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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.11, 1  
3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 2  
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3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 10  
3599.12, 3599.18, and 4507.061; to enact new 11  
section 3503.11 and sections 3506.24 and 12  
3509.031; and to repeal section 3503.11 of the 13  
Revised Code to enact the Ohio Election Security 14  
and Modernization Act to create an automated 15  
voter registration and verification system, to 16  
modify the law governing absent voting, and to 17  
make other changes to the Election Law. 18

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.11, 19  
3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 20  
3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 21  
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3511.11, 3511.13, 3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 3513.254, 25  
3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.18, and 26  
4507.061 be amended and new section 3503.11 and sections 3506.24 27  
and 3509.031 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 28

**Sec. 3501.01.** As used in the sections of the Revised Code 29  
relating to elections and political communications: 30

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 31  
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 32

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 33  
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 34  
odd-numbered year. 35

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 36  
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 37  
even-numbered year. 38

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 39  
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 40  
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 41  
Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by 42  
a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a 43  
primary election, except that in any year in which a 44  
presidential primary election is held, no special election shall 45  
be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county 46  
charter, but may be held on the third Tuesday after the first 47

Monday in March. 48

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 49  
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 50  
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 51  
of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 52  
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 53  
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 54  
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 55  
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 56  
held. 57

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 58  
election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 59  
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 60  
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 61  
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 62  
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 63  
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 64  
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 65  
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 66  
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 67  
charter. 68

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 69  
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 70  
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 71

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 72  
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 73  
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 74  
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 75  
the most recent regular state election. 76

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 77  
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 78  
following requirements: 79

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 80  
political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 81  
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 82  
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 83  
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 84  
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 85  
party for a period of four years after meeting those 86  
requirements. 87

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 88  
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 89  
division (F) (2) (a) of this section, a petition that meets the 90  
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 91

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 92  
political party until the time of the first election for 93  
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 94  
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 95  
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 96  
office of governor or president. 97

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 98  
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 99  
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 100  
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 101  
more votes than any other person received for election to that 102  
office in such precinct at such election. 103

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 104  
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 105

on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 106  
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 107  
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 108  
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 109  
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 110

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims 111  
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has 112  
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special 113  
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 114  
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 115  
Revised Code. 116

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 117  
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 118  
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 119  
for judicial office, for member of any board of education, for 120  
municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not 121  
held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for 122  
offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide 123  
for separate ballots for elections for these offices. 124

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be 125  
a member of a political party and who has been certified to 126  
appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special 127  
election as the nominee of a political party because the 128  
candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party 129  
for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated 130  
under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in 131  
accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 132

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not 133  
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling 134  
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a 135

district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a 136  
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political 137  
party. 138

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue 139  
certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on 140  
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held 141  
in this state. 142

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having 143  
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote. 144

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election. 145

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an 146  
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector 147  
may vote. 148

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county 149  
established by the board of elections of such county within 150  
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein 151  
may vote at the same polling place. 152

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each 153  
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such 154  
precinct may vote. 155

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of 156  
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of 157  
the Revised Code. 158

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 159  
city, village, or school district. 160

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of 161  
the following: 162

(1) Secretary of state;	163
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the division of elections in the capacity of attorney, administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	164 165 166 167
(3) Director of a board of elections;	168
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	169
(5) Member of a board of elections;	170
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	171
(7) Precinct election officials;	172
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	173 174
(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.	175 176 177 178 179 180 181
(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>	182 183 184 185 186 187
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state-	188 189

funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to 190  
persons with disabilities and that is required by the National 191  
Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed 192  
and administered by the secretary of state for registering 193  
voters, or any other public or government office or agency that 194  
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 195  
of state for registering voters, including the department of job 196  
and family services, the program administered under section 197  
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 198  
department of mental health and addiction services, the 199  
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 200  
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 201  
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 202  
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 203  
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 204

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 205  
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, ~~42-~~ 206  
~~U.S.C.A. 1973~~52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq. 207

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 208  
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, ~~42 U.S.C.A. 1973~~52 U.S.C. 10301 et 209  
seq., as amended. 210

(AA) "Photo identification" means a document that meets 211  
each of the following requirements: 212

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was 213  
issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or 214  
signature pollbook. 215

(2) It shows the current address of the individual to whom 216  
it was issued, which shall conform to the address in the poll 217  
list or signature pollbook, except for a driver's license or a 218

state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code, which may show either the current or former address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or signature pollbook.

(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was issued.

(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed.

(5) It was issued by the government of the United States or this state.

(BB) "Bank statement" includes a statement from any financial or brokerage institution and includes a statement mailed to a person or delivered or made available to the person electronically.

(CC) "Utility bill" means a statement of fees owed or paid for services including water, sewer, electric, heating, cable, internet, telephone, or cellular telephone services. "Utility bill" includes a statement mailed to a person or delivered or made available to the person electronically.

**Sec. 3501.05.** The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;

(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.

(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of elections;

(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in force;	246 247 248
(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;	249 250
(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and records;	251 252
(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;	253 254 255 256
(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;	257 258 259
(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;	260 261 262 263 264
(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;	265 266 267 268 269
(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on state questions and issues and determine and certify to the sufficiency of those petitions;	270 271 272
(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are	273

provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers	274
necessary;	275
(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the	276
several counties of the requirements of the election laws;	277
(N) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N) (2) of	278
this section, investigate the administration of election laws,	279
frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and	280
report violations of election laws to the attorney general or	281
prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution;	282
(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to	283
comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to	284
3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised	285
Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have	286
knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a	287
provision in one of those sections, by filing a complaint with	288
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the	289
Revised Code.	290
(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the	291
results of elections, the cost of elections in the various	292
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political	293
subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative	294
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable;	295
(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list	296
of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition	297
successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32	298
to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code;	299
(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised	300
Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters	301
from the statewide voter registration database and, if	302

applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in 303  
each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the 304  
following: 305

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed 306  
residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in 307  
compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National 308  
Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses 309  
the national change of address service provided by the United 310  
States postal system through its licensees; 311

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under 312  
section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 313

(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a 314  
voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter 315  
registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or 316  
signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason 317  
for that mark or removal. 318

(R) (1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters 319  
or updating voter registration information, such as name and 320  
residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, 321  
offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high 322  
schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of 323  
county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 324  
3503.09 of the Revised Code; 325

(2) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 326  
Code to develop, implement, and administer the automated voter 327  
registration and verification system described in section 328  
3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised 329  
Code, including rules prescribing all of the following: 330

(a) The manner and format in which the bureau of motor 331

<u>vehicles must transmit information to the secretary of state;</u>	332
<u>(b) An earlier deadline for the bureau of motor vehicles</u>	333
<u>to transmit information to the secretary of state than the</u>	334
<u>deadline described in division (C) of section 3503.11 of the</u>	335
<u>Revised Code, if the bureau obtains that information during the</u>	336
<u>period immediately preceding the close of voter registration</u>	337
<u>before an election;</u>	338
<u>(c) Procedures for the bureau of motor vehicles, the</u>	339
<u>office of the secretary of state, and boards of elections to</u>	340
<u>follow to ensure that information transmitted through the system</u>	341
<u>that is not considered a public record remains confidential.</u>	342
(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter	343
registration forms through boards of elections, designated	344
agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of	345
motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools,	346
public libraries, and offices of county treasurers;	347
(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and	348
upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in	349
this state;	350
(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised	351
Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering	352
voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the	353
offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles	354
consistent with this chapter;	355
(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with	356
Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary	357
of state to do all of the following:	358
(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there	359
is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities;	360

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

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

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

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result of any conference or teleconference call with a board of elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as is practicable after the completion of the conference or teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes place.

(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the secretary of state not later than one month after the completion of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the

number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. 391  
The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web 392  
site in an archive format for each subsequent election. 393

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter 394  
identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 395  
other voting requirements; 396

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector 397  
may make available to a board of elections a more recent 398  
signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook 399  
produced by the board of elections of the county in which the 400  
elector resides; 401

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or 402  
part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of 403  
direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other 404  
means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot 405  
board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised 406  
Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible 407  
concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, 408  
or referendum; 409

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the 410  
implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 411  
Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 412  
1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of 413  
state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities 414  
for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities 415  
arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and 416  
Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National 417  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 418  
111-84, 123 Stat. 3190. 419

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 420  
to establish procedures and standards for determining when a 421  
board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight 422  
of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under 423  
the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that 424  
is under official oversight to transition out of official 425  
oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of 426  
elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of 427  
state. 428

(EE) Perform other duties required by law. 429

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 430  
of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 431  
3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of 432  
representative to congress, the secretary of state shall 433  
establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline 434  
required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the 435  
following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy 436  
and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating 437  
petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of 438  
protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 439  
declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a 440  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of 441  
campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of 442  
corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; 443  
the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or 444  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the 445  
supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of 446  
elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to 447  
consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a 448  
voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to 449  
instruct or reinstruct election officers. 450

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 451  
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 452  
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 453  
production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 454  
fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 455  
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 456

In any controversy involving or arising out of the 457  
adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for 458  
registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney 459  
general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court 460  
of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or 461  
in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question. 462

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the 463  
Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in 464  
issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect 465  
the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of 466  
elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of 467  
state's motion, be made a party. 468

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is 469  
hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a 470  
change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue 471  
shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common 472  
pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if 473  
there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that 474  
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of 475  
Franklin county. 476

Public high schools and vocational schools, public 477  
libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement 478  
voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of 479  
state pursuant to this section. 480

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications 481  
for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general 482  
election and only if the general assembly has made an 483  
appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other 484  
circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or 485  
employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited 486  
applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals. 487

Upon the request of the secretary of state, a state agency 488  
shall provide any information or assistance the secretary of 489  
state requires to carry out the secretary of state's powers and 490  
duties under Title XXXV of the Revised Code. 491

**Sec. 3501.11.** Each board of elections shall exercise by a 492  
majority vote all powers granted to the board by Title XXXV of 493  
the Revised Code, shall perform all the duties imposed by law, 494  
and shall do all of the following: 495

(A) Establish, define, provide, rearrange, and combine 496  
election precincts; 497

(B) Fix and provide the places for registration and for 498  
holding primaries and elections; 499

(C) Provide for the purchase, preservation, and 500  
maintenance of booths, ballot boxes, books, maps, flags, blanks, 501  
cards of instructions, and other forms, papers, and equipment 502  
used in registration, nominations, and elections; 503

(D) Appoint and remove its director, deputy director, and 504  
employees and all registrars, precinct election officials, and 505  
other officers of elections, fill vacancies, and designate the 506  
ward or district and precinct in which each shall serve; 507

(E) Make and issue rules and instructions, not 508  
inconsistent with law or the rules, directives, or advisories 509

issued by the secretary of state, as it considers necessary for 510  
the guidance of election officers and voters; 511

(F) Advertise and contract for the printing of all ballots 512  
and other supplies used in registrations and elections; 513

(G) Provide for the issuance of all notices, 514  
advertisements, and publications concerning elections, except as 515  
otherwise provided in division (G) of section 3501.17 and 516  
divisions (F) and (G) of section 3505.062 of the Revised Code; 517

(H) Provide for the delivery of ballots, pollbooks, and 518  
other required papers and material to the polling places; 519

(I) Cause the polling places to be suitably provided with 520  
voting machines, marking devices, automatic tabulating 521  
equipment, stalls, and other required supplies. In fulfilling 522  
this duty, each board of a county that uses voting machines, 523  
marking devices, or automatic tabulating equipment shall conduct 524  
a full vote of the board during a public session of the board on 525  
the allocation and distribution of voting machines, marking 526  
devices, and automatic tabulating equipment for each precinct in 527  
the county. 528

(J) Investigate irregularities, nonperformance of duties, 529  
or violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code by election 530  
officers and other persons; administer oaths, issue subpoenas, 531  
summon witnesses, and compel the production of books, papers, 532  
records, and other evidence in connection with any such 533  
investigation; and report the facts to the prosecuting attorney 534  
or the secretary of state; 535

(K) (1) Review, examine, and certify the sufficiency and 536  
validity of petitions and nomination papers, and, after 537  
certification, return to the secretary of state all petitions 538

and nomination papers that the secretary of state forwarded to the board;	539 540
(2) Examine each initiative petition, or a petition filed under section 307.94 or 307.95 of the Revised Code, received by the board to determine whether the petition falls within the scope of authority to enact via initiative and whether the petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot, as described in division (M) of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. The petition shall be invalid if any portion of the petition is not within the initiative power.	541 542 543 544 545 546 547 548
(L) Receive the returns of elections, canvass the returns, make abstracts of them, and transmit those abstracts to the proper authorities;	549 550 551
(M) Issue certificates of election on forms to be prescribed by the secretary of state;	552 553
(N) Make an annual report to the secretary of state, on the form prescribed by the secretary of state, containing a statement of the number of voters registered, elections held, votes cast, appropriations received, expenditures made, and other data required by the secretary of state;	554 555 556 557 558
(O) Prepare and submit to the proper appropriating officer a budget estimating the cost of elections for the ensuing fiscal year;	559 560 561
(P) Perform other duties as prescribed by law or the rules, directives, or advisories of the secretary of state;	562 563
(Q) Investigate and determine the residence qualifications of electors;	564 565
(R) Administer oaths in matters pertaining to the	566



the secretary of state, who shall summarily decide the question, 595  
and the secretary of state's decision shall be final. 596

(Y) Assist each designated agency, deputy registrar of 597  
motor vehicles, public high school and vocational school, public 598  
library, and office of a county treasurer in the implementation 599  
of a program for registering voters at all voter registration 600  
locations as prescribed by the secretary of state. Under this 601  
program, each board of elections shall direct to the appropriate 602  
board of elections any voter registration applications for 603  
persons residing outside the county where the board is located 604  
within five days after receiving the applications. 605

(Z) On any day on which an elector may vote in person at 606  
the office of the board or at another site designated by the 607  
board, consider the board or other designated site a polling 608  
place for that day. All requirements or prohibitions of law that 609  
apply to a polling place shall apply to the office of the board 610  
or other designated site on that day. 611

(AA) Perform any duties with respect to voter registration 612  
and voting by uniformed services and overseas voters that are 613  
delegated to the board by law or by the rules, directives, or 614  
advisories of the secretary of state. 615

(BB) Prepare an election administration plan and submit it 616  
to the secretary of state not later than seventy-five days 617  
before each presidential primary election and not later than one 618  
hundred twenty days before each general election held in an 619  
even-numbered year. The election administration plan shall be on 620  
a template prescribed by the secretary of state and shall 621  
include all of the following: 622

(1) Precinct election official recruitment, training, and 623

<u>accountability;</u>	624
<u>(2) Resource allocation;</u>	625
<u>(3) Communication before and on the day of the election;</u>	626
<u>(4) Materials;</u>	627
<u>(5) Contingencies and continuity planning;</u>	628
<u>(6) Security;</u>	629
<u>(7) Voter registration;</u>	630
<u>(8) Absent voting;</u>	631
<u>(9) Polling places and accessibility;</u>	632
<u>(10) Ballot preparation;</u>	633
<u>(11) Pre-election testing;</u>	634
<u>(12) Reconciliation and audits;</u>	635
<u>(13) A master calendar;</u>	636
<u>(14) Any other topic prescribed by the secretary of state.</u>	637
<b>Sec. 3501.22.</b> (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in	638
division (A) (2) of this section, on or before the fifteenth day	639
of September in each year, the board of elections by a majority	640
vote shall, after careful examination and investigation as to	641
their qualifications, appoint for each election precinct four	642
residents of the county in which the precinct is located, as	643
precinct election officials. Except as otherwise provided in	644
division (C) of this section, all precinct election officials	645
shall be qualified electors. The precinct election officials	646
shall constitute the election officers of the precinct. Not more	647
than one-half of the total number of precinct election officials	648
shall be members of the same political party. The term of such	649

precinct officers shall be for one year. The board may, at any 650  
time, designate any number of election officers, not more than 651  
one-half of whom shall be members of the same political party, 652  
to perform their duties at any precinct in any election. The 653  
board may appoint additional officials, equally divided between 654  
the two major political parties, when necessary to expedite 655  
voting. If the board of elections determines that four precinct 656  
election officials are not required in a precinct for a special 657  
election, the board of elections may select two of the 658  
precinct's election officers, who are not members of the same 659  
political party, to serve as the precinct election officials for 660  
that precinct in that special election. 661

Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by the 662  
board. When new precincts have been created, the board shall 663  
appoint precinct election officials for those precincts for the 664  
unexpired term. Any precinct election official may be summarily 665  
removed from office at any time by the board for neglect of 666  
duty, malfeasance, or misconduct in office or for any other good 667  
and sufficient reason. 668

Precinct election officials shall perform all of the 669  
duties provided by law for receiving the ballots and supplies, 670  
opening and closing the polls, and overseeing the casting of 671  
ballots during the time the polls are open, and any other duties 672  
required by section 3501.26 of the Revised Code. 673

A board of elections may designate two precinct election 674  
officials as counting officials to count and tally the votes 675  
cast and certify the results of the election at each precinct, 676  
and perform other duties as provided by law. To expedite the 677  
counting of votes at each precinct, the board may appoint 678  
additional officials, not more than one-half of whom shall be 679

members of the same political party. 680

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this 681  
section, the board shall designate one of the precinct election 682  
officials who is a member of the dominant political party to 683  
serve as a voting location manager, whose duty it is to deliver 684  
the returns of the election and all supplies to the office of 685  
the board. For these services, the voting location manager shall 686  
receive additional compensation in an amount, consistent with 687  
section 3501.28 of the Revised Code, determined by the board of 688  
elections. 689

The board shall issue to each precinct election official a 690  
certificate of appointment, which the official shall present to 691  
the voting location manager at the time the polls are opened. 692

(2) If the board of elections, by a vote of at least three 693  
members of the board, opts to have a single voting location 694  
serve more than one precinct, the board may do any of the 695  
following: 696

(a) Designate a single voting location manager for the 697  
voting location. The voting location manager shall be a member 698  
of the political party whose candidate received the highest 699  
number of votes for governor at the most recent general election 700  
for that office in the precincts whose polling places are 701  
located at the applicable voting location, when tallying the 702  
combined vote for governor in all such precincts. 703

(b) Combine the pollbooks for those precincts to create a 704  
single pollbook for the voting location; 705

(c) If electronic pollbooks are being used in the voting 706  
location, as described in section 3506.021 of the Revised Code, 707  
appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each 708

precinct, so long as the board approves the decision to reduce 709  
the number of precinct election officials by the affirmative 710  
vote of at least three of its members. 711

(B) If the board of elections determines that not enough 712  
qualified electors in a precinct are available to serve as 713  
precinct officers, it may appoint persons to serve as precinct 714  
officers at a primary, special, or general election who are at 715  
least seventeen years of age and are registered to vote in 716  
accordance with section 3503.07 of the Revised Code. 717

(C) (1) A board of elections, in conjunction with the board 718  
of education of a city, local, or exempted village school 719  
district, the governing authority of a community school 720  
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or the 721  
chief administrator of a nonpublic school may establish a 722  
program permitting certain high school students to apply and, if 723  
appointed by the board of elections, to serve as precinct 724  
officers at a primary, special, or general election. 725

In addition to the requirements established by division 726  
(C) (2) of this section, a board of education, governing 727  
authority, or chief administrator that establishes a program 728  
under this division in conjunction with a board of elections may 729  
establish additional criteria that students shall meet to be 730  
eligible to participate in that program. 731

(2) (a) To be eligible to participate in a program 732  
established under division (C) (1) of this section, a student 733  
shall be a United States citizen, a resident of the county, and 734  
at least seventeen years of age, ~~and enrolled in the senior year~~ 735  
~~of high school.~~ 736

(b) Any student applying to participate in a program 737

established under division (C) (1) of this section, as part of 738  
the student's application process, shall declare the student's 739  
political party affiliation with the board of elections. 740

(3) No student appointed as a precinct officer pursuant to 741  
a program established under division (C) (1) of this section 742  
shall be designated as a voting location manager. 743

(4) Any student participating in a program established 744  
under division (C) (1) of this section shall be excused for that 745  
student's absence from school on the day of an election at which 746  
the student is serving as a precinct officer. 747

(D) In any precinct with six or more precinct officers, up 748  
to two students participating in a program established under 749  
division (C) (1) of this section who are under eighteen years of 750  
age may serve as precinct officers. Not more than one precinct 751  
officer in any given precinct with fewer than six precinct 752  
officers shall be under eighteen years of age. 753

**Sec. 3501.29.** (A) The board of elections shall provide for 754  
each precinct a polling place and provide adequate facilities at 755  
each polling place for conducting the election. The board shall 756  
provide a sufficient number of screened or curtained voting 757  
compartments to which electors may retire and conveniently mark 758  
their ballots, protected from the observation of others. Each 759  
voting compartment shall be provided at all times with writing 760  
implements, instructions how to vote, and other necessary 761  
conveniences for marking the ballot. The voting location manager 762  
shall ensure that the voting compartments at all times are 763  
adequately lighted and contain the necessary supplies. The board 764  
shall utilize, in so far as practicable, rooms in public schools 765  
and other public buildings for polling places. Upon application 766  
of the board of elections, the authority which has the control 767

of any building or grounds supported by taxation under the laws 768  
of this state, shall make available the necessary space therein 769  
for the purpose of holding elections and adequate space for the 770  
storage of voting machines, without charge for the use thereof. 771  
A reasonable sum may be paid for necessary janitorial service. 772  
When polling places are established in private buildings, the 773  
board may pay a reasonable rental therefor, and also the cost of 774  
liability insurance covering the premises when used for election 775  
purposes, or the board may purchase a single liability policy 776  
covering the board and the owners of the premises when used for 777  
election purposes. When removable buildings are supplied by the 778  
board, they shall be constructed under the contract let to the 779  
lowest and best bidder, and the board shall observe all 780  
ordinances and regulations then in force as to safety. The board 781  
shall remove all such buildings from streets and other public 782  
places within thirty days after an election, unless another 783  
election is to be held within ninety days. 784

