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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3503.09, 1  
3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 2  
3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.23, 3  
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3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.02, 3509.03, 5  
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.09, 6  
3513.05, 3513.18, 3513.19, 3513.191, 3517.012, 7  
3517.013, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.18, and 8  
3599.36; to enact new sections 3503.11 and 9  
3503.111 and sections 3503.112, 3503.22, and 10  
3503.231; and to repeal sections 3503.11, 11  
3503.111, and 3503.29 of the Revised Code to 12  
create a voter verification and registration 13  
system, to modify the requirements for the 14  
administration of the statewide voter 15  
registration database, and to allow electors to 16  
register as affiliated with a political party. 17

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3503.09, 18  
3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 19  
3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.23, 3503.24, 3503.26, 3503.28, 3503.30, 20

3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 21  
3509.05, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3513.05, 3513.18, 3513.19, 22  
3513.191, 3517.012, 3517.013, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.18, and 23  
3599.36 be amended and new sections 3503.11 and 3503.111 and 24  
sections 3503.112, 3503.22, and 3503.231 of the Revised Code be 25  
enacted to read as follows: 26

**Sec. 3501.01.** As used in the sections of the Revised Code 27  
relating to elections and political communications: 28

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 29  
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 30

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 31  
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 32  
odd-numbered year. 33

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 34  
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 35  
even-numbered year. 36

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 37  
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 38  
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 39  
Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by 40  
a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a 41  
primary election, except that in any year in which a 42  
presidential primary election is held, no special election shall 43  
be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county 44  
charter, but may be held on the second Tuesday after the first 45  
Monday in March. 46

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 47  
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 48  
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 49

of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 50  
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 51  
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 52  
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 53  
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 54  
held. 55

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 56  
election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 57  
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 58  
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 59  
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 60  
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 61  
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 62  
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 63  
shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in 64  
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 65  
charter. 66

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 67  
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 68  
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 69

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 70  
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 71  
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 72  
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 73  
the most recent regular state election. 74

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 75  
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 76  
following requirements: 77

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 78

political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 79  
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 80  
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 81  
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 82  
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 83  
party for a period of four years after meeting those 84  
requirements. 85

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 86  
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 87  
division (F) (2) (a) of this section, a petition that meets the 88  
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 89

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 90  
political party until the time of the first election for 91  
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 92  
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 93  
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 94  
office of governor or president. 95

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 96  
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 97  
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 98  
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 99  
more votes than any other person received for election to that 100  
office in such precinct at such election. 101

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 102  
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 103  
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 104  
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 105  
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 106  
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 107  
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 108

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who ~~claims~~ 109  
is not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name 110  
has been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or 111  
special election through the filing of a statement of candidacy 112  
and nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of 113  
the Revised Code. 114

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 115  
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 116  
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 117  
for judicial office, for member of any board of education, for 118  
municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not 119  
held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for 120  
offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide 121  
for separate ballots for elections for these offices. 122

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who ~~claims to be~~ 123  
~~a member of~~ is affiliated with a political party and who has 124  
been certified to appear on the office-type ballot at a general 125  
or special election as the nominee of a political party because 126  
the candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's 127  
party for the public office the candidate seeks, has been 128  
nominated under section 3517.012, or is selected by party 129  
committee in accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised 130  
Code. 131

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not 132  
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling 133  
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a 134  
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a 135  
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political 136  
party. 137

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue 138

certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on 139  
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held 140  
in this state. 141

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having 142  
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote. 143

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election. 144

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an 145  
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector 146  
may vote. 147

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county 148  
established by the board of elections of such county within 149  
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein 150  
may vote at the same polling place. 151

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each 152  
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such 153  
precinct may vote. 154

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of 155  
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of 156  
the Revised Code. 157

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 158  
city, village, or school district. 159

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of 160  
the following: 161

(1) Secretary of state; 162

(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the 163  
division of elections in the capacity of attorney, 164  
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections 165

administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	166
(3) Director of a board of elections;	167
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	168
(5) Member of a board of elections;	169
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	170
(7) Precinct election officials;	171
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	172 173
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	174 175 176 177 178 179 180
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, <u>by</u> <u>forwardable mail and with return postage prepaid,</u> to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address. <u>The notice shall comply with all applicable</u> <u>requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.</u>	181 182 183 184 185 186
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state- funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, or any other public or government office or agency that	187 188 189 190 191 192 193

implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 194  
of state for registering voters, including the department of job 195  
and family services, the program administered under section 196  
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 197  
department of mental health and addiction services, the 198  
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 199  
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 200  
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 201  
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 202  
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 203

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 204  
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, ~~42-52~~ 205  
U.S.C.A. ~~1973~~ 20501 et seq. 206

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 207  
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, ~~42-52~~ U.S.C.A. ~~1973~~ 10301 et seq., 208  
as amended. 209

(AA) "Photo identification" means a document that meets 210  
each of the following requirements: 211

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was 212  
issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or 213  
signature pollbook. 214

(2) It shows the current address of the individual to whom 215  
it was issued, which shall conform to the address in the poll 216  
list or signature pollbook, except for a driver's license or a 217  
state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the 218  
Revised Code, which may show either the current or former 219  
address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of 220  
whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or 221  
signature pollbook. 222



(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was issued.	223 224
(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed.	225
(5) It was issued by the government of the United States or this state.	226 227
<b>Sec. 3501.05.</b> The secretary of state shall do all of the following:	228 229
(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;	230
(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.	231 232 233
(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of elections;	234 235
(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in force;	236 237 238
(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;	239 240
(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and records;	241 242
(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;	243 244 245 246
(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state;	247 248 249

(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall appear on the ballot;

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I) (2) (b) of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to ballot language for any local question or issue approved and transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the Revised Code;

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on state questions and issues and determine and certify to the sufficiency of those petitions;

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers necessary;

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the several counties of the requirements of the election laws;

(N) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N) (2) of this section, investigate the administration of election laws, frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and report violations of election laws to the attorney general or prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution;

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.17, 3517.18, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a

complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 279  
3517.153 of the Revised Code. 280

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the 281  
results of elections, the cost of elections in the various 282  
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political 283  
subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative 284  
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable; 285

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list 286  
of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition 287  
successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 288  
to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code; 289

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 290  
Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters 291  
from the statewide voter registration database and, if 292  
applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in 293  
each precinct, ~~which . Those rules shall provide for all of the~~ 294  
~~following:~~ 295

~~(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed~~ 296  
~~residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in~~ 297  
~~compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National~~ 298  
~~Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses~~ 299  
~~the national change of address service provided by the United~~ 300  
~~States postal system through its licensees;~~ 301

~~(2) A include rules governing the removal of ineligible~~ 302  
~~voters through the voter verification and registration system~~ 303  
~~described in sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.112 of the~~ 304  
~~Revised Code, a process for the removal of ineligible voters~~ 305  
~~under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;~~ 306

~~(3) A, and a uniform system for marking or removing the~~ 307

name of a voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide 308  
voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll 309  
list or signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the 310  
reason for that mark or removal. 311

(R) (1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters 312  
or updating voter registration information, such as name and 313  
residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, 314  
offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high 315  
schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of 316  
county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 317  
3503.09 of the Revised Code; 318

(2) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 319  
Code to develop, implement, and administer the voter 320  
verification and registration system described in sections 321  
3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.112 of the Revised Code, including 322  
rules prescribing procedures for the secretary of state and the 323  
bureau of motor vehicles to follow to ensure that only United 324  
States citizens who are eligible electors are registered to vote 325  
through the system. 326

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter 327  
registration forms through boards of elections, designated 328  
agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of 329  
motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, 330  
public libraries, and offices of county treasurers; 331

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and 332  
upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in 333  
this state; 334

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised 335  
Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering 336

voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the 337  
offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles 338  
consistent with this chapter; 339

(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with 340  
Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary 341  
of state to do all of the following: 342

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there 343  
is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities; 344

(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each 345  
voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the 346  
same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy 347  
and independence, as for other voters; 348

(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of 349  
standards for the certification of voting machines, marking 350  
devices, and automatic tabulating equipment. 351

(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide 352  
database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 353  
of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the 354  
"Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 355  
1666, and provide training in the operation of that system; 356

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other 357  
instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result 358  
of any conference or teleconference call with a board of 359  
elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for 360  
conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, 361  
or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or 362  
other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted 363  
on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as 364  
is practicable after the completion of the conference or 365

teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on 366  
the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes 367  
place. 368

(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the 369  
secretary of state not later than one month after the completion 370  
of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and 371  
general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent 372  
voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were 373  
counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the 374  
number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. 375  
The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web 376  
site in an archive format for each subsequent election. 377

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter 378  
identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 379  
other voting requirements; 380

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector 381  
may make available to a board of elections a more recent 382  
signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook 383  
produced by the board of elections of the county in which the 384  
elector resides; 385

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or 386  
part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of 387  
direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other 388  
means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot 389  
board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised 390  
Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible 391  
concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, 392  
or referendum; 393

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the 394

implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 111-84, 123 Stat. 3190.

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to establish procedures and standards for determining when a board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that is under official oversight to transition out of official oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of state.

(EE) Perform other duties required by law.

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of representative to congress, the secretary of state shall establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a

declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of 425  
campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of 426  
corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; 427  
the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or 428  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the 429  
supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of 430  
elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to 431  
consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a 432  
voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to 433  
instruct or reinstruct election officers. 434

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 435  
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 436  
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 437  
production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 438  
fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 439  
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 440

In any controversy involving or arising out of the 441  
adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for 442  
registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney 443  
general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court 444  
of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or 445  
in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question. 446

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the 447  
Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in 448  
issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect 449  
the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of 450  
elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of 451  
state's motion, be made a party. 452

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is 453  
hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a 454



change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue 455  
shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common 456  
pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if 457  
there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that 458  
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of 459  
Franklin county. 460

Public high schools and vocational schools, public 461  
libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement 462  
voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of 463  
state pursuant to this section. 464

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications 465  
for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general 466  
election and only if the general assembly has made an 467  
appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other 468  
circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or 469  
employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited 470  
applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals. 471

**Sec. 3503.09.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 472  
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 473  
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 474  
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 475  
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 476  
of change of name ~~and, change of residence changes, and change~~ 477  
of political party affiliation forms for voter registration 478  
~~records in the statewide voter registration database.~~ 479

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 480  
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter 481  
registrations that permit information from a voter registration 482  
application received by a designated agency or an office of 483  
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available 484

electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter 485  
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable 486  
board of elections under division (E) (2) of section 3503.10 ~~or~~ 487  
~~section 3503.11~~ of the Revised Code. 488

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall 489  
do all of the following: 490

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a 491  
designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, 492  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 493  
office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter 494  
registration database; 495

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 496  
be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 497  
before the information is added to the statewide voter 498  
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 499  
voter registration; 500

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy 501  
registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration 502  
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data 503  
relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by 504  
the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the 505  
electronic data to the original voter registration application. 506

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted 507  
to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of 508  
the Revised Code. 509

**Sec. 3503.10.** (A) Each designated agency shall designate 510  
one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the 511  
voter registration program within the agency and its 512  
departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person 513

shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of 514  
state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of 515  
the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by 516  
the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no 517  
additional compensation for performing such duties. 518

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and 519  
vocational school, public library, and office of a county 520  
treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations 521  
voter registration applications and assistance in the 522  
registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in 523  
accordance with this chapter. 524

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its 525  
applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter 526  
registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of 527  
state that includes all of the following: 528

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or 529  
update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for 530  
the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to 531  
register or decline to register to vote, and the statement, 532  
highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you 533  
will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at 534  
this time."; 535

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the 536  
statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to 537  
vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be 538  
provided by this agency."; 539

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out 540  
the voter registration application form, we will help you. The 541  
decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill 542

out the application form in private."; 543

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has 544  
interfered with your right to register or to decline to register 545  
to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register 546  
or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your 547  
own political party or other political preference, you may file 548  
a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with 549  
the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number 550  
for each such official's office. 551

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter 552  
registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each 553  
applicant with each application for service or assistance, and 554  
with each written application or form for recertification, 555  
renewal, or change of address. 556

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following: 557

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter 558  
registration program in order to provide to each applicant who 559  
wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same 560  
degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter 561  
registration application as is provided by the agency with 562  
regard to the completion of its own form; 563

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications, and 564  
voter registration change of residence, change of name, and 565  
change of political party affiliation forms, ~~and voter~~ 566  
~~registration change of name forms,~~ regardless of whether the 567  
application or form was distributed by the designated agency, 568  
for transmittal to the office of the board of elections in the 569  
county in which the agency is located. Each designated agency 570  
and the appropriate board of elections shall establish a method 571

by which the voter registration applications and other voter 572  
registration forms are transmitted to that board of elections 573  
within five days after being accepted by the agency. 574

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily 575  
engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under 576  
a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a 577  
person with disabilities at a person's home, provide the 578  
services described in divisions (E) (1) and (2) of this section 579  
at the person's home; 580

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the 581  
secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of 582  
an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated 583  
the person's voter registration records, and information 584  
relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection 585  
with a voter registration application issued by a designated 586  
agency. 587

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit 588  
written instructions on the implementation of the voter 589  
registration program within each designated agency, public high 590  
school and vocational school, public library, and office of a 591  
county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as 592  
follows: 593

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter 594  
registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a 595  
person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or 596  
decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a 597  
person's decision to register or not register to vote; 598

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter 599  
registration not seek to influence a person's decision to 600

register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any 601  
political preference or party allegiance, and not make any 602  
statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect 603  
of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to 604  
register or not register has any bearing on the availability of 605  
services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class 606  
in school, or on credit for a particular class in school; 607

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in 608  
completing the voter registration application, what to do with 609  
the completed voter registration application or voter 610  
registration update form, and when the application must be 611  
transmitted to the appropriate board of elections; 612

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and 613  
where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy 614  
reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under 615  
the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; 616

(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to 617  
questions about voter registration forms and procedures. 618

(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in- 619  
class voter registration program in a public high school or 620  
vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state 621  
or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education 622  
shall do all of the following: 623

(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during 624  
these days when the person designated to assist with voter 625  
registration shall provide voter registration assistance; 626

(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration 627  
from the public high school's or vocational school's staff; 628

(3) Make voter registration applications and materials 629

available, as outlined in the voter registration program 630  
established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 631  
3501.05 of the Revised Code; 632

(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or 633  
declining to register to vote, or registering as affiliated with 634  
a particular political party or registering to vote and 635  
remaining unaffiliated, will not affect or be a condition of 636  
your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school 637  
course or class, participating in a curricular or 638  
extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or 639  
participating in a program or activity otherwise available to 640  
pupils enrolled in this school district's schools."; 641

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration 642  
application and other voter registration forms are transmitted 643  
to the board of elections within five days after being accepted 644  
by the public high school or vocational school. 645

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public 646  
high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a 647  
county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter 648  
registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, 649  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 650  
office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated 651  
person, and make available such space as may be necessary, 652  
without charge to the county or state. 653

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be 654  
displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a 655  
notice that identifies the person designated to assist with 656  
voter registration, the nature of that person's duties, and 657  
where and when that person is available for assisting in the 658  
registration of voters. 659

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and 660  
services to disseminate information to increase public awareness 661  
of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter 662  
registration in every designated agency. 663

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of 664  
education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, 665  
or promote voluntary election registration programs within a 666  
high school or vocational school, including programs in which 667  
pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter 668  
registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate. 669

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer 670  
shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are 671  
transmitted to the board of elections within five days after 672  
being accepted by the public library or office of the county 673  
treasurer. 674

(L) The department of job and family services and its 675  
departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration 676  
of the aspects of the voter registration program for the 677  
department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of 678  
state and the requirements of this section and the National 679  
Voter Registration Act of 1993. 680

Sec. 3503.11. (A) When the registrar of motor vehicles or 681  
a deputy registrar conducts business with a person at the office 682  
of the registrar or deputy registrar, the registrar or deputy 683  
registrar shall attempt to obtain all of the following from that 684  
person, unless the registrar or deputy registrar has information 685  
indicating that the person is not eligible to vote in this 686  
state: 687

