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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 1  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 2  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised 3  
Code to modify the campaign finance law, and to 4  
name this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act. 5

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 6  
3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3599.03, 7  
3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 8  
follows: 9

**Sec. 3517.01.** (A) (1) A political party within the meaning 10  
of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that 11  
meets either of the following requirements: 12

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the 13  
most recent regular state election, the group polled for its 14  
candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential 15  
electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for 16

that office. A group that meets the requirements of this 17  
division remains a political party for a period of four years 18  
after meeting those requirements. 19

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, 20  
subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division 21  
(A) (1) (a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets 22  
all of the following requirements: 23

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in 24  
number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor 25  
or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent 26  
election for such office. 27

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred 28  
qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half 29  
of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number 30  
of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of 31  
districts that results from dividing the number of congressional 32  
districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number. 33

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of 34  
organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated 35  
in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding 36  
general election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more 37  
than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing. 38

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than 39  
three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who 40  
shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the 41  
petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the 42  
petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either 43  
personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at 44  
the usual place of residence of each of them. 45

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

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

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

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

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person who, at any time before or after an election, receives contributions or makes expenditures or other use of contributions, has given consent for another to receive contributions or make expenditures or other use of contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for election to the offices of member of a county or state central

committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national 75  
convention or conference of a political party. 76

~~(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other 77  
than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign 78  
fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that 79  
is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary 80  
purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, 81  
political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a 82  
regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" 83  
includes organizations that are determined to be not organized 84  
for profit under subsection 501 and that are described in 85  
subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal 86  
Revenue Code. 87~~

~~(5) "Contribution" (a) Except as otherwise provided in 88  
divisions (C)(4)(b) to (d) of this section, "contribution" means 89  
a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, 90  
advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, 91  
including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 92  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 93  
person other than the person to whom the services are rendered 94  
for the personal services of another person, which contribution 95  
is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the 96  
results of an election. Any 97~~

(b) Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, 98  
donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything 99  
of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or 100  
testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any 101  
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 102  
campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, 103  
or person other than the person to whom the services are 104

rendered for the personal services of another person, that is 105  
made, received, or used by a state or county political party, 106  
other than the moneys an entity may receive under sections 107  
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 108  
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 109  
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 110  
of contributions filed under that section. 111

(c) (i) "Contribution" does not include any has the meaning 112  
defined in division (C) (4) (a) of this section with respect to 113  
contributions made to or received by a political contributing 114  
entity if that political contributing entity does all of the 115  
following: 116

(I) Deposits in a separate account from its general funds 117  
all loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 118  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 119  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 120  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 121  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 122  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 123  
contributing entity for the purpose of influencing the results 124  
of an election; 125

(II) Does not transfer to that separate account any other 126  
loans, gifts, deposits, donations, advances, payments, or 127  
transfers of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of 128  
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 129  
estate and the payment by any person other than the person to 130  
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 131  
another person, that are made to or received by the political 132  
contributing entity; 133

(III) Makes contributions and expenditures only from that 134

<u>separate account.</u>	135
<u>(ii) If a political contributing entity does not follow</u>	136
<u>the procedure described in division (C) (4) (c) (i) of this</u>	137
<u>section, then any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of</u>	138
<u>indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds</u>	139
<u>or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an</u>	140
<u>inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate and the</u>	141
<u>payment by any person other than the person to whom the services</u>	142
<u>are rendered for the personal services of another person, that</u>	143
<u>is made to or received by the political contributing entity is</u>	144
<u>considered a contribution, regardless of whether it is made or</u>	145
<u>received for the purpose of influencing the results of an</u>	146
<u>election.</u>	147
<u>(d) None of the following are considered a contribution</u>	148
<u>under divisions (C) (4) (a) to (c) of this section:</u>	149
<del>(a)</del> <u>(i) Services provided without compensation by</u>	150
individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on	151
behalf of a person;	152
<del>(b)</del> <u>(ii) Ordinary home hospitality;</u>	153
<del>(c)</del> <u>(iii) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by</u>	154
that volunteer campaign worker;	155
<del>(d)</del> <u>(iv) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section</u>	156
3517.101 of the Revised Code;	157
<del>(e)</del> <u>(v) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011</u>	158
of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the	159
direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering	160
communication;	161
<del>(f)</del> <u>(vi) Any gift given to a state or county political</u>	162

party for the party's restricted fund under division (A) (2) of 163  
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 164

~~(g)~~ (vii) Any gift given to a state political party for 165  
deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the 166  
Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the 167  
same meaning as in that section. 168

~~(h)~~ (viii) Any donation given to a transition fund under 169  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 170

~~(6)~~ (5) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 171  
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 172  
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) 173  
of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use 174  
of a contribution by a state or county political party is an 175  
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 176  
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made 177  
as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 178  
of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of 179  
expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 180  
During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, 181  
any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 182  
a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a 183  
clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for 184  
the purpose of influencing the results of that election and 185  
shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent 186  
expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised 187  
Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be 188  
reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or 189  
independent expenditures shall be the same as the information 190  
required to be reported under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of 191  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 192

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

~~(7)~~ (6) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone.