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 785  
board shall ensure all of the following: 786

(a) That polling places and the office of the board are 787  
free of barriers that would impede ingress and egress of 788  
handicapped persons; 789

(b) That the minimum number of special parking locations, 790  
also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking 791  
spaces, for handicapped persons are designated at each polling 792  
place and at the office of the board in accordance with 28 793  
C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, and in compliance with division (E) 794  
of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code; 795

(c) That the entrances of polling places and the office of 796  
the board are level or are provided with a nonskid ramp that 797

meets the requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act 798  
of 1990," 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101; 799

(d) That doors are a minimum of thirty-two inches wide. 800

(2) Notwithstanding division (B)(1)(a), (c), or (d) of 801  
this section, certain polling places or the office of the board 802  
may be specifically exempted by the secretary of state upon 803  
certification by a board of elections that a good faith, but 804  
unsuccessful, effort has been made to modify, or change the 805  
location of, such polling places or the office of the board. 806

~~(C) At any polling place that is exempted from compliance~~ 807  
~~by the secretary of state, the board of elections shall permit~~ 808  
~~any handicapped. Any~~ elector who travels to that elector's 809  
polling place or to the office of the board, but who is 810  
physically unable to enter the polling place or the office of 811  
the board, shall be permitted to vote, in accordance with the 812  
~~assistance of two polling place officials of major political~~ 813  
~~parties, in the vehicle that conveyed that elector to the~~ 814  
~~polling place, or to receive and cast that elector's ballot at~~ 815  
~~the door of the polling place~~ division (C) of section 3505.18 or 816  
division (F) of section 3509.051 of the Revised Code, as 817  
applicable. 818

(D) The secretary of state shall: 819

(1) Work with other state agencies to facilitate the 820  
distribution of information and technical assistance to boards 821  
of elections to meet the requirements of division (B) of this 822  
section; 823

(2) Work with organizations that represent or provide 824  
services to handicapped, disabled, or elderly citizens to effect 825  
a wide dissemination of information about the availability of 826

absentee voting, voting in the voter's vehicle or at the door of 827  
the polling place or the office of the board, or other election 828  
services to handicapped, disabled, or elderly citizens. 829

(E) Before the day of an election, the director of the 830  
board of elections of each county shall sign a statement 831  
verifying that each polling place that will be used in that 832  
county at that election meets the requirements of division (B) 833  
(1) (b) of this section. The signed statement shall be sent to 834  
the secretary of state by certified mail or electronically. 835

(F) As used in this section, "handicapped" means having 836  
lost the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any 837  
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as 838  
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a 839  
wheelchair. 840

**Sec. 3501.38.** All declarations of candidacy, nominating 841  
petitions, or other petitions presented to or filed with the 842  
secretary of state or a board of elections or with any other 843  
public office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any 844  
nomination or office or for the holding of an election on any 845  
issue shall, in addition to meeting the other specific 846  
requirements prescribed in the sections of the Revised Code 847  
relating to them, be governed by the following rules: 848

(A) Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or 849  
issue which is the subject of the petition shall sign a 850  
petition. Each signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to 851  
section 3503.01 of the Revised Code. The facts of qualification 852  
shall be determined as of the date when the petition is filed. 853

(B) Signatures shall be affixed in ink. Each signer may 854  
also print the signer's name, so as to clearly identify the 855

signer's signature. 856

(C) Each signer shall place on the petition after the 857  
signer's name the date of signing and the location of the 858  
signer's voting residence, including the street and number if in 859  
a municipal corporation or the rural route number, post office 860  
address, or township if outside a municipal corporation. The 861  
voting address given on the petition shall be the address 862  
appearing in the registration records at the board of elections. 863

(D) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of 864  
the Revised Code, no person shall write any name other than the 865  
person's own on any petition. Except as otherwise provided in 866  
section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, no person may authorize 867  
another to sign for the person. If a petition contains the 868  
signature of an elector two or more times, only the first 869  
signature shall be counted. 870

(E) (1) On each petition paper, the circulator shall 871  
indicate the number of signatures contained on it, and shall 872  
sign a statement made under penalty of election falsification 873  
that the circulator witnessed the affixing of every signature, 874  
that all signers were to the best of the circulator's knowledge 875  
and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the 876  
best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the signature of 877  
the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney 878  
in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. 879  
On the circulator's statement for a declaration of candidacy or 880  
nominating petition for a person seeking to become a statewide 881  
candidate or for a statewide initiative or a statewide 882  
referendum petition, the circulator shall identify the 883  
circulator's name, the address of the circulator's permanent 884  
residence, and the name and address of the person employing the 885

circulator to circulate the petition, if any. 886

(2) As used in division (E) of this section, "statewide 887  
candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of 888  
governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office 889  
of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or 890  
attorney general. 891

(F) Except as otherwise provided in section 3501.382 of 892  
the Revised Code, if a circulator knowingly permits an 893  
unqualified person to sign a petition paper or permits a person 894  
to write a name other than the person's own on a petition paper, 895  
that petition paper is invalid; otherwise, the signature of a 896  
person not qualified to sign shall be rejected but shall not 897  
invalidate the other valid signatures on the paper. 898

(G) The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in 899  
a public office, strike from it any signature the circulator 900  
does not wish to present as a part of the petition. 901

(H) Any signer of a petition or an attorney in fact acting 902  
pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code on behalf of a 903  
signer may remove the signer's signature from that petition at 904  
any time before the petition is filed in a public office by 905  
striking the signer's name from the petition; no signature may 906  
be removed after the petition is filed in any public office. 907

(I) (1) No alterations, corrections, or additions may be 908  
made to a petition after it is filed in a public office. 909

(2) (a) No declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, 910  
or other petition for the purpose of becoming a candidate may be 911  
withdrawn after it is filed in a public office. Nothing in this 912  
division prohibits a person from withdrawing as a candidate as 913  
otherwise provided by law. 914

(b) No petition presented to or filed with the secretary 915  
of state, a board of elections, or any other public office for 916  
the purpose of the holding of an election on any question or 917  
issue may be resubmitted after it is withdrawn from a public 918  
office or rejected as containing insufficient signatures. 919  
Nothing in this division prevents a question or issue petition 920  
from being withdrawn by the filing of a written notice of the 921  
withdrawal by a majority of the members of the petitioning 922  
committee with the same public office with which the petition 923  
was filed prior to the sixtieth day before the election at which 924  
the question or issue is scheduled to appear on the ballot. 925

(J) All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, 926  
or other petitions under this section shall be accompanied by 927  
the following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER 928  
COMMITTS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE 929  
FIFTH DEGREE. 930

(K) All separate petition papers shall be filed at the 931  
same time, as one instrument. 932

(L) If a board of elections distributes for use a petition 933  
form for a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or any 934  
type of question or issue petition that does not satisfy the 935  
requirements of law as of the date of that distribution, the 936  
board shall not invalidate the petition on the basis that the 937  
petition form does not satisfy the requirements of law, if the 938  
petition otherwise is valid. Division (L) of this section 939  
applies only if the candidate received the petition from the 940  
board within ninety days of when the petition is required to be 941  
filed. 942

(M) (1) Upon receiving an initiative petition, or a 943  
petition filed under section 307.94 or 307.95 of the Revised 944

Code, concerning a ballot issue that is to be submitted to the 945  
electors of a county or municipal political subdivision, the 946  
board of elections shall examine the petition to determine: 947

(a) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a 948  
municipal political subdivision's authority to enact via 949  
initiative, including, if applicable, the limitations placed by 950  
Sections 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution on 951  
the authority of municipal corporations to adopt local police, 952  
sanitary, and other similar regulations as are not in conflict 953  
with general laws, and whether the petition satisfies the 954  
statutory prerequisites to place the issue on the ballot. The 955  
petition shall be invalid if any portion of the petition is not 956  
within the initiative power; or 957

(b) Whether the petition falls within the scope of a 958  
county's authority to enact via initiative, including whether 959  
the petition conforms to the requirements set forth in Section 3 960  
of Article X of the Ohio Constitution, including the exercise of 961  
only those powers that have vested in, and the performance of 962  
all duties imposed upon counties and county officers by law, and 963  
whether the petition satisfies the statutory prerequisites to 964  
place the issue on the ballot. The finding of the board shall be 965  
subject to challenge by a protest filed pursuant to division (B) 966  
of section 307.95 of the Revised Code. 967

(2) After making a determination under division (M) (1) (a) 968  
or (b) of this section, the board of elections shall promptly 969  
transmit a copy of the petition and a notice of the board's 970  
determination to the office of the secretary of state. Notice of 971  
the board's determination shall be given to the petitioners and 972  
the political subdivision. 973

(3) If multiple substantially similar initiative petitions 974

are submitted to multiple boards of elections and the 975  
determinations of the boards under division (M) (1) (a) or (b) of 976  
this section concerning those petitions differ, the secretary of 977  
state shall make a single determination under division (M) (1) (a) 978  
or (b) of this section that shall apply to each such initiative 979  
petition. 980

(N) A board of elections shall continue to verify every 981  
signature on a petition after the number of signatures found to 982  
be valid equals the minimum required number of valid signatures. 983  
When the board determines that an elector has signed a petition 984  
and that the signature is valid, the board shall note that fact 985  
in the elector's registration record. 986

**Sec. 3503.09.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 987  
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 988  
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 989  
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 990  
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 991  
of change of name and change of residence~~changes forms~~ for 992  
voter registration~~records in the statewide voter registration~~  
~~database.~~ 994

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 995  
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter 996  
registrations that permit information from a voter registration 997  
application received by a designated agency or an office of 998  
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available 999  
electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter 1000  
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable 1001  
board of elections under division (E) (2) of section 3503.10 ~~or~~ 1002  
~~section 3503.11~~ of the Revised Code. 1003

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall 1004

do all of the following: 1005

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a 1006  
designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, 1007  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 1008  
office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter 1009  
registration database; 1010

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 1011  
be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 1012  
before the information is added to the statewide voter 1013  
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 1014  
voter registration; 1015

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy 1016  
registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration 1017  
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data 1018  
relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by 1019  
the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the 1020  
electronic data to the original voter registration application. 1021

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted 1022  
to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 or division (F) 1023  
of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code. 1024

**Sec. 3503.11.** (A) (1) When a person applies in person to 1025  
receive or renew a driver's license, commercial driver's 1026  
license, or state identification card, or to receive a duplicate 1027  
or replacement of one of those items, the registrar or deputy 1028  
registrar shall attempt to obtain all of the following 1029  
information from that person: 1030

(a) The person's legal name; 1031

(b) The person's residence address; 1032

(c) The person's date of birth; 1033

(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state 1034  
identification card, if the person has been assigned one; 1035

(e) The last four digits of the person's social security 1036  
number. 1037

(2) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor 1038  
vehicles shall prescribe a method by which the registrar or a 1039  
deputy registrar, upon obtaining all of the information 1040  
described in division (A) (1) of this section concerning a 1041  
person, may use the information in the statewide voter 1042  
registration database immediately to determine whether the 1043  
person is registered to vote in this state and, if so, whether 1044  
the person is registered at the address and under the name the 1045  
person provided under division (A) (1) of this section. 1046

(3) When the registrar or deputy registrar obtains all of 1047  
the information described in division (A) (1) of this section 1048  
concerning a person who is not registered to vote in this state 1049  
under the person's current name, the registrar or deputy 1050  
registrar shall proceed to offer the person voter registration 1051  
under division (B) of this section, unless the registrar or 1052  
deputy registrar has information indicating that the person is 1053  
not eligible to vote in this state. 1054

(B) (1) When the registrar or deputy registrar offers a 1055  
person voter registration pursuant to division (A) (3) of this 1056  
section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall cause a 1057  
customer facing electronic display to ask the person whether the 1058  
person wishes to be registered to vote. The secretary of state 1059  
shall prescribe the language to appear on the display. When the 1060  
display asks the person that question, the display also shall 1061

inform the person of both of the following: 1062

(a) The fact that if the person declines to be registered to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes; 1063  
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(b) The fact that if the person wishes to be registered to vote, the office at which the person submitted the person's information will remain confidential and will only be used for voter registration purposes. 1066  
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(2) If the person indicates that the person wishes to be registered to vote, the customer facing electronic display shall present the person with all of the following information, using language prescribed by the secretary of state: 1070  
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(a) 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; 1074  
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(b) A statement that election falsification is a felony of the fifth degree; 1079  
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(c) A statement instructing the person to decline to be registered to vote if the person is not eligible to register. 1081  
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(3) The customer facing electronic display then shall request the person to provide the person's signature electronically in association with a statement, made 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. The secretary of state 1083  
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shall prescribe the language to appear on the display. 1091

(4) If the person electronically signs the statement 1092  
described in division (B) (3) of this section, the registrar or 1093  
deputy registrar shall proceed under division (C) (1) of this 1094  
section. 1095

(5) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor 1096  
vehicles shall prescribe procedures for the registrar and deputy 1097  
registrars to offer voter registration under this section in 1098  
compliance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act," 42 U.S.C. 1099  
12101 et seq., and regulations adopted under that act. 1100

(C) (1) Not later than seven days after the registrar or 1101  
deputy registrar obtains all of the information described in 1102  
division (A) (1) of this section concerning a person who is not 1103  
registered to vote in this state under the person's current 1104  
name, along with the person's electronic signature under 1105  
division (B) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar 1106  
shall transmit the information and signature, along with any 1107  
newly assigned driver's license or state identification card 1108  
number and any telephone number or electronic mail address the 1109  
person has provided, to the secretary of state electronically in 1110  
the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. 1111

(2) Not later than seven days after the bureau of motor 1112  
vehicles learns of a change of residence address of a registered 1113  
elector under division (A) of this section, division (F) (2) of 1114  
section 4507.061, or division (C) of section 4507.09 of the 1115  
Revised Code, the bureau shall transmit the elector's updated 1116  
information, along with any newly assigned driver's license or 1117  
state identification card number, to the secretary of state 1118  
electronically in the manner prescribed by the secretary of 1119  
state. 1120

(3) Not later than seven days after the bureau of motor 1121  
vehicles obtains all of the information described in division 1122  
(A) (1) of this section concerning a person who is registered to 1123  
vote in this state at the person's current address and under the 1124  
person's current name, the registrar or deputy registrar shall 1125  
transmit the information, along with any newly assigned driver's 1126  
license or state identification card number and any telephone 1127  
number or electronic mail address the person has provided, to 1128  
the secretary of state electronically in the manner prescribed 1129  
by the secretary of state. 1130

(D) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (2) 1131  
of this section, when the secretary of state receives 1132  
information concerning a person under division (C) of this 1133  
section, the secretary of state shall consult the statewide 1134  
voter registration database to determine whether the person is 1135  
registered to vote at the person's current address and under the 1136  
person's current name, and if not, promptly shall transmit the 1137  
person's information electronically to the appropriate board of 1138  
elections. 1139

(b) If the person is registered to vote at the person's 1140  
current address and under the person's current name, the 1141  
secretary of state promptly shall transmit to the appropriate 1142  
board of elections an electronic notice of the date of the 1143  
person's transaction with the registrar or deputy registrar, 1144  
along with any telephone number or electronic mail address the 1145  
person has provided. 1146

(2) If the secretary of state determines that a person 1147  
concerning whom the secretary of state receives information 1148  
under division (C) of this section is not registered to vote at 1149  
the person's current address or under the person's current name, 1150

but is a participant in the address confidentiality program 1151  
described in sections 111.41 to 111.48 of the Revised Code, the 1152  
secretary of state shall not transmit that information to the 1153  
board of elections. Instead, the secretary of state shall send a 1154  
notice to the person explaining the process to register to vote 1155  
or to update the person's confidential registration under 1156  
section 111.44 of the Revised Code. 1157

(E) (1) If the board of elections determines that a person 1158  
whose information is sent to the board under division (D) (1) (a) 1159  
of this section is eligible to register to vote or to update the 1160  
person's voter registration, the board promptly shall register 1161  
the person to vote or update the person's voter registration, as 1162  
applicable, and send the person a notice in accordance with 1163  
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code. The electronic record 1164  
transmitted to the board of elections under this division shall 1165  
be considered to be the person's voter registration form. 1166

(2) Upon receiving a notice under division (D) (1) (b) of 1167  
this section concerning an elector, the board of elections shall 1168  
record the date of the elector's transaction with the registrar 1169  
or deputy registrar in the elector's registration record. 1170

(F) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor 1171  
vehicles shall ensure that the procedures implemented under this 1172  
section maintain the integrity, security, and confidentiality of 1173  
information contained in the statewide voter registration 1174  
database. 1175

**Sec. 3503.12.** All registrations shall be carefully 1176  
checked, and in case any person is found to have ~~registered~~ more 1177  
~~than one~~ one registration form, the additional all registration 1178  
forms other than the most recent registration form shall be 1179  
canceled by the board of elections. 1180

Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or 1181  
general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more 1182  
newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, 1183  
times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for 1184  
registration. 1185

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure 1186  
to the extent reasonably possible that, ~~on or before November 1,~~ 1187  
~~1980,~~ all registration places shall be free of barriers that 1188  
would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. 1189  
Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid 1190  
ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a 1191  
minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located 1192  
at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements 1193  
of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of 1194  
barriers. 1195

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost 1196  
the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any 1197  
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as 1198  
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a 1199  
wheelchair. 1200

**Sec. 3503.13.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1201  
111.44 of the Revised Code or by state or federal law, 1202  
registration forms ~~submitted by applicants~~ and the statewide 1203  
voter registration database established under section 3503.15 of 1204  
the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection at all times 1205  
when the office of the board of elections is open for business, 1206  
under such regulations as the board adopts, provided that no 1207  
person shall be permitted to inspect voter registration forms 1208  
except in the presence of an employee of the board. 1209

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 1210

signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 1211  
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 1212  
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 1213  
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 1214  
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 1215  
Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 1216  
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 1217  
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 1218

**Sec. 3503.14.** (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 1219  
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 1220  
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall 1221  
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1222  
1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following: 1223

(1) The voter's name; 1224

(2) The voter's address; 1225

(3) The current date; 1226

(4) The voter's date of birth; 1227

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following: 1228

(a) The voter's driver's license or state identification  
card number, if any; 1229  
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(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security  
number, if any; 1231  
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(c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a 1233  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 1234  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 1235  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 1236  
registration mailed by a board of elections under section 1237  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the voter's name and 1238

address.	1239
(6) The voter's signature.	1240
The registration form shall include a space on which the	1241
person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and	1242
provide the person's address and a space on which the person	1243
registering an applicant shall name the employer who is	1244
employing that person to register the applicant.	1245
Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state	1246
under section 3503.11 <u>and division (F) of section 4507.061</u> of	1247
the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall permit boards of	1248
elections to produce forms that have subdivided spaces for each	1249
individual alphanumeric character of the information provided by	1250
the voter so as to accommodate the electronic reading and	1251
conversion of the voter's information to data and the subsequent	1252
electronic transfer of that data to the statewide voter	1253
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the	1254
Revised Code.	1255
(B) None of the following persons who are registering an	1256
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal	1257
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's	1258
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to	1259
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section:	1260
(1) An election official;	1261
(2) A county treasurer;	1262
(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles;	1263
(4) An employee of a designated agency;	1264
(5) An employee of a public high school;	1265

(6) An employee of a public vocational school;	1266
(7) An employee of a public library;	1267
(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;	1268
(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;	1269
(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;	1270
(11) An employee of an election official.	1271
(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.	1272 1273 1274 1275 1276 1277 1278 1279 1280 1281 1282
(D) No registration, change of residence, or change of name form shall be rejected solely on the basis that a person registering an applicant failed to sign the person's name or failed to name the employer who is employing that person to register the applicant as required under division (A) of this section.	1283 1284 1285 1286 1287 1288
(E) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election	1289 1290 1291 1292 1293

and signature-matching purposes. 1294

(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" 1295  
includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter 1296  
registration forms or to assist persons in completing or 1297  
returning those forms. 1298

**Sec. 3503.15.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall 1299  
establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database 1300  
that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of 1301  
state and made continuously available to each board of elections 1302  
and to other agencies as authorized by law. 1303

(2) (a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 1304  
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 1305  
department of job and family services, the department of 1306  
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 1307  
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 1308  
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 1309  
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 1310  
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 1311  
database established pursuant to this section, except where 1312  
prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of 1313  
health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and 1314  
family services, the department of medicaid, and the department 1315  
of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information 1316  
and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day 1317  
of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any 1318  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 1319  
confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data 1320  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 1321  
state. No public office, and no public official or employee, 1322  
shall sell that information or data or use that information or 1323

data for profit. 1324

(b) Information provided under this division for 1325  
maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall 1326  
not be used to update the name or address of a registered 1327  
elector. The Except for cases in which an elector's registration 1328  
is updated through the system described in section 3503.11 and 1329  
division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the name 1330  
or address of a registered elector shall only be updated as a 1331  
result of the elector's actions in filing a notice of change of 1332  
name, change of address, or both. 1333

(c) A board of elections shall contact a registered 1334  
elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) (7) of 1335  
this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the 1336  
statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if 1337  
that information does not conform with information provided 1338  
under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the discrepancy 1339  
would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot. 1340

(3) (a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 1341  
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 1342  
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 1343  
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 1344  
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to 1345  
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 1346  
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any 1347  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 1348  
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data 1349  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 1350  
state. 1351