(1) The person's legal name; 688



<u>(2) The person's residence address;</u>	689
<u>(3) The person's date of birth;</u>	690
<u>(4) The number of the person's driver's license or state identification card;</u>	691 692
<u>(5) The last four digits of the person's social security number;</u>	693 694
<u>(6) A statement, signed under penalty of election falsification, that the person is a United States citizen, will be at least eighteen years of age at the time of the next general election, will have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election, and is otherwise eligible to vote in this state;</u>	695 696 697 698 699 700
<u>(7) An electronic image of the person's signature.</u>	701
<u>(B) Upon obtaining all of the information and the statement described in division (A) of this section concerning a person, the registrar or deputy registrar shall do all of the following:</u>	702 703 704 705
<u>(1) Immediately provide the person a written notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, with return postage prepaid by the secretary of state, that contains all of the following:</u>	706 707 708 709
<u>(a) A statement that if the person is not registered to vote at the person's current residence address and under the person's current name, the person will be registered to vote or have the person's registration updated for purposes of the next election occurring at least thirty days after the current date, unless the person declines to be registered to vote or to update the person's registration;</u>	710 711 712 713 714 715 716

(b) A statement that if the person declines to be registered to vote or to update the person's registration, that fact will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes; 717  
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(c) A statement that if the person does not decline to be registered to vote or to update the person's registration, the office at which the person submitted the person's information will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes; 721  
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(d) A statement that in order to register to vote, the person must be a United States citizen, at least eighteen years of age at the time of the next general election, and have lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the next election; 726  
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(e) A statement that election falsification is a felony of the fifth degree; 731  
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(f) A statement instructing the person to decline to be registered to vote if the person is not eligible to register; 733  
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(g) All of the following concerning political party affiliation: 735  
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(i) A list of the political parties that are recognized in this state at the time the notice is printed, accompanied by boxes for the person to check to select a party with which the person wishes to be affiliated; a space for the person to write the name of a recognized political party that is not listed on the form, if the person wishes to be affiliated with that party; and a box for the person to check to indicate that the person does not wish to be affiliated with a political party; 737  
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(ii) An instruction to select or write the name of only 745

one recognized political party; 746

(iii) A statement that the person is not required to 747  
select a political party; 748

(iv) A statement that the person will not be affiliated 749  
with any political party if the person is not currently 750  
registered as affiliated with a political party and the person 751  
either does not return the notice or returns the notice but does 752  
not select or write the name of a recognized political party or 753  
indicate that the person does not wish to be affiliated with a 754  
political party; 755

(v) A statement that the person will remain registered as 756  
affiliated with the person's current political party if the 757  
person currently is registered as affiliated with a political 758  
party and the person either does not return the notice or 759  
returns the notice and does not select or write the name of a 760  
different recognized political party or indicate that the person 761  
does not wish to be affiliated with a political party. 762

(h) The procedure to decline to be registered to vote or 763  
to update the person's registration, to provide corrected 764  
registration information, or to establish or change the person's 765  
political party affiliation by signing and returning the notice 766  
in person to the registrar or deputy registrar or by mail to the 767  
secretary of state. 768

(2) Follow procedures established by the secretary of 769  
state by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 770  
do the following before the person is registered to vote or has 771  
the person's registration updated: 772

(a) Determine whether the bureau of motor vehicles 773  
possesses reliable information about the person indicating that 774

the person is a United States citizen; 775

(b) If the bureau does not possess such information, 776  
verify by other means whether the person is a United States 777  
citizen. 778

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) (3) (b) 779  
and (c) of this section, promptly transmit the information 780  
described in division (A) of this section concerning the person 781  
to the secretary of state electronically in the manner 782  
prescribed by the secretary of state. 783

(b) If the person declines to register to vote or to 784  
update the person's voter registration by returning a 785  
declination notice to the registrar or deputy registrar 786  
immediately after receiving it, the registrar or deputy 787  
registrar shall note that fact in the bureau's records, shall 788  
not transmit the person's information to the secretary of state, 789  
and shall dispose of the declination notice in the manner 790  
prescribed by the secretary of state. 791

(c) If the registrar or deputy registrar determines under 792  
division (B) (2) of this section that the bureau of motor 793  
vehicles does not possess reliable information about the person 794  
indicating that the person is a United States citizen and cannot 795  
verify by other means that the person is a United States 796  
citizen, the registrar or deputy registrar shall not transmit 797  
the person's information to the secretary of state under 798  
division (B) (3) (a) of this section but shall make the person's 799  
information available to the secretary of state upon request. 800

(4) If the person indicates to the registrar or deputy 801  
registrar that the person's residence address is exempt from 802  
public disclosure under division (A) (1) (p) of section 149.43 of 803

the Revised Code, inform the person of the process to submit a 804  
notice of that fact to the board of elections under section 805  
3503.22 of the Revised Code. 806

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (2) of 807  
this section, when the secretary of state receives information 808  
concerning a person under division (B) (2) (a) of this section, 809  
the secretary of state shall consult the statewide voter 810  
registration database to determine whether the person is 811  
registered to vote at the person's current address and under the 812  
person's current name, and if not, promptly shall transmit the 813  
person's information electronically to the appropriate board of 814  
elections. 815

(2) If the secretary of state determines that a person 816  
concerning whom the secretary of state receives information 817  
under division (B) (2) (a) of this section is not registered to 818  
vote at the person's current address or under the person's 819  
current name, but is a participant in the address 820  
confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.48 821  
of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall not transmit 822  
that information to the board of elections. Instead, the 823  
secretary of state shall send a notice to the person explaining 824  
the process to register to vote or to update the person's 825  
confidential registration under section 111.44 of the Revised 826  
Code. 827

(D) (1) Subject to divisions (D) (2), (3), and (4) of this 828  
section, if the board of elections determines that the person is 829  
eligible to register to vote or to update the person's 830  
registration, the board promptly shall register the person to 831  
vote or update the person's registration, as applicable, and 832  
send the person a notice of voter registration under division 833

(C) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code. The electronic 834  
record transmitted to the board of elections under this division 835  
shall be considered to be the person's voter registration form. 836

(2) A board of elections shall not register a person to 837  
vote or update an elector's registration under this section if 838  
the person declines to register or to update the elector's 839  
registration. 840

(3) Subject to the requirements of division (B) of section 841  
3503.112 of the Revised Code, if, after a person has been 842  
registered to vote under this section, the person declines to 843  
register, the board of elections shall treat the declination as 844  
a request to cancel the person's registration. 845

(4) Subject to the requirements of division (B) of section 846  
3503.112 of the Revised Code, if, after an elector's 847  
registration has been updated under this section, the elector 848  
declines to update the elector's registration, the board of 849  
elections shall correct the elector's registration to reflect 850  
the name, address, and signature that it contained before the 851  
board updated the elector's registration under this section. 852

**Sec. 3503.111.** (A) (1) When the bureau of motor vehicles 853  
receives a notice of change of residence address from a 854  
registered elector who does not appear in person at the office 855  
of the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, the 856  
bureau promptly shall transmit the elector's updated information 857  
electronically to the secretary of state in the manner 858  
prescribed by the secretary of state. Except as otherwise 859  
provided in division (A) (2) of this section, the secretary of 860  
state shall consult the statewide voter registration database to 861  
determine whether the elector is registered to vote at the 862  
elector's current address, and if not, promptly shall transmit 863

the person's information electronically to the appropriate board 864  
of elections. 865

(2) If the secretary of state determines that a registered 866  
elector concerning whom the secretary of state receives 867  
information under division (A) (1) of this section is not 868  
registered to vote at the elector's current address, but is a 869  
participant in the address confidentiality program described in 870  
sections 111.41 to 111.48 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 871  
state shall not transmit that information to the board of 872  
elections. Instead, the secretary of state shall send a notice 873  
to the elector explaining the process to register to vote or to 874  
update the elector's confidential registration under section 875  
111.44 of the Revised Code. 876

(B) Each month, the secretary of state shall send the 877  
information in the statewide voter registration database to the 878  
national change of address service provided by the United States 879  
postal system through its licensees and request that service to 880  
provide the secretary of state with a list of any registered 881  
electors who have had a permanent change of residence address 882  
within the past month. The secretary of state promptly shall 883  
transmit the information concerning each elector who has had a 884  
permanent change of residence address electronically to the 885  
appropriate board of elections. 886

(C) (1) When a board of elections receives information 887  
concerning a registered elector under division (A) or (B) of 888  
this section and determines that the elector is eligible to 889  
update the elector's registration, except as provided in 890  
divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the board promptly shall 891  
update the elector's registration. The electronic record 892  
transmitted to the board under this section shall be considered 893

the elector's voter registration form. 894

(2) The board shall send the elector a notice, on a form 895  
prescribed by the secretary of state, with return postage 896  
prepaid by the board, that contains all of the following 897  
information: 898

(a) The fact that the elector will have the elector's 899  
registration updated for purposes of the next election occurring 900  
at least thirty days after the date the secretary of state 901  
received the person's information, unless the elector declines 902  
to update the elector's registration; 903

(b) A statement that if the elector declines to update the 904  
elector's registration, that fact will remain confidential and 905  
will only be used for voter registration purposes; 906

(c) A statement that if the elector does not decline to 907  
update the elector's registration, the office at which the 908  
elector submitted the elector's information will remain 909  
confidential and will only be used for voter registration 910  
purposes; 911

(d) All of the following concerning political party 912  
affiliation: 913

(i) A list of the political parties that are recognized in 914  
this state at the time the notice is printed, accompanied by 915  
boxes for the elector to check to select a party with which the 916  
elector wishes to be affiliated; a space for the elector to 917  
write the name of a recognized political party that is not 918  
listed on the form, if the elector wishes to be affiliated with 919  
that party; and a box for the elector to check to indicate that 920  
the elector does not wish to be affiliated with a political 921  
party; 922



<u>(ii) An instruction to select or write the name of only</u>	923
<u>one recognized political party;</u>	924
<u>(iii) A statement that the elector is not required to</u>	925
<u>select a political party;</u>	926
<u>(iv) A statement that the elector will not be affiliated</u>	927
<u>with any political party if the elector is not currently</u>	928
<u>registered as affiliated with a political party and the elector</u>	929
<u>either does not return the notice or returns the notice but does</u>	930
<u>not select or write the name of a recognized political party or</u>	931
<u>indicate that the elector does not wish to be affiliated with a</u>	932
<u>political party;</u>	933
<u>(v) A statement that the elector will remain registered as</u>	934
<u>affiliated with the elector's current political party if the</u>	935
<u>elector currently is registered as affiliated with a political</u>	936
<u>party and the elector either does not return the notice or</u>	937
<u>returns the notice and does not select or write the name of a</u>	938
<u>recognized political party or indicate the elector does not wish</u>	939
<u>to be affiliated with a political party;</u>	940
<u>(e) The procedure to decline to update the elector's</u>	941
<u>registration, to provide corrected registration information, or</u>	942
<u>to establish or change the elector's political party affiliation</u>	943
<u>by signing and returning the notice to the secretary of state or</u>	944
<u>the board of elections;</u>	945
<u>(f) The precinct in which the elector will be registered</u>	946
<u>to vote;</u>	947
<u>(g) The elector's current political party affiliation, if</u>	948
<u>any;</u>	949
<u>(h) A statement in bold type as follows:</u>	950

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 951  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 952  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 953  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 954  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 955  
registration notice, that shows the voter's name and current 956  
address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will 957  
still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters 958  
who do not have any of the above forms of identification, 959  
including a social security number, will still be able to vote 960  
by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under 961  
penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional 962  
ballot." 963

(3) The notice described in division (C) (2) of this 964  
section shall be sent by nonforwardable mail. If the notice is 965  
returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notice 966  
to be delivered to the correct address. If, after investigating, 967  
the board is unable to verify the elector's correct address, it 968  
shall send the elector a confirmation notice by forwardable 969  
mail, and cause the elector's name in the official registration 970  
list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to 971  
indicate that the elector's notice was returned to the board. 972

At the first election at which an elector whose name has 973  
been marked under this division appears to vote, the elector 974  
shall be required to provide identification to the election 975  
officials and to vote by provisional ballot under section 976  
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the provisional ballot is 977  
counted pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the 978  
Revised Code, the board shall correct that elector's 979  
registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that 980  
the elector's notice was returned from that elector's name on 981

the official registration list and on the poll list or signature 982  
pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to 983  
division (B)(4)(a)(i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the 984  
Revised Code, the elector's registration shall be canceled. The 985  
board shall notify the elector by United States mail of the 986  
cancellation. 987

(D) A board of elections shall not update an elector's 988  
registration under this section if the elector declines to 989  
update the elector's registration. Subject to the requirements 990  
of division (B) of section 3503.112 of the Revised Code, if, 991  
after an elector's registration has been updated under this 992  
section, the elector declines to update the elector's 993  
registration, the board shall correct the elector's registration 994  
to reflect the name, address, and signature that it contained 995  
before the board updated the elector's registration under this 996  
section. 997

(E) When a board of elections receives information 998  
concerning an elector under division (A) or (B) of this section 999  
and determines that the elector has had a permanent change of 1000  
residence address to a location outside this state, the board 1001  
shall send the elector a confirmation notice at the address at 1002  
which the elector is registered to vote in this state. The board 1003  
shall not send that notice during the ninety days immediately 1004  
preceding a primary or general election for federal office. 1005

(F) If a person who is not eligible to update the person's 1006  
voter registration nonetheless has the person's registration 1007  
updated under this section, the person shall not be considered 1008  
to knowingly update or attempt to update the person's 1009  
registration in violation of section 3599.11 of the Revised Code 1010  
based solely on the person's failure to decline to update the 1011

person's registration. 1012

(G) The secretary of state may prescribe additional 1013  
procedures to identify and send confirmation notices to electors 1014  
who appear to have moved or had a change of name. Any procedures 1015  
to identify and send confirmation notices to electors who appear 1016  
to have moved to a location outside this state shall be 1017  
completed not later than ninety days before the day of any 1018  
primary or general election for federal office. 1019

**Sec. 3503.112.** (A) When a person declines to be registered 1020  
to vote or to update the person's voter registration under 1021  
section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of the Revised Code, all of the 1022  
following shall apply: 1023

(1) The information obtained concerning the person under 1024  
the applicable section, the contents of the person's declination 1025  
notice, and the identity of the agency to which the person 1026  
submitted the person's information shall not be considered a 1027  
public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall 1028  
not be open to public inspection. 1029

(2) No person acting under color of law shall discriminate 1030  
against the person on the basis of the person's declination to 1031  
be registered to vote or to update the person's voter 1032  
registration. 1033

(3) If the person is eligible to register to vote or to 1034  
update the person's registration, the person's declination shall 1035  
not prevent the person from registering or updating the person's 1036  
registration in the future. 1037

(B) The secretary of state may adopt rules under Chapter 1038  
119. of the Revised Code to evaluate the information maintained 1039  
by state agencies other than the bureau of motor vehicles, to 1040

identify state agencies that feasibly could participate in the 1041  
voter verification and registration program described in this 1042  
section and sections 3503.11 and 3503.111 of the Revised Code, 1043  
and to require the directors of those agencies to coordinate 1044  
with the secretary of state to establish participation by those 1045  
agencies in the voter verification and registration program in 1046  
the same manner and in accordance with the same requirements as 1047  
the bureau of motor vehicles participates in the program. Upon 1048  
the request of the secretary of state, a state agency shall 1049  
provide any information or assistance the secretary of state 1050  
requires to carry out the secretary of state's powers and duties 1051  
under this section and those sections. 1052

(C) All procedures for maintaining the statewide voter 1053  
registration database implemented under this section and 1054  
sections 3503.11 and 3503.111 of the Revised Code shall be 1055  
uniform and nondiscriminatory and shall comply with the Voting 1056  
Rights Act of 1965, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 1057  
and all other applicable federal laws. 1058

**Sec. 3503.12.** All registrations shall be carefully 1059  
checked, and in case any person is found to have ~~registered~~ more 1060  
than ~~once~~ one registration form, the additional registration 1061  
forms shall be canceled by the board of elections. 1062

Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or 1063  
general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more 1064  
newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, 1065  
times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for 1066  
registration. 1067

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure 1068  
to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 1069  
1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that 1070

would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. 1071  
Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid 1072  
ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a 1073  
minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located 1074  
at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements 1075  
of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of 1076  
barriers. 1077

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost 1078  
the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any 1079  
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as 1080  
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a 1081  
wheelchair. 1082

**Sec. 3503.13.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in ~~section~~ 1083  
sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code or by state or 1084  
federal law, registration forms ~~submitted by applicants~~ and the 1085  
statewide voter registration database established under section 1086  
3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection 1087  
at all times when the office of the board of elections is open 1088  
for business, under such regulations as the board adopts, 1089  
provided that no person shall be permitted to inspect voter 1090  
registration forms except in the presence of an employee of the 1091  
board. 1092

