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A BILL

То	amend sections 3503.13, 3503.15, and 3505.31 and	1
	to enact sections 111.11, 3503.151, 3503.152,	2
	and 3503.153 of the Revised Code to enact the	3
	Data Analysis Transparency Archive (DATA) Act to	4
	establish the Office of Data Analytics and	5
	Archives in the Office of the Secretary of State	6
	and to modify requirements for the Statewide	7
	Voter Registration Database and other election	8
	records.	9

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

Section 1. That sections 3503.13, 3503.15, and 3505.31 be	10
amended and sections 111.11, 3503.151, 3503.152, and 3503.153 of	11
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	12
Sec. 111.11. The office of data analytics and archives is	13
created in the office of the secretary of state. Under the	14
direction of the secretary of state, the office shall do both of	15
the following:	16
(A) Retain voter registration and other election related	17
data, analyze those data for purposes of maintaining accurate	18
election data, and publish those data;	19

(B) Retain, analyze, and publish business services data.	20
Sec. 3503.13. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in	21
division (A) (2) of this section 111.44 of the Revised Code or by	22
state or federal law, voter registration forms submitted by	23
applicants and the statewide voter registration database	24
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be	25
open to are public inspection at all times when the office of	26
the board of elections is open for business, under such	27
regulations as the board adopts, provided that no person shall	28
be permitted to inspect voter registration forms except in the	29
presence of an employee of the board records subject to	30
disclosure under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	31
(2) None of the following are subject to disclosure under	32
division (A) (1) of this section:	33
(a) An elector's full or partial social security number,	34
driver's license or state identification card number, telephone	35
number, or electronic mail address;	36
(b) A confidential voter registration record, as described_	37
in section 111.44 of the Revised Code;	38
(c) The address of a designated public service worker, if	39
the designated public service worker has submitted a redaction_	40
request to the board of elections under section 149.45 of the	41
Revised Code;	42
(d) Any other information that is prohibited from being	43
disclosed by state or federal law.	44
(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized	45
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures	46
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the	47
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the	48

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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) (A) 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 statethat 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 registrationdatabase 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 departmentof rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that informationand data to the secretary of state not later than the last dayof each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the secretary of state that isconfidential in the possession of the entity providing the dataremains 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.	80
(b) Information provided under this division for-	81
maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall-	82
not be used to update the name or address of a registered	83
elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only	84
be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a	85
notice of change of name, change of address, or both.	86
(c) A board of elections shall contact a registered	87
elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) (7) of	88
this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the	89
statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if	90
that information does not conform with information provided	91
under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the discrepancy	92
would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.	93
(3)(a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements	94
to share information or data that is in the possession of the	95
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the	96
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the	97
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to	98
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3)(b)	99
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any	100
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is	101
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data-	102
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of	103
state.	104
(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise	105
confidential information or data to persons or organizations	106
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to	107
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.	108
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter	109

119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or	110
organizations who may receive that information or data. The	111
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with-	112
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The-	113
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization-	114
that receives confidential information or data under this-	115
division keeps the information or data confidential in the	116
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering	117
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or	118
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under-	119
this division shall include a requirement that the person or	120
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the	121
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement.	122
(4) No person or entity that receives information or data-	123
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information	124
or data or use the information or data for profit.	125
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(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the	126
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and	127
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state	128
receives under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section that is	129
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the	130
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is	131
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable	132
state and federal law:	133
(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the	134
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each	135
registered elector appears in the database, that only	136
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are	137
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are	138
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eliminated from the database;	139