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 1352  
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 1353

that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 1354  
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 1355  
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 1356  
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 1357  
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 1358  
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 1359  
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 1360  
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 1361  
that receives confidential information or data under this 1362  
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 1363  
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 1364  
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 1365  
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 1366  
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 1367  
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 1368  
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 1369

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data 1370  
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information 1371  
or data or use the information or data for profit. 1372

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 1373  
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 1374  
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 1375  
receives under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section that is 1376  
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 1377  
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 1378  
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 1379  
state and federal law: 1380

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 1381  
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 1382  
registered elector appears in the database, that only 1383

individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 1384  
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 1385  
eliminated from the database; 1386

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 1387  
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 1388  
the database; 1389

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 1390  
are not removed in error from the database. 1391

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 1392  
under this section shall be the official list of registered 1393  
voters for all elections conducted in this state. 1394

(C) The statewide voter registration database established 1395  
under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the 1396  
following: 1397

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 1398  
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 1399  
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 1400

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 1401  
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 1402  
of elections; 1403

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 1404  
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 1405  
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 1406  
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 1407  
updates of the database; 1408

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 1409  
voters and their registration information by name, driver's 1410  
license or state identification card number, birth date, social 1411

security number, or current address;	1412
(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the	1413
integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter	1414
registration information is maintained;	1415
(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records	1416
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to	1417
record the reason for their cancellation.	1418
(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to	1419
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following:	1420
(1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter	1421
registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be	1422
converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide	1423
voter registration database;	1424
(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter	1425
registration records into the statewide voter registration	1426
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day,	1427
if new registration information is received;	1428
(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled	1429
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration	1430
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;	1431
(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete,	1432
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter	1433
registration database and to make updates of that database;	1434
(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the	1435
information contained in the statewide voter registration	1436
database;	1437
(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of	1438
motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and	1439

data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary 1440  
of state under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the 1441  
frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information 1442  
and data; 1443

(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances 1444  
in which records contained in the statewide voter registration 1445  
database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, 1446  
state, or group of states described in division (A) (2) (a) or (3) 1447  
(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's 1448  
voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that 1449  
the information in the registration record does not conform to 1450  
records maintained by such an agency. 1451

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 1452  
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 1453  
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 1454  
the secretary of state under division (D) (3) of this section 1455  
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 1456  
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 1457

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 1458  
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 1459  
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 1460  
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 1461  
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 1462

(G) (1) The statewide voter registration database 1463  
established under this section shall be made available on a web 1464  
site of the office of the secretary of state as follows: 1465

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (1) (b) of 1466  
this section, the following information from the statewide voter 1467  
registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made 1468

available on the web site:	1469
(i) The voter's name;	1470
(ii) The voter's address;	1471
(iii) The voter's precinct number;	1472
(iv) The voter's voting history.	1473
(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter registration database shall permit a voter to search for the polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.	1474 1475 1476 1477
(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of updating the information made available on the secretary of state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the secretary of state within one business day of any change to the location of a precinct polling place within the county.	1478 1479 1480 1481 1482 1483 1484 1485 1486 1487
(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, not later than one business day after receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G) (2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose of division (G) (1) (b) of this section.	1488 1489 1490 1491 1492 1493 1494
(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review of the statewide voter registration database as follows:	1495 1496

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information 1497  
in the statewide voter registration database with the 1498  
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 1499  
motor vehicles under division (A) (2) of this section to identify 1500  
any person who does all of the following, in the following 1501  
order: 1502

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 1503  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen; 1504

(b) ~~Registers~~ Is registered to vote, ~~submits a~~ has the 1505  
person's voter registration ~~change of residence or change of~~ 1506  
~~name form~~ updated, or votes in this state; 1507

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 1508  
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen. 1509

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to 1510  
each person identified under division (H) (1) of this section, 1511  
instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a 1512  
United States citizen or to submit a completed voter 1513  
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The 1514  
secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration 1515  
cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to 1516  
respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in 1517  
division (H) (3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty 1518  
days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly 1519  
shall send the person a second notice and form. 1520

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 1521  
was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H) (2) of 1522  
this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that 1523  
the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state 1524  
shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration. 1525

(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 1526  
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H) (2) 1527  
of this section sends a completed voter registration 1528  
cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of 1529  
state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in 1530  
which the person is registered to cancel the person's 1531  
registration. 1532

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under 1533  
division (H) (2) of this section fails to respond to the 1534  
secretary of state in the manner described in division (H) (3) or 1535  
(4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second 1536  
notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter 1537  
to the attorney general for further investigation and possible 1538  
prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any 1539  
other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the 1540  
thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends 1541  
a completed voter registration cancellation form to the 1542  
secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the 1543  
board of elections of the county in which the person is 1544  
registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify 1545  
the attorney general of the cancellation. 1546

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review 1547  
described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days 1548  
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal 1549  
office. 1550

**Sec. 3503.16.** (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in division~~ 1551  
~~(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever~~ Whenever a 1552  
registered elector changes the place of residence of that 1553  
registered elector from one precinct to another within a county 1554  
or from one county to another, or has a change of name, that 1555

registered elector shall report the change by ~~delivering a~~ 1556  
~~change of residence or change of name form, whichever is~~ 1557  
~~appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary of state under~~ 1558  
~~section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state or local office~~ 1559  
~~of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational~~ 1560  
~~school, a public library, the office of the county treasurer,~~ 1561  
~~the office of the secretary of state, any office of the~~ 1562  
~~registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any office~~ 1563  
~~of a board of elections in person or by a third person. Any~~ 1564  
~~voter registration, change of address, or change of name~~ 1565  
~~application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary~~ 1566  
~~of state or the board of elections.~~ 1567

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 1568  
~~that registered elector by filing a change of residence or~~ 1569  
~~change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general~~ 1570  
~~election at the polling place in the precinct in which that~~ 1571  
~~registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at~~ 1572  
~~another site designated by the board one of the methods~~ 1573  
~~described in section 3503.19 of the Revised Code.~~ 1574

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 1575  
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 1576  
special election and has not ~~filed a notice of~~ reported the 1577  
change of residence in accordance with the board of elections 1578  
section 3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election by 1579  
going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 1580  
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1581  
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 1582  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1583  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1584  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1585  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 1586

3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current 1587  
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 1588

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1589  
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 1590  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1591  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of name in accordance with 1592  
~~the board of elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may 1593  
vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 1594  
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 1595  
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 1596  
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 1597  
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 1598  
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 1599  
elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and 1600  
sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 1601

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 1602  
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 1603  
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 1604  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1605  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence or change of 1606  
name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with ~~the board of~~ 1607  
~~elections section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~ may vote in that 1608  
election if that registered elector complies with division ~~(G)~~ 1609  
(E) of this section or does all of the following: 1610

(a) Appears at ~~anytime~~ any time during regular business 1611  
hours on or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in 1612  
which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election 1613  
is held on the day of a presidential primary election, the 1614  
twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the 1615  
Saturday prior to the election at the office of the board of 1616

elections, appears at any time during regular business hours on 1617  
the Monday prior to the election at the office of the board of 1618  
elections, or appears on the day of the election at either of 1619  
the following locations: 1620

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 1621  
registered elector resides; 1622

(ii) 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. 1627

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1628  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1629  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 1630  
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1631

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1632  
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 1633  
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 1634  
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 1635  
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 1636  
that other location instead of the office of the board of 1637  
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 1638  
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 1639  
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1640

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1641  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1642  
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1643  
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1644  
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1645

registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1646  
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1647  
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1648  
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1649  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1650  
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1651  
at any other location for that particular election. 1652

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1653  
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1654  
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 1655  
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 1656  
reported the change of residence in accordance with section 1657  
3503.19 of the Revised Code may vote in that election if that 1658  
registered elector complies with division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this 1659  
section or does all of the following: 1660

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1661  
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1662  
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1663  
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1664  
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1665  
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1666  
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1667  
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1668  
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1669  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1670  
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1671  
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1672  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1673  
has designated another location in the county at which 1674  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1675  
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1676

the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1677  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1678  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1679  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1680  
the office of the board of elections; 1681

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1682  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1683  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1684

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1685  
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1686  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1687  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1688  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1689  
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1690  
that registered elector has moved; 1691

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1692  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1693  
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1694  
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1695  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1696  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1697  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1698  
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1699  
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1700  
location for that particular election. 1701

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1702  
to division ~~(G)~~(E) of this section shall not make written 1703  
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1704  
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division ~~(G)~~(E) of this 1705  
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1706

during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1707  
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1708  
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1709  
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1710  
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1711  
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1712  
to division ~~(G)~~ (E) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1713  
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1714  
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1715

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1716  
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1717  
different from the office of the board at which registered 1718  
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1719  
section. 1720

~~(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1721  
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 1722  
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1723  
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1724  
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1725  
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1726  
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1727  
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1728  
registration. 1729~~

~~(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1730  
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1731  
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1732  
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1733  
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1734  
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1735~~

~~The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1736~~

~~and change of name forms to the probate court and court of- 1737  
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person- 1738  
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order- 1739  
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court- 1740  
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections- 1741  
within five days after receiving them. 1742~~

~~(G)~~—A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1743  
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1744  
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1745  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1746  
has designated another location in the county at which 1747  
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1748  
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1749  
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1750  
of the following: 1751

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 1752  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1753  
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 1754  
after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 1755  
registered elector wishes to vote through ~~noon of the Saturday-~~ 1756  
close of business on the tenth day prior to that election and 1757  
requests that the absent voter's ballot be sent to the address 1758  
to which the registered elector has moved if the registered 1759  
elector has moved, or to the address of that registered elector 1760  
who has not moved but has had a change of name; 1761

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1762  
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1763  
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1764  
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1765  
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1766

elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1767  
infirmity; 1768

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1769  
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1770  
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1771  
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1772

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1773  
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1774  
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1775  
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1776  
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1777  
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1778  
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1779  
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1780  
location or address for that particular election. 1781

**Sec. 3503.19.** ~~(A) Persons~~ (A) (1) Except as otherwise 1782  
provided in division (E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, 1783  
persons qualified to register or to change their registration 1784  
because of a change of address or change of name may register or 1785  
change their registration ~~in~~ by doing any of the following: 1786

(a) Submitting a voter registration or change of address 1787  
or change of name form in person or through another person at 1788  
any state or local office of a designated agency, at the office 1789  
of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, at a 1790  
public high school or vocational school, at a public library, at 1791  
the office of a county treasurer, or at a branch office 1792  
established by the board of elections, ~~or in;~~ 1793

(b) Submitting a voter registration or change of address 1794  
or change of name form in person or through another person at a 1795

probate court or a court of common pleas. The board of elections 1796  
shall provide the forms to the courts, and the courts shall 1797  
provide the forms to any person eighteen years of age or older 1798  
who has a change of name by order of the court or who applies 1799  
for a marriage license. 1800

(c) Submitting a voter registration or change of address 1801  
or change of name form in person, through another person, or by 1802  
mail at the office of the secretary of state or at the office of 1803  
a ~~any~~ board of elections. A registered elector may also change 1804  
the elector's registration on; 1805

(d) Being registered or having the elector's registration 1806  
updated through the bureau of motor vehicles under section 1807  
3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code; 1808

(e) Submitting an application through the online voter 1809  
registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code; 1810

(f) Submitting a voter registration or change of address 1811  
or change of name form in person to the election officials on 1812  
election day at any polling place ~~where the elector is eligible~~ 1813  
~~to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the~~ 1814  
~~Revised Code. Voter registration and change of address or change~~ 1815  
~~of name forms shall be available at each polling place, and the~~ 1816  
~~election officials shall return all completed forms, together~~ 1817  
~~with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections.~~ 1818

(g) In the case of a person who is eligible to vote as a 1819  
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 1820  
the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 1821  
U.S.C. 20301, et seq., returning the person's completed voter 1822  
registration or change of address or change of name form 1823  
electronically to the office of the secretary of state or to the 1824

board of elections of the county in which the person's voting 1825  
residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised 1826  
Code. 1827

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1828  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1829  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1830  
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office 1831  
of a county treasurer shall transmit any voter registration 1832  
application or change of registration form that it receives to 1833  
the board of elections of the county in which the state or local 1834  
office is located, within five days after receiving the voter 1835  
registration application or change of registration form. 1836

~~An~~ (3)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this 1837  
section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that 1838  
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1839  
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1840  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1841  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1842  
library, the office of a county treasurer, a probate court or 1843  
court of common pleas, the office of the secretary of state, or 1844  
the office of a board of elections no later than the thirtieth 1845  
day preceding a primary, special, or general election for the 1846  
person to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that 1847  
election. An otherwise valid registration application received 1848  
after that day entitles the elector to vote at all subsequent 1849  
elections. 1850

(b) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by 1851  
the bureau of motor vehicles under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 1852  
of the Revised Code concerning a person who is eligible to 1853  
register to vote must have been submitted to the bureau by the 1854

person not later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1855  
special, or general election for the person to be registered to 1856  
vote and to qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that 1857  
election. Otherwise valid information transmitted under that 1858  
division that was submitted after that day entitles the person 1859  
to be registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent 1860  
elections. 1861

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1862  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1863  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1864  
library, a probate court or court of common pleas, or the office 1865  
of a county treasurer shall date stamp a registration 1866  
application or change of name or change of address form it 1867  
receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the identity 1868  
of the state or local office that receives the registration. 1869

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1870  
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1871  
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1872  
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1873  
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1874  
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1875  
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1876  
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1877  
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1878  
the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1879  
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1880  
general election. 1881

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1882  
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1883  
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1884

elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1885  
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with ~~42-52~~ 1886  
U.S.C. ~~1973ff-6-20310~~ also may apply for voter registration 1887  
forms by electronic means to the office of the secretary of 1888  
state or to the board of elections of the county in which the 1889  
person's voting residence is located pursuant to section 1890  
3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1891

~~(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1892  
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1893  
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1894  
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1895  
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1896  
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1897  
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1898  
accordance with 42 U.S.C. ~~1973ff-6~~ also may return the 1899  
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1900  
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1901  
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1902  
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1903~~

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an 1904  
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1905  
through another person to any board of elections or the office 1906  
of the secretary of state. 1907~~

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a 1908  
voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that 1909  
person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the 1910  
office of the secretary of state. 1911~~

~~(d) (3) If a board of elections or the office of the 1912  
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1913  
(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before 1914~~

an election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, 1915  
as applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1916  
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1917  
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1918  
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1919  
secretary of state receives a registration form ~~under division~~ 1920  
~~(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section~~ on or after the thirtieth day 1921  
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1922  
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1923  
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1924  
seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1925  
election. 1926

(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 1927  
registration ~~application~~ or change of address or change of name 1928  
form and is satisfied as to the truth of the statements made in 1929  
the ~~registration~~ form shall register the applicant or update the 1930  
elector's registration, as applicable, not later than twenty 1931  
business days after receiving the application, unless that 1932  
application is received during the thirty days immediately 1933  
preceding the day of an election. The board shall promptly 1934  
notify the ~~applicant~~ person in writing of each of the following: 1935

(a) ~~The applicant's registration~~ fact that the person has 1936  
been registered to vote or had the person's registration 1937  
updated, as applicable; 1938

(b) The precinct in which the ~~applicant~~ person is to vote; 1939

(c) In bold type as follows: 1940

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1941  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1942  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1943

current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1944  
paycheck, or other government document, other than this 1945  
notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. 1946  
Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be 1947  
able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not 1948  
have any of the above forms of identification, including a 1949  
social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an 1950  
affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of 1951  
election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 1952

(d) If the person was registered to vote or had the 1953  
person's registration updated through the automated voter 1954  
registration and verification system described in section 1955  
3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised 1956  
Code, all of the following: 1957

(i) The fact that the person has been registered to vote 1958  
or has had the person's registration updated, as applicable, for 1959  
purposes of the next election occurring at least thirty days 1960  
after the date the person submitted the person's information to 1961  
the bureau of motor vehicles; 1962

(ii) The process to decline the registration or update or 1963  
to submit corrected registration information by signing and 1964  
returning the notice to the secretary of state or the board of 1965  
elections; 1966

(iii) A statement that if the person declines to be 1967  
registered to vote or to have the person's registration updated, 1968  
that fact will remain confidential and will only be used for 1969  
voter registration purposes; 1970

(iv) A statement that if the person wishes to be 1971  
registered to vote or to have the person's registration updated, 1972

the office at which the person submitted the person's 1973  
information will remain confidential and will only be used for 1974  
voter registration purposes. 1975

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 1976  
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 1977  
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 1978

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 1979  
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 1980  
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official 1981  
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1982  
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned 1983  
to the board. 1984

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been 1985  
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to 1986  
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 1987  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1988  
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 1989  
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 1990  
that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 1991  
indication that the voter's notification was returned from that 1992  
voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll 1993  
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 1994  
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 1995  
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration 1996  
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United 1997  
States mail of the cancellation. 1998

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid 1999  
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is 2000  
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 2001  
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation 2002

~~notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to  
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or  
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of  
this section in any election during the period of two federal  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice,  
the person's registration shall be canceled.~~

(4) (a) If a person who was registered to vote through the  
automated voter registration and verification system described  
in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the  
Revised Code declines the registration under division (C) (1) (d)  
(ii) of this section, the board shall treat the declination as a  
request to cancel the person's voter registration.

(b) If an elector who had the elector's registration  
updated through the automated voter registration and  
verification system described in section 3503.11 and division  
(F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code declines the update  
under division (C) (1) (d) (ii) of this section, the board shall  
correct the elector's voter registration to reflect the name,  
address, and signature that it contained before the board  
updated the elector's voter registration under that section.

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

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

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered

elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code; 2032

(3) The filing with the board of elections of a certified 2033  
copy of the death certificate of a registered elector by the 2034  
deceased elector's spouse, parent, or child, by the 2035  
administrator of the deceased elector's estate, or by the 2036  
executor of the deceased elector's will; 2037

(4) The conviction of the registered elector of a felony 2038  
under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United 2039  
States as provided in section 2961.01 of the Revised Code; 2040

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered 2041  
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 2042  
5122.301 of the Revised Code; 2043

~~(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a 2044  
location outside the county of registration in accordance with 2045  
division (B) of this section; 2046~~

~~(7)(a) The failure of the registered elector, after having 2047  
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either one or more of 2048  
the following at least once during a period of four consecutive 2049  
years, which period shall include two federal general elections: 2050~~

~~(a)(i) Respond to such a confirmation notice and vote at 2051  
least once during a period of four consecutive years, which 2052  
period shall include two general federal elections; 2053~~

~~(b)(ii) Update the elector's registration and vote at 2054  
least once during a period of four consecutive years, which 2055  
period shall include two general federal elections; 2056~~

(iii) Have the elector's registration updated under 2057  
section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code; 2058

(iv) Conduct a transaction with the registrar of motor 2059

vehicles or a deputy registrar, as described in division (E) (2) 2060  
of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code; 2061

(v) Vote in an election; 2062

(vi) Sign any petition that is filed with a public office 2063  
for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any nomination or 2064  
office or for the purpose of holding an election on any issue, 2065  
so long as the board of elections verifies the signatures on the 2066  
petition and determines that the elector's signature is valid. 2067

~~(8)~~(b) The registration of a registered elector described 2068  
in division (A) (6) (a) of this section shall be canceled not 2069  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 2070  
federal general election occurring after the elector is mailed a 2071  
confirmation notice or not later than one hundred twenty days 2072  
after the expiration of the four-year period described in that 2073  
division, whichever is later, provided that the registration 2074  
shall not be canceled during the ninety days immediately 2075  
preceding a federal primary or general election. 2076

(7) The declination of an elector who has been registered 2077  
under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code to 2078  
register to vote, as described in division (C) (4) (a) of section 2079  
3503.19 of the Revised Code. 2080

(8) The receipt by the board of elections of a 2081  
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the 2082  
Revised Code. 2083

(B) ~~(1)~~ The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures 2084  
to identify and ~~cancel the registration in a prior county of~~ 2085  
~~residence of~~ send a confirmation notice to any registrant who 2086  
changes the registrant's voting residence to a location outside 2087  
the registrant's current county of registration. Any procedures 2088

prescribed in this division shall be uniform and 2089  
nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with the Voting Rights Act 2090  
of 1965. The secretary of state may prescribe procedures under 2091  
this division that include the use of the national change of 2092  
address service provided by the United States postal system 2093  
through its licensees. Any program so prescribed shall be 2094  
completed not later than ninety days prior to the date of any 2095  
primary or general election for federal office. 2096

~~(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 2097  
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 2098  
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 2099  
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 2100  
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 2101  
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 2102  
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 2103  
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 2104  
confirmation notice. 2105~~

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 2106  
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of 2107  
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised 2108  
Code, division (C) (2) or (C) (4) (a) of section 3503.19 of the 2109  
Revised Code, or division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised 2110  
Code. 2111

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 2112  
registration information to the secretary of state as required 2113  
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 2114  
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 2115  
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 2116  
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 2117  
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 2118

the information to the national change of address service 2119  
described in division (B) of this section and request that 2120  
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 2121  
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 2122  
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 2123  
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 2124  
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 2125  
confirmation notice to each person on the list transmitted by 2126  
the secretary of state ~~requesting confirmation of the person's~~ 2127  
~~change of address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed~~ 2128  
~~return envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify~~ 2129  
~~or correct the change of address information.~~ 2130

~~(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 2131  
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 2132  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 2133  
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 2134  
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 2135  
the four year period in which the elector fails to vote or 2136  
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later.~~ 2137