~~(8)~~ (7) "Political action committee" means a combination of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or to influence the result of any election through express advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign committee, ~~a political contributing entity,~~ or a legislative campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include ~~either of the following:~~

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

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

~~(9)~~ (8) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a political party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United States senator and representative.

~~(10)~~ (9) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in



section 1.03 of the Revised Code.	222
<del>(11)</del> <u>(10)</u> "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a	223
candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a	224
campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a	225
candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a	226
campaign fund exists.	227
<del>(12)</del> <u>(11)</u> "Campaign fund" means money or other property,	228
including contributions.	229
<del>(13)</del> <u>(12)</u> "Public official or employee" has the same	230
meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.	231
<del>(14)</del> <u>(13)</u> "Caucus" means all of the members of the house	232
of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the	233
general assembly who are members of the same political party.	234
<del>(15)</del> <u>(14)</u> "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is	235
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and	236
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.	237
<del>(16)</del> <u>(15)</u> "In-kind contribution" means anything of value	238
other than money that is used to influence the results of an	239
election or is transferred to or used in support of or in	240
opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative	241
campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or	242
political contributing entity and that is made with the consent	243
of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at	244
the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee,	245
fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination,	246
distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any	247
broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign	248
materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign	249
committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution	250

to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate. 251

~~(17)~~ (16) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure 252  
or other use of funds or anything of value by a person 253  
~~advocating to advocate~~ the election or defeat of an identified 254  
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, 255  
in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the 256  
request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the 257  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As 258  
used in division ~~(C) (17)~~ (C) (16) of this section: 259

(a) "Person" means an individual, ~~partnership,~~ 260  
~~unincorporated business organization or association,~~ political 261  
action committee, political contributing entity, separate 262  
segregated fund, association, or other organization or group of 263  
persons, ~~but not a labor organization or a corporation unless~~ 264  
~~the labor organization or corporation is a political~~ 265  
~~contributing entity.~~ 266

(b) ~~"Advocating"~~ "Advocate" means to make any 267  
communication containing a message advocating the election or 268  
defeat of an identified candidate or candidates. 269

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 270  
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 271  
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent 272  
by unambiguous reference. 273

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation 274  
with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the 275  
campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made 276  
pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 277  
candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the 278  
candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, 279

display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is 280  
presumed to be so made when it is any of the following: 281

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 282  
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 283  
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 284  
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 285

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 286  
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 287  
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 288  
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from 289  
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent; 290

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 291  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party 292  
in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a 293  
political party to conduct voter registration or voter education 294  
efforts. 295

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or 296  
written authority, either express or implied, to make or to 297  
authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, 298  
or means any person who has been placed in a position with the 299  
candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it 300  
would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign- 301  
related activities the person may authorize expenditures. 302

~~(18)~~ (17) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an 303  
employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, 304  
locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor 305  
union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, 306  
groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other 307  
bona fide organization in which employees participate and that 308

exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 309  
employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, 310  
and other terms and conditions of employment. 311

~~(19)~~(18) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate 312  
segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election 313  
Campaign Act. 314

~~(20)~~(19) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the 315  
"Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 316  
431, et seq., as amended. 317

~~(21)~~(20) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or 318  
county political party must establish under division (A) (1) of 319  
section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 320

~~(22)~~(21) "Electioneering communication" has the same 321  
meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 322

~~(23)~~(22) "Express advocacy" means a communication that 323  
contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or 324  
defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating 325  
the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by 326  
a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 327

~~(24)~~(23) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in 328  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 329

~~(25)~~(24) "Political contributing entity" means any 330  
entity, including a corporation ~~or~~, labor organization, 331  
partnership, or unincorporated business organization or 332  
association, that may lawfully make ~~makes~~ contributions ~~and or~~ 333  
expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action 334  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ campaign committee, political 335  
party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign 336  
committee, or state candidate fund. ~~For purposes of this~~ 337

~~division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the~~ 338  
~~Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of~~ 339  
~~competent jurisdiction.~~ 340

~~(26)~~ (25) "Internet identifier of record" has the same 341  
meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code. 342

**Sec. 3517.08.** (A) The personal expenses of a candidate 343  
paid for by the candidate, from the candidate's personal funds, 344  
shall not be considered as a contribution by or an expenditure 345  
by the candidate and shall not be reported under section 3517.10 346  
of the Revised Code. 347