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registration information is maintained;	168
(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records	169
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to	170
record the reason for their cancellation.	171
(C) For each registered elector, the statewide voter	172
registration database shall include all of the following	173
<pre>information:</pre>	174
(1) The elector's name;	175
(2) The elector's birth date;	176
(3) The elector's current residence address;	177
(4) The elector's precinct number;	178
(5) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state	179
identification card number, if available;	180
(6) The last four digits of the elector's social security	181
<pre>number, if available;</pre>	182
(7) The elector's telephone number, if available;	183
(8) The elector's electronic mail address, if available;	184
(9) (a) The elector's voter registration date, which shall	185
be determined based on the elector's most recent application to	186
register to vote in this state, subject to division (C)(9)(b) of	187
this section, as follows:	188
(i) In the case of an application delivered in person to a	189
state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the	190
registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public	191
high school or vocational school, a public library, or the	192
office of a county treasurer, the date stamped on the	193
application upon receipt by the entity that transmits the	194

application to the board of elections or the secretary of state;	195
(ii) In the case of an application delivered in person to	196
a board of elections or the secretary of state, the date stamped	197
on the application upon receipt by the board of elections or the	198
<pre>secretary of state, as applicable;</pre>	199
(iii) In the case of an application delivered by mail to a	200
board of elections or the secretary of state, the date the	201
application is postmarked;	202
(iv) In the case of an application submitted through the	203
online voter registration system established under section	204
3503.20 of the Revised Code, the date of the online submission;	205
(v) In the case of an application submitted to a board of	206
elections by facsimile transmission or electronic mail under	207
Chapter 3511. of the Revised Code, the date of the receipt of	208
the transmission or electronic mail by the board of elections;	209
(vi) In the case of a provisional ballot affirmation that	210
serves as an application to register to vote in future elections	211
because the individual who cast the ballot is not registered to	212
vote, the date the board of elections determines that the	213
provisional ballot is invalid under section 3505.183 of the	214
Revised Code.	215
(b) For purposes of determining an elector's voter	216
registration date under division (C)(9)(a) of this section, all	217
of the following apply:	218
(i) An elector's voter registration date shall not be	219
during the period beginning on the day after the close of voter	220
registration before an election and ending on the day of the	221
election. If the date determined under division (C)(9)(a) of	222
this section would be during that period, the voter registration	223

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date instead shall be the date on which the board of elections	224
processes the application to register to vote after the day of	225
the election.	226
(ii) A change of address or change of name form, including	227
a provisional ballot affirmation that serves as a change of	228
address or change of name form, is not considered an application	229
to register to vote.	230
(iii) An application to register to vote that is submitted	231
by an individual who is already registered to vote in this state	232
is not considered an application to register to vote.	233
(10) The elector's voting history, including all of the	234
following for each election in which the elector cast a ballot	235
that was counted:	236
(a) The date of the election;	237
(b) If the election was a primary election, the political	238
party whose ballot the elector cast at the primary election or	239
an indication that the elector voted only on the questions and	240
issues appearing on the ballot at a special election held on the	241
day of the primary election;	242
(c) The type of ballot the elector cast.	243
(11) The elector's last activity date, which shall be	244
determined in accordance with rules adopted by the secretary of	245
state pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	246
(12) Any other information the secretary of state requires	247
to be included by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the	248
Revised Code.	249
(D) Every day during the period beginning on the forty-	250
sixth day before an election and ending on the eighty-first day	251

after the day of the election, a board of elections shall create	252
a daily record of its voter registration database as of four	253
p.m. and shall transmit the daily record to the secretary of	254
state in a secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state.	255
The secretary of state shall archive the daily record and retain	256
it for at least twenty-two months after the day of the election.	257
(E) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to	258
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section and	259
sections 3503.151 to 3503.153 of the Revised Code, including	260
<u>rules</u> doing all of the following:	261
(1) Specifying the manner in which existing any voter	262
registration records maintained by boards of elections <u>in other</u>	263
<pre>data formats shall be converted to electronic files for</pre>	264
inclusion in the statewide voter registration database;	265
(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter	266
registration records into the statewide voter registration	267
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day,	268
if new registration information is received, and for	269
transmitting information securely to the secretary of state;	270
(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled	271
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration	272
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;	273
(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete,	274
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter	275
registration database and to make updates of that database;	276
(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the	277
information contained in the statewide voter registration	278
database+	279
(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of	280

motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and	281
data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary-	282
of state under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and the	283
frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information	284
and data;	285
(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances	286
in which records contained in the statewide voter registration-	287
database do not conform with records maintained by an agency,	288
state, or group of states described in division (A)(2)(a) or (3)	289
(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's	290
voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that-	291
the information in the registration record does not conform to	292
records maintained by such an agency.	293
(E) (F) A board of elections promptly shall purge a	294
voter's name and voter registration information from the	295
statewide voter registration database in accordance with the	296
rules adopted by the secretary of state under division $\frac{\text{(D)}(3)}{\text{(D)}}$	297
(E)(3) of this section after the cancellation of a voter's	298
registration under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code.	299
$\frac{(F)-(G)}{(G)}$ The secretary of state shall provide training in	300
the operation of the statewide voter registration database to	301
each board of elections and to any persons authorized by the	302
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database	303
records, and to conduct updates of the database.	304
(G) (1) The statewide voter registration database	305
established under this section shall be made available on a web-	306
site of the office of the secretary of state as follows:	307
(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of-	308
this costion the following information from the statewide water	300

registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made	310
available on the web site:	311
(i) The voter's name;	312
(ii) The voter's address;	313
(iii) The voter's precinct number;	314
(iv) The voter's voting history.	315
(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or	316
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter-	317
registration database shall permit a voter to search for the	318
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.	319
(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule	320
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for-	321
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes-	322
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of	323
updating the information made available on the secretary of	324
state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those	325
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days	326
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the	327
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the	328
location of a precinct polling place within the county.	329
(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or	330
general election, not later than one business day after	331
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G)	332
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling	333
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that	334
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose	335
of division (G)(1)(b) of this section.	336
(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review-	337

of the statewide voter registration database as follows: 338 (1) The secretary of state shall compare the information 339 in the statewide voter registration database with the-340 information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 341 motor vehicles under division (A)(2) of this section to identify 342 any person who does all of the following, in the following-343 order: 344 (a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles-345 that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen; 346 (b) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change 347 of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state; 348 (c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 349 that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen. 350 (2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to 351 each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, 352 353 instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen or to submit a completed voter-354 355 registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The 356 secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to-357 respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in-358 division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty 359 days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly-360 shall send the person a second notice and form. 361 (3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 362 was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of 363 this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that 364 the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state-365

shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.

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(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice	367
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2)	368
of this section sends a completed voter registration	369
cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of	370
state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in	371
which the person is registered to cancel the person's	372
registration.	373
(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under-	374
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division (II) (2) of this section fails to respond to the	
secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or	376
(4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second	377
notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter-	378
to the attorney general for further investigation and possible-	379
prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any	380
other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the	381
thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends-	382
a completed voter registration cancellation form to the	383
secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the	384
board of elections of the county in which the person is-	385
registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify-	386
the attorney general of the cancellation.	387
(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review-	388
described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days	389
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal	390
office. A board of elections and any vendor with which it	391
contracts to provide voter registration software or related	392
services shall ensure that the board's voter registration system	393
and practices comply with the requirements of this section and	394
any rules adopted under this section.	395

Sec. 3503.151. (A) The secretary of state, through the

office of data analytics and archives, and the boards of	397
elections shall maintain the accuracy of the statewide voter	398
registration database in accordance with this section.	399
(B) (1) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the	400
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the	401
department of job and family services, the department of	402
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections,	403
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state	404
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is	405
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's	406
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration	407
database, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation.	408
The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the	409
department of job and family services, the department of	410
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections	411
shall provide that information and data to the secretary of	412
state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary	413
of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to	414
the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of	415
the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the	416
possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no	417
public official or employee, shall sell that information or data	418
or use that information or data for profit.	419
(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter	420
119. of the Revised Code that establish, by mutual agreement	421
with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the	422
information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide	423
to the secretary of state under division (B)(1) of this section	424
and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that	425
information and data.	426