~~(F) (1)~~ (E) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 2138  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 2139  
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 2140  
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 2141  
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 2142  
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 2143  
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 2144  
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 2145  
error. 2146

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 2147  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 2148

restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 2149

**Sec. 3503.28.** (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 2150  
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 2151  
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 2152  
information: 2153

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 2154  
for ~~returning~~ submitting an applicant's completed registration 2155  
~~form~~ application; 2156

(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's 2157  
completed registration form if the person returning the form is 2158  
being compensated for registering voters; 2159

(3) The locations ~~to~~ and manner in which a person may 2160  
~~return an applicant's completed registration form~~ register or be 2161  
registered to vote; 2162

(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for 2163  
registering voters may return an applicant's completed 2164  
registration form; 2165

(5) The registration and affirmation requirements 2166  
applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters 2167  
under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code; 2168

(6) The manner in which a person may decline in writing to 2169  
be registered to vote under the automated voter registration and 2170  
verification system described in section 3503.11 and division 2171  
(F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code; 2172

(7) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating 2173  
as follows: 2174

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 2175  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 2176

photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 2177  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2178  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 2179  
registration notification sent by a board of elections, that 2180  
shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not 2181  
provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by 2182  
casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the 2183  
above forms of identification, including a social security 2184  
number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation 2185  
swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election 2186  
falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 2187

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this 2188  
section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high 2189  
school, public vocational school, public library, office of a 2190  
county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall 2191  
distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) 2192  
of this section to any person who requests more than two voter 2193  
registration forms at one time. 2194

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the 2195  
information required to be included in the brochure developed 2196  
under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 2197  
voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 2198  
the office of the secretary of state. 2199

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web 2200  
site, the board shall provide the information required to be 2201  
included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this 2202  
section to any person who prints a voter registration form that 2203  
is made available on that web site. 2204

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to 2205  
distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this 2206

section to any of the following officials or employees who are 2207  
requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in 2208  
the course of the official's or employee's normal duties: 2209

- (1) An election official; 2210
- (2) A county treasurer; 2211
- (3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 2212
- (4) An employee of a designated agency; 2213
- (5) An employee of a public high school; 2214
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 2215
- (7) An employee of a public library; 2216
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 2217
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 2218
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 2219
- (11) An employee of an election official. 2220

(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes 2221  
any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration 2222  
forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those 2223  
forms. 2224

**Sec. 3503.30.** (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has 2225  
caused ~~himself~~ the elector to be registered in a precinct ~~which~~ 2226  
~~was~~ that is not his the elector's place of residence, the board 2227  
of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was 2228  
committed by mistake, may, on ~~his~~ the elector's personal 2229  
application and proof of ~~his~~ the elector's true residence, 2230  
correct ~~his~~ the elector's registration form. The board may 2231  
correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors 2232

when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of 2233  
fraudulent intent. 2234

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been 2235  
registered under section 3503.11 or 4507.061 of the Revised Code 2236  
in a precinct or under a name that is not the elector's place of 2237  
residence or name, the board of elections, upon application of 2238  
the elector and proof of the elector's true residence or name, 2239  
as applicable, shall correct the elector's registration form. If 2240  
the elector casts a provisional ballot because the elector's 2241  
registration has been updated erroneously under those sections, 2242  
the elector's provisional ballot shall be eligible to be 2243  
counted, as described in division (E) of section 3505.183 of the 2244  
Revised Code. 2245

**Sec. 3503.33.** (A) If an elector applying for registration 2246  
is already registered in another state or in another county 2247  
within this state, the elector shall declare this fact to the 2248  
registration officer and shall sign on the registration form, 2249  
which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous 2250  
registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 2251

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote 2252  
or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 or 2253  
4507.061 of the Revised Code, if the board is aware of the 2254  
person's previous residence address and that address is located 2255  
in another state or in another county within this state, the 2256  
board shall create a notice to cancel the previous registration 2257  
for the purpose of complying with division (C) of this section. 2258

(C) The director of the board of elections shall mail all 2259  
such authorizations and notices described in division (A) or (B) 2260  
of this section to the board of elections or comparable agency 2261  
of the proper state and county. In the case of a notice 2262

described in division (B) of this section, the board shall 2263  
include with the notice a copy of the elector's most recent 2264  
registration form. Upon the receipt of this authorization from 2265  
the forwarding county, the director of a board of elections in 2266  
Ohio, upon a comparison of the elector's signature with the 2267  
elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, 2268  
shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and 2269  
place it with the cancellation authorization in a separate file 2270  
which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years. 2271

The board shall notify the elector at the present address 2272  
~~as shown on the cancellation authorization~~ or notice ~~that his~~ 2273  
the elector's prior registration has been canceled. 2274

(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior 2275  
registration under division (C) (1) of this section, the board of 2276  
elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this 2277  
section receives a declination to register or to update the 2278  
elector's registration under division (C) (4) of section 3503.19 2279  
of the Revised Code, the board shall notify the board of 2280  
elections or comparable agency to which the board sent the 2281  
notice under division (B) of this section to restore the 2282  
elector's previous registration and treat it as though it were 2283  
never canceled. 2284

**Sec. 3505.18.** (A) (1) (a) When an elector appears in a 2285  
polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the 2286  
precinct election officials the elector's full name and current 2287  
address and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form 2288  
of a current and valid photo identification, a military 2289  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 2290  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2291  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2292

board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, 2293  
that shows the name and current address of the elector. 2294

(b) For purposes of this section and sections 3505.181 to 2295  
3505.183 of the Revised Code, an elector who provides proof of 2296  
the elector's identity in the form of a copy of a current 2297  
utility bill or bank statement may do so by showing a paper copy 2298  
of the utility bill or bank statement or by showing the utility 2299  
bill or bank statement on the elector's personal electronic 2300  
device. 2301

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to 2302  
the precinct election officials any of the forms of 2303  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 2304  
the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 2305  
of the Revised Code and do either of the following: 2306

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state 2307  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2308  
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot 2309  
envelope; or 2310

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not 2311  
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and 2312  
provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of 2313  
this section, the elector's driver's license or state 2314  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2315  
elector's social security number. 2316

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full 2317  
name and current address and provided any of the forms of 2318  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 2319  
the elector shall ~~write~~sign the elector's ~~name and address~~ 2320  
signature at the proper place in the poll list or signature 2321

pollbook provided for the purpose, except that if, for any 2322  
reason, an elector is unable to ~~write~~ sign the elector's ~~name~~ 2323  
~~and current address~~ signature in the poll list or signature 2324  
pollbook, the elector may make the elector's mark at the place 2325  
intended for the elector's ~~name~~ signature, and a precinct 2326  
election official shall write the name of the elector at the 2327  
proper place on the poll list or signature pollbook following 2328  
the elector's mark. The making of such a mark shall be attested 2329  
by the precinct election official, who shall evidence the same 2330  
by signing the precinct election official's name on the poll 2331  
list or signature pollbook as a witness to the mark. 2332  
Alternatively, if applicable, an attorney in fact acting 2333  
pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code may sign the 2334  
elector's signature in the poll list or signature pollbook in 2335  
accordance with that section. 2336

The elector's signature in the poll list or signature 2337  
pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's signature on 2338  
the elector's registration form or a digitized signature list as 2339  
provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised Code, and if, in 2340  
the opinion of a majority of the precinct election officials, 2341  
the signatures are the signatures of the same person, the 2342  
election officials shall enter the date of the election on the 2343  
registration form or shall record the date by other means 2344  
prescribed by the secretary of state. The validity of an 2345  
attorney in fact's signature on behalf of an elector shall be 2346  
determined in accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised 2347  
Code. 2348

If the right of the elector to vote is not then 2349  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 2350  
elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 2351  
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 2352

in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 2353  
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 2354  
elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 2355  
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 2356  
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 2357  
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 2358  
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 2359  
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 2360  
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 2361  
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 2362  
person who voted the ballot. 2363

(C) (1) An elector who travels to the elector's polling 2364  
place, but who is physically unable to enter the polling place, 2365  
shall be permitted to vote in the vehicle that conveyed the 2366  
elector to the polling place or at the door of the polling 2367  
place. A bipartisan team of election officials shall permit the 2368  
elector to provide identification and to sign the elector's 2369  
signature in the poll list or signature pollbook or on a 2370  
separate sheet to be added to the poll list or signature 2371  
pollbook. If the right of the elector to vote is not then 2372  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 2373  
elector's right to vote, the bipartisan team of election 2374  
officials shall provide the elector with the appropriate paper 2375  
ballots along with an envelope or secrecy sleeve. 2376

(2) During the period of a statewide emergency declared by 2377  
the governor, the secretary of state may prescribe procedures to 2378  
allow other electors to vote in accordance with division (C) (1) 2379  
of this section, as necessary to protect the public health and 2380  
safety. 2381

(3) Except as permitted under divisions (C) (1) and (2) of 2382

this section, no elector shall be permitted to vote in a vehicle 2383  
or at the door of a polling place. 2384

**Sec. 3505.183.** (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 2385  
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 2386  
separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 2387  
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 2388  
member of each major political party shall place the sealed 2389  
provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 2390  
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 2391  
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 2392  
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 2393  
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 2394  
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 2395  
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2396  
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2397  
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2398  
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2399

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2400  
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2401  
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2402  
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2403  
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2404  
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2405  
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2406  
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2407  
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2408  
be eligible to be counted: 2409

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2410  
birth, and current address; 2411

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2412

in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2413

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2414  
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2415

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2416  
in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in 2417  
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2418  
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2419  
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2420  
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2421  
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2422  
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2423  
during the seven days after the day of the election under 2424  
division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 2425  
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 2426  
vote. 2427

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2428  
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2429  
section and comparing the information required under division 2430  
(B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2431  
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2432  
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2433  
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2434  
to be counted: 2435

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2436  
registered to vote. 2437

(b) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D) and 2438  
(E) of this section, the individual named on the affirmation is 2439  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election 2440  
in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2441

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2442  
required under division (B) (1) of this section in the 2443  
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2444  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2445

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2446  
number or the elector's driver's license number or state 2447  
identification card number are not different from the last four 2448  
digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's 2449  
driver's license number or state identification card number 2450  
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2451

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2452  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different 2453  
from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained 2454  
in the statewide voter registration database. 2455

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2456  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2457

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2458  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2459

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2460  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other 2461  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2462

(f) The elector's current address is not different from 2463  
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter 2464  
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the 2465  
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has 2466  
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as 2467  
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2468  
Code, and except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this 2469  
section. 2470

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2471  
information required under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 2472  
of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 2473  
election. 2474

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~division~~divisions 2475  
(D) and (E) of this section, if, in examining a provisional 2476  
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2477  
(B) (1) and (2) of this section and comparing the information 2478  
required under division (B) (1) of this section with the 2479  
elector's information in the statewide voter registration 2480  
database, the board determines that any of the following 2481  
applies, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, 2482  
and the ballot shall not be counted: 2483

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2484  
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2485

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2486  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2487  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2488

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2489  
information required under division (B) (1) of this section in 2490  
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2491  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2492

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2493  
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2494

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2495  
additional information required under division (B) (7) of section 2496  
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of 2497  
the election. 2498

(vi) The individual failed to provide a current and valid 2499

photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a 2500  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2501  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2502  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 2503  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, with the voter's name and current 2504  
address, the individual's driver's license or state 2505  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2506  
individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation 2507  
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2508

(vii) The last four digits of the elector's social 2509  
security number or the elector's driver's license number or 2510  
state identification card number are different from the last 2511  
four digits of the elector's social security number or the 2512  
elector's driver's license number or state identification card 2513  
number contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2514

(viii) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2515  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from 2516  
the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in 2517  
the statewide voter registration database. 2518

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2519  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2520

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2521  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2522

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2523  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the 2524  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the 2525  
requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section. 2526

(ix) The elector's current address is different from the 2527  
elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 2528

database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is 2529  
casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and 2530  
has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in 2531  
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2532

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2533  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2534  
section and comparing the information required under division 2535  
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2536  
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2537  
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2538  
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2539  
counted: 2540

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2541  
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2542

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2543  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2544  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2545

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2546  
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2547  
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2548  
of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2549  
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2550  
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2551  
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2552  
recorded that information in another database. 2553

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2554  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2555  
to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 2556  
which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 2557

election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 2558  
precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 2559  
(D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 2560  
have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 2561  
election official correctly completed the form described in 2562  
division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2563

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2564  
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2565  
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2566  
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2567  
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2568  
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2569  
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2570  
which the individual was eligible to vote. 2571

(3) ~~If~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (2) of 2572  
this section, if an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2573  
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2574  
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2575  
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2576  
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2577  
shall not be counted. 2578

~~(E) Provisional~~ (E) (1) If the board determines that a 2579  
provisional ballot is not eligible to be counted under this 2580  
section because the individual's address provided on the 2581  
provisional ballot affirmation is different from the address 2582  
contained in the statewide voter registration database, because 2583  
the individual's name and signature provided on the provisional 2584  
ballot affirmation are different from the name and signature 2585  
contained in the statewide voter registration database, or both, 2586  
and both of the following are true, the board shall correct the 2587

individual's voter registration record to reflect the 2588  
information provided in the provisional ballot affirmation, and 2589  
the provisional ballot nonetheless shall be eligible to be 2590  
counted: 2591

(a) The individual's voter registration was most recently 2592  
updated through the automated voter registration and 2593  
verification system described in section 3503.11 and division 2594  
(F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code and not at the 2595  
request of the individual or using information the individual 2596  
submitted to the board of elections or the secretary of state; 2597

(b) The individual's voter registration correctly 2598  
reflected the individual's address, name, and signature, as 2599  
provided on the provisional ballot affirmation, immediately 2600  
before that update occurred. 2601

(2) If an individual who cast a provisional ballot that is 2602  
eligible to be counted under division (E)(1) of this section 2603  
cast that ballot in the precinct indicated by the individual's 2604  
voter registration record as updated through the automated voter 2605  
registration and verification system, and not in the precinct in 2606  
which the individual resides, the board shall remake the 2607  
provisional ballot on a ballot for the precinct in which the 2608  
individual resides to reflect the offices, questions, and issues 2609  
for which the individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for 2610  
which the individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The 2611  
remade ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and 2612  
issue for which the individual was eligible to vote. 2613

(F) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 2614  
(B)(4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 2615  
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 2616  
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 2617

destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 2618  
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 2619

~~(F)~~ (G) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2620  
eligible to be counted under ~~division (B) (3) or (D) of this~~ 2621  
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2622  
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2623  
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2624  
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2625  
provisional ballots cast in that county under ~~division (B) of~~ 2626  
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2627  
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2628  
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2629  
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2630  
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2631  
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2632  
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2633  
ballot. 2634

~~(G)~~ (H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(G)~~ (H) 2635  
(2) of this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a 2636  
board of elections from examining provisional ballot 2637  
affirmations and additional information under ~~divisions (B) (1)~~ 2638  
~~and (2) of this section~~ to determine the eligibility of 2639  
provisional ballots to be counted during the ten days after the 2640  
day of an election. 2641

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2642  
ballot affirmation and additional information under ~~divisions~~ 2643  
~~(B) (1) and (2) of this section~~ of any provisional ballot cast by 2644  
an individual who must provide additional information to the 2645  
board of elections under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of 2646  
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 2647

eligibility until the individual provides that information or 2648  
until the eleventh day after the day of the election, whichever 2649  
is earlier. 2650

**Sec. 3506.14.** (A) Prior to each election, the board of 2651  
elections shall ~~test~~do both of the following as instructed by 2652  
the secretary of state: 2653

(1) Test and audit the variable codes applicable to that 2654  
election to verify the accuracy of any computer program that 2655  
will be used for tallying the ballot cards for each precinct in 2656  
which an election will be held. 2657

~~(B) Prior to the start of the count of the ballots, the~~ 2658  
~~board of elections shall have the voting machine or automatic~~ 2659  
~~tabulating equipment tested;~~ 2660

(2) Conduct systematic logic and accuracy testing of every 2661  
component of every voting machine, marking device, or piece of 2662  
automatic tabulating equipment with every ballot style to be 2663  
used in the election to ascertain that ~~it~~ the ballots are 2664  
accurate and that the machines, devices, and equipment will 2665  
accurately record, mark, or count the votes cast for all offices 2666  
and on all questions and issues, as applicable. ~~Public notice of~~ 2667  
~~the time and place of the test shall be given by proclamation or~~ 2668  
~~posting as in the case of notice of elections.~~ The test shall be 2669  
conducted by processing a pre-audited group of ballots so marked 2670  
as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each 2671  
candidate and on each question and issue, and shall include for 2672  
each office one or more ballots that have votes in excess of the 2673  
number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the 2674  
automatic tabulating equipment to reject those votes. In that 2675  
test a different number of valid votes shall be assigned to each 2676  
candidate for an office, and for and against each question and 2677

issue. If an error is detected, the cause for the error shall be 2678  
ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall be made 2679  
and certified to by the board before the count is started. ~~The~~ 2680

(B) All automatic tabulating equipment to be used in an 2681  
election shall pass the same ~~test~~ testing described in division 2682  
(A) (2) of this section at the beginning and conclusion of the 2683  
election day count before the election returns are approved as 2684  
official. ~~On~~ 2685

(C) The board shall give public notice of the time and 2686  
place of all testing to be conducted under this section by 2687  
proclamation or posting as in the case of notice of elections. 2688  
All testing under this section shall be conducted by bipartisan 2689  
teams of election officials. 2690

(D) No voting machine, marking device, or piece of 2691  
automatic tabulating equipment shall be used in an election in 2692  
this state without undergoing successful testing under this 2693  
section. 2694

(E) On completion of the election day count, the programs, 2695  
test materials, and ballots shall be sealed and retained as 2696  
provided for paper ballots in section 3505.31 of the Revised 2697  
Code. 2698

**Sec. 3506.24. (A) As used in this section:** 2699

(1) "Elected official" means an elected officer of the 2700  
state, any political subdivision, or the United States, other 2701  
than a member of a central committee of a political party. 2702

(2) "Voter registration system" means software and any 2703  
related equipment used by a board of elections or the secretary 2704  
of state to process, store, organize, maintain, or retrieve 2705  
voter registration records. 2706

(B) (1) No voter registration system, voting machine, marking device, or automatic tabulating equipment shall be used for the purpose of conducting elections in this state if an elected official or the spouse of an elected official is a partner, owner, or member of the person or entity that manufactured, assembled, or otherwise made the system, machine, device, or equipment or of the person or entity from which the system, machine, device, or equipment is acquired.

(2) For purposes of division (B) (1) of this section, an elected official or the spouse of an elected official is not considered an owner of a publicly traded person or entity if the elected official's and the spouse's combined ownership interest in the person or entity is less than ten per cent.

**Sec. 3509.01.** (A) The board of elections of each county shall provide absent voter's ballots for use at every primary and general election, or special election to be held on the day specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state. Those ballots shall be the same size, shall be printed on the same kind of paper, and shall be in the same form as has been approved for use at the election for which those ballots are to be voted; except that, in counties using marking devices, ballot cards may be used for absent voter's ballots, and those absent voters shall be instructed to record the vote in the manner provided on the ballot cards.

