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A BILL

To amend sections 3503.13, 3503.15, and 3505.31 and to enact sections 111.11, 3503.151, 3503.152, and 3503.153 of the Revised Code to enact the Data Analysis Transparency Archive (DATA) Act to establish the Office of Data Analytics and Archives in the Office of the Secretary of State and to modify requirements for the Statewide Voter Registration Database and other election records.

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

Section 1. That sections 3503.13, 3503.15, and 3505.31 be amended and sections 111.11, 3503.151, 3503.152, and 3503.153 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 111.11. The office of data analytics and archives is created in the office of the secretary of state. Under the direction of the secretary of state, the office shall do both of the following:

(A) Retain voter registration and other election related data, analyze those data for purposes of maintaining accurate election data, and publish those data;
(B) Retain, analyze, and publish business services data.

Sec. 3503.13. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section 111.44 of the Revised Code or by state or federal law, voter registration forms submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection at all times when the office of the board of elections is open for business, under such regulations as the board adopts, provided that no person shall be permitted to inspect voter registration forms except in the presence of an employee of the board records subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

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

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

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary of state, provided that the board includes the
required voter registration information in the statewide voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3503.15. (A)(1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be administered by the office of data analytics and archives in the office of the secretary of state and made continuously available to each board of elections and to other agencies as authorized by law.

(2)(a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state that is collected in the course of normal business and that is necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and family services, the department of medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no public official or employee, shall sell that information or data or use that information or...
data for profit.

(b) Information provided under this division for maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall not be used to update the name or address of a registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both.

(c) A board of elections shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D)(7) of this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if that information does not conform with information provided under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.

(3)(a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements to share information or data that is in the possession of the secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the statewide voter registration database established pursuant to this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the state providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state.

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise confidential information or data to persons or organizations that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.
of the Revised Code identifying the persons or organizations who may receive that information or data. The secretary of state shall not share that information or data with a person or organization not identified in those rules. The secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization that receives confidential information or data under this division keeps the information or data confidential in the person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering into a confidentiality agreement with the person or organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under this division shall include a requirement that the person or organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the event that the person or organization breaches the agreement.

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data under division (A)(3) of this section shall sell the information or data or use the information or data for profit.

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, the information and data the secretary of state receives under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section that is necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable state and federal law:

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the database in a manner that ensures that the name of each registered elector appears in the database, that only individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are eliminated from the database.
(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from the database;

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

(B) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall be the official list of registered voters for all elections conducted in this state.

(C) (B) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The elector's name;

(2) The elector's birth date;

(3) The elector's current residence address;

(4) The elector's precinct number;

(5) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state
identification card number, if available;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The date of the election;

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

(c) The type of ballot the elector cast.

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

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

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

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

(1) Specifying the manner in which existing any voter registration records maintained by boards of elections in other data formats shall be converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter registration database;

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

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

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

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the information contained in the statewide voter registration database;

(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of
motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary of state under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information and data;

(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (A)(2)(a) or (3)(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that the information in the registration record does not conform to records maintained by such an agency.

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

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

(G)(1) The statewide voter registration database established under this section shall be made available on a website of the office of the secretary of state as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of this section, the following information from the statewide voter
registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made available on the web site:

(i) The voter's name;

(ii) The voter's address;

(iii) The voter's precinct number;

(iv) The voter's voting history.

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter registration database shall permit a voter to search for the polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of updating the information made available on the secretary of state's web site under division (G)(1)(b) of this section. Those rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the secretary of state within one business day of any change to the location of a precinct polling place within the county.

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, not later than one business day after receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G)(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose of division (G)(1)(b) of this section.

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review—
of the statewide voter registration database as follows:

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information in the statewide voter registration database with the information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of motor vehicles under division (A)(2) of this section to identify any person who does all of the following, in the following order:

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

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

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen.

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen or to submit a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly shall send the person a second notice and form.

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.
(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2) of this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration.

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under division (H)(2) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney general for further investigation and possible prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify the attorney general of the cancellation.

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal office. A board of elections and any vendor with which it contracts to provide voter registration software or related services shall ensure that the board's voter registration system and practices comply with the requirements of this section and any rules adopted under this section.

Sec. 3503.151. (A) The secretary of state, through the
office of data analytics and archives, and the boards of
elections shall maintain the accuracy of the statewide voter
registration database in accordance with this section.

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

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter
119. of the Revised Code that establish, by mutual agreement
with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the
information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide
to the secretary of state under division (B)(1) of this section
and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that
information and data.
(C)(1) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements to share information or data that is in the possession of the secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the statewide voter registration database. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the state providing the data remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of state.

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

(3) No person or entity that receives information or data under division (C) of this section shall sell the information or data or use the information or data for profit.
(D) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, the information and data the secretary of state receives under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that is necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable state and federal law:

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

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

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

(E)(1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (B) or (C) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that the information in the registration record does not conform to records maintained by such an agency.
(2) Information provided under division (B) or (C) of this section for maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall not be used to update the name or address of a registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both.

(3) A board of elections shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (E)(1) of this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if that information does not conform with information provided under division (B) or (C) of this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.

