2939
polling place. If the individual refuses to go to the 2940
appropriate polling place, or if the precinct election officials 2941
are unable to verify the person's eligibility to cast a ballot 2942
in the election, the precinct election officials shall provide 2943
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot 2944
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional 2945
ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and 2946
the board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2947
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2948

(D) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2949
ground that the person is not of legal voting age, the precinct 2950
election officials shall put the following questions: 2951

(1) Are you eighteen years of age or more? 2952

(2) What is your date of birth? 2953

(3) Do you have some official identification verifying 2954
your age? Please provide that identification. 2955

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 2956
the person's age and eligibility to cast a ballot in the 2957
election, the precinct election officials shall provide to the 2958
person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 2959
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 2960
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 2961
board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2962

registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2963

The voting location manager shall put such other questions 2964
to the person challenged as are necessary to determine the 2965
person's qualifications as an elector at the election. If a 2966
person challenged refuses to answer fully any question put to 2967
the person, is unable to answer the questions as they were 2968
answered on the registration form by the person under whose name 2969
the person offers to vote, or refuses to sign the person's name 2970
or make the person's mark, or if for any other reason a majority 2971
of the precinct election officials believes the person is not 2972
entitled to vote, the precinct election officials shall provide 2973
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot 2974
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional 2975
ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and 2976
the board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2977
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2978

A qualified citizen who has certified the citizen's 2979
intention to vote for president and vice-president as provided 2980
by Chapter 3504. of the Revised Code shall be eligible to 2981
receive only the ballot containing presidential and vice- 2982
presidential candidates. 2983

However, not later than the thirtieth day before the day 2984
of an election and in accordance with section 3503.24 of the 2985
Revised Code, any person qualified to vote may challenge the 2986
right of any other person to be registered as a voter, or the 2987
right to cast an absent voter's ballot, or to make application 2988
for such ballot. Such challenge shall be made in accordance with 2989
section 3503.24 of the Revised Code, and the board of elections 2990
of the county in which the voting residence of the challenged 2991
voter is situated shall make a final determination relative to 2992

the legality of such registration or application. 2993

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent 2994
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 2995
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 2996
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 2997
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 2998
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2999
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 3000
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 3001
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 3002
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 3003
board of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 3004
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 3005
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 3006
penalty of election falsification. 3007

(B) The elector shall provide one of the following: 3008

(1) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 3009
identification card number on the statement of voter on the 3010
identification envelope; 3011

(2) The last four digits of the elector's social security 3012
number on the statement of voter on the identification envelope; 3013

(3) A copy of the elector's photo identification in the 3014
return envelope with the identification envelope. 3015

(C) (1) The elector shall mail the identification envelope 3016
to the office of the board of elections in the return envelope, 3017
postage prepaid, or the elector or the elector's assistant may 3018
personally deliver ~~it~~ the identification envelope in the return 3019
envelope to the office of the board, ~~or the spouse of the~~ 3020
~~elector, the father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law,~~ 3021

~~grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or
half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted
child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of
the elector may deliver it to the office of the board in
accordance with division (D) of this section. The return
envelope shall be returned by no other person, in no other
manner, and to no other location, except as otherwise provided
in section 3509.08 of the Revised Code.~~

(2) If the board maintains multiple offices in the county,
as permitted under division (C) of section 3501.10 of the
Revised Code, the board may designate any of its offices for the
return of absent voter's ballots under this section, provided
that the board shall designate only one office to which absent
voter's ballots shall be returned under this section.

~~(3)(a) The board of elections may place not more than one
secure receptacle outside the office of the board, on the
property on which the office of the board is located, for the
purpose of receiving absent voter's ballots under this section.~~

~~(b) A secure receptacle shall be open to receive ballots
only during the period beginning on the first day after the
close of voter registration before the election and ending at
seven thirty p.m. on the day of the election. The receptacle
shall be open to receive ballots at all times during that
period.~~

~~(c) A secure receptacle shall be monitored by recorded
video surveillance at all times. The video recordings are a
public record. The board shall do one of the following:~~

~~(i) Make the video recordings available for inspection
upon request in accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised~~

Code.— 3051

~~(ii) Make each day's video recording available to the public on the internet for streaming or download without charge within seventy two hours after the recording ends and make the video recordings available to the public upon request in accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised Code.—~~ 3052
3053
3054
3055
3056

~~(d) Only a bipartisan team of election officials may open a secure receptacle or handle its contents. A bipartisan team of election officials shall collect the contents of each secure receptacle and deliver them to the board for processing at least once each day and at seven thirty p.m. on the day of the election. If, at seven thirty p.m. on the day of the election, there are persons waiting in line to deposit absent voter's ballots in a receptacle, those persons shall be permitted to deposit the ballots.—~~ 3057
3058
3059
3060
3061
3062
3063
3064
3065

~~(4) (a) During the period beginning on the forty fifth day before election day and ending on the day after election day, on each day the office of the board of elections is open for business, the board shall report to the secretary of state all of the following information concerning the previous business day:—~~ 3066
3067
3068
3069
3070
3071

~~(i) The number of return envelopes purporting to contain absent voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots the board received by personal delivery, other than to a receptacle described in division (C) (3) of this section;—~~ 3072
3073
3074
3075
3076

~~(ii) If the board has placed a secure receptacle outside the office of the board under division (C) (3) of this section, the number of return envelopes purporting to contain absent~~ 3077
3078
3079

~~voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's~~ 3080
~~ballots the board received in the receptacle.~~ 3081

~~(b) As soon as practicable after receiving a report under~~ 3082
~~division (C) (4) (a) of this section, the secretary of state shall~~ 3083
~~make the information in the report available to the public on~~ 3084
~~the secretary of state's official web site.~~ 3085