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements	427
to share information or data that is in the possession of the	428
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the	429
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the	430
statewide voter registration database. Except as otherwise	431
provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the secretary of	432
state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the	433
secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the	434
state providing the data remains confidential while in the	435
possession of the secretary of state.	436
(2) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise	437
confidential information or data to persons or organizations	438
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to	439
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.	440
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter	441
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or	442
organizations who may receive that information or data. The	443
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with	444
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The	445
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization	446
that receives confidential information or data under this	447
division keeps the information or data confidential in the	448
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering	449
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or	450
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under	451
this division shall include a requirement that the person or	452
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the	453
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement.	454
(3) No person or entity that receives information or data	455
under division (C) of this section shall sell the information or	456
data or use the information or data for profit.	457

(D) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the	458
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and	459
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state	460
receives under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that is	461
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the	462
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is	463
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable	464
state and federal law:	465
(1) Require the boards of elections to maintain the	466
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each	467
registered elector appears in the database, that only	468
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are	469
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are	470
eliminated from the database;	471
(2) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable	472
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from	473
the database;	474
(3) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors	475
are not removed in error from the database.	476
(E) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under	477
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish a uniform method	478
for addressing instances in which records contained in the	479
statewide voter registration database do not conform with	480
records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states	481
described in division (B) or (C) of this section. That method	482
shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being	483
canceled on the sole basis that the information in the	484
registration record does not conform to records maintained by	485
such an agency.	486

(2) Information provided under division (B) or (C) of this	487
section for maintenance of the statewide voter registration	488
database shall not be used to update the name or address of a	489
registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector	490
shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in	491
filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both.	492
(3) A board of elections shall contact a registered	493
elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (E)(1) of	494
this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the	495
statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if	496
that information does not conform with information provided	497
under division (B) or (C) of this section and the discrepancy	498
would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.	499
Sec. 3503.152. The secretary of state shall conduct an	500
annual review of the statewide voter registration database to	501
identify persons who appear not to be United States citizens, as	502
follows:	503
(A) The secretary of state shall compare the information	504
in the statewide voter registration database with the	505
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of	506
motor vehicles under section 3503.151 of the Revised Code to	507
identify any person who does all of the following, in the	508
<pre>following order:</pre>	509
(1) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles	510
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;	511
(2) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change	512
of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state;	513
(3) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles	514
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen	515

(B) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to	516
each person identified under division (A) of this section,	517
instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a	518
United States citizen or to submit a completed voter	519
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The	520
secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration	521
cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to	522
respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in	523
division (C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days	524
after the notice is sent, the secretary of state promptly shall	525
send the person a second notice and form.	526
(C) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice	527
is sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (B) of	528
this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that	529
the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state	530
shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.	531
(D) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice	532
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (B) of	533
this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation	534
form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall	535
instruct the board of elections of the county in which the	536
person is registered to cancel the person's registration.	537
(E) If a person who is sent a second notice under division	538
(B) of this section fails to respond to the secretary of state	539
in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this section	540
not later than thirty days after the second notice is sent, the	541
secretary of state shall refer the matter to the attorney	542
general for further investigation and possible prosecution under	543
section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable	544
section of the Revised Code. If, after the thirtieth day after	545

the second notice is sent, the person sends a completed voter	546
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state, the	547
secretary of state shall instruct the board of elections of the	548
county in which the person is registered to cancel the person's	549
registration and shall notify the attorney general of the	550
<pre>cancellation.</pre>	551
(F) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review	552
described in this section during the ninety days immediately	553
preceding a primary or general election for federal office.	554
Sec. 3503.153. (A) The statewide voter registration	555
database shall be made available on a web site of the office of	556
the secretary of state as follows:	557
(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of	558
this section, the following information from the statewide voter	559
registration database regarding a registered elector shall be	560
<pre>made available on the web site:</pre>	561
(a) The elector's name;	562
(b) The elector's birth date;	563
(c) The elector's current residence address;	564
(d) The elector's precinct number;	565
(e) The elector's voter registration date, as described in	566
division (C)(9) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code;	567
(f) The elector's voting history, as described in division	568
(C) (10) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code;	569
(g) The elector's last activity date, as described in	570
division (C)(11) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code.	571
(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or	572