(B) (1) An expenditure by a political action committee or a 348  
political contributing entity shall not be considered a 349  
contribution by the political action committee or the political 350  
contributing entity or an expenditure by or on behalf of the 351  
candidate if the purpose of the expenditure is to inform only 352  
its members by means of mailed publications of its activities or 353  
endorsements. 354

(2) An expenditure by a political party shall not be 355  
considered a contribution by the political party or an 356  
expenditure by or on behalf of the candidate if the purpose of 357  
the expenditure is to inform predominantly the party's members 358  
by means of mailed publications or other direct communication of 359  
its activities or endorsements, or for voter contact such as 360  
sample ballots, absent voter's ballots application mailings, 361  
voter registration, or get-out-the-vote activities. 362

(C) An expenditure by a ~~continuing association,~~ political 363  
contributing entity, or political party shall not be considered 364  
a contribution to any campaign committee or an expenditure by or 365  
on behalf of any campaign committee if the purpose of the 366

expenditure is for the staff and maintenance of the ~~continuing-~~ 367  
~~association's,~~ political contributing entity's, or political 368  
party's headquarters, or for a political poll, survey, index, or 369  
other type of measurement not on behalf of a specific candidate. 370

(D) The expenses of maintaining a constituent office paid 371  
for, from the candidate's personal funds, by a candidate who is 372  
a member of the general assembly at the time of the election 373  
shall not be considered a contribution by or an expenditure by 374  
or on behalf of the candidate, and shall not be reported, if the 375  
constituent office is not used for any candidate's campaign 376  
activities. 377

(E) The net contribution of each social or fund-raising 378  
activity shall be calculated by totaling all contributions to 379  
the activity minus the expenditures made for the activity. 380

(F) An expenditure that purchases goods or services shall 381  
be attributed to an election when the disbursement of funds is 382  
made, rather than at the time the goods or services are used. 383  
The secretary of state, under the procedures of Chapter 119. of 384  
the Revised Code, shall establish rules for the attribution of 385  
expenditures to a candidate when the candidate is a candidate 386  
for more than one office during a reporting period and for 387  
expenditures made in a year in which no election is held. The 388  
secretary of state shall further define by rule those 389  
expenditures that are or are not by or on behalf of a candidate. 390

(G) An expenditure for the purpose of a charitable 391  
donation may be made if it is made to an organization that is 392  
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 393  
described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) (4), 501(c) (8), 501(c) 394  
(10), or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code or is approved 395  
by advisory opinion of the Ohio elections commission as a 396

legitimate charitable organization. Each expenditure under this 397  
division shall be separately itemized on statements made 398  
pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 399

**Sec. 3517.10.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 400  
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 401  
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 402  
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 403  
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 404  
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 405  
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 406  
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 407  
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 408  
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 409  
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 410  
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 411  
the following dates: 412

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 413  
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 414  
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 415  
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 416  
before the election; 417

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 418  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 419  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 420  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 421  
day before the filing of the statement; 422

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 423  
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 424  
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 425  
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 426

the last day of December of the previous year; 427

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 428  
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 429  
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 430  
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 431  
day of June of that year. 432

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 433  
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 434  
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 435  
committee's candidate. 436

The statement required under division (A) (1) of this 437  
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 438  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 439  
party, or political contributing entity that has received 440  
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 441  
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 442  
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 443  
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 444  
statement required under division (A) (2) of this section. 445

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 446  
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 447  
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 448  
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 449  
required by division (A) (1) of this section for the general 450  
election instead of the statement required by division (A) (2) of 451  
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 452  
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 453  
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 454  
days before the general election. 455



If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not required to file the statement required by division (A) (1) of this section.

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall be required for any year in which a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity is required to file a postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity.

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in this state, shall be required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this section.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this section if that campaign committee receives, during that period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars.

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall be required of a campaign committee, a political action committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a

political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 486  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 487  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 488  
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 489  
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 490  
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 491  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 492  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 493

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 494  
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 495  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 496  
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 497  
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 498  
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 499  
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 500  
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 501  
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 502  
under this section and made under penalty of election 503  
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 504  
this section, as applicable. 505

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 506  
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 507  
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 508  
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 509  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 510  
statement not later than three business days after the last day 511  
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 512  
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 513  
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 514  
extending through the day of that general election, each time 515  
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 516

of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 517  
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 518  
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 519  
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 520  
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 521  
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 522  
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 523  
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 524  
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 525  
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 526  
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 527  
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 528  
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 529  
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 530  
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 531  
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 532  
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 533  
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 534  
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 535  
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 536  
required by this section. 537

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 538  
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 539  
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 540  
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 541  
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 542  
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 543  
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 544  
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 545  
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 546  
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 547

contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 548  
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 549  
Revised Code. 550