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 1093  
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 1094  
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 1095  
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 1096  
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 1097  
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 1098  
Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 1099  
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 1100

required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 1101

**Sec. 3503.14.** (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 1102  
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 1103  
~~and change of name, and change of political party affiliation~~ 1104  
forms used in this state. The forms shall meet the requirements 1105  
of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and shall include 1106  
spaces for all of the following: 1107

(1) The voter's name; 1108

(2) The voter's address; 1109

(3) The current date; 1110

(4) The voter's date of birth; 1111

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following: 1112

(a) The voter's driver's license number, if any; 1113

(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security 1114  
number, if any; 1115

(c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a 1116  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 1117  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 1118  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 1119  
registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 1120  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the voter's name and 1121  
address. 1122

(6) The voter's signature. 1123

The registration form shall include ~~a space on which the~~ 1124  
~~person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and~~ 1125  
~~provide the person's address and a space on which the person~~ 1126  
~~registering an applicant shall name the employer who is~~ 1127

~~employing that person to register the applicant list of the~~ 1128  
~~political parties that are recognized in this state at the time~~ 1129  
~~the form is printed, accompanied by boxes for the applicant to~~ 1130  
~~check to select a party with which the applicant wishes to be~~ 1131  
~~affiliated. The form also shall include a space for the~~ 1132  
~~applicant to write the name of a recognized political party that~~ 1133  
~~is not listed on the form, if the applicant wishes to be~~ 1134  
~~affiliated with that party, and a box for the applicant to check~~ 1135  
~~to indicate that the applicant does not wish to be affiliated~~ 1136  
~~with a political party. The form shall instruct the applicant to~~ 1137  
~~select or write the name of only one recognized political party~~ 1138  
~~and shall state that the applicant is not required to select a~~ 1139  
~~political party. If the applicant indicates that the applicant~~ 1140  
~~does not wish to be affiliated with a political party, the~~ 1141  
~~applicant, upon registration, shall not be affiliated with any~~ 1142  
~~political party. The applicant shall not be registered as~~ 1143  
~~affiliated with any political party if the applicant is not~~ 1144  
~~currently registered as affiliated with a political party, does~~ 1145  
~~not select or write the name of a recognized political party,~~ 1146  
~~and does not indicate that the applicant does not wish to be~~ 1147  
~~affiliated with a political party. The applicant shall remain~~ 1148  
~~registered as affiliated with the applicant's current political~~ 1149  
~~party if the applicant currently is registered as affiliated~~ 1150  
~~with a political party, does not select or write the name of a~~ 1151  
~~recognized political party, and does not indicate that the~~ 1152  
~~applicant does not wish to be affiliated with a political party.~~ 1153

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 1154  
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 1155  
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 1156  
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 1157  
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 1158



accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 1159  
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 1160  
that data to the statewide voter registration database 1161  
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 1162

~~(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 1163  
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 1164  
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 1165  
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 1166  
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section. 1167~~

~~(1) An election official; 1168~~

~~(2) A county treasurer; 1169~~

~~(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1170~~

~~(4) An employee of a designated agency; 1171~~

~~(5) An employee of a public high school; 1172~~

~~(6) An employee of a public vocational school; 1173~~

~~(7) An employee of a public library; 1174~~

~~(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1175~~

~~(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 1176~~

~~(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1177~~

~~(11) An employee of an election official. 1178~~

~~(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised 1179  
Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own 1180  
name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by 1181  
the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling 1182  
out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an 1183  
applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate 1184~~

in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or 1185  
to change the applicant's name ~~or, residence, or political~~ 1186  
~~party affiliation~~. ~~The person registering the applicant shall~~ 1187  
~~sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the~~ 1188  
~~applicant desired to register to vote or to change the~~ 1189  
~~applicant's name or residence.~~ 1190

~~(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of~~ 1191  
~~name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person~~ 1192  
~~registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or~~ 1193  
~~failed to name the employer who is employing that person to~~ 1194  
~~register the applicant as required under division (A) of this~~ 1195  
~~section.~~ 1196

~~(E)~~ (C) A voter registration application submitted online 1197  
through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised 1198  
Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered 1199  
valid. ~~The signature obtained under division (B) of that section~~ 1200  
~~shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election~~ 1201  
~~and signature matching purposes.~~ 1202

~~(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant"~~ 1203  
~~includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter~~ 1204  
~~registration forms or to assist persons in completing or~~ 1205  
~~returning those forms.~~ 1206

**Sec. 3503.15.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall 1207  
establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database 1208  
that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of 1209  
state and made continuously available to each board of elections 1210  
and to other agencies as authorized by law. 1211

(2) (a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 1212  
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 1213

department of job and family services, the department of 1214  
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 1215  
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 1216  
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 1217  
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 1218  
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 1219  
database established pursuant to this section, except where 1220  
prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of 1221  
health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and 1222  
family services, the department of medicaid, and the department 1223  
of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information 1224  
and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day 1225  
of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any 1226  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 1227  
confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data 1228  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 1229  
state. No public office, and no public official or employee, 1230  
shall sell that information or data or use that information or 1231  
data for profit. 1232

(b) Information provided under this division for 1233  
maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall 1234  
not be used to update ~~the name or address of a registered~~ 1235  
~~elector~~ an elector's registration. ~~The name or address of a~~ 1236  
~~registered elector shall only be updated as a result of the~~ 1237  
~~elector's actions in filing a notice of change of name, change~~ 1238  
~~of address, or both.~~ 1239

~~(c) A~~ Except for cases in which an elector's registration 1240  
is updated through the system described in sections 3503.11, 1241  
3503.111, and 3503.112 of the Revised Code, a board of elections 1242  
shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted 1243  
under division (D) ~~(7)~~ (1)(d) of this section to verify the 1244

accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration 1245  
database regarding that elector if that information does not 1246  
conform with information provided under division (A) (2) (a) of 1247  
this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's 1248  
eligibility to cast a regular ballot. 1249

(3) (a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 1250  
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 1251  
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 1252  
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 1253  
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to 1254  
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 1255  
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any 1256  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 1257  
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data 1258  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 1259  
state. 1260

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 1261  
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 1262  
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 1263  
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 1264  
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 1265  
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 1266  
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 1267  
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 1268  
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 1269  
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 1270  
that receives confidential information or data under this 1271  
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 1272  
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 1273  
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 1274  
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 1275

this division shall include a requirement that the person or 1276  
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 1277  
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 1278

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data 1279  
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information 1280  
or data or use the information or data for profit. 1281

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 1282  
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 1283  
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 1284  
receives under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section that is 1285  
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 1286  
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 1287  
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 1288  
state and federal law: 1289

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 1290  
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 1291  
registered elector appears in the database, that only 1292  
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 1293  
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 1294  
eliminated from the database; 1295

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 1296  
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 1297  
the database; 1298

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 1299  
are not removed in error from the database. 1300

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 1301  
under this section shall be the official list of registered 1302  
voters for all elections conducted in this state. 1303

(C) The statewide voter registration database established 1304

under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the 1305  
following: 1306

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 1307  
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 1308  
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 1309

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 1310  
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 1311  
of elections; 1312

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 1313  
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 1314  
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 1315  
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 1316  
updates of the database; 1317

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 1318  
voters and their registration information by name, driver's 1319  
license number, birth date, social security number, or current 1320  
address; 1321

~~(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the 1322  
integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter 1323  
registration information is maintained; 1324~~

~~(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records 1325  
for not less than five years after they are canceled for a 1326  
period that includes at least two federal general elections and 1327  
to record the reason for their cancellation. 1328~~

(D) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 1329  
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following: 1330

~~(1) (a)~~ Specifying the manner in which existing voter 1331  
registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be 1332

converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter registration database; 1333  
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~~(2)~~ (b) 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; 1335  
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~~(3)~~ (c) 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; 1339  
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~~(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;~~ 1342  
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~~(5)~~ ~~Establishing a process for annually auditing the information contained in the statewide voter registration database;~~ 1345  
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~~(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;~~ 1348  
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~~(7)~~ (d) 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. 1354  
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(2) (a) The secretary of state shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of information in the statewide voter registration database. 1362  
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(b) The registrar of motor vehicles shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the information described in division (A) of section 3503.11 and in division (A) of section 3503.111 of the Revised Code that is stored in any bureau of motor vehicles database. 1365  
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(3) The secretary of state shall publish and implement a privacy policy that does all of the following: 1370  
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(a) Specifies each class of persons who are authorized to access the statewide voter registration database or to add, delete, modify, or print records contained in the database; specifies for each such class the permissions and levels of access to be granted; and sets forth other safeguards to protect the privacy of the information in the database that is not a public record; 1372  
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(b) Prohibits public disclosure of all of the following information stored in the statewide voter registration database: 1379  
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(i) Any information that is not necessary to register to vote; 1381  
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(ii) Any full or partial social security number or driver's license or state identification card number; 1383  
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(iii) Any image of a person's signature; 1385

(iv) Any information concerning a person's declination to be registered or to have the person's registration updated under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code; 1386  
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(v) The identity of any agency through which an elector 1389



registered to vote or updated the elector's registration or of 1390  
any agency to which the elector submitted the elector's 1391  
information, resulting in the elector being registered to vote 1392  
or having the elector's registration updated under section 1393  
3503.11 or 3503.111 of the Revised Code; 1394

(vi) Any information that is exempt from disclosure under 1395  
section 111.44, 149.43, or 3503.22 of the Revised Code. 1396

(c) Prohibits state agencies from transmitting to the 1397  
secretary of state or to the boards of elections any information 1398  
that is not necessary to register to vote, to update an 1399  
elector's registration, or to maintain the statewide voter 1400  
registration database. 1401

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 1402  
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 1403  
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 1404  
the secretary of state under division (D)~~(3)~~(1)(c) of this 1405  
section after the cancellation of a voter's registration under 1406  
section 3503.21 of the Revised Code. 1407

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 1408  
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 1409  
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 1410  
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 1411  
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 1412

(G) (1) The statewide voter registration database 1413  
established under this section shall be made available on a web 1414  
site of the office of the secretary of state as follows: 1415

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (1) (b) of 1416  
this section and in sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised 1417  
Code, the following information from the statewide voter 1418

registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made 1419  
available on the web site: 1420

- (i) The voter's name; 1421
- (ii) The voter's address; 1422
- (iii) The voter's precinct number; 1423
- (iv) The voter's political party affiliation, if any; 1424
- (v) The voter's voting history. 1425

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 1426  
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter 1427  
registration database shall permit a voter to search for the 1428  
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot. 1429

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule 1430  
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for 1431  
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes 1432  
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of 1433  
updating the information made available on the secretary of 1434  
state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those 1435  
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days 1436  
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the 1437  
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the 1438  
location of a precinct polling place within the county. 1439

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 1440  
general election, not later than one business day after 1441  
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G) 1442  
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling 1443  
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that 1444  
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose 1445  
of division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 1446

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review 1447  
of the statewide voter registration database as follows: 1448

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information 1449  
in the statewide voter registration database with the 1450  
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 1451  
motor vehicles under division (A)(2) of this section to identify 1452  
any person who does all of the following, in the following 1453  
order: 1454

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 1455  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen; 1456

(b) ~~Registers~~ Is registered to vote, ~~submits a~~ has the 1457  
person's voter registration change of residence or change of 1458  
name form updated, or votes in this state; 1459

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 1460  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen. 1461

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to 1462  
each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, 1463  
instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a 1464  
United States citizen or to submit a completed voter 1465  
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The 1466  
secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration 1467  
cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to 1468  
respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in 1469  
division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty 1470  
days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly 1471  
shall send the person a second notice and form. 1472

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 1473  
was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of 1474  
this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that 1475

the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state 1476  
shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration. 1477

(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 1478  
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H) (2) 1479  
of this section sends a completed voter registration 1480  
cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of 1481  
state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in 1482  
which the person is registered to cancel the person's 1483  
registration. 1484

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under 1485  
division (H) (2) of this section fails to respond to the 1486  
secretary of state in the manner described in division (H) (3) or 1487  
(4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second 1488  
notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter 1489  
to the attorney general for further investigation and possible 1490  
prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any 1491  
other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the 1492  
thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends 1493  
a completed voter registration cancellation form to the 1494  
secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the 1495  
board of elections of the county in which the person is 1496  
registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify 1497  
the attorney general of the cancellation. 1498

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review 1499  
described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days 1500  
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal 1501  
office. 1502

**Sec. 3503.16.** (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in division~~ 1503  
~~(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever~~ Whenever a 1504  
registered elector changes the place of residence of that 1505

registered elector from one precinct to another within a county 1506  
or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that 1507  
registered elector shall report the change by ~~delivering a~~ 1508  
~~change of residence or change of name form, whichever is~~ 1509  
~~appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under~~ 1510  
~~section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office~~ 1511  
~~of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational~~ 1512  
~~school, a public library, the office of the county treasurer,~~ 1513  
~~the office of the secretary of state, any office of the~~ 1514  
~~registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office~~ 1515  
~~of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any~~ 1516  
~~voter registration, change of address, or change of name~~ 1517  
~~application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary~~ 1518  
~~of state or the board of elections.~~ 1519

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 1520  
~~that registered elector by filing a change of residence or~~ 1521  
~~change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general~~ 1522  
~~election at the polling place in the precinct in which that~~ 1523  
~~registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at~~ 1524  
~~another site designated by the board one of the methods~~ 1525  
~~described in section 3503.19 of the Revised Code.~~ 1526

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 1527  
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 1528  
special election and has not ~~filed a notice of reported the~~ 1529  
change of residence in accordance with the board of elections 1530  
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election by 1531  
going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 1532  
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1533  
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 1534  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1535  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1536

paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1537  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 1538  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and current 1539  
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 1540

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1541  
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 1542  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1543  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of name in accordance with 1544  
~~the board of elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may 1545  
vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 1546  
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 1547  
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 1548  
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 1549  
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 1550  
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 1551  
elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and 1552  
sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 1553

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 1554  
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 1555  
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 1556  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1557  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence or change of 1558  
name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with ~~the board of~~ 1559  
~~elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may vote in that 1560  
election if that registered elector complies with division ~~(G)~~ 1561  
(E) of this section or does all of the following: 1562

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 1563  
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 1564  
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 1565  
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 1566

prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 1567  
election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 1568  
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1569  
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 1570  
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 1571

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 1572  
registered elector resides; 1573

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1574  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1575  
has designated another location in the county at which 1576  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1577  
the office of the board of elections. 1578

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1579  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1580  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 1581  
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1582

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1583  
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 1584  
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 1585  
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 1586  
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 1587  
that other location instead of the office of the board of 1588  
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 1589  
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 1590  
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1591

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1592  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1593  
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1594  
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1595

ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1596  
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1597  
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1598  
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1599  
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1600  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1601  
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1602  
at any other location for that particular election. 1603

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1604  
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1605  
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 1606  
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 1607  
reported the change of residence in accordance with section 1608  
3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election if that 1609  
registered elector complies with division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this 1610  
section or does all of the following: 1611

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1612  
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1613  
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1614  
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1615  
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1616  
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1617  
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1618  
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1619  
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1620  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1621  
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1622  
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1623  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1624  
has designated another location in the county at which 1625  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1626



the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1627  
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1628  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1629  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1630  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1631  
the office of the board of elections; 1632

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1633  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1634  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1635

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1636  
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1637  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1638  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1639  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1640  
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1641  
that registered elector has moved; 1642

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1643  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1644  
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1645  
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1646  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1647  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1648  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1649  
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1650  
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1651  
location for that particular election. 1652

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1653  
to division ~~(C)~~(E) of this section shall not make written 1654  
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1655  
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division ~~(C)~~(E) of this 1656

section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1657  
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1658  
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1659  
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1660  
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1661  
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1662  
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1663  
to division ~~(G)~~(E) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1664  
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1665  
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1666

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1667  
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1668  
different from the office of the board at which registered 1669  
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1670  
section. 1671

~~(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1672  
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 1673  
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1674  
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1675  
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1676  
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1677  
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1678  
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1679  
registration.~~ 1680

~~(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1681  
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1682  
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1683  
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1684  
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1685  
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections.~~ 1686

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

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

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a change of name;

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that

the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1717  
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1718  
infirmity; 1719

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1720  
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1721  
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1722  
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1723

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1724  
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1725  
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1726  
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1727  
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1728  
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1729  
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1730  
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1731  
location or address for that particular election. 1732