(D) (1) An elector may personally deliver the elector's 3086
marked absent voter's ballots to the office of the board by 3087
hand-delivering the ballots to the election officials at the 3088
office of the board or at a designated location on, or adjacent 3089
to, the property on which the office of the board is located. 3090

(2) An elector's assistant may personally deliver the 3091
elector's marked absent voter's ballots to the office of the 3092
board by hand-delivering the ballots to the election officials 3093
at the office of the board or at a designated location on, or 3094
adjacent to, the property on which the office of the board is 3095
located. Except as otherwise permitted under division (D) (3) of 3096
this section, the assistant shall be the elector's spouse, 3097
father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, 3098
grandmother, brother or sister of the whole or half blood, son, 3099
daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, 3100
uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece. The assistant shall complete a 3101
delivery attestation, which the election officials shall attach 3102
to the ballot return envelope. The attestation shall be made 3103
under penalty of election falsification, on a form prescribed by 3104
the secretary of state, and shall include all of the following: 3105

(a) The assistant's name; 3106

(b) The elector's name; 3107

(c) An affirmation that the assistant is delivering the 3108

elector's ballots at the elector's request; 3109

(d) An affirmation that the assistant is the elector's 3110
spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, 3111
grandfather, grandmother, brother or sister of the whole or half 3112
blood, son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, 3113
stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece; 3114

(e) The assistant's signature; 3115

(f) The date the assistant delivers the ballots. 3116

(3) If an elector requires assistance to vote by reason of 3117
a disability, the elector's assistant instead may be any person 3118
of the elector's choice, other than the elector's employer, an 3119
agent of the elector's employer, or an officer or agent of the 3120
elector's union. If an elector's assistant described in this 3121
division delivers the elector's ballots, the assistant shall 3122
complete a delivery attestation under this division instead of 3123
division (D) (2) of this section, and the election officials 3124
shall attach the attestation to the ballot return envelope. The 3125
attestation shall be made under penalty of election 3126
falsification, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, 3127
and shall include all of the following: 3128

(a) The assistant's name; 3129

(b) The elector's name; 3130

(c) An affirmation that the assistant is delivering the 3131
elector's ballots at the elector's request; 3132

(d) An affirmation that the elector requires assistance to 3133
vote by reason of a disability; 3134

(e) An affirmation that the assistant is not the elector's 3135
employer, an agent of the elector's employer, or an officer or 3136

agent of the elector's union; 3137

(f) The assistant's signature; 3138

(g) The date the assistant delivers the ballots. 3139

(4) The election officials shall not accept any marked 3140
absent voter's ballots that are returned to the board by 3141
personal delivery, except as permitted under divisions (D) (1) to 3142
(3) of this section. The board shall not accept absent voter's 3143
ballots returned by personal delivery to an unattended 3144
receptacle. 3145

(E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D) (2)~~ (E) 3146
(2) of this section, all envelopes containing marked absent 3147
voter's ballots shall be delivered to the office of the board 3148
not later than the close of the polls on the day of an election. 3149
Absent voter's ballots delivered to the office of the board 3150
later than the times specified shall not be counted, but shall 3151
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes in 3152
which they are delivered, until the time provided by section 3153
3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other 3154
ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at 3155
which time they shall be destroyed. 3156

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D) (2) (b)~~ 3157
(E) (2) (b) of this section, any return envelope that is 3158
postmarked prior to the day of the election shall be delivered 3159
to the director prior to the fifth day after the election. 3160
Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked prior to the day of 3161
the election that are received after the close of the polls on 3162
election day through the fourth day thereafter shall be counted 3163
on the fifth day at the board of elections in the manner 3164
provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of the 3165

Revised Code or in the manner provided in division (E) of that 3166
section, as applicable. Any such ballots that are received by 3167
the director later than the fourth day following the election 3168
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 3169
sealed identification envelopes as provided in division (A) of 3170
this section. 3171

(b) Division ~~(D) (2) (a)~~ (E) (2) (a) of this section shall not 3172
apply to any mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing 3173
system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 3174
501.1. 3175

Sec. 3509.08. (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account 3176
of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or 3177
infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail 3178
or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial 3179
on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the 3180
elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in 3181
the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 3182
primary election may make application in writing for an absent 3183
voter's ballot to the board of elections of the elector's county 3184
in the manner described in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code. 3185
The application shall state the nature of the elector's illness, 3186
physical disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector 3187
is confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant 3188
inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's 3189
precinct on election day. 3190

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the 3191
applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of 3192
confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 3193
board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 3194
major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 3195

to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 3196
board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 3197
institution within the county, in which case the board shall 3198
designate two board employees belonging to the two major 3199
political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 3200
the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 3201
In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 3202
office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 3203
of the Revised Code. 3204

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two 3205
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 3206
that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 3207
reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 3208
to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 3209
elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 3210
assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 3211
they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 3212
matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 3213
cause. 3214

When two board employees belonging to the two major 3215
political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined 3216
elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot 3217
is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is 3218
returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the 3219
declaration on the identification envelope. 3220

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 3221
application for absent voter's ballots under this division. 3222

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent 3223
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section. 3224

(B) (1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to 3225
the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any 3226
general, special, or primary election may apply to the board of 3227
elections of the county where the elector is a qualified elector 3228
to vote in the election by absent voter's ballot if either of 3229
the following apply: 3230

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of 3231
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before 3232
the election; 3233

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as 3234
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency 3235
occurring before the election. 3236

~~(2)~~ (2) (a) The application authorized under division (B) (1) 3237
of this section shall be made in writing in the manner described 3238
in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, except that the 3239
application shall be delivered to the office of the board not 3240
later than three p.m. on the day of the election. The 3241
application shall indicate the hospital where the applicant or 3242
the applicant's child is confined, the date of the applicant's 3243
or the applicant's child's admission to the hospital, and the 3244
offices for which the applicant is qualified to vote. ~~The~~ 3245