(B) The rotation of names of candidates and questions and issues shall be substantially complied with on absent voter's ballots, within the limitation of time allotted. Those ballots

shall be designated as "Absent Voter's Ballots." Except as 2737  
otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, those 2738  
ballots shall be printed and ready for use as follows: 2739

(1) For overseas voters and absent uniformed services 2740  
voters eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas 2741  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 2742  
42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as amended, ballots shall be printed 2743  
and ready for use other than in person on the forty-sixth day 2744  
before the day of the election. 2745

(2) For all other voters, ~~other than overseas voters and~~ 2746  
~~absent uniformed services voters, who are applying to vote~~ 2747  
~~absent voter's ballots other than in person,~~ ballots shall be 2748  
printed and ready for use on the first day after the close of 2749  
voter registration before the election. 2750

~~(3) For all voters who are applying to vote absent voter's~~ 2751  
~~ballots in person, ballots shall be printed and ready for use~~ 2752  
~~beginning on the first day after the close of voter registration~~ 2753  
~~before the election.~~ 2754

~~If, at the time for the close of in-person absent voting~~ 2755  
~~on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to cast~~ 2756  
~~their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall be~~ 2757  
~~kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent~~ 2758  
~~voter's ballots.~~ 2759

(C) Absent voter's ballots provided for use at a general 2760  
or primary election, or special election to be held on the day 2761  
specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code 2762  
for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general 2763  
assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments 2764  
proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state, 2765

shall include only those questions, issues, and candidacies that 2766  
have been lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at 2767  
that election. 2768

(D) If the laws governing the holding of a special 2769  
election on a day other than the day on which a primary or 2770  
general election is held make it impossible for absent voter's 2771  
ballots to be printed and ready for use by the deadlines 2772  
established in division (B) of this section, absent voter's 2773  
ballots for those special elections shall be ready for use as 2774  
many days before the day of the election as reasonably possible 2775  
under the laws governing the holding of that special election. 2776

(E) A copy of the absent voter's ballots shall be 2777  
forwarded by the director of the board in each county to the 2778  
secretary of state at least twenty-five days before the 2779  
election. 2780

**Sec. 3509.02.** (A) Any qualified elector may vote by absent 2781  
voter's ballots at an election. 2782

(B) Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the 2783  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 2784  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 2785  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 2786  
vote, at that other location on account of personal illness, 2787  
physical disability, or infirmity, and who moves from one 2788  
precinct to another within a county, changes the elector's name 2789  
and moves from one precinct to another within a county, or moves 2790  
from one county to another county within the state, on or prior 2791  
to the day of a general, primary, or special election and has 2792  
not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name may 2793  
vote by absent voter's ballots in that election as specified in 2794  
division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code. 2795

**Sec. 3509.03.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 2796  
~~(B) of section 3509.08~~ sections 3509.031, 3509.051, 3511.02, and 2797  
3511.021 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector desiring to 2798  
vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall ~~make~~ deliver a 2799  
written application for those ballots, either in person or by 2800  
mail, to the ~~director~~ board of elections of the county in which 2801  
the elector's voting residence is located. 2802

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 2803  
section, the application need not be in any particular form but 2804  
shall contain all of the following: 2805

(1) The elector's name; 2806

(2) The elector's signature; 2807

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 2808  
vote; 2809

(4) The elector's date of birth; 2810

(5) One of the following: 2811

(a) The elector's driver's license or state identification 2812  
card number; 2813

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2814  
number; 2815

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2816  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2817  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2818  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2819  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 2820  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of 2821  
the elector. 2822

- (6) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested; 2823  
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- (7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 2825  
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- (8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation; 2827  
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- (9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 2829  
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- (C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the elector may provide the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote. 2831  
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- (D) ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of section 3509.051 and in division (B) of section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an application for to receive absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the ~~director office of the board or submitted through the online system described in section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, as applicable,~~ not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than ~~twelve noon of the third close of business on the tenth day~~ before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, ~~or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the office of the board.~~ 2836  
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- (E) ~~A board of elections that mails an absent voter's~~ 2851

~~ballot application to an elector under this section. No public~~ 2852  
~~office, and no public official or employee who is acting in an~~ 2853  
~~official capacity, shall not prepay the return postage for that~~ 2854  
~~an application for absent voter's ballots.~~ 2855

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2856  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2857  
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 2858  
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 2859  
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 2860  
applicant's name and address on an application for absent 2861  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2862  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2863  
registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 2864  
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2865  
application. 2866

Sec. 3509.031. (A) (1) The secretary of state shall 2867  
establish a secure online system for electors to apply for 2868  
absent voter's ballots. The online system shall be available in 2869  
addition to the procedures prescribed under section 3511.021 of 2870  
the Revised Code to allow a uniformed services or overseas 2871  
absent voter or a relative of such an absent voter to apply for 2872  
ballots by electronic means. 2873

(2) The online system shall permit an elector to submit 2874  
the application not earlier than the first day of January of the 2875  
year of the election or not earlier than ninety days before the 2876  
day of the election, whichever is earlier, and not later than 2877  
the close of business on the tenth day before the day of the 2878  
election. 2879

(B) (1) The online application for absent voter's ballots 2880  
shall require an elector to provide all of the following: 2881

<u>(a) The elector's name;</u>	2882
<u>(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided under division (B) (1)</u>	2883
<u>(b) (ii) of this section, the address at which the elector is</u>	2884
<u>registered to vote.</u>	2885
<u>(ii) If the elector has a confidential voter registration</u>	2886
<u>record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the</u>	2887
<u>elector may provide the elector's program participant</u>	2888
<u>identification number instead of the address at which the</u>	2889
<u>elector is registered to vote.</u>	2890
<u>(c) The elector's date of birth;</u>	2891
<u>(d) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state</u>	2892
<u>identification card number;</u>	2893
<u>(e) The last four digits of the elector's social security</u>	2894
<u>number;</u>	2895
<u>(f) An indication of the election for which the absent</u>	2896
<u>voter's ballots are requested;</u>	2897
<u>(g) If the request is for primary election ballots, the</u>	2898
<u>elector's party affiliation;</u>	2899
<u>(h) The address to which the ballots shall be mailed, if</u>	2900
<u>different from the address at which the applicant is registered</u>	2901
<u>to vote.</u>	2902
<u>(2) The application shall require the applicant to check a</u>	2903
<u>box affirming under penalty of election falsification that the</u>	2904
<u>applicant is a qualified elector.</u>	2905
<u>(C) The secretary of state shall transmit each completed</u>	2906
<u>application submitted through the online system to the board of</u>	2907
<u>elections of the county in which the elector resides.</u>	2908

(D) The secretary of state shall employ security measures 2909  
necessary to ensure the integrity and accuracy of information 2910  
submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in 2911  
processing applications for absent voter's ballots in the online 2912  
system shall not prevent an elector from receiving absent 2913  
voter's ballots. 2914

**Sec. 3509.04.** (A) If a ~~director of a~~ board of elections 2915  
receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not 2916  
contain all of the required information, the ~~director board~~ 2917  
promptly shall notify the applicant of the additional 2918  
information required to be provided by the applicant to complete 2919  
that application. 2920

(B) Upon receipt by the ~~director board~~ of elections of an 2921  
application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the 2922  
required information, as provided by ~~section sections~~ 3509.03 2923  
and 3509.031 and division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section 3503.16 of the 2924  
Revised Code, the ~~director board~~, if the ~~director board~~ finds 2925  
that the applicant is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the 2926  
applicant in person or mail directly to the applicant by special 2927  
delivery mail, air mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, 2928  
proper absent voter's ballots. The ~~director board~~ shall deliver 2929  
or mail with the ballots an unsealed identification envelope 2930  
upon the face of which shall be printed a form substantially as 2931  
follows: 2932

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 2933

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of voter), declare under 2934  
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 2935  
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 2936  
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 2937  
in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 2938

My voting residence in Ohio is \_\_\_\_\_ 2939  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2940  
(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 2941  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (City, Village, or Township) 2942  
Ohio, which is in Ward \_\_\_\_\_ 2943  
Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ in that city, village, or township. 2944

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 2945  
providing my program participant identification number instead 2946  
of my residence address: \_\_\_\_\_ 2947

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 2948  
are primary election ballots of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party. 2949

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 2950  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (general, special, or primary) election to be 2951  
held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 2952  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2953

My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day), 2954  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Year). 2955

~~(Voter-You must provide one of the following:)~~ 2956

~~My-Your driver's license or state identification card~~ 2957  
~~number is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Driver's license number).~~ 2958

~~The-If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's~~ 2959  
~~license or state identification card number, the last four~~ 2960  
~~digits of my-your Social Security Number-are: \_\_\_\_\_~~ 2961  
~~(Last four digits of Social Security Number).~~ 2962

~~\_\_\_\_\_ In lieu of providing a driver's license number or~~ 2963  
~~the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am~~ 2964  
~~enclosing a-If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's~~ 2965

license or state identification card number or the last four 2966  
digits of your Social Security number, a copy of ~~one of the~~ 2967  
~~following in the return envelope in which this identification~~ 2968  
~~envelope will be mailed:~~ a current and valid photo 2969  
identification, a military identification, or a current utility 2970  
bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other 2971  
government document, other than a notice of voter registration 2972  
mailed by a board of elections, that shows ~~my~~your name and 2973  
address. If you provide a copy of one of those documents, 2974  
enclose it in the return envelope along with the identification 2975  
envelope. 2976

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 2977  
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 2978

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Voter) 2979

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 2980  
THE FIFTH DEGREE." 2981

The ~~director board~~ shall mail with the ballots and the 2982  
unsealed identification envelope an unsealed return envelope 2983  
upon the face of which shall be printed the ~~official title and~~ 2984  
post-office address of the ~~director board~~. In the upper left 2985  
corner on the face of the return envelope, several blank lines 2986  
shall be printed upon which the voter may write the voter's name 2987  
and return address. The return envelope shall be of such size 2988  
that the identification envelope can be conveniently placed 2989  
within it for returning the identification envelope to the 2990  
~~director board~~. 2991

~~A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers~~ 2992  
~~absent voter's ballots to an elector under this section No~~ 2993  
public office, and no public official or employee who is acting 2994

in an official capacity, shall ~~not~~ prepay the return postage for 2995  
~~these any absent voter's~~ ballots. 2996

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2997  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2998  
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification 2999  
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on 3000  
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 3001  
elector's name and address on an identification envelope 3002  
statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the 3003  
elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 3004  
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 3005  
Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the 3006  
elector's address on the identification envelope statement of 3007  
voter. 3008

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent 3009  
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 3010  
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 3011  
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 3012  
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 3013  
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 3014  
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 3015  
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 3016  
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 3017  
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 3018  
~~director~~ board of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector 3019  
shall cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 3020  
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 3021  
penalty of election falsification. 3022

(B) If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 3023  
license or state identification card number or the last four 3024

digits of the elector's social security number on the statement 3025  
of voter on the identification envelope, the elector also shall 3026  
include in the return envelope with the identification envelope 3027  
a copy of the elector's current valid photo identification, a 3028  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 3029  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 3030  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 3031  
registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3032  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of 3033  
the elector. 3034

(C) (1) The elector shall mail the identification envelope 3035  
to the ~~director from whom it was received~~ office of the board of 3036  
elections in the return envelope, postage prepaid, or the 3037  
elector may personally deliver it to the ~~director~~ office of the 3038  
board, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, father- 3039  
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or 3040  
sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 3041  
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 3042  
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 3043  
~~director~~ office of the board. The return envelope shall be 3044  
~~transmitted to the director returned by no other person,~~ in no 3045  
other manner, and to no other location, except as otherwise 3046  
provided in division (C) (2) of this section and in section 3047  
3509.08 of the Revised Code. 3048

~~When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at~~ 3049  
~~the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting~~ 3050  
~~compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots.~~ 3051  
~~Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the~~ 3052  
~~identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and~~ 3053  
~~sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election~~ 3054  
~~falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the~~ 3055

~~board.~~ 3056

(2) During the period beginning on the tenth day before 3057  
the day of the election and ending at the close of the polls on 3058  
the day of the election, the board of elections may provide not 3059  
more than three secure outdoor drop boxes on the premises of the 3060  
office of the board for the purpose of receiving ballots under 3061  
this section. Each drop box shall be monitored by video 3062  
surveillance twenty-four hours a day during the time that 3063  
ballots may be deposited in the drop box. Only the elector or 3064  
the elector's relative listed in division (C) (1) of this section 3065  
may deposit the elector's ballots in a drop box. 3066

(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(B)~~ (D) (2) 3067  
of this section, all ~~other~~ envelopes containing marked absent 3068  
voter's ballots shall be delivered to the ~~director~~ office of the 3069  
board not later than the close of the polls on the day of an 3070  
election. Absent voter's ballots delivered to the ~~director~~ 3071  
office of the board later than the times specified shall not be 3072  
counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed 3073  
identification envelopes in which they are delivered ~~to the~~ 3074  
~~director~~, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 3075  
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 3076  
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 3077  
shall be destroyed. 3078

~~(B) (1) (2) (a)~~ (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(B)~~ 3079  
~~(2) (D) (2) (b)~~ (2) (b) of this section, any return envelope that is 3080  
postmarked prior to the day of the election shall be delivered 3081  
to the ~~director~~ office of the board prior to the eleventh day 3082  
after the election. Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked 3083  
prior to the day of the election that are received after the 3084  
close of the polls on election day through the tenth day 3085

thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at the board of 3086  
elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) of 3087  
section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner provided in 3088  
division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any such ballots 3089  
that are received ~~by~~ at the director office of the board later 3090  
than the tenth day following the election shall not be counted, 3091  
but shall be kept by the board in the sealed identification 3092  
envelopes as provided in division (A) of this section. 3093

~~(2) (b)~~ Division (B) (1) (D) (2) (a) of this section shall 3094  
not apply to any mail that is postmarked using a postage 3095  
evidencing system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39 3096  
C.F.R. 501.1. 3097

**Sec. 3509.051.** An elector may appear at the office of the 3098  
board of elections to cast absent voter's ballots in person 3099  
instead of applying for those ballots under section 3509.03 or 3100  
3509.031 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or 3101  
any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of 3102  
the following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's 3103  
ballots in person: 3104

~~(A) The~~ (A) (1) In-person absent voting shall be permitted 3105  
during the period beginning on the first day after the close of 3106  
voter registration before the election and ending on the Sunday 3107  
before the day of the election. 3108

(2) If, at the time for the close of in-person absent 3109  
voting on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to 3110  
cast their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall 3111  
be kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent 3112  
voter's ballots. 3113

(B) An in-person absent voter shall provide identification 3114

to the election officials in ~~the same manner as~~ accordance with 3115  
one of the following: 3116

(1) ~~As a voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of~~ 3117  
~~an election is required to provide~~ The voter shall provide a 3118  
current and valid photo identification, a military 3119  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 3120  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 3121  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 3122  
board of elections under section ~~3505.18~~ 3503.19 of the Revised 3123  
Code; ~~or~~ that shows the name and current address of the voter. 3124  
For purposes of this section, an elector who provides proof of 3125  
the elector's identity in the form of a copy of a current 3126  
utility bill or bank statement may do so by showing a paper copy 3127  
of the utility bill or bank statement or by showing the utility 3128  
bill or bank statement on the elector's personal electronic 3129  
device. 3130

(2) ~~As a voter who casts an absent voter's ballot is~~ 3131  
~~required to submit a completed written application for an absent~~ 3132  
~~voter's ballot under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code~~ The 3133  
voter provide the voter's driver's license or state 3134  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 3135  
voter's social security number. The election officials shall 3136  
verify that the number or digits the voter provides are not 3137  
different from the number or digits in the voter's registration 3138  
record. 3139

~~(B)~~ (C) The absent voter shall not be required to complete 3140  
a written application for absent voter's ballots or a statement 3141  
of voter on an absent voter's ballot identification envelope. 3142

~~(C)~~ (D) The board of elections shall provide a signature 3143  
book to be signed by absent voters who are casting their ballots 3144

in person. 3145

~~(D)~~ (E) No person other than an election official shall be 3146  
permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who 3147  
is casting a ballot in person. An election official may 3148  
challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a 3149  
ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election 3150  
official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the 3151  
day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the 3152  
Revised Code. 3153

~~(E)~~ (F) (1) An elector who travels to the office of the 3154  
board to cast absent voter's ballots in person, but who is 3155  
physically unable to enter the office of the board, shall be 3156  
permitted to vote in the vehicle that conveyed the elector to 3157  
the office of the board or at the door of the office of the 3158  
board. A bipartisan team of election officials shall permit the 3159  
elector to provide identification and to sign the elector's 3160  
signature in the poll list or signature pollbook or on a 3161  
separate sheet to be added to the poll list or signature 3162  
pollbook. If the right of the elector to vote is not then 3163  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 3164  
elector's right to vote, the bipartisan team of election 3165  
officials shall provide the elector with the appropriate absent 3166  
voter's ballots along with an envelope or secrecy sleeve. 3167

(2) During the period of a statewide emergency declared by 3168  
the governor, the secretary of state may prescribe procedures to 3169  
allow other electors to cast absent voter's ballots in person in 3170  
accordance with division (F) (1) of this section, as necessary to 3171  
protect the public health and safety. 3172

(3) Except as permitted under divisions (F) (1) and (2) of 3173  
this section, no elector shall be permitted to cast absent 3174

voter's ballots in person in a vehicle or at the door of the 3175  
office of the board. 3176

(G) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot after 3177  
the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or entered 3178  
into automatic tabulating equipment. 3179

**Sec. 3509.06.** (A) The board of elections shall determine 3180  
whether absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in 3181  
each precinct, at the office of the board, or at some other 3182  
location designated by the board, and shall proceed accordingly 3183  
under division (B), (C), or (E) of this section, as applicable. 3184

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 3185  
this section, when the board of elections determines that absent 3186  
voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in each precinct, 3187  
the ~~director~~board shall deliver to the voting location manager 3188  
of each precinct on election day identification envelopes 3189  
purporting to contain absent voter's ballots of electors whose 3190  
voting residence appears from the statement of voter on the 3191  
outside of each of those envelopes, to be located in that 3192  
manager's precinct, and which were received by the ~~director~~ 3193  
board not later than the close of the polls on election day. The 3194  
~~director~~board shall deliver to the voting location manager a 3195  
list containing the name and voting residence of each person 3196  
whose voting residence is in such precinct to whom absent 3197  
voter's ballots were mailed. 3198

(2) The ~~director~~board shall not deliver to the voting 3199  
location manager identification envelopes cast by electors who 3200  
provided a program participant identification number instead of 3201  
a residence address on the identification envelope and shall not 3202  
inform the voting location manager of the names and voting 3203  
residences of persons who have confidential voter registration 3204

records. Those identification envelopes shall be examined and 3205  
processed as described in division (E) of this section. 3206

(C) When the board of elections determines that absent 3207  
voter's ballots shall be processed and counted at the office of 3208  
the board of elections or at another location designated by the 3209  
board, special election officials shall be appointed by the 3210  
board for that purpose having the same authority as is exercised 3211  
by precinct election officials. The votes so cast shall be added 3212  
to the vote totals by the board, and the absent voter's ballots 3213  
shall be preserved separately by the board, in the same manner 3214  
and for the same length of time as provided by section 3505.31 3215  
of the Revised Code. 3216

(D) Each of the identification envelopes purporting to 3217  
contain absent voter's ballots delivered to the voting location 3218  
manager of the precinct or the special election official 3219  
appointed by the board of elections shall be handled as follows: 3220

(1) The election officials shall compare the signature of 3221  
the elector on the outside of the identification envelope with 3222  
the signature of that elector on the elector's registration form 3223  
and verify that the absent voter's ballot is eligible to be 3224  
counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code. 3225

(2) (a) Any of the precinct officials may challenge the 3226  
right of the elector named on the identification envelope to 3227  
vote the absent voter's ballots upon the ground that the 3228  
signature on the envelope is not the same as the signature on 3229  
the registration form, that the identification envelope 3230  
statement of voter is incomplete, or upon any other of the 3231  
grounds upon which the right of persons to vote may be lawfully 3232  
challenged. 3233

(b) If the elector's name does not appear in the pollbook 3234  
or poll list or signature pollbook, the precinct officials shall 3235  
deliver the absent voter's ballots to the director of the board 3236  
of elections to be examined and processed in the manner 3237  
described in division (E) of this section. 3238

(3) (a) An identification envelope statement of voter shall 3239  
be considered incomplete if it does not include all of the 3240  
following: 3241

(i) The voter's name; 3242

(ii) The voter's residence address or, if the voter has a 3243  
confidential voter registration record, as described in section 3244  
111.44 of the Revised Code, the voter's program participant 3245  
identification number; 3246

(iii) The voter's date of birth. The requirements of this 3247  
division are satisfied if the voter provided a date of birth and 3248  
any of the following is true: 3249

(I) The month and day of the voter's date of birth on the 3250  
identification envelope statement of voter are not different 3251  
from the month and day of the voter's date of birth contained in 3252  
the statewide voter registration database. 3253

(II) The voter's date of birth contained in the statewide 3254  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 3255

(III) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 3256  
least three of its members, that the voter has met the 3257  
requirements of divisions (D) (3) (a) (i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of 3258  
this section. 3259

(iv) The voter's signature; and 3260

(v) One of the following forms of identification: 3261

(I) The voter's driver's license or state identification 3262  
card number; 3263

(II) The last four digits of the voter's social security 3264  
number; or 3265

(III) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, 3266  
a military identification, or a current utility bill, bank 3267  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 3268  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 3269  
board of elections, that shows the voter's name and address. 3270

(b) If the election officials find that the identification 3271  
envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that the 3272  
information contained in that statement does not conform to the 3273  
information contained in the statewide voter registration 3274  
database concerning the voter, the election officials shall mail 3275  
a written notice to the voter, informing the voter of the nature 3276  
of the defect. The notice shall inform the voter that in order 3277  
for the voter's ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the 3278  
necessary information to the board of elections in writing and 3279  
on a form prescribed by the secretary of state not later than 3280  
the seventh day after the day of the election. The voter may 3281  
deliver the form to the office of the board in person or by 3282  
mail. If the voter provides the necessary information to the 3283  
board of elections not later than the seventh day after the day 3284  
of the election and the ballot is not successfully challenged on 3285  
another basis, the voter's ballot shall be processed and counted 3286  
in accordance with this section. 3287

(4) If no such challenge is made, or if such a challenge 3288  
is made and not sustained, the voting location manager shall 3289  
open the envelope without defacing the statement of voter and 3290  
without mutilating the ballots in it, and shall remove the 3291

ballots contained in it and proceed to count them. 3292

(5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (5) (b) 3293  
of this section, the name of each person voting who is entitled 3294  
to vote only an absent voter's presidential ballot shall be 3295  
entered in a pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook 3296  
followed by the words "Absentee Presidential Ballot." The name 3297  
of each person voting an absent voter's ballot, other than such 3298  
persons entitled to vote only a presidential ballot, shall be 3299  
entered in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook and 3300  
the person's registration card marked to indicate that the 3301  
person has voted. 3302

(b) If the person voting has a confidential voter 3303  
registration record, the person's registration card shall be 3304  
marked to indicate that the person has voted, but the person's 3305  
name shall not be entered in the pollbook or poll list or 3306  
signature pollbook. 3307

(6) The date of such election shall also be entered on the 3308  
elector's registration form. If any such challenge is made and 3309  
sustained, the identification envelope of such elector shall not 3310  
be opened, shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reasons the 3311  
ballots were not counted, and shall be delivered to the board. 3312

(E) (1) When the board of elections receives absent voter's 3313  
ballots from an elector who has provided a program participant 3314  
identification number instead of a residence address on the 3315  
identification envelope statement of voter, the director and the 3316  
deputy director personally shall examine and process the 3317  
identification envelope statement of voter in the manner 3318  
prescribed in division (D) of this section. 3319