**Sec. 3503.19.** (A) ~~Persons~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided 1733  
in division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, persons 1734  
qualified to register or to change their registration because of 1735  
a change of address ~~or,~~ change of name, or change of political 1736  
party affiliation may register or change their registration ~~in~~ 1737  
by doing any of the following: 1738

(a) Submitting a voter registration or change of address, 1739  
change of name, or change of political party affiliation form in 1740  
person or through another person at any state or local office of 1741  
a designated agency, at the office of the registrar or any 1742  
deputy registrar of motor vehicles, at a public high school or 1743  
vocational school, at a public library, at the office of a 1744  
county treasurer, or at a branch office established by the board 1745  
of elections, ~~or in;~~ 1746

(b) Submitting a voter registration or change of address, 1747  
change of name, or change of political party affiliation form in 1748  
person or through another person at a probate court or a court 1749  
of common pleas. The board of elections shall provide the forms 1750  
to the courts, and the courts shall provide the forms to any 1751  
person eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name 1752  
by order of the court or who applies for a marriage license. 1753

(c) Submitting a voter registration or change of address, 1754  
change of name, or change of political party affiliation form in 1755  
person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the 1756  
secretary of state or at the office of a ~~any~~ board of elections. 1757  
A registered elector may also change the elector's registration 1758  
on; 1759

(d) Being registered or having the elector's registration 1760  
updated through the voter verification and registration system 1761  
under section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of the Revised Code; 1762

(e) Submitting an application through the online voter 1763  
registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code; 1764

(f) Submitting a voter registration or change of address 1765  
or change of name form in person to the election officials on 1766  
election day at any polling place ~~where the elector is eligible~~ 1767  
~~to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the~~ 1768  
~~Revised Code. Voter registration and change of address, change~~ 1769  
~~of name, or change of political party affiliation forms shall be~~ 1770  
~~available at each polling place, and the election officials~~ 1771  
~~shall return all completed forms, together with the pollbooks~~ 1772  
~~and tally sheets, to the board of elections.~~ 1773

(g) In the case of a change of political party 1774  
affiliation, casting the ballot of the elector's preferred 1775

political party at a primary election; 1776

(h) In the case of a person who is eligible to vote as a 1777  
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 1778  
52 U.S.C. 20310, returning the person's completed voter 1779  
registration or change of address, change of name, or change of 1780  
political party affiliation form electronically to the office of 1781  
the secretary of state or to the board of elections of the 1782  
county in which the person's voting residence is located 1783  
pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1784

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1785  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1786  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1787  
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office 1788  
of a county treasurer shall transmit any voter registration 1789  
application or change of registration form that it receives to 1790  
the board of elections of the county in which the state or local 1791  
office is located, within five days after receiving the voter 1792  
registration application or change of registration form. 1793

~~An~~ (3) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (3) (b) of this 1794  
section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that 1795  
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1796  
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1797  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1798  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1799  
library, the office of a county treasurer, a probate court or 1800  
court of common pleas, the office of the secretary of state, or 1801  
the office of a board of elections no later than the thirtieth 1802  
day preceding a primary, special, or general election for the 1803  
person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that 1804  
election. An otherwise valid registration application received 1805

after that day entitles the elector to vote at all subsequent 1806  
elections. 1807

(b) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by 1808  
the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.11 of the 1809  
Revised Code concerning a person who is eligible to register to 1810  
vote must have been submitted to the bureau by the person not 1811  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1812  
general election for the person to be registered to vote and to 1813  
qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. 1814  
Otherwise valid information transmitted under that division that 1815  
was submitted after that day entitles the person to be 1816  
registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent elections. 1817

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1818  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1819  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1820  
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office 1821  
of a county treasurer shall date stamp a registration 1822  
application or change of name ~~or,~~ change of address, or change 1823  
of political party affiliation form it receives using a date 1824  
stamp that does not disclose the identity of the state or local 1825  
office that receives the registration. 1826

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1827  
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1828  
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1829  
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1830  
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1831  
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1832  
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1833  
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1834  
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1835

the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1836  
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1837  
general election. 1838

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1839  
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1840  
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1841  
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1842  
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42-52 1843  
U.S.C. ~~1973ff-6-29310~~ also may apply for voter registration 1844  
forms by electronic means to the office of the secretary of 1845  
state or to the board of elections of the county in which the 1846  
person's voting residence is located pursuant to section 1847  
3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1848

~~(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed~~ 1849  
~~registration form in person or by mail to any state or local~~ 1850  
~~office of a designated agency, to a public high school or~~ 1851  
~~vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a~~ 1852  
~~county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to~~ 1853  
~~the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible~~ 1854  
~~to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in~~ 1855  
~~accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the~~ 1856  
~~applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to~~ 1857  
~~the office of the secretary of state or to the board of~~ 1858  
~~elections of the county in which the person's voting residence~~ 1859  
~~is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code.~~ 1860

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an~~ 1861  
~~applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form~~ 1862  
~~through another person to any board of elections or the office~~ 1863  
~~of the secretary of state.~~ 1864

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 1865



~~voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 1866  
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~~(d)~~ If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form ~~under division (B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section~~ before the thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within ten days after receiving the application. If a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state receives a registration form ~~under division (B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section~~ on or after the thirtieth day before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that election. 1869  
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(C) (1) (a) A board of elections that receives a voter registration ~~application or change of address, change of name, or change of political party affiliation form~~ and is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in the ~~registration~~ form shall register the applicant or update the elector's registration, as applicable, not later than twenty business days after receiving the application, unless that application is received during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The board shall promptly ~~notify~~ send the applicant ~~in writing of each or elector an acknowledgment notice that~~ includes all of the following: 1884  
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~~(a) (i)~~ The applicant's registration fact that the person 1895

has been registered to vote or had the person's registration 1896  
updated, as applicable; 1897

~~(b)~~ (ii) The person's political party affiliation, if any; 1898

(iii) The precinct in which the ~~applicant~~ person is to 1899  
vote; 1900

~~(c)~~ (iv) In bold type as follows: 1901

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1902  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1903  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1904  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1905  
paycheck, or other government document, other than ~~this a voter~~ 1906  
registration notification, that shows the voter's name and 1907  
current address. Voters who do not provide one of these 1908  
documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional 1909  
ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of 1910  
identification, including a social security number, will still 1911  
be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the 1912  
voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by 1913  
casting a provisional ballot." 1914

(v) If the person was registered to vote or had the 1915  
person's registration updated through the voter verification and 1916  
registration system described in sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 1917  
3503.112 of the Revised Code, the process to cancel the person's 1918  
registration or to submit corrected registration information to 1919  
the board of elections. 1920

The ~~notification acknowledgment notice~~ shall be sent by 1921  
nonforwardable mail. If the mail is returned to the board, it 1922  
shall investigate and cause the ~~notification acknowledgment~~ 1923  
notice to be delivered to the correct address. 1924

(b) If the board of elections receives a voter registration or change of address, change of name, or change of political party affiliation form that is incomplete, the board shall send the applicant or elector an acknowledgment notice informing the person of the information necessary to complete or update the person's registration.

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) (1)(a) 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.

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to provide identification to the election officials and 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.

(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 1955  
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 1956  
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of 1957  
this section in any election during the period of two federal 1958  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 1959  
the person's registration shall be canceled. 1960

**Sec. 3503.20.** (A) The secretary of state shall establish a 1961  
secure online voter registration system. The system shall 1962  
provide for all of the following: 1963

(1) An applicant to submit a voter registration 1964  
application to the secretary of state online through the 1965  
internet; 1966

(2) The online applicant to be registered to vote, if all 1967  
of the following apply: 1968

(a) The application contains all of the following 1969  
information: 1970

(i) The applicant's name; 1971

(ii) The applicant's address; 1972

(iii) The applicant's date of birth; 1973

(iv) The last four digits of the applicant's social 1974  
security number; 1975

(v) The applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the 1976  
number of the applicant's state identification card issued under 1977  
section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 1978

(b) The applicant's name, address, and date of birth, the 1979  
last four digits of the applicant's social security number, and 1980  
the applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of 1981

the applicant's state identification card as they are provided 1982  
in the application are not inconsistent with the information on 1983  
file with the bureau of motor vehicles; 1984

(c) The applicant is a United States citizen, will have 1985  
lived in this state for thirty days immediately preceding the 1986  
next election, will be at least eighteen years of age on or 1987  
before the day of the next general election, and is otherwise 1988  
eligible to register to vote; 1989

(d) The applicant attests to the truth and accuracy of the 1990  
information submitted in the online application under penalty of 1991  
election falsification. 1992

(3) An option for the applicant to select a political 1993  
party that is recognized in this state with which the applicant 1994  
wishes to be affiliated or to indicate that the applicant does 1995  
not wish to be affiliated with a political party. The system 1996  
shall state that the applicant is not required to select a 1997  
political party. 1998

If the applicant indicates that the applicant does not 1999  
wish to be affiliated with a political party, the applicant, 2000  
upon registration, shall not be affiliated with any political 2001  
party. The applicant shall not be registered as affiliated with 2002  
any political party if the applicant is not currently registered 2003  
as affiliated with a political party, does not select a 2004  
political party, and does not indicate that the applicant does 2005  
not wish to be affiliated with a political party. The applicant 2006  
shall remain registered as affiliated with the applicant's 2007  
current political party if the applicant currently is registered 2008  
as affiliated with a political party, does not select the name 2009  
of a political party, and does not indicate that the applicant 2010  
does not wish to be affiliated with a political party. 2011

(B) If an individual registers to vote or a registered 2012  
elector updates the elector's name, address, or ~~both~~ political 2013  
party affiliation under this section, the secretary of state 2014  
shall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's or elector's 2015  
signature that is on file with the bureau of motor vehicles. 2016  
That electronic signature shall be used as the applicant's or 2017  
elector's signature on voter registration records, for all 2018  
election and signature-matching purposes. 2019

(C) The secretary of state shall employ whatever security 2020  
measures the secretary of state considers necessary to ensure 2021  
the integrity and accuracy of voter registration information 2022  
submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in 2023  
processing voter registration applications in the online system 2024  
shall not prevent an applicant from becoming registered or from 2025  
voting. 2026

(D) The online voter registration application established 2027  
under division (A) of this section shall include the following 2028  
language: 2029

"By clicking the box below, I affirm all of the following 2030  
under penalty of election falsification, which is a felony of 2031  
the fifth degree: 2032

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information 2033  
is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or 2034  
update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio. 2035

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is 2036  
true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form. 2037

(3) I am a United States citizen. 2038

(4) I will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately 2039  
preceding the next election. 2040

(5) I will be at least eighteen years of age on or before 2041  
the day of the next general election. 2042

(6) I authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to transmit 2043  
to the Ohio Secretary of State my signature that is on file with 2044  
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and I understand and agree that 2045  
the signature transmitted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will 2046  
be used by the Secretary of State to validate this electronic 2047  
voter registration application as if I had signed this form 2048  
personally." 2049

In order to register to vote or update a voter 2050  
registration under division (A) of this section, an applicant or 2051  
elector shall be required to mark the box in the online voter 2052  
registration application that appears in conjunction with the 2053  
previous statement. 2054

~~(E) The online voter registration process established 2055  
under division (A) of this section shall be in operation and 2056  
available for use by individuals who wish to register to vote or 2057  
update their voter registration information online not earlier 2058  
than January 1, 2017. During the period beginning on the first 2059  
day after the close of voter registration before an election and 2060  
ending on the day of the election, the online voter registration 2061  
system shall display a notice indicating that the applicant will 2062  
not be registered to vote for the purposes of that election. 2063~~

(F) Notwithstanding section 1.50 of the Revised Code, if 2064  
any provision of this section or of division ~~(E)~~ (C) of section 2065  
3503.14 of the Revised Code is held invalid, or if the 2066  
application of any provision of this section or of that division 2067  
to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this section 2068  
and that division cease to operate. 2069

**Sec. 3503.21.** (A) The registration of a registered elector 2070  
shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following: 2071

(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written 2072  
request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on 2073  
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the 2074  
elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a 2075  
request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from 2076  
reregistering to vote at any time. 2077

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered 2078  
elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code; 2079

(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified 2080  
copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the 2081  
deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the 2082  
administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the 2083  
executor of the deceased elector's will; 2084

(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony 2085  
under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United 2086  
States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code; 2087

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered 2088  
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 2089  
5122.301 of the Revised Code; 2090

(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a 2091  
location outside the county of registration ~~in accordance with~~ 2092  
~~division (B) of this~~, as described in section 3503.33 of the 2093  
Revised Code; 2094

(7) (a) The failure of the registered elector, after having 2095  
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do ~~either one or more of~~ 2096  
the following at least once during a period of four consecutive 2097  
years, which period shall include two federal general elections: 2098



~~(a)(i) Respond to such a confirmation notice and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;~~ 2099  
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~~(b)(ii) Update the elector's registration and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;~~ 2102  
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(iii) Have the elector's registration updated under section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of the Revised Code; 2105  
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(iv) Vote in an election. 2107

~~(8)(b) The registration of a registered elector described in division (A) (7) (a) of this section shall be canceled not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second federal general election occurring after the elector is mailed a confirmation notice or not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of the four-year period described in that division, whichever is later, provided that the registration shall not be canceled during the ninety days immediately preceding a federal primary or general election.~~ 2108  
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(8) The declination of an elector who has been registered under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code to register to vote, as described in division (D) (3) of that section. 2117  
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(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the Revised Code. 2120  
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~~(B)(1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting residence to a location outside the registrant's current county of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division~~ 2123  
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~~shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with~~ 2128  
~~the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may~~ 2129  
~~prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of~~ 2130  
~~the national change of address service provided by the United~~ 2131  
~~States postal system through its licensees. Any program so~~ 2132  
~~prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior~~ 2133  
~~to the date of any primary or general election for federal~~ 2134  
~~office.~~ 2135

~~(2) The registration of any elector identified as having~~ 2136  
~~changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the~~ 2137  
~~elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled~~ 2138  
~~unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form~~ 2139  
~~prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to~~ 2140  
~~respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the~~ 2141  
~~registration and fails to vote in any election during the period~~ 2142  
~~of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the~~ 2143  
~~confirmation notice.~~ 2144

~~(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be~~ 2145  
~~canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of~~ 2146  
~~the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised~~ 2147  
~~Code, division (D) (2) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code,~~ 2148  
~~division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, or~~ 2149  
~~division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code.~~ 2150

~~(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter~~ 2151  
~~registration information to the secretary of state as required~~ 2152  
~~under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of~~ 2153  
~~state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15~~ 2154  
~~of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections~~ 2155  
~~must send that information to the secretary of state. In the~~ 2156  
~~first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send~~ 2157

~~the information to the national change of address service— 2158  
described in division (B) of this section and request that— 2159  
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any— 2160  
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the— 2161  
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to— 2162  
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary— 2163  
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a— 2164  
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary— 2165  
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of— 2166  
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return— 2167  
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or— 2168  
correct the change of address information.— 2169~~

~~(E) The registration of a registered elector described in— 2170  
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not— 2171  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second— 2172  
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or— 2173  
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of— 2174  
the four year period in which the elector fails to vote or— 2175  
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later.— 2176~~

~~(F)~~ (C) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 2177  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 2178  
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 2179  
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 2180  
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 2181  
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 2182  
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 2183  
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 2184  
error. 2185

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 2186  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 2187

restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 2188

Sec. 3503.22. (A) An elector whose residence address is 2189  
exempt from disclosure under division (A)(1)(p) of section 2190  
149.43 of the Revised Code may submit a written notice of that 2191  
fact to the board of elections on a form prescribed by the 2192  
secretary of state and signed under penalty of election 2193  
falsification. 2194

(B) Upon receiving a properly completed notice under 2195  
division (A) of this section, the board of elections shall do 2196  
all of the following: 2197

(1) Remove the elector's residence address and precinct 2198  
information from the version of the statewide voter registration 2199  
database that is available to the public and from any version of 2200  
an official registration list or other list of electors that is 2201  
available to the public; 2202

(2) Exclude the elector from any precinct registration 2203  
list that is available to the public; 2204

(3) Prevent any member of the public from inspecting the 2205  
elector's registration form at the office of the board. 2206

(C) The secretary of state shall prescribe methods by 2207  
which the secretary of state and the boards of elections shall 2208  
note on the elector's registration record that the elector has 2209  
submitted a notice under division (A) of this section, such that 2210  
the note is maintained as associated with the registration 2211  
record in the statewide voter registration database and in the 2212  
records of the board whenever the elector has a change of 2213  
residence, change of name, or change of political party 2214  
affiliation. 2215