(b) ~~The~~ applicant may ~~also request that a member of the~~ 3246
~~applicant's family, as listed~~ an assistant described in division 3247
(D) (2) or (3) of section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, as 3248
applicable, deliver the absent voter's ballot to the applicant. 3249

(c) The board, after establishing to the board's 3250
satisfaction the validity of the circumstances claimed by the 3251
applicant, shall supply an absent voter's ballot to be delivered 3252
to the applicant. ~~When~~ 3253

(d) When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a 3254
hospital in the county where the applicant is a qualified 3255
elector and no request is made for ~~a member of the family~~ an 3256
assistant to deliver the ballot, the board shall arrange for the 3257
delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant, and for 3258
its return to the office of the board, by two board employees 3259
belonging to the two major political parties according to the 3260
procedures prescribed in division (A) of this section. When the 3261
applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital outside the 3262
county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request 3263
is made for ~~a member of the family~~ an assistant to deliver the 3264
ballot, the board shall arrange for the delivery of an absent 3265
voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the ballot shall be 3266
returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in 3267
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 3268

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under 3269
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but 3270
is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in 3271
division (B)(2) of this section may vote in accordance with 3272
division (B)(1) of this section if that qualified elector states 3273
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that 3274
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the 3275
circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 3276
3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector 3277
complies with divisions (G)(1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the 3278
Revised Code. 3279

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 3280
(1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return 3281
absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for 3282
absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 3283
instead of applying for them under this section or may cast 3284

absent voter's ballots in person under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) (1) of this section to whom ballots are delivered by two employees of the board of elections or who votes with the assistance of two employees of the board of elections shall be considered to have cast absent voter's ballots by mail, rather than in person, for the purpose of the laws governing voter identification. A board employee who delivers ballots to an elector or returns ballots to the office of the board under this section is not considered the elector's assistant for that purpose.

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 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 3315
_____) (a candidate for election to the office or 3316
position of _____) for the _____ in the state, 3317
district, (Full term or unexpired term ending _____) 3318
county, city, or village of _____, at the primary 3319
election to be held on the _____ day of _____, _____, 3320
and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official 3321
primary election ballot of the said _____ Party as a 3322
candidate for _____ (such nomination) or (such election) as 3323
provided by law. 3324

I further declare that, if elected to said office or 3325
position, I will qualify therefor, and that I will support and 3326
abide by the principles enunciated by the _____ Party. 3327

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____ 3328

3329
(Signature of candidate) 3330

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 3331
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 3332

PETITION OF CANDIDATE 3333

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of 3334
Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, 3335
ward, township, or school district, and precinct set opposite 3336
our names, and members of the 3337

_____ Party, hereby certify 3338
that _____ (Name of candidate) whose 3339
declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is a member of the 3340
_____ Party, and is, in our opinion, well qualified to 3341
perform the duties of the office or position to which that 3342
candidate desires to be elected. 3343

Street City, 3344
and Village or 3345
Signature Number Township Ward Precinct County Date 3346

(Must use address on file with the board of elections) 3347

_____ 3348
3349
3350

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 3351

I, _____ (Name of 3352
circulator of petition), ~~declares~~ declare under penalty of 3353
election falsification that ~~the circulator of the petition is a~~ 3354
~~qualified elector of the state of Ohio and resides~~ I reside at 3355
the address appearing below ~~the my signature of that circulator;~~ 3356
that ~~the circulator is~~ I am a member of the _____ Party; 3357
that ~~the circulator is~~ I am the circulator of the foregoing 3358
petition paper containing _____ (Number) signatures; 3359
that ~~the circulator~~ I witnessed the affixing of every signature; 3360
that all signers were to the best of ~~the circulator's~~ my 3361
knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature 3362
is to the best of ~~the circulator's~~ my knowledge and belief the 3363
signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of 3364
an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the 3365
Revised Code. (The circulator shall personally write the number 3366
of electors whose signatures the petition paper contains.) 3367

For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 3368
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 3369
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 3370
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 3371
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 3372

produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 3373
service of process at the residence address I have provided. 3374

I am compensated to circulate this petition by 3375
_____ (name and address of employer). (The 3376
circulator shall complete the preceding sentence as required by 3377
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being 3378
compensated to circulate the petition.) 3379

_____ 3380
(Signature of circulator) 3381

_____ 3382
(Address of circulator's 3383

permanent residence ~~in this~~ 3384
~~_____ state)~~ 3385

_____ 3386
~~(If petition is for a~~ 3387

~~_____ statewide candidate, the~~ 3388
~~_____ name and address of person~~ 3389

~~_____ employing to circulate~~ 3390
~~_____ petition, if any)~~ 3391

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 3392
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 3393

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of 3394
declaration of candidacy and petition, and the form shall be 3395
substantially similar to the declaration of candidacy and 3396
petition set forth in this section, that will be suitable for 3397

joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant 3398
governor. 3399

The petition provided for in this section shall be 3400
circulated only by a member of the same political party as the 3401
candidate. 3402

Sec. 3513.261. A nominating petition may consist of one or 3403
more separate petition papers, each of which shall be 3404
substantially in the form prescribed in this section. If the 3405
petition consists of more than one separate petition paper, the 3406
statement of candidacy of the candidate or joint candidates 3407
named need be signed by the candidate or joint candidates on 3408
only one of such separate petition papers, but the statement of 3409
candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate 3410
petition paper before the signatures of electors are placed on 3411
it. Each nominating petition containing signatures of electors 3412
of more than one county shall consist of separate petition 3413
papers each of which shall contain signatures of electors of 3414
only one county; provided that petitions containing signatures 3415
of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be 3416
declared invalid. In case petitions containing signatures of 3417
electors of more than one county are filed, the board of 3418
elections shall determine the county from which the majority of 3419
the signatures came, and only signatures from this county shall 3420
be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid. 3421

All signatures on nominating petitions shall be written in 3422
ink or indelible pencil. 3423

At the time of filing a nominating petition, the candidate 3424
designated in the nominating petition, and joint candidates for 3425
governor and lieutenant governor, shall pay to the election 3426
officials with whom it is filed the fees specified for the 3427

office under divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be disposed of by those election officials in the manner that is provided in section 3513.10 of the Revised Code for the disposition of other fees, and in no case shall a fee required under that section be returned to a candidate.