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 551  
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 552  
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 553  
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 554  
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 555  
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 556  
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 557  
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 558  
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 559  
previously filed statement. 560

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 561  
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 562  
section shall contain the following information: 563

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 564  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 565  
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 566  
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 567  
and expenditure statement; 568

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 569  
candidate's full name and address; 570

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 571  
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 572  
(1) of this section; 573

(c) In the case of a political contributing entity that is 574  
a corporation or unincorporated business, all of the following: 575

(i) The name of each officer, director, principal 576

shareholder, partner, owner, or member of the corporation or 577  
unincorporated business; 578

(ii) If the corporation or unincorporated business is 579  
controlled by a corporation or unincorporated business, the name 580  
of the controlling corporation or unincorporated business and 581  
the name of each officer, director, principal shareholder, 582  
partner, owner, or member of the controlling corporation or 583  
unincorporated business. For purposes of this division, a 584  
corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to control 585  
another corporation or unincorporated business if the 586  
corporation or unincorporated business, directly or indirectly, 587  
or acting through one or more persons or entities, owns, 588  
controls, or has the power to vote fifty per cent or more of any 589  
class of voting securities of, the other corporation or 590  
unincorporated business. 591

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 592  
a general, primary, or special election; 593

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 594  
include the following information: 595

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 596

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 597  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 598  
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 599  
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 600  
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 601  
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 602  
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 603  
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 604  
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 605

fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 606  
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 607  
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 608  
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 609

(ii) If a political action committee, political 610  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 611  
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 612  
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 613  
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 614  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 615  
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 616  
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 617  
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 618  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 619

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 620  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 621  
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 622  
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 623  
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 624  
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 625  
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 626  
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 627  
of which the employees are members, if any. 628

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 629  
than money; 630

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 631

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 632  
expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 633  
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 634

less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 635  
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 636  
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 637  
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 638  
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 639  
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 640  
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 641  
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 642  
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 643  
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 644  
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 645  
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 646  
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 647  
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 648  
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 649  
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 650  
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 651  
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 652  
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 653  
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No ~~continuing-~~ 654  
~~association-political contributing entity~~ that is recognized by 655  
a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary 656  
of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived 657  
solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall 658  
be required to list the name or address of any members who paid 659  
those dues. 660

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 661  
separately from all other contributions. The information 662  
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 663  
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 664  
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 665

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected officer, if a person doing business with the state elected officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution to the campaign committee of that officer, the information required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in this division:

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than five thousand dollars during a calendar year.

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the following information:

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure;

(b) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D)(1) of this section;

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;



(d) The amount of each expenditure.	695
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	696 697 698 699 700 701 702 703 704 705 706 707
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	708 709 710 711 712
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.	713 714 715 716 717 718
(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with the nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in division (A) (2) of this section.	719 720 721 722 723 724

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 725  
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 726  
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 727  
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 728  
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 729  
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 730  
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 731  
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 732  
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 733  
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 734  
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 735  
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 736  
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 737  
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 738  
national convention or conference of a political party. 739

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 740  
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 741  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 742  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 743  
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 744

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 745  
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 746  
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 747  
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 748  
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 749  
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 750  
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 751  
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 752  
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 753  
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 754  
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 755

3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division (E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to store the information contained in the statements on computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily available to whoever is required to file the statements in that format.

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission and regarding associated technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~ ~~or~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, ~~or~~ political contributing entities, ~~for~~ individuals, ~~partnerships,~~

~~and~~ other entities, ~~for~~ persons making disbursements to pay the 787  
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 788  
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 789  
appropriate. 790

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 791  
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 792  
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 793  
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 794  
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 795

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 796  
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 797  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 798  
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 799  
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 800  
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 801  
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 802  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 803  
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 804  
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 805  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 806  
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 807  
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 808  
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 809  
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 810  
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 811  
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 812  
of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 813  
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 814  
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 815  
number to each political action committee that files a 816  
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 817

division if the political action committee is required by 818  
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 819  
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 820  
state. 821

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 822  
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 823  
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 824

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 825  
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 826  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 827  
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 828  
campaign committee. 829

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 830  
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 831  
separate from all other funds. 832

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 833  
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 834  
state or county political party may deposit into its state 835  
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 836  
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 837  
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 838  
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 839  
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 840  
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 841  
candidate fund. 842

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 843  
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 844  
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 845  
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 846

authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 847  
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 848  
are members of that political party to the house of the general 849  
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 850  
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 851  
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 852  
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 853  
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 854  
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 855  
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 856

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 857  
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 858  
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 859  
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 860  
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 861  
(4) of this section. 862

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 863  
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 864  
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 865  
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 866  
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 867  
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 868  
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 869

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 870  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 871  
following: 872

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 873  
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 874  
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 875  
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 876

section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 877  
of the Revised Code; 878