Sec. 3503.152. The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review of the statewide voter registration database to identify persons who appear not to be United States citizens, as follows:

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

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

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

(3) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen.
(B) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to each person identified under division (A) of this section, instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen or to submit a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days after the notice is sent, the secretary of state promptly shall send the person a second notice and form.

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

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

(E) If a person who is sent a second notice under division (B) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days after the second notice is sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney general for further investigation and possible prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after
the second notice is sent, the person sends a completed voter registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify the attorney general of the cancellation.

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

Sec. 3503.153. (A) The statewide voter registration database shall be made available on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the following information from the statewide voter registration database regarding a registered elector shall be made available on the web site:

(a) The elector's name;

(b) The elector's birth date;

(c) The elector's current residence address;

(d) The elector's precinct number;

(e) The elector's voter registration date, as described in division (C)(9) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code;

(f) The elector's voting history, as described in division (C)(10) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code;

(g) The elector's last activity date, as described in division (C)(11) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code.

(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter registration database shall permit an elector to search for the polling location at which that elector may cast a ballot.

(3) No information in the statewide voter registration database that is exempt from disclosure under division (A)(2) of section 3503.13 of the Revised Code shall be made available on the web site.

(B)(1) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of updating the information made available on the secretary of state's web site under division (A)(2) of this section. Those rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the secretary of state within one business day of any change to the location of a precinct polling place within the county.

(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, not later than one business day after receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section that the location of a precinct polling place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose of division (A)(2) of this section.

Sec. 3505.31. When the results of the voting in a polling place on the day of an election have been determined and entered upon the proper forms and the certifications of those results have been signed by the precinct officials, those officials, before leaving the polling place, shall place all ballots that they have counted in containers provided for that purpose by the
board of elections, and shall seal each container in a manner
that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal or the
material of which the container is made. They shall also seal
the pollbook, poll list or signature pollbook, and tally sheet
in a manner that the data contained in these items cannot be
seen without breaking the seals. On the outside of these items
shall be a plain indication that they are to be filed with the
board. The voting location manager and an employee or appointee
of the board of elections who has taken an oath to uphold the
laws and constitution of this state, including an oath that the
person will promptly and securely perform the duties required
under this section and who is a member of a different political
party than the voting location manager, shall then deliver to
the board the containers of ballots and the sealed pollbook,
poll list, and tally sheet, together with all other election
reports, materials, and supplies required to be delivered to the
board.

The board shall carefully preserve all ballots prepared
and provided by it for use in an election, whether used or
unused, including any electronic images of ballots, for sixty at
least eighty-one days after the day of the election, except
that, if an election includes the nomination or election of
candidates for any of the offices of president, vice-president,
presidential elector, member of the senate of the congress of
the United States, or member of the house of representatives of
the congress of the United States, the board shall carefully
preserve all ballots prepared and provided by it for use in that
election, whether used or unused, for twenty-two months after
the day of the election. If an election is held within that
sixty-day eighty-one-day period, the board shall have authority
to transfer those ballots to other containers to preserve them.
until the sixty-eighty-one-day period has expired. After that sixty-eighty-one-day period, the ballots shall be disposed of by the board in a manner that the board orders, or where voting machines have been used the counters may be turned back to zero; provided that the secretary of state, within that sixty-eighty-one-day period, may order the board to preserve the ballots or any part of the ballots for a longer period of time, in which event the board shall preserve those ballots for that longer period of time.

In counties where voting machines are used, if an election is to be held within the sixty-eighty-one days immediately following a primary, general, or special election or within any period of time within which the ballots have been ordered preserved by the secretary of state or a court of competent jurisdiction, the board, after giving notice to all interested parties and affording them an opportunity to have a representative present, shall open the compartments of the machines and, without unlocking the machines, shall recanvass the vote cast in them as if a recount were being held. The results shall be certified by the board, and this certification shall be filed in the board’s office and retained for the remainder of the period for which ballots must be kept. After preparation of the certificate, the counters may be turned back to zero, and the machines may be used for the election.

The board shall carefully preserve the pollbook, poll list or signature pollbook, and tally sheet delivered to it from each polling place until it has completed the official canvass of the election returns from all precincts in which electors were entitled to vote at an election, and has prepared and certified the abstracts of election returns, as required by law. The board shall not break, or permit anyone to break, the seals upon the
pollbook, poll list or signature pollbook, and tally sheet, or
make, or permit any one to make, any changes or notations in
these items, while they are in its custody, except as provided
by section 3505.32 of the Revised Code.

Pollbooks and poll lists or signature pollbooks of a party
primary election delivered to the board from polling places
shall be carefully preserved by it for two years after the day
of election in which they were used, and shall then be disposed
of by the board in a manner that the board orders.

Pollbooks, poll lists or signature pollbooks, tally
sheets, summary statements, and other records and returns of an
election delivered to it from polling places shall be carefully
preserved by the board for two years after the day of the
election in which they were used, and shall then be disposed of
by the board in a manner that the board orders.

Section 2. That existing sections 3503.13, 3503.15, and
3505.31 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The General Assembly intends to appropriate
funds to the Office of the Secretary of State to pay the costs
incurred by the Secretary of State and the boards of elections
in meeting the requirements of this act.

Section 4. This act shall be known as the Data Analysis
Transparency Archive (DATA) Act.