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

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

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

"STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

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 post-

office address is _____ (Street and 3457
Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of the 3458
_____ (City, Village, or post office) 3459
of _____, Ohio; and that I am a qualified elector 3460
in the precinct in which my voting residence is located. I 3461
hereby declare that I desire to be a candidate for election to 3462
the office of _____ in the _____ 3463
(State, District, County, City, Village, Township, or School 3464
District) for the _____ (Full 3465
term or unexpired term ending _____) at the General 3466
Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, ____ 3467

I further declare that I am an elector qualified to vote 3468
for the office I seek. Dated this _____ day of _____, 3469
_____ 3470

(Signature of candidate) 3471
3472

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 3473
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 3474

I, _____, hereby constitute 3475
the persons named below a committee to represent me: 3476

Name ~~Residence~~ 3477

_____ 3478

_____ 3479

_____ 3480

_____ 3481

_____ 3482

The designated agent of the committee is _____ 3483

(name). Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to this 3484
petition may be served on the agent at _____ 3485
(address). 3486

NOMINATING PETITION 3487

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of 3488
Ohio, whose voting residence is in the County, City, Village, 3489
Ward, Township or Precinct set opposite our names, hereby 3490
nominate _____ as a candidate for election to the 3491
office of _____ in the 3492
_____ (State, District, County, City, 3493
Village, Township, or School District) for the _____ 3494
(Full term or unexpired term ending _____) to be 3495
voted for at the general election next hereafter to be held, and 3496
certify that this person is, in our opinion, well qualified to 3497
perform the duties of the office or position to which the person 3498
desires to be elected. 3499

3500

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

A Street
B Address
C or R.F.D.
D (Must use
E address on City,
F file with Village

G the board of or Date of

H Signature elections) Township Ward Precinct County Signing

_____ 3501
3502
3503

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 3504

I, _____, ~~declares~~declare under penalty 3505
of election falsification that ~~such person is a qualified~~ 3506
~~elector of the state of Ohio and resides~~I reside at the address 3507
appearing below ~~such person's~~my signature ~~hereto~~; that ~~such~~ 3508
~~person is~~I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper 3509
containing _____ signatures; that ~~such person~~I 3510
witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were 3511
to the best of ~~such person's~~my knowledge and belief qualified 3512
to sign; and that every signature is to the best of ~~such~~ 3513
~~person's~~my knowledge and belief the signature of the person 3514
whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact 3515
acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. (The 3516
circulator shall personally write the number of electors whose 3517
signatures the petition paper contains.) 3518

For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 3519
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 3520
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 3521
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 3522
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 3523
produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 3524
service of process at the residence address I have provided. 3525

I am compensated to circulate this petition by 3526
_____ (name and address of employer). (The 3527
circulator shall complete the preceding sentence as required by 3528
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being 3529
compensated to circulate the petition.) 3530

_____ 3531

(Signature of circulator) 3532

_____ 3533

(Address of circulator's 3534

permanent residence- 3535

~~_____ in this state)~~ 3536

~~_____~~ 3537

~~(If petition is for a statewide~~ 3538

~~_____ candidate, the name and address~~ 3539

~~_____ of person employing circulator~~ 3540

~~_____ to circulate petition, if any)~~ 3541

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 3542

FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 3543

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of 3544

nominating petition for a group of candidates for the office of 3545

member of a board of education, township office, and offices of 3546

municipal corporations of under two thousand population. 3547

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of statement 3548

of candidacy and nominating petition, which shall be 3549

substantially similar to the form of statement of candidacy and 3550

nominating petition set forth in this section, that will be 3551

suitable for joint candidates for the offices of governor and 3552
lieutenant governor. 3553

If such petition nominates a candidate whose election is 3554
to be determined by the electors of a county or a district or 3555
subdivision within the county, it shall be filed with the board 3556
of such county. If the petition nominates a candidate whose 3557
election is to be determined by the voters of a subdivision 3558
located in more than one county, it shall be filed with the 3559
board of the county in which the major portion of the population 3560
of such subdivision is located. 3561

If the petition nominates a candidate whose election is to 3562
be determined by the electors of a district comprised of more 3563
than one county but less than all of the counties of the state, 3564
it shall be filed with the board of elections of the most 3565
populous county in such district. If the petition nominates a 3566
candidate whose election is to be determined by the electors of 3567
the state at large, it shall be filed with the secretary of 3568
state. 3569

The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not 3570
accept for filing a nominating petition of a person seeking to 3571
become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has 3572
already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of 3573
intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or 3574
has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary 3575
election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3576
3513.31 of the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county 3577
office, if the nominating petition is for a state or county 3578
office, or for any municipal or township office, for member of a 3579
city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for 3580
member of a governing board of an educational service center, if 3581

the nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, 3582
or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of 3583
education, or for member of a governing board of an educational 3584
service center. 3585

Sec. 3517.01. (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 3586
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 3587
meets either of the following requirements: 3588

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 3589
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 3590
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 3591
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 3592
that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 3593
division remains a political party for a period of four years 3594
after meeting those requirements. 3595