(2) If the director and the deputy director find that the 3320

identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that 3321  
the information contained in that statement does not conform to 3322  
the information contained in the statewide voter registration 3323  
database concerning the voter or to the information contained in 3324  
the voter's confidential voter registration record, the director 3325  
and the deputy director shall mail a written notice to the voter 3326  
informing the voter of the nature of the defect. The notice 3327  
shall inform the voter that in order for the voter's ballot to 3328  
be counted the voter must provide the necessary information to 3329  
the board of elections in writing and on a form prescribed by 3330  
the secretary of state not later than the seventh day after the 3331  
day of the election. The voter may deliver the form to the 3332  
office of the board in person or by mail. If the voter provides 3333  
the necessary information to the board of elections not later 3334  
than the seventh day after the day of the election and the 3335  
ballot is not successfully challenged on another basis, the 3336  
voter's ballot shall be counted in accordance with this section. 3337

(3) The director or the deputy director may challenge the 3338  
ballot on the ground that the signature on the envelope is not 3339  
the same as the signature on the registration form, that the 3340  
identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete, or 3341  
upon any other of the grounds upon which the right of persons to 3342  
vote may be lawfully challenged. If such a challenge is made, 3343  
the board of elections shall decide whether to sustain the 3344  
challenge. 3345

(4) If neither the director nor the deputy director 3346  
challenges the ballot, or if such a challenge is made and not 3347  
sustained, the director and the deputy director shall open the 3348  
envelope without defacing the statement of voter and without 3349  
mutilating the ballots in it, shall remove the ballots contained 3350  
in it, and shall transmit the ballots to the election officials 3351

to be counted with other absent voter's ballots from that 3352  
precinct. 3353

(F) The board of elections may process absent voter's 3354  
ballots before the time for counting those ballots, but the 3355  
board shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots 3356  
before that time. As used in this section and section 3511.11 of 3357  
the Revised Code, processing an absent voter's ballot means any 3358  
of the following: 3359

(1) Examining the identification envelope statement of 3360  
voter in order to verify that the absent voter's ballot is 3361  
eligible to be counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised 3362  
Code; 3363

(2) Opening the identification envelope, if the absent 3364  
voter's ballot is eligible to be counted; 3365

(3) Determining the validity of the absent voter's ballot 3366  
under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code; 3367

(4) Preparing and sorting the absent voter's ballot for 3368  
scanning by automatic tabulating equipment; 3369

(5) Scanning the absent voter's ballot by automatic 3370  
tabulating equipment, if the equipment used by the board of 3371  
elections permits an absent voter's ballot to be scanned without 3372  
tabulating or counting the votes on the ballots scanned. 3373

(G) Special election officials, employees or members of 3374  
the board of elections, or observers shall not disclose the 3375  
count or any portion of the count of absent voter's ballots 3376  
prior to the time of the closing of the polling places. No 3377  
person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the 3378  
count of absent voter's ballots in such a manner as to 3379  
jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot. 3380

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 3381  
this section, observers may be appointed under section 3505.21 3382  
of the Revised Code to witness the examination and opening of 3383  
identification envelopes and the processing and counting of 3384  
absent voters' ballots under this section. 3385

(2) Observers shall not be permitted to witness the 3386  
examination and opening of identification envelopes returned by, 3387  
and the processing and counting of absent voter's ballots cast 3388  
by, electors who have confidential voter registration records in 3389  
a manner that would permit the observers to learn the identities 3390  
or residence addresses of those electors. 3391

**Sec. 3509.07.** If election officials find that any of the 3392  
following are true concerning an absent voter's ballot or absent 3393  
voter's presidential ballot and, if applicable, the person did 3394  
not provide any required additional information to the board of 3395  
elections not later than the seventh day after the day of the 3396  
election, as permitted under division (D) (3) (b) or (E) (2) of 3397  
section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the ballot shall not be 3398  
accepted or counted: 3399

(A) The statement accompanying the ballot is incomplete as 3400  
described in division (D) (3) (a) of section 3509.06 of the 3401  
Revised Code or is insufficient; 3402

(B) The signatures do not correspond with the person's 3403  
registration signature; 3404

(C) The applicant is not a qualified elector in the 3405  
precinct; 3406

(D) The ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of 3407  
any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not 3408  
entitled to vote; 3409

(E) Except for an absent voter's ballot cast in person 3410  
under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code, the ballot is not 3411  
inside the identification envelope when the ballot is delivered 3412  
to the board; 3413

(F) Stub A is detached from the absent voter's ballot or 3414  
absent voter's presidential ballot; or 3415

~~(F)~~ (G) The elector has not included with the elector's 3416  
ballot any identification required under section 3509.05 or 3417  
3511.09 of the Revised Code. 3418

The vote of any absent voter may be challenged for cause 3419  
in the same manner as other votes are challenged, and the 3420  
election officials shall determine the legality of that ballot. 3421  
Every ballot not counted shall be endorsed on its back "Not 3422  
Counted" with the reasons the ballot was not counted, and shall 3423  
be enclosed and returned to or retained by the board of 3424  
elections along with the contested ballots. 3425

**Sec. 3509.08.** (A) Any qualified elector, who, on account 3426  
of the elector's own personal illness, physical disability, or 3427  
infirmity, or on account of the elector's confinement in a jail 3428  
or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial 3429  
on a felony or misdemeanor, will be unable to travel from the 3430  
elector's home or place of confinement to the voting booth in 3431  
the elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 3432  
primary election may make application in writing for an absent 3433  
voter's ballot to ~~the director of~~ the board of elections of the 3434  
elector's county in the manner described in section 3509.03 of 3435  
the Revised Code. The application ~~shall include all of the~~ 3436  
~~information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code~~ 3437  
~~and~~ shall state the nature of the elector's illness, physical 3438  
disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the elector is 3439

confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's resultant 3440  
inability to travel to the election booth in the elector's 3441  
precinct on election day. ~~The application shall not be valid if-~~ 3442  
~~it is delivered to the director before the ninetieth day or-~~ 3443  
~~after twelve noon of the third day before the day of the-~~ 3444  
~~election at which the ballot is to be voted.~~ 3445

The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to the 3446  
applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of 3447  
confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 3448  
board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 3449  
major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 3450  
to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 3451  
board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 3452  
institution within the county, in which case the board shall 3453  
designate two board employees belonging to the two major 3454  
political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 3455  
the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 3456  
In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 3457  
office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 3458  
of the Revised Code. 3459

Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two 3460  
board employees belonging to the two major political parties 3461  
that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 3462  
reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 3463  
to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 3464  
elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 3465  
assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 3466  
they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 3467  
matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 3468  
cause. 3469

When two board employees belonging to the two major 3470  
political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined 3471  
elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot 3472  
is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is 3473  
returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the 3474  
declaration on the identification envelope. 3475

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 3476  
application for absent voter's ballots under this division. 3477

This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent 3478  
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section. 3479

(B) (1) Any qualified elector who is unable to travel to 3480  
the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the day of any 3481  
general, special, or primary election may apply to ~~the director~~ 3482  
~~of the board of elections of the county where the elector is a~~ 3483  
qualified elector to vote in the election by absent voter's 3484  
ballot if either of the following apply: 3485

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of 3486  
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before 3487  
the election; 3488

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as 3489  
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency 3490  
occurring before the election. 3491

(2) The application authorized under division (B) (1) of 3492  
this section shall be made in writing, ~~shall include all of the~~ 3493  
~~information required under~~ in the manner described in section 3494  
3509.03 of the Revised Code, ~~and except that the application~~ 3495  
shall be delivered to the ~~director~~ office of the board not later 3496  
than three p.m. on the day of the election. The application 3497  
shall indicate the hospital where the applicant or the 3498

applicant's child is confined, the date of the applicant's or 3499  
the applicant's child's admission to the hospital, and the 3500  
offices for which the applicant is qualified to vote. The 3501  
applicant may also request that a member of the applicant's 3502  
family, as listed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, 3503  
deliver the absent voter's ballot to the applicant. The ~~director-~~ 3504  
board, after establishing to the ~~director's board's~~ 3505  
satisfaction the validity of the circumstances claimed by the applicant, 3506  
shall supply an absent voter's ballot to be delivered to the 3507  
applicant. When the applicant or the applicant's child is in a 3508  
hospital in the county where the applicant is a qualified 3509  
elector and no request is made for a member of the family to 3510  
deliver the ballot, the ~~director board~~ shall arrange for the 3511  
delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant, and for 3512  
its return to the office of the board, by two board employees 3513  
belonging to the two major political parties according to the 3514  
procedures prescribed in division (A) of this section. When the 3515  
applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital outside the 3516  
county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request 3517  
is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the 3518  
~~director board~~ shall arrange for the delivery of an absent 3519  
voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, and the ballot shall be 3520  
returned to the office of the board in the manner prescribed in 3521  
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 3522

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under 3523  
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but 3524  
is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in 3525  
division (B)(2) of this section may vote in accordance with 3526  
division (B)(1) of this section if that qualified elector states 3527  
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that 3528  
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the 3529

circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector complies with divisions ~~(G) (1)~~ (E) (1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) (1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03, 3509.031, or 3509.051 of the Revised Code instead of applying for them under this section.

**Sec. 3509.09.** (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that precinct who has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election, other than an elector who has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election but the ~~director~~ board of elections has not received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election.

(2) If a registered elector appears to vote in that precinct and that elector has requested an absent voter's ballot for that election and the ~~director~~ board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section

3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that election. 3560  
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(C) (1) In counting absent voter's ballots under section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall compare the signature of each elector from whom the ~~director~~ board has received a sealed identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's voted absent voter's ballots for that election to the signature on that elector's registration form. Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (3) of this section, if the board of elections determines that the absent voter's ballot in the sealed identification envelope is valid, it shall be counted. If the board of elections determines that the signature on the sealed identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's voted absent voter's ballot does not match the signature on the elector's registration form, the ballot shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during the time prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the poll list or signature pollbook from the precinct in which the elector is registered to vote to determine if the elector also cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election. 3562  
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(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional ballot, instead of the absent voter's ballot, if both of the following apply: 3581  
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(a) The board of elections determines that the signature of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope in which the absent voter's ballots are enclosed does not match the signature of the elector on the elector's registration form; 3584  
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(b) The elector cast a provisional ballot in the precinct on the day of the election. 3588  
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(3) If the board of elections does not receive the sealed 3590  
identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's 3591  
voted absent voter's ballot by the applicable deadline 3592  
established under section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, the 3593  
provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 of the Revised 3594  
Code in that precinct on the day of the election shall be 3595  
counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is otherwise 3596  
determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of the 3597  
Revised Code. 3598

(D) If the board of elections counts a provisional ballot 3599  
under division (C) (2) or (3) of this section, the returned 3600  
identification envelope of that elector shall not be opened, and 3601  
the ballot within that envelope shall not be counted. The 3602  
identification envelope shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the 3603  
reason the ballot was not counted. 3604

**Sec. 3511.02.** (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 3605  
Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 3606  
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 3607  
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 3608  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 3609  
(1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter 3610  
registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 3611  
Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 3612  
obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 3613  
3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 3614  
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 3615  
which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 3616  
with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 3617  
~~director of the~~ board of elections of the county in which the 3618  
person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 3619  
ways: 3620

(1) That person may make written application for those 3621  
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 3622  
the ~~director~~ office of the board or may mail it, send it by 3623  
facsimile machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through 3624  
internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of 3625  
elections or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the 3626  
~~director~~ board. Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 3627  
this section, the application need not be in any particular form 3628  
but shall contain all of the following information: 3629

(a) The elector's name; 3630

(b) The elector's signature; 3631

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 3632  
vote; 3633

(d) The elector's date of birth; 3634

(e) One of the following: 3635

(i) The elector's driver's license or state identification 3636  
card number; 3637

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 3638  
number; 3639

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 3640  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 3641  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 3642  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 3643  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3644  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of 3645  
the elector. 3646

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent 3647  
voter's ballots are requested; 3648

(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 3649  
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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; 3651  
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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; 3654  
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(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation; 3662  
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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; 3664  
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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; 3666  
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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. 3669  
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(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division (A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 3674  
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a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 3678  
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 3679  
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 3680  
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 3681  
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 3682  
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 3683  
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 3684  
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 3685  
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 3686  
ballots for each election. 3687

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 3688  
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 3689  
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 3690  
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 3691  
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 3692  
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 3693  
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 3694  
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 3695  
by the ~~director~~ board or on a single federal post card as 3696  
provided in division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the 3697  
application shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The 3698  
~~director~~ board shall furnish that blank form to any of the 3699  
relatives specified in this division desiring to make the 3700  
application, only upon the request of such a relative made in 3701  
person at the office of the board or upon the written request of 3702  
such a relative mailed to the office of the board. Except as 3703  
otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the 3704  
application, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant, shall 3705  
contain all of the following: 3706

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are 3707  
requested; 3708

(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6;	3709 3710 3711
(c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;	3712 3713
(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;	3714 3715 3716 3717 3718 3719 3720 3721
(e) The elector's date of birth;	3722
(f) One of the following:	3723
(i) The elector's driver's license <u>or state identification card number</u> ;	3724 3725
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;	3726 3727
(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 under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector.	3728 3729 3730 3731 3732 3733 3734
(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested;	3735 3736

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 3737  
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(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation; 3739  
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(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to the elector as specified in division (A) (3) of this section; 3741  
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(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet contact information to which ballots shall be sent through internet delivery; 3743  
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(l) The signature and address of the person making the application. 3750  
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(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the application may include the elector's program participant identification number instead of the address at which the elector is registered to vote. 3752  
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(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director-office of the board not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, ~~and~~. An application to receive uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots by mail or by another method permitted under 3757  
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section 3511.021 of the Revised Code shall be delivered to the 3766  
office of the board not later than ~~twelve noon of the third~~ 3767  
close of business on the tenth day preceding the day of the 3768  
election, ~~or not later than six p.m. on the last Friday before~~ 3769  
~~the day of the election at which those ballots are to be voted~~ 3770  
~~if the application is delivered in person to the office of the~~ 3771  
~~board.~~ 3772

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 3773  
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 3774  
only, the applicant shall submit to the ~~director~~ board in 3775  
addition to the requirements of division (A) of this section, a 3776  
statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for 3777  
presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other 3778  
offices. 3779

(E) ~~A board of elections that mails a federal post card~~ 3780  
~~application or other absent voter's ballot application to an~~ 3781  
~~elector under this section~~ No public office, and no public 3782  
official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, 3783  
shall ~~not~~ prepay the return postage for ~~that an application for~~ 3784  
absent voter's ballots. 3785

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3786  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3787  
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 3788  
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 3789  
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 3790  
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 3791  
federal post card application or other application for absent 3792  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 3793  
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 3794  
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 3795

elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 3796  
application. 3797

**Sec. 3511.04.** (A) If a ~~director of a~~ board of elections 3798  
receives an application for uniformed services or overseas 3799  
absent voter's ballots that does not contain all of the required 3800  
information, the ~~director board~~ promptly shall notify the 3801  
applicant of the additional information required to be provided 3802  
by the applicant to complete that application. 3803

(B) Not later than the forty-sixth day before the day of 3804  
each general or primary election, and at the earliest possible 3805  
time before the day of a special election held on a day other 3806  
than the day on which a general or primary election is held, the 3807  
~~director of the~~ board of elections shall mail, send by facsimile 3808  
machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery 3809  
if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the 3810  
secretary of state, or otherwise send uniformed services or 3811  
overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use as provided 3812  
for in section 3511.03 of the Revised Code and for which the 3813  
~~director board~~ has received valid applications prior to that 3814  
time. Thereafter, and until ~~twelve noon of the third close of~~ 3815  
business on the tenth day preceding the day of election, the 3816  
~~director board~~ shall promptly, upon receipt of valid 3817  
applications for them, mail, send by facsimile machine, send by 3818  
electronic mail, send through internet delivery if such delivery 3819  
is offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, 3820  
or otherwise send to the proper persons all uniformed services 3821  
or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use. 3822

If, after the seventieth day before the day of a general 3823  
or primary election, any other question, issue, or candidacy is 3824  
lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at the general 3825

or primary election, the board shall promptly provide a separate 3826  
official issue, special election, or other election ballot for 3827  
submitting the question, issue, or candidacy to those electors, 3828  
and the ~~director-board~~ shall promptly mail, send by facsimile 3829  
machine, send by electronic mail, send through internet delivery 3830  
if such delivery is offered by the board of elections or the 3831  
secretary of state, or otherwise send each such separate ballot 3832  
to each person to whom the ~~director-board~~ has previously mailed 3833  
or sent other uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 3834  
ballots. 3835

~~A board of elections that mails or otherwise delivers~~ 3836  
~~uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots to an~~ 3837  
~~elector under this section~~ No public office, and no public 3838  
official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, 3839  
shall ~~not~~ prepay the return postage for ~~those~~ any absent voter's 3840  
ballots. In mailing uniformed services or overseas absent 3841  
voter's ballots, the ~~director-board~~ shall use the fastest mail 3842  
service available, but the ~~director-board~~ shall not mail them by 3843  
certified mail. 3844

**Sec. 3511.05.** (A) The ~~director of the~~ board of elections 3845  
shall place uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 3846  
ballots sent by mail in an unsealed identification envelope, 3847  
gummed ready for sealing. The ~~director-board~~ shall include with 3848  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots sent 3849  
electronically, including by facsimile machine, an instruction 3850  
sheet for preparing a gummed envelope in which the ballots shall 3851  
be returned. The envelope for returning ballots sent by either 3852  
means shall have printed or written on its face a form 3853  
substantially as follows: 3854

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 3855

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of voter), declare under 3856  
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 3857  
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 3858  
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 3859  
in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 3860

My voting residence in Ohio is 3861

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(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 3863

of \_\_\_\_\_ (City, Village, or Township) 3864

Ohio, which is in Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ 3865

in that city, village, or township. 3866

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 3867  
providing my program participant identification number instead 3868  
of my residence address: \_\_\_\_\_ 3869

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 3870  
are primary election ballots of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party. 3871

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 3872  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (general, special, or primary) election to be 3873  
held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 3874  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 3875

My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day), 3876  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Year). 3877

~~(Voter You~~ must provide one of the following:) 3878

~~My Your~~ driver's license or state identification card 3879  
number ~~is:~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~~(Driver's license number).~~ 3880

~~The~~ If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's 3881  
license or state identification card number, the last four 3882

digits of ~~my~~your Social Security Number ~~are~~: \_\_\_\_\_ 3883

~~(Last four digits of Social Security Number).~~ 3884

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~In lieu of providing a driver's license number or~~ 3885

~~the last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am~~ 3886

~~enclosing a~~ If you do not have or cannot provide a driver's 3887

license or state identification card number or the last four 3888

digits of your Social Security number, a copy of ~~one of the~~ 3889

~~following in the return envelope in which this identification~~ 3890

~~envelope will be mailed:~~ a current and valid photo 3891

identification, a military identification, or a current utility 3892

bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other 3893

government document, other than a notice of voter registration 3894

mailed by a board of elections, that shows ~~my~~your name and 3895

address. If you provide a copy of one of those documents, 3896

enclose it in the return envelope along with the identification 3897

envelope. 3898

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 3899

that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 3900

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(Signature of Voter) 3902

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 3903

THE FIFTH DEGREE." 3904

(B) The ~~director~~board shall also mail with the ballots 3905

and the unsealed identification envelope sent by mail an 3906

unsealed return envelope, gummed, ready for sealing, for use by 3907

the voter in returning the voter's marked ballots to the 3908

~~director~~office of the board. The ~~director~~board shall send with 3909

the ballots and the instruction sheet for preparing a gummed 3910

envelope sent electronically, including by facsimile machine, an 3911

instruction sheet for preparing a second gummed envelope as 3912  
described in this division, for use by the voter in returning 3913  
that voter's marked ballots to the ~~director~~ board. The return 3914  
envelope shall have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an 3915  
inch in width, printed across its face paralleling the top, with 3916  
an intervening space of one quarter of an inch between such 3917  
lines. The top line shall be one and one-quarter inches from the 3918  
top of the envelope. Between the parallel lines shall be 3919  
printed: "OFFICIAL ELECTION UNIFORMED SERVICES OR OVERSEAS 3920  
ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS -- VIA AIR MAIL." Three blank lines shall 3921  
be printed in the upper left corner on the face of the envelope 3922  
for the use by the voter in placing the voter's complete 3923  
military, naval, or mailing address on these lines, and beneath 3924  
these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words "check 3925  
if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the voter 3926  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election. 3927  
The ~~official title and the post-office address of the director~~ 3928  
~~to whom the envelope shall be returned~~ office of the board shall 3929  
be printed on the face of such envelope in the lower right 3930  
portion below the bottom parallel line. 3931

(C) On the back of each identification envelope and each 3932  
return envelope shall be printed the following: 3933

"Instructions to voter: 3934

If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the 3935  
back of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible 3936  
opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner 3937  
least injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and 3938  
enclosing same in the envelope for mailing them to the ~~director~~ 3939  
~~of the~~ board of elections, reclose the envelope in the most 3940  
practicable way, by sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank 3941

form printed below. 3942

The flap on this envelope was firmly stuck to the back of 3943  
the envelope when received, and required forced opening before 3944  
sealing and mailing. 3945

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(Signature of voter)" 3946  
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(D) Division (C) of this section does not apply when 3948  
absent voter's ballots are sent electronically, including by 3949  
facsimile machine. 3950

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in 3951  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3952  
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification 3953  
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on 3954  
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 3955  
elector's name and address on an identification envelope 3956  
statement of voter before mailing or electronically transmitting 3957  
absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the 3958  
elector has a confidential voter registration record, as 3959  
described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of 3960  
elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the 3961  
identification envelope statement of voter. 3962