general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter	573
registration database shall permit an elector to search for the	574
polling location at which that elector may cast a ballot.	575
(3) No information in the statewide voter registration	576
database that is exempt from disclosure under division (A)(2) of	577
section 3503.13 of the Revised Code shall be made available on	578
the web site.	579
(B) (1) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule	580
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for	581
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes	582
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of	583
updating the information made available on the secretary of	584
state's web site under division (A)(2) of this section. Those	585
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days	586
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the	587
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the	588
location of a precinct polling place within the county.	589
(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or	590
general election, not later than one business day after	591
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (B)	592
(1) of this section that the location of a precinct polling	593
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that	594
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose	595
of division (A)(2) of this section.	596
Sec. 3505.31. When the results of the voting in a polling	597
place on the day of an election have been determined and entered	598
upon the proper forms and the certifications of those results	599
have been signed by the precinct officials, those officials,	600
before leaving the polling place, shall place all ballots that	601
they have counted in containers provided for that purpose by the	602

board of elections, and shall seal each container in a manner 603 that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal or the 604 material of which the container is made. They shall also seal 605 the pollbook, poll list or signature pollbook, and tally sheet 606 in a manner that the data contained in these items cannot be 607 seen without breaking the seals. On the outside of these items 608 shall be a plain indication that they are to be filed with the 609 board. The voting location manager and an employee or appointee 610 of the board of elections who has taken an oath to uphold the 611 laws and constitution of this state, including an oath that the 612 person will promptly and securely perform the duties required 613 under this section and who is a member of a different political 614 party than the voting location manager, shall then deliver to 615 the board the containers of ballots and the sealed pollbook, 616 poll list, and tally sheet, together with all other election 617 reports, materials, and supplies required to be delivered to the 618 board. 619

The board shall carefully preserve all ballots prepared 620 and provided by it for use in an election, whether used or 621 unused, <u>including any electronic images of ballots</u>, for sixty at 622 least eighty-one days after the day of the election, except 623 that, if an election includes the nomination or election of 624 candidates for any of the offices of president, vice-president, 625 presidential elector, member of the senate of the congress of 626 the United States, or member of the house of representatives of 627 the congress of the United States, the board shall carefully 628 preserve all ballots prepared and provided by it for use in that 629 election, whether used or unused, for twenty-two months after 630 the day of the election. If an election is held within that 631 sixty day eighty-one-day period, the board shall have authority 632 to transfer those ballots to other containers to preserve them 633

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until the sixty day eighty-one-day period has expired. After 634 that sixty-day eighty-one-day period, the ballots shall be 635 disposed of by the board in a manner that the board orders, or 636 where voting machines have been used the counters may be turned 637 back to zero; provided that the secretary of state, within that 638 sixty-day_eighty-one-day_period, may order the board to preserve 639 640 the ballots or any part of the ballots for a longer period of time, in which event the board shall preserve those ballots for 641 that longer period of time. 642

In counties where voting machines are used, if an election 643 is to be held within the sixty_eighty-one days immediately 644 following a primary, general, or special election or within any 645 period of time within which the ballots have been ordered 646 preserved by the secretary of state or a court of competent 647 jurisdiction, the board, after giving notice to all interested 648 parties and affording them an opportunity to have a 649 representative present, shall open the compartments of the 650 machines and, without unlocking the machines, shall recanvass 651 the vote cast in them as if a recount were being held. The 652 results shall be certified by the board, and this certification 653 shall be filed in the board's office and retained for the 654 remainder of the period for which ballots must be kept. After 655 preparation of the certificate, the counters may be turned back 656 to zero, and the machines may be used for the election. 657

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

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