Sec. 3503.23. (A) Fourteen days before an election, the 2216

board of elections shall cause to be prepared from the statewide 2217  
voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of 2218  
the Revised Code a complete and official registration list for 2219  
each precinct, containing the names, addresses, and political 2220  
party ~~whose ballot the elector voted in the most recent primary~~ 2221  
~~election within the current year and the immediately preceding~~ 2222  
~~two calendar years, affiliations, as determined under section~~ 2223  
3503.231 of the Revised Code, of all qualified registered voters 2224  
in the precinct, except as otherwise provided in ~~section~~ 2225  
sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the Revised Code. All the names, 2226  
insofar as practicable, shall be arranged in alphabetical order. 2227  
The lists may be prepared either in sheet form on one side of 2228  
the paper or in electronic form, at the discretion of the board. 2229  
Each precinct list shall be headed "Register of Voters," and 2230  
under the heading shall be indicated the district or ward and 2231  
precinct. 2232

Appended to each precinct list shall be attached the names 2233  
of the members of the board and the name of the director. A 2234  
sufficient number of such lists shall be provided for 2235  
distribution to the candidates, political parties, or organized 2236  
groups that apply for them. The board shall have each precinct 2237  
list available at the board for viewing by the public during 2238  
normal business hours. The board shall ensure that, by the 2239  
opening of the polls on the day of a general or primary 2240  
election, each precinct has a paper copy of the registration 2241  
list of voters in that precinct. 2242

(B) On the day of a general or primary election, precinct 2243  
election officials shall do both of the following: 2244

(1) By the time the polls open, conspicuously post and 2245  
display at the polling place one copy of the registration list 2246

of voters in that precinct in an area of the polling place that 2247  
is easily accessible; 2248

(2) At 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. place a mark, on the official 2249  
registration list posted at the polling place, before the name 2250  
of those registered voters who have voted. 2251

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 3501.35 of the 2252  
Revised Code, any person may enter the polling place for the 2253  
sole purpose of reviewing the official registration list posted 2254  
in accordance with division (B) of this section, provided that 2255  
the person does not engage in conduct that would constitute 2256  
harassment in violation of the election law, as defined in 2257  
section 3501.90 of the Revised Code. 2258

Sec. 3503.231. An elector's political party affiliation 2259  
shall be determined based on the most recent of the following: 2260

(A) The elector's most recent registration form or change 2261  
of political party affiliation form; 2262

(B) The elector's action in casting the ballot of the 2263  
elector's preferred political party at a primary election during 2264  
the current calendar year or the previous two calendar years. 2265

**Sec. 3503.24.** (A) Application for the correction of any 2266  
precinct registration list or a challenge of the right to vote 2267  
of any registered elector may be made by any qualified elector 2268  
at the office of the board of elections not later than the 2269  
thirtieth day before the day of the election. The applications 2270  
or challenges, with the reasons for the application or 2271  
challenge, shall be filed with the board in person or by mail on 2272  
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be signed 2273  
under penalty of election falsification. 2274

(B) On receiving an application or challenge filed under 2275

this section, the board of elections promptly shall review the 2276  
board's records. If the board is able to determine that an 2277  
application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on 2278  
the basis of the records maintained by the board, the board 2279  
immediately shall vote to grant or deny that application or 2280  
challenge. 2281

If the board is not able to determine whether an 2282  
application or challenge should be granted or denied solely on 2283  
the basis of the records maintained by the board, the director 2284  
shall promptly set a time and date for a hearing before the 2285  
board. The hearing shall be held, and the application or 2286  
challenge shall be decided, no later than ten days after the 2287  
board receives the application or challenge. The director shall 2288  
send written notice to any elector whose right to vote is 2289  
challenged and to any person whose name is alleged to have been 2290  
omitted from a registration list. The notice shall inform the 2291  
person of the time and date of the hearing, and of the person's 2292  
right to appear and testify, call witnesses, and be represented 2293  
by counsel. The notice shall be sent by first class mail no 2294  
later than three days before the day of any scheduled hearing. 2295  
Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, 2296  
the director shall also provide the person who filed the 2297  
application or challenge with such written notice of the date 2298  
and time of the hearing. 2299

At the request of either party or any member of the board, 2300  
the board shall issue subpoenas to witnesses to appear and 2301  
testify before the board at a hearing held under this section. 2302  
All witnesses shall testify under oath. The board shall reach a 2303  
decision on all applications and challenges immediately after 2304  
hearing. 2305

(C) If the board decides that any such person is not 2306  
entitled to have the person's name on the registration list, the 2307  
person's name shall be removed from the list and the person's 2308  
registration forms canceled. If the board decides that the name 2309  
of any such person should appear on the registration list, it 2310  
shall be added to the list, and the person's registration forms 2311  
placed in the proper registration files. All such corrections 2312  
and additions shall be made on a copy of the precinct lists, 2313  
which shall constitute the poll lists, to be furnished to the 2314  
respective precincts with other election supplies on the day 2315  
preceding the election, to be used by the election officials in 2316  
receiving the signatures of voters and in checking against the 2317  
registration forms. 2318

(D) If an elector who is the subject of an application or 2319  
challenge hearing has a confidential voter registration record, 2320  
as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, or if the 2321  
elector has submitted a notice under section 3503.22 of the 2322  
Revised Code that the elector's residence address is exempt from 2323  
public disclosure under division (A) (1) (p) of section 149.43 of 2324  
the Revised Code, all of the following apply: 2325

(1) If the elector's right to vote has been challenged, 2326  
the person who filed the challenge shall not receive notice of 2327  
the date and time of any hearing held concerning the challenge, 2328  
shall not be permitted to attend the hearing, and shall not 2329  
receive notice of the disposition of the challenge. 2330

(2) If the elector is the subject of an application for 2331  
the correction of the precinct registration list and the elector 2332  
is not the person who filed the application, the person who 2333  
filed the application shall not receive notice of the date and 2334  
time of any hearing held concerning the application, shall not 2335



be permitted to attend the hearing, and shall not receive notice 2336  
of the disposition of the application. 2337

(3) Notwithstanding section 121.22 of the Revised Code, 2338  
any hearing held concerning the application or challenge shall 2339  
not be open to the public. 2340

(4) Any records created as a result of the application or 2341  
challenge that include the elector's residence address or 2342  
precinct shall not be open to public inspection. 2343

**Sec. 3503.26.** (A) All registration forms and lists, when 2344  
not in official use by the registrars or precinct election 2345  
officials, shall be in the possession of the board of elections. 2346  
Names and addresses of electors may be copied from the 2347  
registration lists only in the office of the board when it is 2348  
open for business; but no such copying shall be permitted during 2349  
the period of time commencing twenty-one days before an election 2350  
and ending on the eleventh day after an election if such copying 2351  
will, in the opinion of the board, interfere with the necessary 2352  
work of the board. Except as provided in ~~section~~ sections 111.44 2353  
and 3503.22 of the Revised Code, the board shall keep in 2354  
convenient form and available for public inspection a correct 2355  
set of the registration lists of all precincts in the county. 2356

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, and 2357  
except as provided in ~~section~~ sections 111.44 and 3503.22 of the 2358  
Revised Code, the board of elections shall maintain and make 2359  
available for public inspection and copying at a reasonable cost 2360  
all records concerning the implementation of programs and 2361  
activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy 2362  
and currency of voter registration lists, including the names 2363  
and addresses of all registered electors sent confirmation 2364  
notices and whether or not the elector responded to the 2365

confirmation notice. The board shall maintain all records 2366  
described in this division for a period of two years. 2367

**Sec. 3503.28.** (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 2368  
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 2369  
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 2370  
information: 2371

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 2372  
for ~~returning~~ submitting an applicant's completed registration 2373  
form application; 2374

~~(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's~~ 2375  
~~completed registration form if the person returning the form is~~ 2376  
~~being compensated for registering voters;~~ 2377

~~(3) The locations to~~ and manner in which a person may 2378  
~~return an applicant's completed registration form~~ register or be 2379  
registered to vote; 2380

~~(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for~~ 2381  
~~registering voters may return an applicant's completed~~ 2382  
~~registration form;~~ 2383

~~(5) The registration and affirmation requirements~~ 2384  
~~applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters~~ 2385  
~~under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;~~ 2386

~~(6)~~ (3) The manner in which a person may decline to be 2387  
registered to vote under the voter verification and registration 2388  
system described in sections 3503.11 to 3503.112 of the Revised 2389  
Code; 2390

(4) The manner in which a person may establish or change 2391  
the person's political party affiliation; 2392

(5) The manner in which a person whose residence address 2393

is exempt from disclosure under division (A) (1) (p) of section 2394  
149.43 of the Revised Code may notify the board of elections of 2395  
that fact under section 3503.22 of the Revised Code; 2396

(6) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating 2397  
as follows: 2398

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 2399  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 2400  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 2401  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2402  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 2403  
registration notification sent by a board of elections, that 2404  
shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not 2405  
provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by 2406  
casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the 2407  
above forms of identification, including a social security 2408  
number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation 2409  
swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election 2410  
falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 2411

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this 2412  
section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high 2413  
school, public vocational school, public library, office of a 2414  
county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall 2415  
distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) 2416  
of this section to any person who requests more than two voter 2417  
registration forms at one time. 2418

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the 2419  
information required to be included in the brochure developed 2420  
under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 2421  
voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 2422  
the office of the secretary of state. 2423

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

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this section to any of the following officials or employees who are requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in the course of the official's or employee's normal duties:

- (1) An election official;
- (2) A county treasurer;
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;
- (4) An employee of a designated agency;
- (5) An employee of a public high school;
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school;
- (7) An employee of a public library;
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;
- (11) An employee of an election official.

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

**Sec. 3503.30.** (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has

caused ~~himself~~ the elector to be registered in a precinct ~~which~~ 2450  
~~was that is not his~~ the elector's place of residence, the board 2451  
of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was 2452  
committed by mistake, may, on ~~his~~ the elector's personal 2453  
application and proof of ~~his~~ the elector's true residence, 2454  
correct ~~his~~ the elector's registration form. The board may 2455  
correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors 2456  
when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of 2457  
fraudulent intent. 2458

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been 2459  
registered under section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of the Revised Code 2460  
in a precinct or under a name that is not the elector's place of 2461  
residence or name, the board of elections, upon application of 2462  
the elector and proof of the elector's true residence or name, 2463  
as applicable, shall correct the elector's registration form. If 2464  
the elector casts a provisional ballot because the elector's 2465  
registration has been updated erroneously under those sections, 2466  
the elector's provisional ballot shall be eligible to be 2467  
counted, as described in division (E) of section 3505.183 of the 2468  
Revised Code. 2469

**Sec. 3503.33.** (A) If an elector applying for registration 2470  
is already registered in another state or in another county 2471  
within this state, the elector shall declare this fact ~~to the~~ 2472  
~~registration officer and shall sign~~ on the registration form, 2473  
which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous 2474  
registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 2475

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote 2476  
or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 or 2477  
3503.111 of the Revised Code, if the board is aware of the 2478  
person's previous residence address and that address is located 2479

in another state or in another county within this state, the 2480  
board shall create a notice to cancel the previous registration 2481  
for the purpose of complying with division (C) of this section. 2482

(C) The director of the board of elections shall mail all 2483  
such authorizations and notices described in division (A) or (B) 2484  
of this section to the board of elections or comparable agency 2485  
of the proper state and county. In the case of a notice 2486  
described in division (B) of this section, the board shall 2487  
include with the notice a copy of the elector's most recent 2488  
registration form. Upon the receipt of this authorization from 2489  
the forwarding county, the director of a board of elections in 2490  
Ohio, upon a comparison of the elector's signature with the 2491  
elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, 2492  
shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and 2493  
place it with the cancellation authorization in a separate file 2494  
which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years. 2495

The board shall notify the elector at the present address 2496  
as shown on the cancellation authorization or notice that his 2497  
the elector's prior registration has been canceled. 2498

(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior 2499  
registration under division (C)(1) of this section, the board of 2500  
elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this 2501  
section receives a declination to register or to update the 2502  
elector's registration under section 3503.11 or 3503.111 of the 2503  
Revised Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or 2504  
comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under 2505  
division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous 2506  
registration and treat it as though it were never canceled. 2507

**Sec. 3505.18.** (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling 2508  
place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct 2509

election officials the elector's full name and current address 2510  
and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a 2511  
current and valid photo identification, a military 2512  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 2513  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2514  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2515  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 2516  
that shows the name and current address of the elector. 2517

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to 2518  
the precinct election officials any of the forms of 2519  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 2520  
the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 2521  
of the Revised Code and do either of the following: 2522

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state 2523  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2524  
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot 2525  
envelope; or 2526

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not 2527  
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and 2528  
provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of 2529  
this section, the elector's driver's license or state 2530  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2531  
elector's social security number. 2532

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full 2533  
name and current address and provided any of the forms of 2534  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 2535  
the elector shall ~~write-sign~~ the elector's ~~name and address~~ 2536  
signature at the proper place in the poll list or signature 2537  
pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for any 2538  
reason, an elector is unable to ~~write-sign~~ the elector's ~~name~~ 2539

~~and current address signature~~ in the poll list or signature 2540  
pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place 2541  
intended for the elector's ~~name signature~~, and a precinct 2542  
election official shall write the name of the elector at the 2543  
proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook following 2544  
the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested 2545  
by the precinct election official, who shall evidence the same 2546  
by signing the precinct election official's name on the poll 2547  
list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. 2548  
Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting 2549  
pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the 2550  
elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in 2551  
accordance with that section. 2552

The elector's signature in the poll list or signature 2553  
pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's signature on 2554  
the elector's registration form or a digitized signature list as 2555  
provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised Code, and if, in 2556  
the opinion of a majority of the precinct election officials, 2557  
the signatures are the signatures of the same person, the 2558  
election officials shall enter the date of the election on the 2559  
registration form or shall record the date by other means 2560  
prescribed by the secretary of state. The validity of an 2561  
attorney in fact's signature on behalf of an elector shall be 2562  
determined in accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised 2563  
Code. 2564

If the right of the elector to vote is not then 2565  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 2566  
elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 2567  
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 2568  
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 2569  
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 2570



elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 2571  
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 2572  
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 2573  
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 2574  
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 2575  
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 2576  
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 2577  
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 2578  
person who voted the ballot. 2579

**Sec. 3505.181.** (A) All of the following individuals shall 2580  
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 2581

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 2582  
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 2583  
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 2584  
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 2585  
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 2586  
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 2587

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 2588  
provide to the election officials any of the forms of 2589  
identification required under division (A) (1) of section 3505.18 2590  
of the Revised Code; 2591

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 2592  
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 2593  
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 2594  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 2595  
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 2596

(4) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 2597  
pollbook has been marked because the individual's notification 2598  
of registration has been returned undelivered to the board of 2599

~~elections and whose name in the official registration list and  
in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked under  
division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code;~~ 2600  
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(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged 2603  
under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code; 2604

(6) An individual who changes the individual's name and 2605  
remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name 2606  
change under division (B) (1) (b) of section 3503.16 of the 2607  
Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a 2608  
county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the 2609  
individual's name, or moves from one county to another within 2610  
the state, and completes and signs the required forms and 2611  
statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the 2612  
Revised Code; 2613

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the 2614  
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is 2615  
not that of the person who signed that name in the registration 2616  
forms. 2617

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional 2618  
ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to 2619  
cast a provisional ballot as follows: 2620

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify 2621  
the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 2622  
in that election. 2623

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 2624  
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 2625  
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 2626  
stating that the individual is both of the following: 2627

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 2628

individual desires to vote; 2629

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 2630

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 2631  
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 2632  
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 2633  
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 2634  
appropriate local election official for verification under 2635  
division (B) (4) of this section. 2636

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 2637  
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 2638  
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 2639  
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 2640  
be counted as a vote in that election. 2641

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 2642  
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 2643  
individual written information that states that any individual 2644  
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 2645  
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 2646  
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 2647  
the reason that the vote was not counted. 2648

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 2649  
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 2650  
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 2651  
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 2652  
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 2653  
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 2654  
established under this division also shall provide to an 2655  
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 2656  
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 2657

elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 2658  
individual's voter registration. 2659

The appropriate state or local election official shall 2660  
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 2661  
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 2662  
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 2663  
access system established under this division. The system shall 2664  
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 2665  
the individual's own provisional ballot. 2666

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 2667  
ballot, the individual provides identification in the form of a 2668  
current and valid photo identification, a military 2669  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 2670  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2671  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2672  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 2673  
that shows the individual's name and current address, or 2674  
provides the individual's driver's license or state 2675  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2676  
individual's social security number, the individual shall record 2677  
the type of identification provided or the driver's license, 2678  
state identification card, or social security number information 2679  
and include that information on the provisional ballot 2680  
affirmation under division (B) (3) of this section. 2681