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 3596
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 3597
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 3598
all of the following requirements: 3599

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 3600
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 3601
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 3602
election for such office. 3603

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 3604
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 3605
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 3606
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 3607
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 3608
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 3609

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 3610

organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 3611
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 3612
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 3613
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 3614

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 3615
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 3616
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 3617
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 3618
petition may be served on the ~~committee, or any of them~~ 3619
committee's agent designated under division (N) (1) of section 3620
3501.38 of the Revised Code, either personally or by registered 3621
mail, or by leaving such notice at the agent's usual place of 3622
residence ~~of each of them~~. 3623

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or 3624
designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of 3625
state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or 3626
mislead the voters at an election. 3627

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any 3628
debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its 3629
name. 3630

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 3631
3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 3632
sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the 3633
Revised Code: 3634

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a 3635
combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate 3636
under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive 3637
contributions and make expenditures. 3638

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by 3639

a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 3640

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 3641
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 3642
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 3643
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of 3644
contributions, has given consent for another to receive 3645
contributions or make expenditures or other use of 3646
contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose 3647
of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public 3648
office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor 3649
and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of 3650
candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for 3651
election to the offices of member of a county or state central 3652
committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 3653
convention or conference of a political party. 3654

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 3655
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 3656
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 3657
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 3658
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 3659
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 3660
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 3661
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 3662
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 3663
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 3664
Revenue Code. 3665

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, 3666
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 3667
transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 3668
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 3669

estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to 3670
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 3671
another person, which contribution is made, received, or used 3672
for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any 3673
loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 3674
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, 3675
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 3676
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 3677
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 3678
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 3679
or person other than the person to whom the services are 3680
rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 3681
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 3682
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 3683
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 3684
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 3685
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 3686
of contributions filed under that section. 3687

"Contribution" does not include any of the following: 3688

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 3689
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a 3690
person; 3691

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 3692

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 3693
volunteer campaign worker; 3694

(d) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 3695
3517.101 of the Revised Code; 3696

(e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of 3697
the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the 3698

direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 3699
communication; 3700

(f) Any gift given to a state or county political party 3701
for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of section 3702
3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 3703

(g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit 3704
in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised 3705
Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same 3706
meaning as in that section. 3707

(h) Any donation given to a transition fund under section 3708
3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 3709

(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 3710
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 3711
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 3712
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 3713
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 3714
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 3715
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 3716
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 3717
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 3718
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 3719
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 3720
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 3721
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 3722
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 3723
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 3724
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 3725
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 3726
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 3727
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 3728

independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 3729
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 3730
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3731

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 3732
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" 3733
have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised 3734
Code. 3735

(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, 3736
ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal 3737
motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 3738

(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of 3739
two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to 3740
support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or 3741
to influence the result of any election through express 3742
advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign 3743
committee, a political contributing entity, or a legislative 3744
campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include 3745
either of the following: 3746

(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for 3747
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3748
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy; 3749

(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social 3750
purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has 3751
officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five 3752
hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an 3753
aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per 3754
calendar year. 3755

(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, 3756
township, or district office, except an office of a political 3757

party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United States senator and representative. (10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in section 1.03 of the Revised Code. (11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign fund exists. (12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, including contributions. (13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code. (14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the general assembly who are members of the same political party. (15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is established as an auxiliary of a state political party and associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. (16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or political contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any

broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign 3787
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign 3788
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution 3789
to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 3790

(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a 3791
person advocating the election or defeat of an identified 3792
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 3793
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 3794
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 3795
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 3796
used in division (C) (17) of this section: 3797

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, 3798
unincorporated business organization or association, political 3799
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 3800
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 3801
persons, but not a labor organization or a corporation unless 3802
the labor organization or corporation is a political 3803
contributing entity. 3804

(b) "Advocating" means any communication containing a 3805
message advocating election or defeat. 3806

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 3807
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 3808
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 3809
by unambiguous reference. 3810

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 3811
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 3812
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 3813
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 3814
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 3815

candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 3816
display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 3817
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 3818

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 3819
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 3820
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 3821
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 3822

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 3823
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 3824
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 3825
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 3826
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 3827

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 3828
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 3829
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 3830
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 3831
efforts. 3832

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 3833
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 3834
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 3835
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 3836
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 3837
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 3838
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 3839

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee 3840
organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or 3841
other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, 3842
employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, 3843
locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide 3844

organization in which employees participate and that exists for 3845
the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 3846
concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other 3847
terms and conditions of employment. 3848

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 3849
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 3850
Campaign Act. 3851

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal 3852
Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et 3853
seq., as amended. 3854

(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county 3855
political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 3856
3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 3857

(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning 3858
as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3859

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 3860
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 3861
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 3862
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 3863
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 3864

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 3865
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 3866

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, 3867
including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully 3868
make contributions and expenditures and that is not an 3869
individual or a political action committee, continuing 3870
association, campaign committee, political party, legislative 3871
campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state 3872
candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means 3873

not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized 3874
by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 3875

(26) "Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning 3876
as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 3877

Sec. 3517.12. (A) Prior to receiving a contribution or 3878
making an expenditure, the ~~circulator or~~ committee in charge of 3879
an initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition 3880
for additional signatures, for the submission of a 3881
constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any 3882
law shall appoint a treasurer and ~~shall file with the secretary-~~ 3883
~~of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state,~~ 3884
include a designation of that appointment, ~~including the full-~~ 3885
~~name and address of the treasurer and of the circulator or~~ 3886
~~committee on the statement described in division (B) of section~~ 3887
3519.02 of the Revised Code. 3888