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 879  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 880  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 881  
disbursement information in the statements described in division 882  
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 883  
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 884  
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 885  
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 886  
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 887  
of transmission. 888

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 889  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 890  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 891  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 892  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 893  
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 894

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 895  
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 896  
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 897  
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 898  
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 899  
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 900

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 901  
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 902  
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 903  
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 904  
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 905  
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 906

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 907  
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 908

(E)(1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 909  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 910  
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 911  
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 912  
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 913  
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 914  
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 915  
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 916  
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 917  
division (D)(1) of this section to the recipient of the 918  
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 919

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 920  
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 921  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 922  
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 923  
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 924  
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 925  
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 926  
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 927  
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 928  
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 929  
apply to division (E)(2) of this section. 930

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 931  
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 932  
required under divisions (B)(4)(b)(ii) and (iii) of this 933  
section, that committee is considered to have met the 934  
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 935  
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 936



connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 937  
written request for the information required under division (B) 938  
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 939  
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 940  
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 941

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 942  
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 943  
name and address of the committee and the registration number 944  
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 945

(F) As used in this section: 946

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 947  
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 948  
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 949  
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 950  
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 951  
post-office box. 952

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 953  
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 954  
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 955  
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 956  
highway name and number. 957

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 958  
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 959  
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 960  
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 961  
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 962  
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 963  
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 964  
to that address. 965

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 966  
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 967  
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 968  
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 969  
committee: 970

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 971  
section; 972

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 973  
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 974  
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 975

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 976  
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 977  
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 978  
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 979  
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 980  
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 981  
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 982  
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 983  
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 984  
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 985  
box number. 986

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 987  
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 988  
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 989  
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 990  
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 991  
the supreme court. 992

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 993  
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 994

court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 995  
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 996  
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 997

(4) "Unincorporated business" includes a cooperative, a 998  
sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited 999  
partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited 1000  
liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1001

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1002  
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1003  
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1004  
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1005  
Revised Code. 1006

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1007  
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1008  
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1009  
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1010  
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1011  
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1012  
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1013  
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1014  
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1015  
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1016  
combined reporting periods. 1017

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1018  
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1019  
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1020  
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1021  
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1022  
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1023  
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1024

statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1025  
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1026  
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1027  
election periods. 1028

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1029  
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1030  
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1031  
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1032  
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1033  
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1034  
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1035  
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1036  
candidates. 1037

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1038  
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1039  
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1040  
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1041

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1042  
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1043  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1044  
member making the contribution. 1045

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1046  
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1047  
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1048  
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1049  
following: 1050

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1051  
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1052  
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1053

the partners, owners, or members; or 1054

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1055  
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1056  
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1057  
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1058  
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1059  
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1060  
the contribution. 1061

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1062  
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1063  
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1064  
section. 1065

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1066  
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1067  
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1068  
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1069  
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1070  
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1071

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1072  
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1073  
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1074

~~(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership~~ 1075  
~~or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited~~ 1076  
~~to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership,~~ 1077  
~~a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a~~ 1078  
~~limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.~~ 1079

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1080  
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 1081  
candidate or holds office. 1082

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1083  
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1084  
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1085  
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1086  
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1087  
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1088  
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1089  
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1090  
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1091  
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1092  
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1093  
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1094  
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1095  
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1096  
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1097

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1098  
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1099  
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1100  
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1101  
be a write-in candidate. 1102

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1103  
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1104  
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1105  
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1106

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1107  
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1108  
limitations described in that division during an election 1109  
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1110  
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1111  
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1112

a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1113  
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1114  
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1115  
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1116  
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1117  
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1118  
write-in candidate. 1119

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1120  
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1121  
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1122  
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1123  
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1124  
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1125  
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1126  
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1127

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1128  
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1129  
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1130  
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1131  
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1132  
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1133  
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1134  
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1135  
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1136  
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1137  
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1138  
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1139  
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1140  
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1141  
receives from all other contributors. 1142

**Sec. 3517.102.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 1143  
3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and 1144  
sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code: 1145

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 1146  
of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices 1147  
of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 1148  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 1149  
board of education, member of the general assembly, chief 1150  
justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 1151

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" 1152  
means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and 1153  
lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary 1154  
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney 1155  
general, member of the state board of education, chief justice 1156  
of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court. 1157

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1158  
state senator. 1159

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of 1160  
state representative. 1161

(5) (a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on 1162  
the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period 1163  
specified in division (A) (9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised 1164  
Code and ends on the day of the primary election. 1165

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election 1166  
period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately 1167  
preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an 1168  
office specified in division (A) (1) of this section and ends on 1169  
the thirty-first day of December following that general 1170  
election. 1171



(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund 1172  
established by a state or county political party under division 1173  
(D) (3) (c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1174