(7) During the seven days after the day of an election, an 2682  
individual who casts a provisional ballot because the individual 2683  
does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials 2684  
any of the required forms of identification or because the 2685  
individual has been successfully challenged under section 2686  
3505.20 of the Revised Code shall appear at the office of the 2687

board of elections and provide to the board any additional 2688  
information necessary to determine the eligibility of the 2689  
individual who cast the provisional ballot. 2690

(a) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who 2691  
does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials 2692  
any of the required forms of identification to be eligible to be 2693  
counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days 2694  
after the day of the election, shall do either of the following: 2695

(i) Provide to the board of elections proof of the 2696  
individual's identity in the form of a current and valid photo 2697  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 2698  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2699  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2700  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2701  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the individual's name 2702  
and current address; or 2703

(ii) Provide to the board of elections the individual's 2704  
driver's license or state identification card number or the last 2705  
four digits of the individual's social security number. 2706

(b) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 2707  
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 2708  
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 2709  
cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of that 2710  
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 2711  
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 2712  
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 2713  
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 2714

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 2715  
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 2716

the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 2717  
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 2718  
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 2719  
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 2720  
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 2721  
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 2722  
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 2723  
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 2724  
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 2725  
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 2726  
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 2727  
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 2728

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 2729  
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 2730  
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 2731  
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 2732  
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 2733  
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 2734  
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 2735  
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 2736  
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 2737  
provisional ballot affirmation: 2738

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 2739  
precinct; 2740

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 2741  
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 2742

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 2743  
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 2744  
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 2745  
ballot being rejected; 2746

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters under applicable federal and state laws;	2774 2775
(e) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;	2776 2777 2778 2779 2780
(f) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and misrepresentation.	2781 2782 2783
(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two precinct election officials of different political parties. A blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may receive assistance on the day of an election under that section.	2784 2785 2786 2787 2788 2789 2790 2791 2792
<b>Sec. 3505.183.</b> (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one member of each major political party shall place the sealed provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board	2793 2794 2795 2796 2797 2798 2799 2800 2801 2802 2803



receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2804  
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2805  
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2806  
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2807

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2808  
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2809  
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2810  
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2811  
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2812  
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2813  
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2814  
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2815  
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2816  
be eligible to be counted: 2817

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2818  
birth, and current address; 2819

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2820  
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2821

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2822  
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2823

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2824  
in an affirmation under division (B) (1) of this section, in 2825  
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2826  
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2827  
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2828  
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2829  
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2830  
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2831  
during the seven days after the day of the election under 2832

division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 2833  
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 2834  
vote. 2835

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2836  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2837  
section and comparing the information required under division 2838  
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2839  
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2840  
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2841  
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2842  
to be counted: 2843

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2844  
registered to vote. 2845

(b) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D) and 2846  
(E) of this section, the individual named on the affirmation is 2847  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election 2848  
in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2849

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2850  
required under division (B) (1) of this section in the 2851  
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2852  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2853

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2854  
number or the elector's driver's license number or state 2855  
identification card number are not different from the last four 2856  
digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's 2857  
driver's license number or state identification card number 2858  
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2859

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2860  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different 2861

from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained 2862  
in the statewide voter registration database. 2863

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2864  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2865

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2866  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2867

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2868  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other 2869  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2870

(f) The elector's current address is not different from 2871  
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter 2872  
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the 2873  
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has 2874  
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as 2875  
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2876  
Code, and except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this 2877  
section. 2878

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2879  
information required under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 2880  
of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 2881  
election. 2882

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~division~~ divisions 2883  
(D) and (E) of this section, if, in examining a provisional 2884  
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2885  
(B) (1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information 2886  
required under division (B) (1) of this section with the 2887  
elector's information in the statewide voter registration 2888  
database, the board determines that any of the following 2889  
applies, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, 2890

and the ballot shall not be counted: 2891

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2892  
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2893

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2894  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2895  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2896

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2897  
information required under division (B)(1) of this section in 2898  
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2899  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2900

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2901  
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2902

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2903  
additional information required under division (B)(7) of section 2904  
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of 2905  
the election. 2906

(vi) The individual failed to provide a current and valid 2907  
photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a 2908  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2909  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2910  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2911  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, with the voter's name and current 2912  
address, the individual's driver's license or state 2913  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2914  
individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation 2915  
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2916

(vii) The last four digits of the elector's social 2917  
security number or the elector's driver's license number or 2918  
state identification card number are different from the last 2919

four digits of the elector's social security number or the 2920  
elector's driver's license number or state identification card 2921  
number contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2922

(viii) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2923  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from 2924  
the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in 2925  
the statewide voter registration database. 2926

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2927  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2928

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2929  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2930

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2931  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the 2932  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the 2933  
requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section. 2934

(ix) The elector's current address is different from the 2935  
elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 2936  
database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is 2937  
casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and 2938  
has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in 2939  
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2940

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2941  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2942  
section and comparing the information required under division 2943  
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2944  
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2945  
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2946  
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2947  
counted: 2948

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2949  
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2950

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2951  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2952  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2953

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2954  
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2955  
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2956  
of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2957  
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2958  
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2959  
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2960  
recorded that information in another database. 2961

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2962  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2963  
to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 2964  
which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 2965  
election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 2966  
precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 2967  
(D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 2968  
have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 2969  
election official correctly completed the form described in 2970  
division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2971

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2972  
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2973  
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2974  
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2975  
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2976  
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2977  
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2978

which the individual was eligible to vote. 2979

(3) ~~If~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (2) of 2980  
this section, if an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2981  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2982  
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2983  
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2984  
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2985  
shall not be counted. 2986

(E) ~~Provisional~~ (1) If the board determines that a 2987  
provisional ballot is not eligible to be counted under this 2988  
section because the individual's address provided on the 2989  
provisional ballot affirmation is different from the address 2990  
contained in the statewide voter registration database, because 2991  
the individual's name and signature provided on the provisional 2992  
ballot affirmation are different from the name and signature 2993  
contained in the statewide voter registration database, or both, 2994  
and both of the following are true, the board shall correct the 2995  
individual's voter registration record to reflect the 2996  
information provided in the provisional ballot affirmation, and 2997  
the provisional ballot nonetheless shall be eligible to be 2998  
counted: 2999

(a) The individual's voter registration was most recently 3000  
updated through the voter verification and registration system 3001  
described in sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.112 of the 3002  
Revised Code and not at the request of the individual or using 3003  
information the individual submitted to the board of elections 3004  
or the secretary of state; 3005

(b) The individual's voter registration correctly 3006  
reflected the individual's address, name, and signature, as 3007  
provided on the provisional ballot affirmation, immediately 3008

before that update occurred. 3009

(2) If an individual who cast a provisional ballot that is 3010  
eligible to be counted under division (E)(1) of this section 3011  
cast that ballot in the precinct indicated by the individual's 3012  
voter registration record as updated through the voter 3013  
verification and registration system, and not in the precinct in 3014  
which the individual resides, the board shall remake the 3015  
provisional ballot on a ballot for the precinct in which the 3016  
individual resides to reflect the offices, questions, and issues 3017  
for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for 3018  
which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The 3019  
remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and 3020  
issue for which the individual was eligible to vote. 3021

(F) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 3022  
(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 3023  
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 3024  
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 3025  
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 3026  
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 3027

~~(F)~~ (G) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 3028  
eligible to be counted under ~~division (B) (3) or (D) of this~~ 3029  
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 3030  
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 3031  
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 3032  
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 3033  
provisional ballots cast in that county under ~~division (B) of~~ 3034  
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 3035  
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 3036  
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 3037  
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 3038



determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 3039  
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 3040  
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 3041  
ballot. 3042

~~(G)~~ (H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(G)~~ (H) 3043  
(2) of this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a 3044  
board of elections from examining provisional ballot 3045  
affirmations and additional information under ~~divisions (B) (1)~~ 3046  
~~and (2) of~~ this section to determine the eligibility of 3047  
provisional ballots to be counted during the ten days after the 3048  
day of an election. 3049

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 3050  
ballot affirmation and additional information under ~~divisions~~ 3051  
~~(B) (1) and (2) of~~ this section of any provisional ballot cast by 3052  
an individual who must provide additional information to the 3053  
board of elections under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of 3054  
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 3055  
eligibility until the individual provides that information or 3056  
until the eleventh day after the day of the election, whichever 3057  
is earlier. 3058

**Sec. 3509.02.** (A) Any qualified elector may vote by absent 3059  
voter's ballots at an election. 3060

(B) Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the 3061  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 3062  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 3063  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 3064  
vote, at that other location on account of personal illness, 3065  
physical disability, or infirmity, and who moves from one 3066  
precinct to another within a county, changes the elector's name 3067  
and moves from one precinct to another within a county, or moves 3068

from one county to another county within the state, on or prior 3069  
to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has 3070  
not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name may 3071  
vote by absent voter's ballots in that election as specified in 3072  
division ~~(C)~~(E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code. 3073

**Sec. 3509.03.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 3074  
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector 3075  
desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall 3076  
make written application for those ballots to the director of 3077  
elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence 3078  
is located. 3079

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 3080  
section, the application need not be in any particular form but 3081  
shall contain all of the following: 3082

(1) The elector's name; 3083

(2) The elector's signature; 3084

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 3085  
vote; 3086

(4) The elector's date of birth; 3087

(5) One of the following: 3088

(a) The elector's driver's license number; 3089

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 3090  
number; 3091

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 3092  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 3093  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 3094  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 3095

voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 3096  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 3097  
the elector. 3098

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 3099  
voter's ballots are requested; 3100

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 3101  
a qualified elector; 3102

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 3103  
elector's political party affiliation whose ballot the elector 3104  
wishes to cast or a statement that the elector wishes to vote 3105  
only for the questions and issues appearing on the ballot in a 3106  
special election held on the day of the primary election; 3107

(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 3108  
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 3109

(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 3110  
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 3111  
elector may provide the elector's program participant 3112  
identification number instead of the address at which the 3113  
elector is registered to vote. 3114

(D) Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be 3115  
delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of 3116  
January of the year of the elections for which the absent 3117  
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 3118  
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 3119  
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 3120  
the third day before the day of the election at which the 3121  
ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last 3122  
Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are 3123  
to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the 3124

office of the board. 3125

(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter's 3126  
ballot application to an elector under this section shall not 3127  
prepay the return postage for that application. 3128

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3129  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3130  
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 3131  
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 3132  
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 3133  
applicant's name and address on an application for absent 3134  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 3135  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 3136  
registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 3137  
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 3138  
application. 3139

**Sec. 3509.04.** (A) If a director of a board of elections 3140  
receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not 3141  
contain all of the required information, the director promptly 3142  
shall notify the applicant of the additional information 3143  
required to be provided by the applicant to complete that 3144  
application. 3145

(B) Upon receipt by the director of elections of an 3146  
application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the 3147  
required information, as provided by section 3509.03 and 3148  
division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, the 3149  
director, if the director finds that the applicant is a 3150  
qualified elector, shall deliver to the applicant in person or 3151  
mail directly to the applicant by special delivery mail, air 3152  
mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, proper absent voter's 3153  
ballots. The director shall deliver or mail with the ballots an 3154

unsealed identification envelope upon the face of which shall be 3155  
printed a form substantially as follows: 3156

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 3157

I, .....(Name of voter), declare under 3158  
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 3159  
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 3160  
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 3161  
in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 3162

My voting residence in Ohio is 3163  
..... 3164

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 3165

of ..... (City, Village, or Township) 3166  
Ohio, which is in Ward ..... Precinct ..... 3167  
in that city, village, or township. 3168

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 3169  
providing my program participant identification number instead 3170  
of my residence address: ..... 3171

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 3172  
are primary election ballots of the ..... Party. 3173

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 3174  
the ..... (general, special, or primary) election to be 3175  
held on the ..... day 3176  
of ....., .... 3177

My date of birth is ..... (Month and 3178  
Day), ..... (Year). 3179

(Voter must provide one of the following:) 3180

My driver's license number is ..... (Driver's 3181

license number). 3182

The last four digits of my Social Security Number 3183  
are ..... (Last four digits of Social Security 3184  
Number). 3185

..... In lieu of providing a driver's license number or 3186  
the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am 3187  
enclosing a copy of one of the following in the return envelope 3188  
in which this identification envelope will be mailed: a current 3189  
and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a 3190  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 3191  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 3192  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections, that shows my 3193  
name and address. 3194

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 3195  
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 3196

..... (Signature of Voter) 3197

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 3198  
THE FIFTH DEGREE." 3199

The director shall mail with the ballots and the unsealed 3200  
identification envelope an unsealed return envelope upon the 3201  
face of which shall be printed the official title and post- 3202  
office address of the director. In the upper left corner on the 3203  
face of the return envelope, several blank lines shall be 3204  
printed upon which the voter may write the voter's name and 3205  
return address. The return envelope shall be of such size that 3206  
the identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it 3207  
for returning the identification envelope to the director. 3208

A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers 3209  
absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section shall 3210

not prepay the return postage for those ballots. 3211

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3212  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3213  
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification 3214  
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on 3215  
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 3216  
elector's name and address on an identification envelope 3217  
statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the 3218  
elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 3219  
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 3220  
Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the 3221  
elector's address on the identification envelope statement of 3222  
voter. 3223

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent 3224  
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 3225  
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 3226  
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 3227  
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 3228  
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 3229  
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 3230  
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 3231  
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 3232  
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 3233  
director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 3234  
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 3235  
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 3236  
penalty of election falsification. 3237

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 3238  
license number or the last four digits of the elector's social 3239  
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 3240

envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope 3241  
with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current 3242  
valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, 3243  
or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government 3244  
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a 3245  
notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections 3246  
~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ that shows the name 3247  
and address of the elector. 3248

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the 3249  
director from whom it was received in the return envelope, 3250  
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the 3251  
director, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, 3252  
father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, 3253  
or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 3254  
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 3255  
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 3256  
director. The return envelope shall be transmitted to the 3257  
director in no other manner, except as provided in section 3258  
3509.08 of the Revised Code. 3259

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at 3260  
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting 3261  
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. 3262  
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the 3263  
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 3264  
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 3265  
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 3266  
board. 3267

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this 3268  
section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's 3269  
ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the 3270



close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's 3271  
ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified 3272  
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 3273  
sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to 3274  
the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 3275  
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 3276  
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 3277  
shall be destroyed. 3278

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 3279  
this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to 3280  
the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior 3281  
to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in 3282  
envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are 3283  
received after the close of the polls on election day through 3284  
the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at 3285  
the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) 3286  
and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner 3287  
provided in division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any 3288  
such ballots that are received by the director later than the 3289  
tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 3290  
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 3291  
provided in division (A) of this section. 3292

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section shall not apply to any 3293  
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 3294  
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 3295

**Sec. 3509.08.** (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account 3296  
of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or 3297  
infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail 3298  
or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial 3299  
on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the 3300

elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in 3301  
the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 3302  
primary election may make application in writing for an absent 3303  
voter's ballot to the director of the board of elections of the 3304  
elector's county. The application shall include all of the 3305  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 3306  
and shall state the nature of the elector's illness, physical 3307  
disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector is 3308  
confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant 3309  
inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's 3310  
precinct on election day. The application shall not be valid if 3311  
it is delivered to the director before the ninetieth day or 3312  
after twelve noon of the third day before the day of the 3313  
election at which the ballot is to be voted. 3314

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the 3315  
applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of 3316  
confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 3317  
board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 3318  
major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 3319  
to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 3320  
board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 3321  
institution within the county, in which case the board shall 3322  
designate two board employees belonging to the two major 3323  
political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 3324  
the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 3325  
In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 3326  
office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 3327  
of the Revised Code. 3328

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two 3329  
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 3330  
that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 3331

reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 3332  
to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 3333  
elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 3334  
assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 3335  
they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 3336  
matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 3337  
cause. 3338

When two board employees belonging to the two major 3339  
political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined 3340  
elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot 3341  
is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is 3342  
returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the 3343  
declaration on the identification envelope. 3344

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 3345  
application for absent voter's ballots under this division. 3346

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent 3347  
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section. 3348

(B) (1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to 3349  
the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any 3350  
general, special, or primary election may apply to the director 3351  
of the board of elections of the county where the elector is a 3352  
qualified elector to vote in the election by absent voter's 3353  
ballot if either of the following apply: 3354