(B) The circulator or the committee in charge of an 3889
initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition for 3890
additional signatures, for the submission of a constitutional 3891
amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any law shall, 3892
within thirty days after those petition papers are filed, file 3893
with the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the 3894
secretary of state, an itemized statement, made under penalty of 3895
election falsification, showing in detail the following: 3896

(1) All money or things of value paid, given, promised, or 3897
received for circulating the petitions; 3898

(2) All appointments, promotions, or increases in salary, 3899
in positions which were given, promised, or received, or to 3900
obtain which assistance was given, promised, or received as a 3901
consideration for work done in circulating petitions; 3902

(3) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and state, of all persons to whom such payments or promises were made and of all persons from whom such payments or promises were received;

(4) Full names and addresses, including street, city, and state, of all persons who contributed anything of value to be used in circulating the petitions, and the amounts of those contributions;

(5) Time spent and salaries earned while soliciting signatures to petitions by persons who were regular salaried employees of some person or whom that employer authorized to solicit as part of their regular duties.

If no money or things of value were paid or received or if no promises were made or received as a consideration for work done in circulating a petition, the statement shall contain words to that effect.

(C) The treasurer designated under division (A) of this section shall file statements of contributions and expenditures in accordance with section 3517.10 of the Revised Code regarding all contributions made or received and all expenditures made by that treasurer or the circulator or committee in connection with the initiative or referendum petition, or supplementary petition for additional signatures, for the submission of a constitutional amendment, proposed law, section, or item of any law.

Sec. 3519.02. ~~The~~ (A) As used in this section, "contribution" and "expenditure" have the same meanings as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before circulating any initiative or referendum

petition, including a petition described in section 3519.01 of 3932
the Revised Code, and before receiving a contribution or making 3933
an expenditure, the petitioners shall ~~designate in any~~ 3934
~~initiative, referendum, or supplementary petition and on each of~~ 3935
~~the several parts of such petition a file with the secretary of~~ 3936
~~state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a~~ 3937
statement containing all of the following information: 3938

(1) The full names and addresses of a committee of not 3939
less than three nor more than five of ~~their number the~~ 3940
~~petitioners,~~ who shall represent them in all matters relating to 3941
~~such petitions. Notice;~~ 3942

(2) The full name and address of the committee's 3943
~~treasurer;~~ 3944

(3) The full name and address of an agent upon whom notice 3945
of all matters or proceedings pertaining to such petitions may 3946
~~be served on said committee, or any of them, either personally~~ 3947
~~or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at the usual~~ 3948
~~place of residence of each of them;~~ 3949

(4) A designation of one or more members or agents of the 3950
~~committee who consent to testify on behalf of the committee. The~~ 3951
~~designation may set out the matters on which each person~~ 3952
~~designated may testify.~~ 3953

(C) The committee promptly shall update the statement 3954
~~described in division (B) of this section with the secretary of~~ 3955
~~state if the information in the statement changes during the~~ 3956
~~time that the committee is circulating the petition. If the law,~~ 3957
~~constitutional amendment, or referendum is certified to appear~~ 3958
~~on the ballot, the committee promptly shall update that~~ 3959
~~information if it changes at any time before the day of the~~ 3960

election. 3961

(D) Each part-petition shall include the names of the 3962
members of the committee and the name and address of the 3963
committee's agent designated under division (B) (3) of this 3964
section as they exist at the time the part-petition is printed. 3965

Sec. 3519.05. (A) If the measure to be submitted proposes 3966
a constitutional amendment, the heading of each part of the 3967
petition shall be prepared in the following form, and printed in 3968
capital letters in type of the approximate size set forth: 3969

"INITIATIVE PETITION 3970

Amendment to the Constitution 3971

Proposed by Initiative Petition 3972

To be submitted directly to the electors" 3973

"Amendment" printed in fourteen-point boldface type shall 3974
precede the title, which shall be briefly expressed and printed 3975
in eight-point type. The summary shall then be set forth printed 3976
in ten-point type, and then shall follow the certification of 3977
the attorney general, under proper date, which shall also be 3978
printed in ten-point type. The petition shall then set forth the 3979
names ~~and addresses~~ of the members of the petition committee ~~of~~ 3980
~~not less than three nor more than five to represent the~~ 3981
~~petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its~~ 3982
~~circulation~~ designated under section 3519.02 of the Revised Code 3983
and the name and address of the petition committee's agent 3984
designated under division (B) (3) of that section. 3985

Immediately above the heading of the place for signatures 3986
on each part of the petition the following notice shall be 3987
printed in boldface type: 3988

"NOTICE 3989

Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once; 3990
except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, 3991
signs a name other than one's own on this petition; or signs 3992
this petition when not a qualified voter, is liable to 3993
prosecution." 3994

The heading of the place for signatures shall be 3995
substantially as follows: 3996

"(Sign with ink. Your name, residence, and date of signing must 3997
be given.) 3998

3999

4000

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A				Rural Route or			
B				other Post-			
C	Signature	County	Township	office Address	Month	Day	Year

4001

(Voters who do not live in a municipal corporation should fill 4002
in the information called for by headings printed above.) 4003

(Voters who reside in municipal corporations should fill in the 4004
information called for by headings printed below.) 4005

4006

4007

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

A City Street

B or and

C Signature County Village Number Ward Precinct Month Day Year"

4008

The text of the proposed amendment shall be printed in 4009
full, immediately following the place for signatures, and shall 4010
be prefaced by "Be it resolved by the people of the State of 4011
Ohio." Immediately following the text of the proposed amendment 4012
must appear the following form: 4013

"I, _____, declare under penalty of election 4014
falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition 4015
paper containing the signatures of _____ electors, that the 4016
signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence 4017
on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the 4018
signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of 4019
attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the 4020
Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so 4021
with knowledge of the contents of same. ~~I~~ (The circulator shall 4022
personally write the number of electors whose signatures the 4023
petition paper contains.) 4024