**Sec. 3511.06.** The return envelope provided for in section 3963  
3511.05 of the Revised Code shall be of such size that the 3964  
identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it for 3965  
returning the identification envelope to the ~~director~~ office of 3966  
the board of elections. The envelope in which the two envelopes 3967  
and the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 3968  
are mailed to the elector shall have two parallel lines, each 3969  
one quarter of an inch in width, printed across its face, 3970

paralleling the top, with an intervening space of one-quarter of 3971  
an inch between such lines. The top line shall be one and one- 3972  
quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the 3973  
parallel lines shall be printed: "official uniformed services or 3974  
overseas absent voter's balloting material--via air mail." The 3975  
appropriate return address of the ~~director of the~~ board of 3976  
elections shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face 3977  
of such envelope. Several blank lines shall be printed on the 3978  
face of such envelope in the lower right portion, below the 3979  
bottom parallel line, for writing in the name and address of the 3980  
elector to whom such envelope is mailed. 3981

**Sec. 3511.07.** When mailing unsealed identification 3982  
envelopes and unsealed return envelopes to persons, the ~~director~~ 3983  
~~of the~~ board of elections shall insert a sheet of waxed paper or 3984  
other appropriate insert between the gummed flap and the back of 3985  
each of such envelopes to minimize the possibility that the flap 3986  
may become firmly stuck to the back of the envelope by reason of 3987  
moisture, humid atmosphere, or other conditions to which they 3988  
may be subjected. If the flap on either of such envelopes should 3989  
be so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when it is 3990  
received by the voter as to require forcible opening of the 3991  
envelope in order to use it, the voter shall open such envelope 3992  
in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking ~~his~~ the 3993  
voter's ballots and enclosing them in the envelope for mailing 3994  
to the ~~director~~ board, ~~he~~ the voter shall reclose such envelope 3995  
in the most practicable way, by sealing it or otherwise, and 3996  
shall sign the blank form printed on the back of such envelope. 3997

**Sec. 3511.08.** The ~~director of the~~ board of elections shall 3998  
keep a record of the name and address of each person to whom the 3999  
~~director~~ board mails or delivers uniformed services or overseas 4000  
absent voter's ballots, the kinds of ballots so mailed or 4001

delivered, and the name and address of the person who made the 4002  
application for such ballots. After the ~~director board~~ has 4003  
mailed or delivered such ballots the ~~director board~~ shall not 4004  
mail or deliver additional ballots of the same kind to such 4005  
person pursuant to a subsequent request unless such subsequent 4006  
request contains the statement that an earlier request had been 4007  
sent to the ~~director board~~ prior to the thirtieth day before the 4008  
election and that the uniformed services or overseas absent 4009  
voter's ballots so requested had not been received by such 4010  
person prior to the fifteenth day before the election, and 4011  
provided that the ~~director board~~ has not received an 4012  
identification envelope purporting to contain marked uniformed 4013  
services or overseas absent voter's ballots from such person. 4014

**Sec. 3511.09.** (A) Upon receiving uniformed services or 4015  
overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the 4016  
questions on the face of the identification envelope to be 4017  
answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the 4018  
proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall 4019  
declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers 4020  
to those questions are true and correct to the best of the 4021  
elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note 4022  
whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are 4023  
any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to 4024  
the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 4025  
ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the 4026  
markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and 4027  
securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then 4028  
shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the 4029  
return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to 4030  
~~the director of~~ the board of elections to ~~whom which~~ it is 4031  
addressed. The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later 4032

than 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completes the 4033  
ballot, on the date of the election. ~~If~~ 4034

(B) If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 4035  
license or state identification card number or the last four 4036  
digits of the elector's social security number on the statement 4037  
of voter on the identification envelope, the elector also shall 4038  
include in the return envelope with the identification envelope 4039  
a copy of the elector's current valid photo identification, a 4040  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 4041  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 4042  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 4043  
registration mailed by a board of elections under section 4044  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and address of 4045  
the elector. ~~Each~~ 4046

(C) Each elector who will be outside the United States on 4047  
the day of the election shall check the box on the return 4048  
envelope indicating this fact and shall mail the return envelope 4049  
to the ~~director~~ board prior to the close of the polls on 4050  
election day. 4051

(D) Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 4052  
ballot identification envelope shall be accompanied by the 4053  
following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS 4054  
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DEGREE. 4056

(E) The elector shall cause the uniformed services or 4057  
overseas absent voter's ballots to be returned to the office of 4058  
the board of elections in a manner described in division (C) of 4059  
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, provided that the elector 4060  
shall not be required to prepay the postage on the return 4061  
envelope if, under 39 U.S.C. 3406, no postage is required. 4062

~~Sec. 3511.10. If, after the first day after the close of voter registration before a general or primary election and before the close of the polls on the day of that election, a valid application for A uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots is delivered to the director of the board of elections voter may cast absent voter's ballots in person at the office of the board by a person making the application on the person's own behalf, the director shall forthwith deliver to the person all uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots then ready for use, together with an identification envelope of elections under section 3509.051 of the Revised Code. The person shall then immediately retire to a voting booth in the office of the board, and mark the ballots. The person shall then fold each ballot separately so as to conceal the person's markings thereon, and deposit all of the ballots in the identification envelope and securely seal it. Thereupon the person shall fill in answers to the questions on the face of the identification envelope, and by writing the person's usual signature in the proper place thereon, the person shall declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of that person's knowledge and belief. The person shall then deliver the identification envelope to the director. If thereafter, and before the third day preceding such election, the board provides additional separate official issue or special election ballots, as provided for in section 3511.04 of the Revised Code, the ~~director~~ board shall promptly, and not later than twelve noon of the third day preceding the day of election, mail such additional ballots to such person at the address specified by that person for that purpose. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an application for absent voter's ballots, an~~

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~~identification envelope statement of voter, or an absent voter's  
ballot requested under this section on behalf of an applicant.~~ 4095  
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~~In the event any person serving in the armed forces of the  
United States is discharged after the closing date of  
registration, and that person or that person's spouse, or both,  
meets all the other qualifications set forth in section 3511.011  
of the Revised Code, the person or spouse shall be permitted to  
vote prior to the date of the election in the office of the  
board in the person's or spouse's county, as set forth in this  
section.~~ 4097  
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**Sec. 3511.11.** (A) Upon receipt of any return envelope 4105  
bearing the designation "Official Election Uniformed Services or 4106  
Overseas Absent Voter's Ballot" prior to the eleventh day after 4107  
the day of any election, the ~~director of the~~ board of elections 4108  
shall open it but shall not open the identification envelope 4109  
contained in it. ~~If, upon so opening the return envelope, the  
director finds ballots in it that are not enclosed in and  
properly sealed in the identification envelope, the director  
shall not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall  
promptly place them in the identification envelope and promptly  
seal it.~~ If, upon so opening the return envelope, the ~~director~~ 4110  
board finds that ballots are enclosed in the identification 4111  
envelope as required under division (E) of section 3509.07 of 4112  
the Revised Code but that ~~it~~ the identification envelope is not 4113  
properly sealed, the ~~director~~ board shall not look at the 4114  
markings upon the ballots and shall promptly seal the 4115  
identification envelope. 4116  
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(B) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 4122  
delivered to the director not later than the close of the polls 4123  
on election day shall be processed and counted in the manner 4124

provided in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code. 4125

(C) A return envelope is not required to be postmarked in 4126  
order for a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 4127  
contained in it to be valid. Except as otherwise provided in 4128  
this division, whether or not the return envelope containing the 4129  
ballot is postmarked, contains a late postmark, or contains an 4130  
illegible postmark, a uniformed services or overseas absent 4131  
voter's ballot that is received after the close of the polls on 4132  
election day through the tenth day after the election day shall 4133  
be processed and counted on the eleventh day after the election 4134  
day at the office of the board of elections in the manner 4135  
provided in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code if the voter 4136  
signed the identification envelope by the time specified in 4137  
section 3511.09 of the Revised Code. However, if a return 4138  
envelope containing a uniformed services or overseas absent 4139  
voter's ballot is so received and so indicates, but the 4140  
identification envelope in it is signed after the close of the 4141  
polls on election day, the uniformed services or overseas absent 4142  
voter's ballot shall not be counted. 4143

(D) The following types of uniformed services or overseas 4144  
absent voter's ballots shall not be counted: 4145

(1) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 4146  
contained in return envelopes that bear the designation 4147  
"Official Election Uniformed Services or Overseas Absent Voter's 4148  
Ballots," that are received by the ~~director~~ board of elections 4149  
after the close of the polls on the day of the election, and 4150  
that contain an identification envelope that is signed after the 4151  
time specified in section 3511.09 of the Revised Code; 4152

(2) Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 4153  
contained in return envelopes that bear that designation and 4154

that are received after the tenth day following the election. 4155

The uncounted ballots shall be preserved in their 4156  
identification envelopes unopened until the time provided by 4157  
section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all 4158  
other ballots used at the election for which ballots were 4159  
provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 4160

**Sec. 3511.13.** (A) The poll list or signature pollbook for 4161  
each precinct shall identify each registered elector in that 4162  
precinct who has requested a uniformed services or overseas 4163  
absent voter's ballot for that election. 4164

(B) (1) If a registered elector appears to vote in that 4165  
precinct and that elector has requested a uniformed services or 4166  
overseas absent voter's ballot for that election but the 4167  
~~director~~ board of elections has not received a sealed 4168  
identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's 4169  
voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for 4170  
that election, the elector shall be permitted to cast a 4171  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code in 4172  
that precinct on the day of that election. 4173

(2) If a registered elector appears to vote in that 4174  
precinct and that elector has requested a uniformed services or 4175  
overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and the 4176  
~~director~~ board has received a sealed identification envelope 4177  
purporting to contain that elector's voted uniformed services or 4178  
overseas absent voter's ballots for that election, the elector 4179  
shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 4180  
3505.181 of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of that 4181  
election. 4182

(C) (1) In counting uniformed services or overseas absent 4183

voter's ballots under section 3511.11 of the Revised Code, the 4184  
board of elections shall compare the signature of each elector 4185  
from whom the ~~director-board~~ has received a sealed 4186  
identification envelope purporting to contain that elector's 4187  
voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots for 4188  
that election to the signature on the elector's registration 4189  
form. Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (3) of this 4190  
section, if the board of elections determines that the uniformed 4191  
services or overseas absent voter's ballot in the sealed 4192  
identification envelope is valid, it shall be counted. If the 4193  
board of elections determines that the signature on the sealed 4194  
identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's 4195  
voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot does 4196  
not match the signature on the elector's registration form, the 4197  
ballot shall be set aside and the board shall examine, during 4198  
the time prior to the beginning of the official canvass, the 4199  
poll list or signature pollbook from the precinct in which the 4200  
elector is registered to vote to determine if the elector also 4201  
cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised 4202  
Code in that precinct on the day of the election. 4203

(2) The board of elections shall count the provisional 4204  
ballot, instead of the uniformed services or overseas absent 4205  
voter's ballot, of an elector from whom the ~~director-board~~ has 4206  
received an identification envelope purporting to contain that 4207  
elector's voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 4208  
ballots, if both of the following apply: 4209

(a) The board of elections determines that the signature 4210  
of the elector on the outside of the identification envelope in 4211  
which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 4212  
are enclosed does not match the signature of the elector on the 4213  
elector's registration form; 4214

(b) The elector cast a provisional ballot in the precinct 4215  
on the day of the election. 4216

(3) If the board of elections does not receive the sealed 4217  
identification envelope purporting to contain the elector's 4218  
voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot by 4219  
the applicable deadline established under section 3511.11 of the 4220  
Revised Code, the provisional ballot cast under section 3505.181 4221  
of the Revised Code in that precinct on the day of the election 4222  
shall be counted as valid, if that provisional ballot is 4223  
otherwise determined to be valid pursuant to section 3505.183 of 4224  
the Revised Code. 4225

(D) If the board of elections counts a provisional ballot 4226  
under division (C) (2) or (3) of this section, the returned 4227  
identification envelope of that elector shall not be opened, and 4228  
the ballot within that envelope shall not be counted. The 4229  
identification envelope shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the 4230  
reason the ballot was not counted. 4231

**Sec. 3513.05.** Each person desiring to become a candidate 4232  
for a party nomination at a primary election or for election to 4233  
an office or position to be voted for at a primary election, 4234  
except persons desiring to become joint candidates for the 4235  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor and except as 4236  
otherwise provided in section 3513.051 of the Revised Code, 4237  
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 4238  
day of the primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and 4239  
petition and pay the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) 4240  
of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The declaration of 4241  
candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the 4242  
same time as one instrument. When the offices are to be voted 4243  
for at a primary election, persons desiring to become joint 4244

candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor 4245  
shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 4246  
day of the primary election, comply with section 3513.04 of the 4247  
Revised Code. The prospective joint candidates' declaration of 4248  
candidacy and all separate petition papers of candidacies shall 4249  
be filed at the same time as one instrument. The secretary of 4250  
state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a 4251  
declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to 4252  
become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has 4253  
already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of 4254  
intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by 4255  
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised 4256  
Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the 4257  
declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for 4258  
any municipal or township office, if the declaration of 4259  
candidacy is for a municipal or township office. 4260

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which 4261  
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the 4262  
petition, including a petition for joint candidates for the 4263  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by 4264  
at least one thousand qualified electors who are members of the 4265  
same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and 4266  
the declaration of candidacy and petition shall be filed with 4267  
the secretary of state; provided that the secretary of state 4268  
shall not accept or file any such petition appearing on its face 4269  
to contain signatures of more than three thousand electors. 4270

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the 4271  
declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only 4272  
to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion 4273  
thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty 4274  
qualified electors who are members of the same political party 4275

as the political party of which the candidate is a member. If 4276  
the declaration of candidacy is for party nomination as a 4277  
candidate for member of the legislative authority of a municipal 4278  
corporation elected by ward, the petition shall be signed by not 4279  
less than twenty-five qualified electors who are members of the 4280  
political party of which the candidate is a member. 4281

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that 4282  
is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, 4283  
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its 4284  
face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of 4285  
signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for 4286  
filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed 4287  
invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the 4288  
petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures 4289  
accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures 4290  
required. ~~A board of elections may discontinue verifying~~ 4291  
~~signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures~~ 4292  
~~equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.~~ 4293

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for 4294  
party nomination or for election as a candidate of a minor 4295  
party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one- 4296  
half the minimum number provided in this section, except that, 4297  
when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state 4298  
central committee or the county central committee of a political 4299  
party, the minimum number shall be the same for a minor party as 4300  
for a major party. 4301

If a declaration of candidacy is one for election as a 4302  
member of the state central committee or the county central 4303  
committee of a political party, the petition shall be signed by 4304  
five qualified electors of the district, county, ward, township, 4305

or precinct within which electors may vote for such candidate. 4306  
The electors signing such petition shall be members of the same 4307  
political party as the political party of which the candidate is 4308  
a member. 4309

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of 4310  
candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is 4311  
considered to be a member of a political party if the elector 4312  
voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two 4313  
calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other 4314  
party's primary election within the preceding two calendar 4315  
years. 4316

If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 4317  
submitted only to electors within a county, or within a district 4318  
or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, the 4319  
petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the 4320  
county. If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be 4321  
submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part 4322  
thereof that is situated in more than one county, the petition 4323  
shall be filed with the board of elections of the county within 4324  
which the major portion of the population thereof, as 4325  
ascertained by the next preceding federal census, is located. 4326

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each 4327  
of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one 4328  
county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing 4329  
signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby 4330  
be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition 4331  
papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county 4332  
are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the 4333  
majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such 4334  
county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall 4335

be invalid. 4336

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one 4337  
person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or 4338  
a member of the same political party as the candidate or joint 4339  
candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed 4340  
by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. 4341

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each 4342  
board such separate petition papers of each petition 4343  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary 4344  
of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the 4345  
county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a 4346  
district shall promptly transmit to each board within such 4347  
district such separate petition papers of each petition 4348  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 4349  
to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such 4350  
board. The board of a county within which the major portion of 4351  
the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one 4352  
county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each 4353  
other county within which a portion of such subdivision is 4354  
located such separate petition papers of each petition 4355  
accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport 4356  
to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such 4357  
subdivision in the county of each such board. 4358

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all 4359  
petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with a 4360  
board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public 4361  
inspection until four p.m. of the eightieth day before the day 4362  
of the next primary election. Each board shall, not later than 4363  
the seventy-eighth day before the day of that primary election, 4364  
examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the 4365

signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed 4366  
with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition 4367  
papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together 4368  
with its certification of its determination as to the validity 4369  
or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each 4370  
other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, 4371  
together with its certification of its determination as to the 4372  
validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other 4373  
matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition 4374  
papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the 4375  
board with whom such petition papers were filed. 4376

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 4377  
declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to 4378  
an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed 4379  
by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political 4380  
party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the 4381  
primary election for the candidate whose declaration of 4382  
candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling 4383  
committee of that political party. The protest shall be in 4384  
writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the 4385  
seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. The 4386  
protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the 4387  
declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing 4388  
of the protest, the election officials with whom it is filed 4389  
shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith 4390  
mail notice of the filing of the protest and the time fixed for 4391  
hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They 4392  
shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such 4393  
hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, 4394  
such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the 4395  
validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and 4396

petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of 4397  
the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which 4398  
the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office 4399  
or position, or has not fully complied with this chapter, the 4400  
candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition shall be 4401  
determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it 4402  
shall be determined to be valid. That determination shall be 4403  
final. 4404

A protest against the candidacy of any persons filing a 4405  
declaration of candidacy for joint party nomination to the 4406  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be filed, 4407  
heard, and determined in the same manner as a protest against 4408  
the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy 4409  
singly. 4410

The secretary of state shall, on the seventieth day before 4411  
the day of a primary election, certify to each board in the 4412  
state the forms of the official ballots to be used at the 4413  
primary election, together with the names of the candidates to 4414  
be printed on the ballots whose nomination or election is to be 4415  
determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed 4416  
valid declarations of candidacy and petitions. 4417

The board of the most populous county in a district 4418  
comprised of more than one county but less than all of the 4419  
counties of the state shall, on the seventieth day before the 4420  
day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county 4421  
in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the 4422  
official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose 4423  
nomination or election is to be determined only by electors 4424  
within the district and who filed valid declarations of 4425  
candidacy and petitions. 4426

The board of a county within which the major portion of 4427  
the population of a subdivision smaller than the county and 4428  
situated in more than one county is located shall, on the 4429  
seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to 4430  
the board of each county in which a portion of that subdivision 4431  
is located the names of the candidates to be printed on the 4432  
official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose 4433  
nomination or election is to be determined only by electors 4434  
within that subdivision and who filed valid declarations of 4435  
candidacy and petitions. 4436

**Sec. 3513.251.** Nominations of candidates for election as 4437  
officers of a municipal corporation having a population of less 4438  
than two thousand as ascertained by the next preceding federal 4439  
census shall be made only by nominating petition and their 4440  
election shall occur only in nonpartisan elections, unless a 4441  
majority of the electors of such municipal corporation have 4442  
petitioned for a primary election. Nominations of candidates for 4443  
election as officers of a municipal corporation having a 4444  
population of two thousand or more shall be made either by 4445  
primary election in conjunction with a partisan general election 4446  
or by nominating petition in conjunction with a nonpartisan 4447  
general election, as determined under section 3513.01 of the 4448  
Revised Code. 4449

The nominating petitions of nonpartisan candidates for 4450  
election as officers of a municipal corporation having a 4451  
population of less than two thousand, as ascertained by the most 4452  
recent federal census, shall be signed by not less than ten 4453  
qualified electors of the municipal corporation. Any nominating 4454  
petition filed under this section shall be filed with the board 4455  
of elections not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day 4456  
before the day of the general election, provided that no such 4457

nominating petition shall be accepted for filing if it appears 4458  
to contain signatures aggregating in number more than three 4459  
times the minimum number of signatures required by this section. 4460  
A board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating 4461  
petition of a person if that person, for the same election, has 4462  
already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of 4463  
intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or 4464  
has become a candidate through party nomination at a primary 4465  
election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 4466  
3513.31 of the Revised Code for any other municipal office, or 4467  
for a township office, for member of a city, local, or exempted 4468  
village board of education, or for member of a governing board 4469  
of an educational service center. When a petition of a candidate 4470  
has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the 4471  
petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of 4472  
signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections 4473  
finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the 4474  
minimum number of signatures required. ~~A board of elections may~~ 4475  
~~discontinue verifying signatures when the number of verified~~ 4476  
~~signatures on a petition equals the minimum required number of~~ 4477  
~~qualified signatures.~~ 4478

Nomination of nonpartisan candidates for election as 4479  
officers of a municipal corporation having a population of two 4480  
thousand or more, as ascertained by the next preceding federal 4481  
census, shall be made only by nominating petition. Nominating 4482  
petitions of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of 4483  
a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or 4484  
more but less than five thousand, as ascertained by the next 4485  
preceding federal census, shall be signed by not less than fifty 4486  
qualified electors of the municipal corporation or ward thereof 4487  
in the case of the nominating petition of a candidate for 4488

election as councilperson from such ward. Nominating petitions 4489  
of nonpartisan candidates for election as officers of a 4490  
municipal corporation having a population of five thousand or 4491  
more, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall 4492  
be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors of the 4493  
municipal corporation or ward thereof in the case of the 4494  
nominating petition of a candidate for election as councilperson 4495  
from such ward. 4496