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement 1175  
filed under division (A) (2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1176  
Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general 1177  
election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by 1178  
legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even- 1179  
numbered year. 1180

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required 1181  
to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 1182  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 1183

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (9) (b) 1184  
of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means: 1185

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state 1186  
political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, 1187  
statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or 1188  
member of the general assembly. 1189

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county 1190  
political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or 1191  
house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or 1192  
all of the electors in that county, or member of the general 1193  
assembly whose district contains all or part of that county. 1194

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a 1195  
legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the 1196  
following: 1197

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a 1198  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1199  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1200

campaign fund is associated; 1201

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a 1202  
member of the same party that established the legislative 1203  
campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative 1204  
campaign fund is associated. 1205

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state 1206  
campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate 1207  
changes the designation of treasurer required to be filed under 1208  
division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to 1209  
indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or 1210  
becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office 1211  
that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign 1212  
committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under 1213  
division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1214

(B) (1) (a) No individual who is seven years of age or older 1215  
shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more 1216  
than: 1217

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1218  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1219  
general election period; 1220

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1221  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1222  
general election period; 1223

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1224  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1225  
general election period; 1226

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of 1227  
the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence 1228  
is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar 1229

year;	1230
(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;	1231 1232
(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1233 1234
(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1235 1236
(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1237 1238
(b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political party of any county other than the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located.	1239 1240 1241 1242
(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.	1243 1244
(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:	1245 1246 1247
(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1248 1249 1250
(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1251 1252 1253
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1254 1255 1256

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative	1257
campaign fund in a calendar year;	1258
(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political	1259
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;	1260
(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action	1261
committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar	1262
year. This division does not apply to a political action	1263
committee that makes a contribution to a political action	1264
committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it.	1265
For purposes of this division, a political action committee is	1266
affiliated with another political action committee or with a	1267
political contributing entity if they are both established,	1268
financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same	1269
corporation, organization, labor organization, <del>continuing</del>	1270
<del>association,</del> or other person, including any parent, subsidiary,	1271
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor	1272
organization, <del>continuing association,</del> or other person.	1273
(b) No political action committee shall make a	1274
contribution or contributions to a county political party for	1275
the party's state candidate fund.	1276
(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or	1277
contributions aggregating more than:	1278
(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1279
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a	1280
general election period;	1281
(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1282
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a	1283
general election period;	1284
(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any	1285

one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;	1286 1287
(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;	1288 1289
(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1290 1291
(4) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no political party shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee or to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.	1292 1293 1294 1295 1296
(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.	1297 1298
(5) (a) Subject to division (B) (5) (b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:	1299 1300 1301 1302
(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund;	1303 1304
(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;	1305 1306
(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.	1307 1308
(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:	1309 1310 1311
(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a	1312

ballot in that county. 1313

(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of 1314  
an elected public office that represents all or part of the 1315  
population of that county at the time the contribution is made. 1316

(6) (a) No state candidate fund of a county political party 1317  
shall make a contribution or contributions, except a 1318  
contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign 1319  
committee, in a primary election period or a general election 1320  
period, aggregating more than: 1321

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign 1322  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1323

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1324  
one senate candidate; 1325

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1326  
any one house candidate. 1327

(b) (i) No state candidate fund of a state or county 1328  
political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or 1329  
transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a 1330  
designated state campaign committee in a primary election period 1331  
or in a general election period aggregating more than: 1332

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1333  
committee of any one statewide candidate; 1334

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign 1335  
committee of any one senate candidate; 1336

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1337  
any one house candidate. 1338

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or 1339

a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash 1340  
equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating 1341  
more than: 1342

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or 1343  
one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the 1344  
campaign committee of any one senate candidate; 1345

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1346  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to 1347  
the campaign committee of any one house candidate. 1348

(iii) As used in divisions (B) (6) (b) and (C) (6) of this 1349  
section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" 1350  
does not include any in-kind contributions. 1351

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate 1352  
fund and that is located in a county having a population of less 1353  
than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more 1354  
contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate 1355  
or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not 1356  
exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in 1357  
any primary election period or general election period. 1358

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a 1359  
contribution, other than to a designated state campaign 1360  
committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party. 1361

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1362  
political contributing entity shall make a contribution or 1363  
contributions aggregating more than: 1364

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1365  
one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a 1366  
general election period; 1367

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any 1368  
one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a 1369  
general election period; 1370

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of 1371  
any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a 1372  
general election period; 1373

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative 1374  
campaign fund in a calendar year; 1375

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political 1376  
party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year; 1377

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political 1378  
contributing entity or to a political action committee in a 1379  
calendar year. This division does not apply to a political 1380  
contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political 1381  
contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated 1382  
with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing 1383  
entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity 1384  
or with a political action committee if they are both 1385  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they 1386  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1387  
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1388  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1389  
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1390  
other person. 1391