For the purposes of any proceeding related to this 4025
petition, I submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the 4026
State of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the board of 4027
elections of the county in which I have circulated this 4028
petition. I understand that I may be required to testify or to 4029

produce evidence in such a proceeding. I agree to receive any 4030
service of process at the residence address I have provided. 4031

I am ~~employed~~ compensated to circulate this petition by 4032
_____ (Name and address of employer). 4033
(The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by 4034
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being 4035
~~employed~~ compensated to circulate the petition.) 4036

(Signed) _____ 4037

(Address of circulator's permanent 4038
residence ~~in this state~~) 4039

_____ 4040

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 4041
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 4042

(B) If the measure proposes a law, the heading of each 4043
part of the petition shall be prepared as follows: 4044

"INITIATIVE PETITION 4045

Law proposed by initiative petition first to be submitted 4046
to the General Assembly." 4047

In all other respects, the form shall be as provided for 4048
the submission of a constitutional amendment, except that the 4049
text of the proposed law shall be prefaced by "Be it enacted by 4050
the people of the state of Ohio." 4051

The form for a supplementary initiative petition shall be 4052
the same as that provided for an initiative petition, with the 4053
exception that "supplementary" shall precede "initiative" in the 4054
title thereof. 4055

(C) The general provisions set forth in this section 4056

relative to the form and order of an initiative petition shall 4057
be, so far as practical, applicable to a referendum petition, 4058
the heading of which shall be as follows: 4059

"REFERENDUM PETITION 4060

To be submitted to the electors for their approval or 4061
rejection" 4062

The title, which follows the heading, shall contain a 4063
brief legislative history of the law, section, or item of law to 4064
be referred. The text of the law so referred shall be followed 4065
by the certification of the secretary of state, in accordance 4066
with division (B) (2) (b) of section 3519.01 of the Revised Code, 4067
that it has been compared with the copy of the enrolled act, on 4068
file in the secretary of state's office, containing such law, 4069
section, or item of law, and found to be correct. 4070

(D) The secretary of state shall prescribe a form for part 4071
petitions to be submitted during the ten-day period beginning on 4072
the first day following the date that the secretary of state 4073
notifies the ~~chairperson of the committee interested in the~~ 4074
petition committee's agent that the petition has an insufficient 4075
number of valid signatures. The secretary of state shall provide 4076
to each particular committee a different form that contains a 4077
unique identifier and that is separate from the forms prescribed 4078
in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section. The secretary of 4079
state shall make the form available to the committee only as 4080
described in division (F) of section 3519.16 of the Revised 4081
Code. The form shall not be considered a public record until 4082
after the secretary of state makes it available to the committee 4083
under that division. 4084

The form shall comply with the requirements of Section 1g 4085

of Article II, Ohio Constitution and, except as otherwise 4086
provided in this division, with the requirements of divisions 4087
(A), (B), and (C) of this section. 4088

Sec. 3519.16. (A) Pursuant to Section 1g of Article II, 4089
Ohio Constitution, the supreme court of Ohio shall have 4090
exclusive original jurisdiction in all challenges to initiative 4091
and referendum petitions. 4092

(B) The committee interested in a petition shall include 4093
upon each part-petition filed with the secretary of state a 4094
designation of the county in which the part-petition was 4095
circulated and a number for the part-petition. In any county 4096
where part-petitions are circulated, each part-petition shall be 4097
numbered sequentially. The committee shall sort the part- 4098
petitions by county. Upon filing the petition with the secretary 4099
of state, the committee also shall file the following: 4100

(1) An electronic copy of the petition along with a 4101
verification that the electronic copy is a true representation 4102
of the original filed paper petition; 4103

(2) A summary of the number of part-petitions filed per 4104
county, and the number of signatures on each part-petition; 4105

(3) An index of the electronic copy of the petition. 4106

(C) From the time the petition is initially filed with the 4107
secretary of state and until the part-petitions are returned to 4108
the secretary of state by the boards of elections after a 4109
determination of sufficiency under section 3519.15 of the 4110
Revised Code, any request for the inspection or copying of the 4111
original petition filed with the secretary of state under 4112
Chapter 149. of the Revised Code is fulfilled if the secretary 4113
of state permits the inspection of or provides copies of the 4114

electronic copy of the petition filed by the circulator. 4115

(D) Discrepancies between the electronic copy of a 4116
petition filed under division (B) (1) of this section and the 4117
original paper petition filed with the secretary of state shall 4118
not render the petition invalid. Such discrepancies, if the 4119
product of fraud, shall be subject to criminal penalties under 4120
section 3599.36 of the Revised Code. 4121

(E) The properly verified part-petitions, together with an 4122
electronic copy of the part-petitions, shall be returned to the 4123
secretary of state not less than one hundred ten days before the 4124
election, provided that, in the case of an initiated law to be 4125
presented to the general assembly, the boards shall promptly 4126
check and return the petitions together with their report. The 4127
secretary of state shall determine the sufficiency of the 4128
signatures not later than one hundred five days before the 4129
election. The secretary of state promptly shall notify the 4130
~~chairperson of the committee in charge of the circulation~~ 4131
petition committee's agent as to the sufficiency or 4132
insufficiency of the petition and the extent of the 4133
insufficiency. 4134

(F) If the petition is found insufficient because of an 4135
insufficient number of valid signatures, the committee shall be 4136
allowed ten additional days after the notification by the 4137
secretary of state for the collection and filing of additional 4138
signatures to the petition. When the secretary of state makes 4139
that notification, the secretary of state simultaneously shall 4140
provide the ~~chairperson~~ petition committee's agent with both a 4141
paper copy and an electronic copy of the unique petition form 4142
described in division (D) of section 3519.05 of the Revised 4143
Code. At that time, the secretary of state also shall make the 4144

form available to the public on the secretary of state's 4145
official web site and shall transmit the form electronically to 4146
the boards of elections. Upon request, a board of elections 4147
shall provide a paper or electronic copy of the form to any 4148
person. 4149