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of 3355  
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before 3356  
the election; 3357

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as 3358  
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency 3359  
occurring before the election. 3360

(2) The application authorized under division (B)(1) of 3361  
this section shall be made in writing, shall include all of the 3362  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, 3363  
and shall be delivered to the director not later than three p.m. 3364  
on the day of the election. The application shall indicate the 3365  
hospital where the applicant or the applicant's child is 3366  
confined, the date of the applicant's or the applicant's child's 3367  
admission to the hospital, and the offices for which the 3368  
applicant is qualified to vote. The applicant may also request 3369  
that a member of the applicant's family, as listed in section 3370  
3509.05 of the Revised Code, deliver the absent voter's ballot 3371  
to the applicant. The director, after establishing to the 3372  
director's satisfaction the validity of the circumstances 3373  
claimed by the applicant, shall supply an absent voter's ballot 3374  
to be delivered to the applicant. When the applicant or the 3375  
applicant's child is in a hospital in the county where the 3376  
applicant is a qualified elector and no request is made for a 3377  
member of the family to deliver the ballot, the director shall 3378  
arrange for the delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the 3379  
applicant, and for its return to the office of the board, by two 3380  
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 3381  
according to the procedures prescribed in division (A) of this 3382  
section. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a 3383  
hospital outside the county where the applicant is a qualified 3384  
elector and no request is made for a member of the family to 3385  
deliver the ballot, the director shall arrange for the delivery 3386  
of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the 3387  
ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in the 3388  
manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 3389

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under 3390  
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but 3391

is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in 3392  
division (B) (2) of this section may vote in accordance with 3393  
division (B) (1) of this section if that qualified elector states 3394  
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that 3395  
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the 3396  
circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 3397  
3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector 3398  
complies with divisions ~~(G)~~(E) (1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of 3399  
the Revised Code. 3400

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 3401  
(1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return 3402  
absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for 3403  
absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 3404  
instead of applying for them under this section. 3405

**Sec. 3511.02.** (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 3406  
Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 3407  
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 3408  
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 3409  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 3410  
(1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter 3411  
registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 3412  
Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 3413  
obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 3414  
3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 3415  
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 3416  
which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 3417  
with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 3418  
director of the board of elections of the county in which the 3419  
person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 3420  
ways: 3421

(1) That person may make written application for those 3422  
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 3423  
the director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, send 3424  
it by electronic mail, send it through internet delivery if such 3425  
delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary 3426  
of state, or otherwise send it to the director. Except as 3427  
otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the 3428  
application need not be in any particular form but shall contain 3429  
all of the following information: 3430

(a) The elector's name; 3431

(b) The elector's signature; 3432

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 3433  
vote; 3434

(d) The elector's date of birth; 3435

(e) One of the following: 3436

(i) The elector's driver's license number; 3437

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 3438  
number; 3439

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 3440  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 3441  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 3442  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 3443  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 3444  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 3445  
the elector. 3446

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent 3447  
voter's ballots are requested; 3448

- (g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 3449  
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- (h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6; 3451  
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- (i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, whichever is applicable; 3454  
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- (j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's political party affiliation whose ballot the elector wishes to cast or a statement that the elector wishes to vote only for the questions and issues appearing on the ballot in a special election held on the day of the primary election; 3462  
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- (k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed; 3467  
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- (l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall be so sent; 3469  
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- (m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact information. 3472  
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- (2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division 3477

(A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card 3478  
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 3479  
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 3480  
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 3481  
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 3482  
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 3483  
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 3484  
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 3485  
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 3486  
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 3487  
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 3488  
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 3489  
ballots for each election. 3490

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 3491  
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 3492  
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 3493  
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 3494  
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 3495  
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 3496  
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 3497  
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 3498  
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in 3499  
division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the application 3500  
shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The director 3501  
shall furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified 3502  
in this division desiring to make the application, only upon the 3503  
request of such a relative made in person at the office of the 3504  
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to 3505  
the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in 3506  
division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and 3507  
sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following: 3508



(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are requested;	3509 3510
(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;	3511 3512 3513
(c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;	3514 3515
(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, as the case may be;	3516 3517 3518 3519 3520 3521 3522 3523
(e) The elector's date of birth;	3524
(f) One of the following:	3525
(i) The elector's driver's license number;	3526
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;	3527 3528
(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections <del>under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code</del> , that shows the name and address of the elector.	3529 3530 3531 3532 3533 3534 3535
(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent	3536

voter's ballots are requested; 3537

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 3538  
a qualified elector; 3539

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 3540  
elector's political party affiliation whose ballot the elector 3541  
wishes to cast or a statement that the elector wishes to vote 3542  
only for the questions and issues appearing on the ballot in a 3543  
special election held on the day of the primary election; 3544

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 3545  
the elector as specified in division (A) (3) of this section; 3546

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the 3547  
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 3548  
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 3549  
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 3550  
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 3551  
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 3552  
internet delivery; 3553

(l) The signature and address of the person making the 3554  
application. 3555

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 3556  
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 3557  
application may include the elector's program participant 3558  
identification number instead of the address at which the 3559  
elector is registered to vote. 3560

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 3561  
absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not 3562  
earlier than the first day of January of the year of the 3563  
elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent 3564  
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 3565

before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 3566  
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 3567  
the third day preceding the day of the election, or not later 3568  
than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election 3569  
at which those ballots are to be voted if the application is 3570  
delivered in person to the office of the board. 3571

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 3572  
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 3573  
only, the applicant shall submit to the director in addition to 3574  
the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to 3575  
the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential 3576  
and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices. 3577

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card 3578  
application or other absent voter's ballot application to an 3579  
elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage 3580  
for that application. 3581

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3582  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3583  
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 3584  
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 3585  
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 3586  
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 3587  
federal post card application or other application for absent 3588  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 3589  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 3590  
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 3591  
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 3592  
application. 3593

**Sec. 3511.09.** Upon receiving uniformed services or 3594  
overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the 3595

questions on the face of the identification envelope to be 3596  
answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the 3597  
proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall 3598  
declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers 3599  
to those questions are true and correct to the best of the 3600  
elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note 3601  
whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are 3602  
any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to 3603  
the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 3604  
ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the 3605  
markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and 3606  
securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then 3607  
shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the 3608  
return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to 3609  
the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. 3610  
The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 3611  
a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the 3612  
date of the election. If the elector does not provide the 3613  
elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the 3614  
elector's social security number on the statement of voter on 3615  
the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in 3616  
the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of 3617  
the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a 3618  
military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, 3619  
bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 3620  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 3621  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 3622  
that shows the name and address of the elector. Each elector who 3623  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election 3624  
shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact 3625  
and shall mail the return envelope to the director prior to the 3626  
close of the polls on election day. 3627

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 3628  
identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following 3629  
statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION 3630  
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 3631

**Sec. 3513.05.** Each person desiring to become a candidate 3632  
for a party nomination at a primary election or for election to 3633  
an office or position to be voted for at a primary election, 3634  
except persons desiring to become joint candidates for the 3635  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor and except as 3636  
otherwise provided in section 3513.051 of the Revised Code, 3637  
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 3638  
day of the primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and 3639  
petition and pay the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) 3640  
of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The declaration of 3641  
candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the 3642  
same time as one instrument. When the offices are to be voted 3643  
for at a primary election, persons desiring to become joint 3644  
candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor 3645  
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 3646  
day of the primary election, comply with section 3513.04 of the 3647  
Revised Code. The prospective joint candidates' declaration of 3648  
candidacy and all separate petition papers of candidacies shall 3649  
be filed at the same time as one instrument. The secretary of 3650  
state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a 3651  
declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to 3652  
become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has 3653  
already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of 3654  
intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by 3655  
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised 3656  
Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the 3657  
declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for 3658

any municipal or township office, if the declaration of 3659  
candidacy is for a municipal or township office. 3660

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which 3661  
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the 3662  
petition, including a petition for joint candidates for the 3663  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by 3664  
at least one thousand qualified electors who are members of the 3665  
same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and 3666  
the declaration of candidacy and petition shall be filed with 3667  
the secretary of state; provided that the secretary of state 3668  
shall not accept or file any such petition appearing on its face 3669  
to contain signatures of more than three thousand electors. 3670

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the 3671  
declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only 3672  
to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion 3673  
thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty 3674  
qualified electors who are members of the same political party 3675  
as the political party of which the candidate is a member. If 3676  
the declaration of candidacy is for party nomination as a 3677  
candidate for member of the legislative authority of a municipal 3678  
corporation elected by ward, the petition shall be signed by not 3679  
less than twenty-five qualified electors who are members of the 3680  
political party of which the candidate is a member. 3681

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that 3682  
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, 3683  
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its 3684  
face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of 3685  
signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for 3686  
filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed 3687  
invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the 3688

petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures 3689  
accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures 3690  
required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying 3691  
signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures 3692  
equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures. 3693

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for 3694  
party nomination or for election as a candidate of a minor 3695  
party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one- 3696  
half the minimum number provided in this section, except that, 3697  
when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state 3698  
central committee or the county central committee of a political 3699  
party, the minimum number shall be the same for a minor party as 3700  
for a major party. 3701

If a declaration of candidacy is one for election as a 3702  
member of the state central committee or the county central 3703  
committee of a political party, the petition shall be signed by 3704  
five qualified electors of the district, county, ward, township, 3705  
or precinct within which electors may vote for such candidate. 3706  
The electors signing such petition shall be ~~members of~~ 3707  
affiliated with the same political party as the ~~political party~~ 3708  
~~of which the candidate is a member,~~ as determined under section 3709  
3503.231 of the Revised Code. 3710

~~For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of~~ 3711  
~~candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is~~ 3712  
~~considered to be a member of a political party if the elector~~ 3713  
~~voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two~~ 3714  
~~calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other~~ 3715  
~~party's primary election within the preceding two calendar~~ 3716  
~~years.~~ 3717

If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 3718

submitted only to electors within a county, or within a district 3719  
or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, the 3720  
petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the 3721  
county. If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 3722  
submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part 3723  
thereof that is situated in more than one county, the petition 3724  
shall be filed with the board of elections of the county within 3725  
which the major portion of the population thereof, as 3726  
ascertained by the next preceding federal census, is located. 3727

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each 3728  
of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one 3729  
county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing 3730  
signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby 3731  
be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition 3732  
papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county 3733  
are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the 3734  
majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such 3735  
county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall 3736  
be invalid. 3737

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one 3738  
person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or 3739  
a member of the same political party as the candidate or joint 3740  
candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed 3741  
by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. 3742

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each 3743  
board such separate petition papers of each petition 3744  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary 3745  
of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the 3746  
county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a 3747  
district shall promptly transmit to each board within such 3748



district such separate petition papers of each petition 3749  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 3750  
to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such 3751  
board. The board of a county within which the major portion of 3752  
the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one 3753  
county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each 3754  
other county within which a portion of such subdivision is 3755  
located such separate petition papers of each petition 3756  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 3757  
to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such 3758  
subdivision in the county of each such board. 3759

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all 3760  
petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with a 3761  
board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public 3762  
inspection until four p.m. of the eightieth day before the day 3763  
of the next primary election. Each board shall, not later than 3764  
the seventy-eighth day before the day of that primary election, 3765  
examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the 3766  
signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed 3767  
with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition 3768  
papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together 3769  
with its certification of its determination as to the validity 3770  
or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each 3771  
other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, 3772  
together with its certification of its determination as to the 3773  
validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other 3774  
matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition 3775  
papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the 3776  
board with whom such petition papers were filed. 3777

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 3778  
declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to 3779

an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed 3780  
by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political 3781  
party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the 3782  
primary election for the candidate whose declaration of 3783  
candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling 3784  
committee of that political party. The protest shall be in 3785  
writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the 3786  
seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. The 3787  
protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the 3788  
declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing 3789  
of the protest, the election officials with whom it is filed 3790  
shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith 3791  
mail notice of the filing of the protest and the time fixed for 3792  
hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They 3793  
shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such 3794  
hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, 3795  
such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the 3796  
validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and 3797  
petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of 3798  
the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which 3799  
the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office 3800  
or position, or has not fully complied with this chapter, the 3801  
candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition shall be 3802  
determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it 3803  
shall be determined to be valid. That determination shall be 3804  
final. 3805

A protest against the candidacy of any persons filing a 3806  
declaration of candidacy for joint party nomination to the 3807  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be filed, 3808  
heard, and determined in the same manner as a protest against 3809  
the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy 3810

singly. 3811

The secretary of state shall, on the seventieth day before 3812  
the day of a primary election, certify to each board in the 3813  
state the forms of the official ballots to be used at the 3814  
primary election, together with the names of the candidates to 3815  
be printed on the ballots whose nomination or election is to be 3816  
determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed 3817  
valid declarations of candidacy and petitions. 3818

The board of the most populous county in a district 3819  
comprised of more than one county but less than all of the 3820  
counties of the state shall, on the seventieth day before the 3821  
day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county 3822  
in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the 3823  
official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose 3824  
nomination or election is to be determined only by electors 3825  
within the district and who filed valid declarations of 3826  
candidacy and petitions. 3827

The board of a county within which the major portion of 3828  
the population of a subdivision smaller than the county and 3829  
situated in more than one county is located shall, on the 3830  
seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to 3831  
the board of each county in which a portion of that subdivision 3832  
is located the names of the candidates to be printed on the 3833  
official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose 3834  
nomination or election is to be determined only by electors 3835  
within that subdivision and who filed valid declarations of 3836  
candidacy and petitions. 3837

**Sec. 3513.18.** Party primaries shall be held at the same 3838  
place and time, but there shall be separate pollbooks and tally 3839  
sheets provided at each polling place for each party 3840

participating in the election. 3841

If a special election on a question or issue is held on 3842  
the day of a primary election, there shall be provided in the 3843  
pollbooks pages on which shall be recorded the names of all 3844  
electors voting on said question or issue and not voting in such 3845  
primary. It shall not be necessary for electors desiring to vote 3846  
only on the question or issue to ~~declare their~~ be affiliated 3847  
with a political-affiliation party. 3848

**Sec. 3513.19.** ~~(A)~~ It is the duty of any precinct election 3849  
official, whenever any such official doubts that a person 3850  
attempting to vote at a primary election is legally entitled to 3851  
vote at that election, to challenge the right of that person to 3852  
vote in accordance with section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ 3853  
~~right of a person to vote at a primary election may be~~ 3854  
~~challenged upon the following grounds:~~ 3855

~~(1) That the person whose right to vote is challenged is~~ 3856  
~~not a legally qualified elector;~~ 3857

~~(2) That the person has received or has been promised some~~ 3858  
~~valuable reward or consideration for the person's vote;~~ 3859

~~(3) That the person is not affiliated with or is not a~~ 3860  
~~member of the political party whose ballot the person desires to~~ 3861  
~~vote. Such party affiliation shall be determined by examining~~ 3862  
~~the elector's voting record for the current year and the~~ 3863  
~~immediately preceding two calendar years as shown on the voter's~~ 3864  
~~registration card, using the standards of affiliation specified~~ 3865  
~~in the seventh paragraph of section 3513.05 of the Revised Code.~~ 3866  
~~Division (A) (3) of this section and the seventh paragraph of~~ 3867  
~~section 3513.05 of the Revised Code do not prohibit a person who~~ 3868  
~~holds an elective office for which candidates are nominated at a~~ 3869

~~party primary election from doing any of the following:~~ 3870

~~(a) If the person voted as a member of a different political party at any primary election within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years, being a candidate for nomination at a party primary held during the times specified in division (C) (2) of section 3513.191 of the Revised Code provided that the person complies with the requirements of that section;~~ 3871  
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~~(b) Circulating the person's own petition of candidacy for party nomination in the primary election.~~ 3878  
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~~(B) When the right of a person to vote is challenged upon the ground set forth in division (A) (3) of this section, membership in or political affiliation with a political party shall be determined by the person's statement, made under penalty of election falsification, that the person desires to be affiliated with and supports the principles of the political party whose primary ballot the person desires to vote.~~ 3880  
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**Sec. 3513.191.** (A) No person shall be a candidate for nomination or election at a party primary if the person ~~voted as a member of a different~~ is not affiliated with that political party at any primary election within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years, as determined under section 3503.231 of the Revised Code. 3887  
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~~(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, either of the following persons may be candidates for nomination of any political party at a party primary:~~ 3893  
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~~(1) A person who does not hold an elective office;~~ 3896