**Sec. 3513.253.** Nominations of candidates for election as 4497  
officers of a township shall be made only by nominating 4498  
petitions, unless a majority of the electors of such township 4499  
have petitioned for a primary election. The nominating petitions 4500  
of nonpartisan candidates for township trustee and township 4501  
fiscal officer shall be signed by not less than twenty-five 4502  
qualified electors of the township. Such petition shall be filed 4503  
with the board of elections not later than four p.m. of the 4504  
ninetieth day before the day of the general election, provided 4505  
that no such nominating petition shall be accepted for filing if 4506  
it appears to contain signatures aggregating in number more than 4507  
three times the minimum number of signatures required by this 4508  
section. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a 4509  
nominating petition of a person if that person, for the same 4510  
election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a 4511  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 4512  
nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party 4513  
nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy 4514  
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any 4515  
other township office, or for a municipal office, for member of 4516  
a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for 4517  
member of a governing board of an educational service center. 4518  
When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a 4519

board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, 4520  
upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the 4521  
board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted 4522  
exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. ~~A~~ 4523  
~~board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures when the~~ 4524  
~~number of verified signatures on a petition equals the minimum~~ 4525  
~~required number of qualified signatures.~~ 4526

**Sec. 3513.254.** (A) The name of each candidate for member 4527  
of a city, local, or exempted village board of education shall 4528  
appear on the nonpartisan ballot. Nominating petitions of 4529  
candidates for member of a board of education of a local or 4530  
exempted village school district shall be signed by twenty-five 4531  
qualified electors of the school district. Nominating petitions 4532  
for candidates for member of a board of education of a city 4533  
school district having a population of less than twenty 4534  
thousand, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, 4535  
shall be signed by twenty-five qualified electors of the school 4536  
district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a 4537  
board of education of a city school district having a population 4538  
of twenty thousand or more but less than fifty thousand, as 4539  
ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be 4540  
signed by seventy-five qualified electors of the school 4541  
district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a 4542  
board of education of a city school district having a population 4543  
of fifty thousand or more but less than one hundred thousand, as 4544  
ascertained by the next preceding federal census, shall be 4545  
signed by one hundred fifty qualified electors of the school 4546  
district. Nominating petitions for candidates for member of a 4547  
board of education of a city school district having a population 4548  
of one hundred thousand or more, as ascertained by the next 4549  
preceding federal census, shall be signed by three hundred 4550

qualified electors of the school district. 4551

(B) Nominating petitions shall be filed with the board of 4552  
elections not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before 4553  
the day of the general election, provided that no such petition 4554  
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures 4555  
aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number 4556  
of signatures required by this section. A board of elections 4557  
shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if 4558  
that person, for the same election, has already filed a 4559  
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write- 4560  
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a 4561  
candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by 4562  
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the 4563  
Revised Code for any other position as a member of a city, 4564  
local, or exempted village board of education or position as a 4565  
member of a governing board of an educational service center, or 4566  
for a municipal or township office. When a petition of a 4567  
candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, 4568  
the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification 4569  
of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections 4570  
finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the 4571  
minimum number of signatures required. ~~A board of elections may~~ 4572  
~~discontinue verifying petitions when the number of verified~~ 4573  
~~signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified~~ 4574  
~~signatures.~~ 4575

(C) This section is subject to section 3513.256 of the 4576  
Revised Code. 4577

**Sec. 3513.255.** This section is subject to section 3513.256 4578  
of the Revised Code. The name of each candidate for election as 4579  
a member of a governing board of an educational service center 4580

shall appear on the nonpartisan ballot. Each nominating petition 4581  
shall be signed by fifty qualified electors who reside in one of 4582  
the following, as applicable: 4583

(A) The school districts over which the educational 4584  
service center governing board has jurisdiction, in the case of 4585  
any candidate running for a position on any educational service 4586  
center governing board other than a governing board established 4587  
in accordance with section 3311.054 of the Revised Code; 4588

(B) The subdistrict in which the candidate is running, in 4589  
the case of a position on a governing board of an educational 4590  
service center established in accordance with section 3311.054 4591  
of the Revised Code. 4592

Each nominating petition shall be filed with the board of 4593  
elections of the county in which the central administrative 4594  
offices of the educational service center governing board are 4595  
located not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the 4596  
day of the general election, provided that no such petition 4597  
shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain signatures 4598  
aggregating in number more than three times the minimum number 4599  
of signatures required by this section. A board of elections 4600  
shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person if 4601  
that person, for the same election, has already filed a 4602  
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write- 4603  
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a 4604  
candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by 4605  
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the 4606  
Revised Code for any other position as a member of a governing 4607  
board of an educational service center or position as a member 4608  
of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for 4609  
a municipal or township office. When a petition of a candidate 4610

has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the 4611  
petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of 4612  
signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections 4613  
finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the 4614  
minimum signatures required. ~~A board of elections may~~ 4615  
~~discontinue verifying petitions when the number of verified~~ 4616  
~~signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified~~ 4617  
~~signatures.~~ 4618

**Sec. 3513.257.** Each person desiring to become an 4619  
independent candidate for an office for which candidates may be 4620  
nominated at a primary election, except persons desiring to 4621  
become independent joint candidates for the offices of governor 4622  
and lieutenant governor and for the offices of president and 4623  
vice-president of the United States, shall file no later than 4624  
four p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election 4625  
immediately preceding the general election at which such 4626  
candidacy is to be voted for by the voters, a statement of 4627  
candidacy and nominating petition as provided in section 4628  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. Persons desiring to become 4629  
independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and 4630  
lieutenant governor shall file, not later than four p.m. of the 4631  
day before the day of the primary election, one statement of 4632  
candidacy and one nominating petition for the two of them. 4633  
Persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the 4634  
offices of president and vice-president of the United States 4635  
shall file, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before 4636  
the day of the general election at which the president and vice- 4637  
president are to be elected, one statement of candidacy and one 4638  
nominating petition for the two of them. The prospective 4639  
independent joint candidates' statement of candidacy shall be 4640  
filed with the nominating petition as one instrument. 4641

The statement of candidacy and separate petition papers of 4642  
each candidate or pair of joint candidates shall be filed at the 4643  
same time as one instrument. 4644

The nominating petition shall contain signatures of 4645  
qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or 4646  
portion of a political subdivision in which the candidacy is to 4647  
be voted on in an amount to be determined as follows: 4648

(A) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors 4649  
throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including 4650  
the nominating petition of independent joint candidates for the 4651  
offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by 4652  
no less than five thousand qualified electors, provided that no 4653  
petition shall be accepted for filing if it purports to contain 4654  
more than fifteen thousand signatures. 4655

(B) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any 4656  
district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which less 4657  
than five thousand electors voted for the office of governor at 4658  
the most recent election for that office, the nominating 4659  
petition shall contain signatures of not less than twenty-five 4660  
qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or 4661  
part thereof, or a number of qualified signatures equal to at 4662  
least five per cent of that vote, if this number is less than 4663  
twenty-five. 4664

(C) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors in any 4665  
district, political subdivision, or part thereof in which five 4666  
thousand or more electors voted for the office of governor at 4667  
the most recent election for that office, the nominating 4668  
petition shall contain a number of signatures equal to at least 4669  
one per cent of those electors. 4670

All nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted on by electors throughout the entire state shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. No nominating petition for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States shall be accepted for filing unless there is submitted to the secretary of state, at the time of filing the petition, a slate of presidential electors sufficient in number to satisfy the requirement of the United States Constitution. The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of governor unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of lieutenant governor unless it also shows the joint candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of governor, and shall not accept for filing the statement of candidacy of a person who desires to be an independent candidate to the office of governor or lieutenant governor who, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a statement of candidacy, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any other state office or any federal or county office.

Nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted on by electors within a district or political subdivision comprised of more than one county but less than all counties of the state shall be filed with the boards of elections of that county or part of a county within the district or political subdivision which had a population greater than that of any

other county or part of a county within the district or 4702  
political subdivision according to the last federal decennial 4703  
census. 4704

Nominating petitions for offices to be voted on by 4705  
electors within a county or district smaller than a county shall 4706  
be filed with the board of elections for such county. 4707

No petition other than the petition of a candidate whose 4708  
candidacy is to be considered by electors throughout the entire 4709  
state shall be accepted for filing if it appears on its face to 4710  
contain more than three times the minimum required number of 4711  
signatures. A board of elections shall not accept for filing a 4712  
nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if 4713  
that person, for the same election, has already filed a 4714  
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write- 4715  
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a 4716  
candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of 4717  
the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county office, if 4718  
the nominating petition is for a state or county office, or for 4719  
any municipal or township office, for member of a city, local, 4720  
or exempted village board of education, or for member of a 4721  
governing board of an educational service center, if the 4722  
nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, or 4723  
for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of 4724  
education, or for member of a governing board of an educational 4725  
service center. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted 4726  
for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be 4727  
deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in 4728  
the petition, the board of elections finds the number of 4729  
signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of 4730  
signatures required. ~~A board of elections may discontinue~~ 4731  
~~verifying signatures when the number of verified signatures on a~~ 4732

~~petition equals the minimum required number of qualified~~ 4733  
~~signatures.~~ 4734

Any nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition 4735  
may request, at the time of filing, that the candidate be 4736  
designated on the ballot as a nonparty candidate or as an other- 4737  
party candidate, or may request that the candidate's name be 4738  
placed on the ballot without any designation. Any such candidate 4739  
who fails to request a designation either as a nonparty 4740  
candidate or as an other-party candidate shall have the 4741  
candidate's name placed on the ballot without any designation. 4742

The purpose of establishing a filing deadline for 4743  
independent candidates prior to the primary election immediately 4744  
preceding the general election at which the candidacy is to be 4745  
voted on by the voters is to recognize that the state has a 4746  
substantial and compelling interest in protecting its electoral 4747  
process by encouraging political stability, ensuring that the 4748  
winner of the election will represent a majority of the 4749  
community, providing the electorate with an understandable 4750  
ballot, and enhancing voter education, thus fostering informed 4751  
and educated expressions of the popular will in a general 4752  
election. The filing deadline for independent candidates 4753  
required in this section prevents splintered parties and 4754  
unrestrained factionalism, avoids political fragmentation, and 4755  
maintains the integrity of the ballot. The deadline, one day 4756  
prior to the primary election, is the least drastic or 4757  
restrictive means of protecting these state interests. The 4758  
general assembly finds that the filing deadline for independent 4759  
candidates in primary elections required in this section is 4760  
reasonably related to the state's purpose of ensuring fair and 4761  
honest elections while leaving unimpaired the political, voting, 4762  
and associational rights secured by the first and fourteenth 4763

amendments to the United States Constitution. 4764

**Sec. 3513.259.** Nominations of candidates for the office of 4765  
member of the state board of education shall be made only by 4766  
nominating petition. The nominating petition of a candidate for 4767  
the office of member of the state board of education shall be 4768  
signed by not less than one hundred qualified electors. 4769

No such nominating petition shall be accepted for filing 4770  
if it appears on its face to contain signatures aggregating in 4771  
number more than three times the minimum number of signatures 4772  
required by this section. A board of elections shall not accept 4773  
for filing a nominating petition of a person if that person, for 4774  
the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, 4775  
a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a 4776  
nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party 4777  
nomination at a primary election or by the filling of a vacancy 4778  
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code, to be a 4779  
candidate for any other state office or any federal or county 4780  
office. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for 4781  
filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed 4782  
invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the 4783  
petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures 4784  
accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures 4785  
required. ~~A board of elections may discontinue verifying~~ 4786  
~~signatures when the number of verified signatures equals the~~ 4787  
~~minimum required number of signatures.~~ Such petition shall be 4788  
filed with the board of elections of the most populous county in 4789  
such district not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day 4790  
before the day of the general election at which state board of 4791  
education members are elected. 4792

Each nominating petition shall be signed by qualified 4793

electors residing in the district in which the candidate 4794  
designated therein would be a candidate for election to the 4795  
office of member of the state board of education. Each candidate 4796  
shall be a qualified elector residing in the district in which 4797  
the candidate seeks election to such office. 4798

As the word "district" is used in this section, it refers 4799  
to a district created under section 3301.01 of the Revised Code. 4800

**Sec. 3599.11.** (A) ~~No (1)~~ Subject to division (A) (2) of 4801  
this section, no person shall knowingly do any of the following: 4802

(a) Knowingly register or make application or attempt to 4803  
register in a precinct in which the person is not a qualified 4804  
voter; ~~or knowingly~~ 4805

(b) Knowingly aid or abet any person to so register; ~~or~~ 4806  
~~attempt~~ 4807

(c) Knowingly attempt to register or knowingly induce or 4808  
attempt to induce any person to so register; ~~or knowingly~~ 4809

(d) Knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the 4810  
name of another, real or fictitious, in registering or 4811  
attempting to register; ~~or by~~ 4812

(e) By false statement or other unlawful means, knowingly 4813  
procure, aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out 4814  
on the register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified 4815  
elector therein; ~~or knowingly~~ 4816

(f) Knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or 4817  
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to 4818  
an elector thereof; ~~or knowingly~~ 4819

(g) Knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a lawful 4820  
examination by or before any registering officer; ~~or make~~ 4821

(h) Knowingly make, print, or issue any false or 4822  
counterfeit certificate of registration or knowingly alter any 4823  
certificate of registration. 4824

~~No person shall knowingly;~~ 4825

(i) Knowingly register under more than one name or 4826  
knowingly induce any person to so register. 4827

~~No person shall knowingly;~~ 4828

(j) Knowingly make any false statement on any form for 4829  
registration or change of registration or upon any application 4830  
or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot. 4831

(2) (a) A person whose voter registration or voter 4832  
registration update is processed through the automated voter 4833  
registration and verification system described in section 4834  
3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code 4835  
and who is not a qualified voter in the precinct or under the 4836  
name indicated violates division (A) (1) of this section only if 4837  
the person knowingly provides or attempts to provide false 4838  
information with the intention of registering or submitting a 4839  
registration update using that information. 4840

(b) A person who aids, abets, induces, or attempts to 4841  
induce another person to have the other person's voter 4842  
registration or voter registration update processed through the 4843  
automated voter registration and verification system described 4844  
in section 3503.11 and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the 4845  
Revised Code when the other person is not a qualified voter in 4846  
the precinct or under the name indicated violates division (A) 4847  
(1) of this section only if the person knowingly causes or 4848  
attempts to cause the other person to be registered to vote or 4849  
to have the other person's registration updated using 4850

information the person knows is false. 4851

(3) Whoever violates ~~this~~ division (A) (1) of this section 4852  
is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 4853

(B) (1) No person who helps another person register outside 4854  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or 4855  
knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed 4856  
registration form. 4857

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4858  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree. 4859

(2) (a) No person who helps another person register outside 4860  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to 4861  
return any registration form entrusted to that person to any 4862  
board of elections or the office of the secretary of state 4863  
within ten days after that ~~regisitration~~ registration form is 4864  
completed, or on or before the thirtieth day before the 4865  
election, whichever day is earlier, unless the registration form 4866  
is received by the person within twenty-four hours of the 4867  
thirtieth day before the election, in which case the person 4868  
shall return the registration form to any board of elections or 4869  
the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its 4870  
receipt. 4871

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4872  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4873  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) 4874  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the 4875  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any 4876  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the 4877  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed 4878  
to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the 4879

violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4880

(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, no person 4881  
who helps another person register outside an official 4882  
registration place shall knowingly return any registration form 4883  
entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of 4884  
elections or the office of the secretary of state. 4885

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4886  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4887  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) 4888  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the 4889  
violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any 4890  
voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the 4891  
number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed 4892  
to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the 4893  
violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4894

(C) (1) No person who receives compensation for registering 4895  
a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form 4896  
entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office 4897  
of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter 4898  
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth 4899  
day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the 4900  
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four 4901  
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case 4902  
the person shall return the registration form to any board of 4903  
elections or the office of the ~~secretary~~secretary of state 4904  
within ten days of its receipt. 4905

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 4906  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 4907  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) 4908  
(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the 4909

violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election by any means, including voting or attempting to vote both by absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~ (E) of section

3503.16 of the Revised Code and by regular ballot at the polls 4939  
at the same election, or voting or attempting to vote both by 4940  
absent voter's ballots under division ~~(G)~~(E) of section 3503.16 4941  
of the Revised Code and by absent voter's ballots under Chapter 4942  
3509. or armed service absent voter's ballots under Chapter 4943  
3511. of the Revised Code at the same election; 4944

(3) Impersonate or sign the name of another person, real 4945  
or fictitious, living or dead, and vote or attempt to vote as 4946  
that other person in any such election; 4947

(4) Cast a ballot at any such election after objection has 4948  
been made and sustained to that person's vote; 4949

(5) Knowingly vote or attempt to vote a ballot other than 4950  
the official ballot. 4951

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 4952  
guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. 4953

**Sec. 3599.18.** (A) No election official, person assisting 4954  
in the registration of electors, or police officer shall 4955  
knowingly do any of the following: 4956

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or 4957  
prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful 4958  
manner applies for registration or who should be registered or 4959  
have the elector's registration updated under section 3503.11 or 4960  
4507.061 of the Revised Code; 4961

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on 4962  
a voter registration list; 4963

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the 4964  
registration card or form of any qualified elector; 4965

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any 4966

duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person 4967  
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer. 4968

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 4969  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4970

**Sec. 4507.061.** (A) Beginning on and after July 1, 2022, 4971  
the registrar of motor vehicles may authorize the online renewal 4972  
of a driver's license or identification card issued by the 4973  
bureau of motor vehicles for eligible applicants. An applicant 4974  
is eligible for online renewal if all of the following apply: 4975

(1) The applicant's current driver's license or 4976  
identification card was processed in person at a deputy 4977  
registrar office. 4978

(2) The applicant has a photo on file with the bureau of 4979  
motor vehicles from the applicant's current driver's license or 4980  
identification card. 4981

(3) The applicant's current driver's license or 4982  
identification card expires on the birthday of the applicant in 4983  
the fourth year after the date it was issued. 4984

(4) The applicant is applying for a driver's license or 4985  
identification card that expires on the birthday of the 4986  
applicant in the fourth year after the date it is issued. 4987

(5) The applicant's current driver's license or 4988  
identification card is unexpired or expired not more than six 4989  
months prior to the date of the application. 4990

(6) The applicant is a citizen of the United States and a 4991  
permanent resident of this state. 4992

(7) The applicant is twenty-one years of age or older, but 4993  
less than sixty-five years of age. 4994

(8) The applicant's current driver's license or driving privileges are not suspended, canceled, revoked, or restricted, and the applicant is not otherwise prohibited by law from obtaining a driver's license or identification card.

(9) The applicant has no changes to the applicant's name or personal information, other than a change of address.

(10) The applicant has no medical restrictions that would require the applicant to apply for a driver's license or identification card in person at a deputy registrar office. The registrar shall determine the medical restrictions that require in person applications.

(B) An applicant may not submit an application online for any of the following:

(1) A temporary instruction permit;

(2) A commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit;

(3) An initial issuance of an Ohio driver's license or identification card;

(4) An initial issuance of a federally compliant driver's license or identification card;

(5) An ignition interlock license;

(6) A nonrenewable license.

(C) The registrar may require an applicant to provide a digital copy of any identification documents and supporting documents as required by statute or administrative rule to comply with current state and federal requirements.

(D) Except as otherwise provided, an applicant shall

comply with all other applicable laws related to the issuance of 5022  
a driver's license or identification card in order to renew a 5023  
driver's license or identification card under this section. 5024

(E) The registrar may adopt rules in accordance with 5025  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and administer 5026  
this section. 5027

(F) The registrar and the secretary of state jointly shall 5028  
prescribe procedures to do all of the following: 5029

(1) Offer voter registration to an applicant under this 5030  
section who is not registered to vote in this state under the 5031  
applicant's current name and who is eligible to vote in this 5032  
state; 5033

(2) When an applicant under this section who is registered 5034  
to vote in this state notifies the registrar of a change of 5035  
residence address, transmit the updated information to the 5036  
secretary of state in accordance with division (C)(2) of section 5037  
3503.11 of the Revised Code; 5038

(3) When an applicant who is registered to vote in this 5039  
state at the applicant's current address and under the 5040  
applicant's current name submits an application under this 5041  
section, transmit the person's information to the secretary of 5042  
state in accordance with division (C)(3) of section 3503.11 of 5043  
the Revised Code. 5044

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3501.01, 3501.05, 5045  
3501.11, 3501.22, 3501.29, 3501.38, 3503.09, 3503.12, 3503.13, 5046  
3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 5047  
3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.183, 3506.14, 3509.01, 3509.02, 3509.03, 5048  
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 5049  
3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.06, 3511.07, 3511.08, 3511.09, 5050

3511.10, 3511.11, 3511.13, 3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 5051  
3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257, 3513.259, 3599.11, 3599.12, 5052  
3599.18, and 4507.061 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 5053

**Section 3.** That section 3503.11 of the Revised Code is 5054  
hereby repealed. 5055

**Section 4.** (A) The Secretary of State shall implement the 5056  
online absent voter's ballot application system created under 5057  
section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, 5058  
not later than one year after this section takes effect. 5059

(B) The Secretary of State shall implement the automated 5060  
voter registration and verification program created under 5061  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, as re-enacted by this act, 5062  
and division (F) of section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, as 5063  
amended by this act, not later than two years after this section 5064  
takes effect. 5065

**Section 5.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Election 5066  
Security and Modernization Act. 5067

**Section 6.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 5068  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 5069  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 5070  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 5071  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 5072  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 5073  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 5074  
as presented in this act: 5075

Section 3501.29 of the Revised Code as amended by both 5076  
S.B. 10 and S.B. 109 of the 130th General Assembly. 5077

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both 5078  
H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly. 5079

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code as amended by S.B. 47,	5080
S.B. 109, and S.B. 216, all of the 130th General Assembly.	5081
Section 3511.10 of the Revised Code as amended by both	5082
S.B. 205 and S.B. 238 of the 130th General Assembly.	5083