No additional signatures shall be collected or submitted 4150
to the secretary of state by the committee interested in the 4151
petition, or by any person acting on behalf of the committee, 4152
during the period beginning on the date that the petition is 4153
initially submitted to the secretary of state and ending on the 4154
date that the secretary of state notifies the ~~chairperson of the~~ 4155
~~committee~~ petition committee's agent that the petition has an 4156
insufficient number of valid signatures. If the committee, or 4157
any person acting on behalf of the committee, submits additional 4158
signatures, the signatures must be on the form provided by the 4159
secretary of state under this division and only signatures that 4160
were signed and collected during the ten-day period to collect 4161
and submit additional signatures may be submitted. 4162

If additional signatures are filed, the secretary of state 4163
shall determine the sufficiency of those additional signatures 4164
not later than sixty-five days before the election. The part- 4165
petitions of the supplementary petition that appear to the 4166
secretary of state to be properly verified, upon their receipt 4167
by the secretary of state, shall forthwith be forwarded to the 4168
boards of the several counties together with the part-petitions 4169
of the original petition that have been properly verified. They 4170
shall be immediately examined and passed upon as to the validity 4171
and sufficiency of the signatures on them by each of the boards 4172
and returned within eight days to the secretary of state with 4173
the report of each board. No signature on a supplementary part- 4174
petition that is the same as a signature on an original part- 4175

petition shall be counted. The number of signatures in both the 4176
original and supplementary petitions, properly verified, shall 4177
be used by the secretary of state in determining the total 4178
number of signatures to the petition that the secretary of state 4179
shall record and announce. If they are sufficient, the 4180
amendment, proposed law, or law shall be placed on the ballot as 4181
required by law. If the petition is found insufficient, the 4182
secretary of state shall notify the committee in charge of the 4183
circulation of the petition. 4184

Sec. 3599.21. (A) No person shall knowingly do any of the 4185
following: 4186

(1) Impersonate another, or make a false representation in 4187
order to obtain an absent voter's ballot; 4188

(2) Aid or abet a person to vote an absent voter's ballot 4189
illegally; 4190

(3) If the person is an election official, open, destroy, 4191
steal, mark, or mutilate any absent voter's ballot; 4192

(4) Aid or abet another person to open, destroy, steal, 4193
mark, or mutilate any absent voter's ballot after the ballot has 4194
been voted; 4195

(5) Delay the delivery of any absent voter's ballot with a 4196
view to preventing its arrival in time to be counted; 4197

(6) Hinder or attempt to hinder the delivery or counting 4198
of such absent voter's ballot; 4199

(7) Fail to forward to the appropriate election official 4200
an absent voter's ballot application entrusted to that person to 4201
so forward; 4202

(8) Fail to forward to the appropriate election official 4203

an absent voter's ballot application entrusted to that person to 4204
so forward within ten days after that application is completed 4205
or within such a time period that the failure to so forward the 4206
application disenfranchises the voter with respect to a 4207
particular election, whichever is earlier; 4208

(9) Return the absent voter's ballot of another to the 4209
office of a board of elections, unless either of the following 4210
apply: 4211

(a) The person is ~~a relative~~ an assistant who is 4212
authorized to do so under division ~~(C) (1)~~ (D) (2) or (3) of 4213
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code; 4214

(b) The person is, and is acting as, an employee or 4215
contractor of the United States postal service or a private 4216
carrier. 4217

(10) Except as authorized under Chapters 3509. and 3511. 4218
of the Revised Code, possess the absent voter's ballot of 4219
another. 4220

(B) (1) Subject to division (B) (2) of this section, no 4221
person who receives compensation for soliciting persons to apply 4222
to vote by absent voter's ballots shall fail to forward to the 4223
appropriate election official an absent voter's ballot 4224
application entrusted to that person to so forward within ten 4225
days after that application is completed. 4226

(2) No person who receives compensation for soliciting 4227
persons to apply to vote by absent voter's ballots shall fail to 4228
forward to the appropriate election official an absent voter's 4229
ballot application entrusted to that person to so forward within 4230
such a time period that the failure to so forward the 4231
application disenfranchises the voter with respect to a 4232

particular election. 4233

(C) Whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section 4234
is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. 4235

(D) As used in this section, "person who receives 4236
compensation for soliciting persons to apply to vote by absent 4237
voter's ballots" includes any effort, for compensation, to 4238
provide absent voter's ballot applications or to assist persons 4239
in completing those applications or returning them to the 4240
director of the board of elections of the county in which the 4241
applicant's voting residence is located. 4242

Section 2. That existing sections 303.12, 303.59, 307.94, 4243
3501.01, 3501.38, 3501.381, 3501.39, 3503.01, 3503.13, 3503.14, 4244
3503.15, 3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 4245
3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3509.05, 3509.08, 4246
3513.07, 3513.261, 3517.01, 3517.12, 3519.02, 3519.05, 3519.16, 4247
and 3599.21 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4248

Section 3. A petition or part-petition described in 4249
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, 4250
that is signed by one or more electors before the effective date 4251
of this section is not invalid on the ground that the petition 4252
or part-petition does not meet the requirements of the Revised 4253
Code, as amended by this act, so long as the petition or part- 4254
petition meets the requirements of the Revised Code that were in 4255
effect on the day before the effective date of this section. 4256

Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle 4257
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4258
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4259
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4260
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4261

by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4262
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4263
as presented in this act: 4264

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4265
H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly. 4266

Section 3505.183 of the Revised Code as amended by both 4267
H.B. 45 and H.B. 458 of the 134th General Assembly. 4268