~~(2) A person who holds an elective office other than one for which candidates are nominated at a party primary.~~ 3897  
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~~(C) (1) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a A~~ 3899  
person who holds an elective office for which candidates are 3900  
nominated at a party primary may be a candidate at a primary 3901  
election held during the times specified in division ~~(C) (2)~~ (B) 3902  
(3) of this section for nomination as a candidate of a political 3903  
party ~~of which the person is prohibited from being a candidate~~ 3904  
~~for nomination under division (A) of this section other than the~~ 3905  
~~party that most recently nominated the person as a candidate for~~ 3906  
~~the office the person currently holds, only if the person files~~ 3907  
all of the following are true: 3908

(a) The person reports the change of political party 3909  
affiliation in accordance with section 3503.19 of the Revised 3910  
Code before or at the same time as the person files a 3911  
declaration of intent under division (B) (1) (b) of this section. 3912

(b) The person files a declaration of intent to seek the 3913  
nomination of ~~that the person's new party and if, by filing the~~ 3914  
~~declaration, the person has~~ . 3915

(c) The person has not violated division ~~(C) (3)~~ (B) (4) of 3916  
this section. ~~The~~ 3917

(2) The declaration of intent shall: 3918

(a) Be filed not later than four p.m. of the thirtieth day 3919  
before a declaration of candidacy and petition is required to be 3920  
filed under section 3513.05 of the Revised Code; 3921

(b) Be filed with the same official with whom the person 3922  
filing the declaration of intent is required to file a 3923  
declaration of candidacy and petition; 3924

(c) Indicate the political party whose nomination in the 3925  
primary election the person seeks; 3926

(d) Be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 3927

~~(2)~~ (3) No person filing a declaration of intent under 3928  
division ~~(C)~~ (B) (1) of this section shall be a candidate at any 3929  
primary election for nomination for an elective office for which 3930  
candidates are nominated at a party primary during the calendar 3931  
year in which the person files the declaration or during the 3932  
next calendar year except as a candidate of the party indicated 3933  
under division ~~(C)~~ (1) (B) (2) (c) of this section. 3934

~~(3)~~ (4) No person who files a declaration of intent under 3935  
division ~~(C)~~ (B) (1) of this section shall file another such 3936  
declaration for a period of ten years after the declaration is 3937  
filed. 3938

~~(4) Notwithstanding the seventh paragraph of section~~ 3939  
~~3513.05 of the Revised Code, a person who complies with this~~ 3940  
~~section may circulate that person's own petition of candidacy~~ 3941  
~~for party nomination at the party primary at which the person~~ 3942  
~~seeks nomination under this section.~~ 3943

**Sec. 3517.012.** (A) (1) When a party formation petition 3944  
meeting the requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code 3945  
declaring the intention to organize a political party is filed 3946  
with the secretary of state, the new party comes into legal 3947  
existence on the date of filing and is entitled to nominate 3948  
candidates to appear on the ballot at the general election held 3949  
in even-numbered years that occurs more than one hundred twenty- 3950  
five days after the date of filing. 3951

(2) (a) Upon receiving a party formation petition filed 3952  
under division (A) (1) of this section, the secretary of state 3953  
shall promptly transmit to each board of elections the separate 3954  
petition papers that purport to contain signatures of electors 3955

of that board's county. 3956

(b) Not later than the one hundred eighteenth day before 3957  
the day of the general election, each board shall examine and 3958  
determine the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition 3959  
papers and shall return them to the secretary of state, together 3960  
with the board's certification of its determination as to the 3961  
validity or invalidity of the signatures on the petition. 3962

(c) Any qualified elector may file a written protest 3963  
against the petition with the secretary of state not later than 3964  
the one hundred fourteenth day before the day of the general 3965  
election. Any such protest shall be resolved in the manner 3966  
specified under section 3501.39 of the Revised Code. 3967

(d) Not later than the ninety-fifth day before the day of 3968  
the general election, the secretary of state shall determine 3969  
whether the party formation petition is sufficient and shall 3970  
notify the committee designated in the petition of that 3971  
determination. 3972

(B) (1) Not later than one hundred ten days before the day 3973  
of that general election and not earlier than the day the 3974  
applicable party formation petition is filed, each candidate or 3975  
pair of joint candidates wishing to appear on the ballot at the 3976  
general election as the nominee or nominees of the party that 3977  
filed the party formation petition shall file a nominating 3978  
petition, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that 3979  
includes the name of the political party that submitted the 3980  
party formation petition. Except as otherwise provided in this 3981  
section and sections 3505.03, 3505.08, 3506.11, 3513.31, 3982  
3513.311, and 3513.312 of the Revised Code, the provisions of 3983  
the Revised Code concerning independent candidates who file 3984  
nominating petitions apply to candidates who file nominating 3985



petitions under this section. 3986

(2) (a) If the candidacy is to be submitted to electors 3987  
throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including 3988  
a petition for joint candidates for the offices of governor and 3989  
lieutenant governor, shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 3990  
electors who ~~have not voted as a member of~~ are not affiliated 3991  
with a different political party at any primary election within 3992  
the current year or the immediately preceding two calendar 3993  
years, as determined under section 3503.231 of the Revised Code. 3994

(b) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, if~~ If 3995  
the candidacy is to be submitted only to electors within a 3996  
district, political subdivision, or portion thereof, the 3997  
nominating petition shall be signed by not less than five 3998  
qualified electors who ~~have not voted as a member of~~ are not 3999  
affiliated with a different political party at any primary 4000  
election within the current year or the immediately preceding 4001  
two calendar years, as determined under section 3503.231 of the 4002  
Revised Code. 4003

(3) (a) Each board of elections that is responsible to 4004  
verify signatures on the nominating petition shall examine and 4005  
determine the sufficiency of those signatures not later than the 4006  
one hundred fifth day before the day of the general election ~~and~~ 4007  
~~shall be resolved as specified in that section.~~ 4008

(b) Written protests against the petition may be filed in 4009  
the manner specified under section 3513.263 of the Revised Code 4010  
not later than the one hundredth day before the general election 4011  
and shall be resolved as specified in that section. 4012

(c) Not later than the ninety-fifth day before the day of 4013  
the general election, the secretary of state or the board of 4014

elections, as applicable, shall determine whether the nominating 4015  
petition is sufficient and shall notify the candidate and the 4016  
committee designated in the party formation petition of that 4017  
determination. 4018

(C) (1) After being notified that the political party has 4019  
submitted a sufficient party formation petition under division 4020  
(A) of this section, the committee designated in a party 4021  
formation petition shall, not later than the seventy-fifth day 4022  
before the day of the general election, certify to the secretary 4023  
of state a slate of candidates consisting of candidates or joint 4024  
candidates who submitted sufficient nominating petitions under 4025  
division (B) of this section. The slate certifying the 4026  
candidates shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 4027  
state and signed by all of the individuals of the committee 4028  
designated in the party formation petition. In no event shall 4029  
the slate of candidates include more than one candidate for any 4030  
public office or more than one set of joint candidates for the 4031  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The names of the 4032  
candidates or joint candidates so certified shall appear on the 4033  
ballot at the general election as that party's nominees for 4034  
those offices. For purposes of this division, "joint candidates" 4035  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 4036  
lieutenant governor. 4037

(2) If a candidate's nominating petition is insufficient 4038  
or if the committee does not certify the candidate's name under 4039  
division (C) (1) of this section, the candidate shall not appear 4040  
on the ballot in the general election. 4041

(3) If a party formation petition is insufficient, no 4042  
candidate shall appear on the ballot in the general election as 4043  
that political party's nominee, regardless of whether any 4044

candidate's nominating petition is sufficient. 4045

**Sec. 3517.013.** ~~Section~~ Division (B) of section 3513.191 of 4046  
the Revised Code does not apply to persons desiring to become 4047  
candidates for party nomination of a newly formed political 4048  
party meeting the requirements of sections 3517.011 and 3517.012 4049  
of the Revised Code for a period of four calendar years from the 4050  
date of the party formation. 4051

**Sec. 3599.11.** (A) ~~No (1)~~ Subject to division (A) (2) of 4052  
this section, no person shall knowingly do any of the following: 4053

(a) Knowingly register or make application or attempt to 4054  
register in a precinct in which the person is not a qualified 4055  
voter; ~~or knowingly~~ 4056

(b) Knowingly aid or abet any person to so register; ~~or~~ 4057  
attempt 4058

(c) Knowingly attempt to register or knowingly induce or 4059  
attempt to induce any person to so register; ~~or knowingly~~ 4060

(d) Knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the 4061  
name of another, real or fictitious, in registering or 4062  
attempting to register; ~~or by~~ 4063

(e) By false statement or other unlawful means, knowingly 4064  
procure, aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out 4065  
on the register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified 4066  
elector therein; ~~or knowingly~~ 4067

(f) Knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or 4068  
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to 4069  
an elector thereof; ~~or knowingly~~ 4070

(g) Knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a lawful 4071  
examination by or before any registering officer; ~~or make~~ 4072

(h) Knowingly make, print, or issue any false or 4073  
counterfeit certificate of registration or knowingly alter any 4074  
certificate of registration. 4075

~~No person shall knowingly;~~ 4076

(i) Knowingly register under more than one name or 4077  
knowingly induce any person to so register. 4078

~~No person shall knowingly;~~ 4079

(j) Knowingly make any false statement on any form for 4080  
registration or change of registration or upon any application 4081  
or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot. 4082

(2) (a) A person whose voter registration or voter 4083  
registration update is processed through the voter verification 4084  
and registration system described in sections 3503.11, 3503.111, 4085  
and 3503.112 of the Revised Code and who is not a qualified 4086  
voter in the precinct or under the name indicated violates 4087  
division (A) (1) of this section only if the person knowingly 4088  
provides or attempts to provide false information with the 4089  
intention of registering or submitting a registration update 4090  
using that information. 4091

(b) A person who aids, abets, induces, or attempts to 4092  
induce another person to have the other person's voter 4093  
registration or voter registration update processed through the 4094  
voter verification and registration system described in sections 4095  
3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.112 of the Revised Code when the 4096  
other person is not a qualified voter in the precinct or under 4097  
the name indicated violates division (A) (1) of this section only 4098  
if the person knowingly causes or attempts to cause the other 4099  
person to be registered to vote or to have the other person's 4100  
registration updated using information the person knows is 4101

false. 4102

(3) Whoever violates ~~this~~ division (A) (1) of this section 4103  
is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 4104

(B) (1) No person who helps another person register outside 4105  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or 4106  
knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed 4107  
registration form. 4108

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4109  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree. 4110

(2) ~~(a)~~ No person who helps another person register outside 4111  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to 4112  
~~return-cause~~ any registration form entrusted to that person to 4113  
be returned to any board of elections or the office of the 4114  
secretary of state within ten days after that ~~registration-~~ 4115  
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth 4116  
day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the 4117  
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four 4118  
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case 4119  
the person shall ~~return-cause~~ the registration form to be 4120  
returned to any board of elections or the office of the 4121  
secretary of state within ten days of its receipt. 4122

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4123  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4124  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of this 4125  
division ~~(B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this~~ 4126  
~~section~~, the violation of this division does not cause any 4127  
person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to 4128  
any election, and the number of voter registration forms that 4129  
the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed 4130

forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a 4131  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 4132

~~(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, no person 4133  
who helps another person register outside an official 4134  
registration place shall knowingly return any registration form 4135  
entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of 4136  
elections or the office of the secretary of state. 4137~~

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4138  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4139  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) 4140  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the 4141  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any 4142  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the 4143  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed 4144  
to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the 4145  
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4146~~

~~(C) (1) No person who receives compensation for registering 4147  
a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form 4148  
entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office 4149  
of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter 4150  
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth 4151  
day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the 4152  
registration form is received by the person within twenty four 4153  
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case 4154  
the person shall return the registration form to any board of 4155  
elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days 4156  
of its receipt. 4157~~

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4158  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4159  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) 4160~~

~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 4161  
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 4162  
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 4163  
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 4164  
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 4165  
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 4166

~~(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 4167  
~~voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to~~ 4168  
~~that person to any location other than any board of elections or~~ 4169  
~~the office of the secretary of state.~~ 4170

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~ 4171  
~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person~~ 4172  
~~has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~ 4173  
~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 4174  
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 4175  
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 4176  
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 4177  
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 4178  
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 4179

~~(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering~~ 4180  
~~a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter~~ 4181  
~~registration forms or to assist persons in completing or~~ 4182  
~~returning those forms.~~ 4183

**Sec. 3599.12.** (A) No person shall do any of the following: 4184

(1) Vote or attempt to vote in any primary, special, or 4185  
general election in a precinct in which that person is not a 4186  
legally qualified elector; 4187

(2) Vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same 4188  
election by any means, including voting or attempting to vote 4189

both by absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 4190  
3503.16 of the Revised Code and by regular ballot at the polls 4191  
at the same election, or voting or attempting to vote both by 4192  
absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 4193  
of the Revised Code and by absent voter's ballots under Chapter 4194  
3509. or armed service absent voter's ballots under Chapter 4195  
3511. of the Revised Code at the same election; 4196

(3) Impersonate or sign the name of another person, real 4197  
or fictitious, living or dead, and vote or attempt to vote as 4198  
that other person in any such election; 4199

(4) Cast a ballot at any such election after objection has 4200  
been made and sustained to that person's vote; 4201

(5) Knowingly vote or attempt to vote a ballot other than 4202  
the official ballot. 4203

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 4204  
guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. 4205

**Sec. 3599.18.** (A) No election official, person assisting 4206  
in the registration of electors, or police officer shall 4207  
knowingly do any of the following: 4208

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or 4209  
prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful 4210  
manner applies for registration or who should be registered or 4211  
have the elector's registration updated under section 3503.11 or 4212  
3503.111 of the Revised Code; 4213

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on 4214  
a voter registration list; 4215

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the 4216  
registration card or form of any qualified elector; 4217



(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any 4218  
duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person 4219  
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer. 4220

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 4221  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4222

**Sec. 3599.36.** ~~No~~ (A) (1) Subject to division (A) (2) of this 4223  
section, no person, either orally or in writing, on oath 4224  
lawfully administered or in a statement made under penalty of 4225  
election falsification, shall knowingly state a falsehood as to 4226  
a material matter relating to an election in a proceeding before 4227  
a court, tribunal, or election official, or in a matter in 4228  
relation to which an oath or statement under penalty of election 4229  
falsification is authorized by law, including a statement 4230  
required for verifying or filing any declaration of candidacy, 4231  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, nominating 4232  
petition, or other petition presented to or filed with the 4233  
secretary of state, a board of elections, or any other public 4234  
office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any elective 4235  
office, including the office of a political party, for the 4236  
purpose of submitting a question or issue to the electors at an 4237  
election, or for the purpose of forming a political party. 4238

(2) A person whose voter registration is processed through 4239  
the voter verification and registration system described in 4240  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code and who is not eligible to 4241  
vote in this state violates division (A) (1) of this section with 4242  
respect to the statement the person signs under division (A) (5) 4243  
of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code only if the person 4244  
knowingly indicates or attempts to indicate that the person is 4245  
eligible to vote with the intention of registering to vote. 4246

(3) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section is 4247

guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree. 4248

(B) Every paper, card, or other document relating to any 4249  
election matter that calls for a statement to be made under 4250  
penalty of election falsification shall be accompanied by the 4251  
following statement in bold face capital letters: "Whoever 4252  
commits election falsification is guilty of a felony of the 4253  
fifth degree." 4254

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 4255  
3503.09, 3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 4256  
3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.23, 3503.24, 3503.26, 3503.28, 4257  
3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.02, 3509.03, 4258  
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.08, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3513.05, 3513.18, 4259  
3513.19, 3513.191, 3517.012, 3517.013, 3599.11, 3599.12, 4260  
3599.18, and 3599.36 and sections 3503.11, 3503.111, and 3503.29 4261  
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4262

**Section 3.** The Secretary of State shall implement the 4263  
voter verification and registration program created by this act 4264  
not later than two years after the first day of January after 4265  
this act takes effect. 4266

**Section 4.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 4267  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4268  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4269  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4270  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4271  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4272  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4273  
as presented in this act: 4274

Section 3501.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. 4275  
Sub. H.B. 64 and Am. H.B. 153 of the 131st General Assembly. 4276

Section 3501.05 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am.	4277
Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 205 of the 130th General Assembly.	4278
Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both	4279
Sub. H.B. 359 and Sub. S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly.	4280
Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub.	4281
S.B. 47, Am. Sub. S.B. 109, and Sub. S.B. 216, all of the 130th	4282
General Assembly.	4283