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a 1392  
contribution or contributions to a county political party for 1393  
the party's state candidate fund. 1394

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1395  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the 1396



following: 1397

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1398  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1399

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1400  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1401  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1402  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from 1403  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1404  
in a general election period; 1405

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1406  
more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or 1407  
combination of state candidate funds of county political parties 1408  
in a primary election period or in a general election period. 1409

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 1410  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1411  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1412  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1413  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1414  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1415

(2) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1416  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1417  
committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the 1418  
following: 1419

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1420  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1421

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1422  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1423  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1424  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1425

one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1426  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1427  
in a general election period. 1428

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall 1429  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1430  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1431  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1432  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1433  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1434

(3) (a) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section and 1435  
except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign 1436  
committee of a house candidate shall do either of the following: 1437

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1438  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1439

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1440  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1441  
seven years of age or older, from any one political action 1442  
committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any 1443  
one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from 1444  
any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or 1445  
in a general election period. 1446

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall 1447  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two 1448  
thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in 1449  
a general election period from a county political party that has 1450  
no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a 1451  
population of less than one hundred fifty thousand. 1452

(4) (a) (i) Subject to division (C) (4) (a) (ii) of this 1453  
section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no 1454

county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or 1455  
contributions from any individual who is under seven years of 1456  
age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's 1457  
state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars 1458  
from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is 1459  
located within that county and who is seven years of age or 1460  
older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year. 1461

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county 1462  
political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for 1463  
the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose 1464  
designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and 1465  
who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee 1466  
unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a 1467  
ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's 1468  
candidate is the holder of an elected public office that 1469  
represents all or part of the population of that county at the 1470  
time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action 1471  
committee or any political contributing entity. 1472

(iii) No county political party shall accept a 1473  
contribution or contributions from any other county political 1474  
party. 1475

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state 1476  
political party shall do either of the following: 1477

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1478  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1479

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the 1480  
party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty 1481  
thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of 1482  
age or older, from any one political action committee, from any 1483

one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year. 1484  
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(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following: 1487  
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(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age; 1489  
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(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year. 1491  
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(6) (a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a primary election period or a general election period more than: 1497  
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(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a statewide candidate; 1501  
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(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1503  
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(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1505  
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(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a legislative campaign fund aggregating more than: 1507  
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(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in 1510  
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the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1512

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election 1513  
period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, 1514  
in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate. 1515

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1516  
member of the general assembly, including a designated state 1517  
campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of 1518  
cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state 1519  
candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a 1520  
primary election period or a general election period more than: 1521

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a 1522  
campaign committee of a senate candidate; 1523

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign 1524  
committee of a house candidate. 1525

(7) (a) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, no 1526  
political action committee and no political contributing entity 1527  
shall do either of the following: 1528

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from 1529  
any individual who is under seven years of age; 1530

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating 1531  
more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is 1532  
seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or 1533  
from any one political party in a calendar year. 1534

(b) Subject to division (D) (1) of this section, no 1535  
political action committee shall accept a contribution or 1536  
contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from 1537  
another political action committee or from a political 1538  
contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D) 1539

(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall 1540  
accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten 1541  
thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or 1542  
from a political action committee in a calendar year. This 1543  
division does not apply to a political action committee or 1544  
political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a 1545  
political action committee or political contributing entity 1546  
affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political 1547  
action committee is affiliated with another political action 1548  
committee or with a political contributing entity if they are 1549  
both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the 1550  
same corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1551  
~~association,~~ or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, 1552  
division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor 1553  
organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other person. 1554

(D) (1) (a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1555  
division (B) (2) of this section and the limitations prescribed 1556  
in divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1557  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1558  
all contributions accepted from political action committees that 1559  
are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that 1560  
are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, 1561  
~~continuing association,~~ or other person, including any parent, 1562  
subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, 1563  
organization, labor organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or 1564  
other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted 1565  
from a single political action committee. 1566

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division 1567  
(B) (7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in 1568  
divisions (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) (b) of this 1569  
section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and 1570

all contributions accepted from political contributing entities 1571  
that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or 1572  
that are, the same corporation, organization, labor 1573  
organization, ~~continuing association~~, or other person, including 1574  
any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that 1575  
corporation, organization, labor organization, ~~continuing~~ 1576  
~~association~~, or other person, are considered to have been made 1577  
by or accepted from a single political contributing entity. 1578

(2) As used in divisions (B) (1) (a) (vii), (B) (3) (d), (B) (4) 1579  
(a), and (C) (7) of this section, "political action committee" 1580  
does not include a political action committee that is organized 1581  
to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes 1582  
no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political 1583  
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1584  
action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in 1585  
divisions (B) (1) (a) (viii), (B) (3) (e), (B) (4) (a), and (C) (7) of 1586  
this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a 1587  
political contributing entity that is organized to support or 1588  
oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no 1589  
contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, 1590  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action 1591  
committee, or political contributing entity. 1592

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in 1593  
divisions (B) (4) and (C) (7) (a) of this section, all 1594  
contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a 1595  
national political party, a state political party, and a county 1596  
political party are considered to have been made by or accepted 1597  
from a single political party and shall be combined with each 1598  
other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded. 1599

(E) (1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total 1600

amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand 1601  
dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1602  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1603  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign 1604  
fund shall comply with division (E) (2) of this section. 1605

(2) (a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total 1606  
amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in 1607  
division (E) (1) of this section at the close of business on the 1608  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1609  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1610  
shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in 1611  
division (E) (2) (b) (i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later 1612  
than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election 1613  
statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the 1614  
Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1615  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division 1616  
shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the 1617  
postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under 1618  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount 1619  
of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the 1620  
seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is 1621  
required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1622  
and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to 1623  
this division and division (E) (2) (b) of this section. The 1624  
statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 1625  
state and shall contain any additional information the secretary 1626  
of state considers necessary. 1627

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to 1628  
dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E) 1629  
(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing 1630  
any of the following: 1631



(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for 1632  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio 1633  
elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 1634  
3517.152 of the Revised Code; 1635

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made 1636  
contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of 1637  
all or part of their contributions; 1638

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt 1639  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1640  
described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1641

(F) (1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a 1642  
statement required by division (E) of this section. 1643

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of 1644  
excess contributions as required by division (E) of this 1645  
section. 1646

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in 1647  
determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions 1648  
as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 1649

**Sec. 3517.105.** (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 1650  
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 1651  
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 1652  
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 1653  
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 1654

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 1655  
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 1656  
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 1657  
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 1658  
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 1659  
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 1660

assessments to, that political contributing entity. 1661

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 1662  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1663  
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 1664  
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 1665  
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 1666  
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 1667  
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 1668  
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 1669  
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 1670  
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 1671  
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 1672  
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 1673  
for or against an identified candidate through public political 1674  
advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 1675  
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 1676  
following: 1677

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1678  
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 1679  
candidate's campaign committee; 1680

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 1681  
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 1682  
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 1683  
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 1684  
of the Revised Code. 1685

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 1686  
campaign fund, political action committee, political 1687  
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 1688  
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 1689  
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 1690

expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 1691  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 1692  
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 1693  
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 1694  
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1695

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity, 1696  
except a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, campaign committee, 1697  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1698  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1699  
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 1700  
candidate, the individual, ~~partnership~~, or ~~other~~ entity shall 1701  
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 1702  
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 1703  
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 1704  
election for district or local office, not later than the dates 1705  
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 1706  
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 1707  
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 1708  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1709  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1710  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1711  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1712  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1713  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1714  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1715  
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 1716  
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 1717  
election falsification. 1718

(C) (1) Whenever a ~~corporation~~, ~~labor organization~~, 1719  
campaign committee, political action committee or political 1720  
contributing entity with ten or more members, or legislative 1721

campaign fund makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure, or whenever a 1722  
political action committee or political contributing entity with 1723  
fewer than ten members makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in 1724  
excess of one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or 1725  
question, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide 1726  
ballot issue or question, for the purpose of financing 1727  
communications advocating support of or opposition to an 1728  
identified ballot issue or question or solicits without the 1729  
express consent of the ballot issue committee a contribution for 1730  
or against an identified ballot issue or question through public 1731  
political advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented 1732  
in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does 1733  
both of the following: 1734

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 1735  
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 1736  
issue committee; 1737

(b) Clearly identifies the ~~corporation, labor~~ 1738  
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 1739  
political action committee, or political contributing entity 1740  
that has paid for the communication or public political 1741  
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 1742  
Code. 1743

(2) (a) Whenever any ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ 1744  
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 1745  
~~or political action committee, or political contributing entity~~ 1746  
makes an ~~independent~~ expenditure in support of or opposition to 1747  
any ballot issue or question, ~~the corporation or labor~~ 1748  
~~organization shall report the independent expenditure in~~ 1749  
~~accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised~~ 1750  
~~Code, and the campaign committee, legislative campaign fund,~~ 1751

political party, ~~or~~ political action committee, or political 1752  
contributing entity shall report the ~~independent~~ expenditure and 1753  
identify the ballot issue or question on a statement prescribed 1754  
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, fund, or 1755  
party as part of its statement of contributions and expenditures 1756  
pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of 1757  
section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1758

(b) Whenever any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity, 1759  
except a ~~corporation, labor organization,~~ campaign committee, 1760  
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 1761  
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 1762  
~~independent~~ expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars in 1763  
support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 1764  
individual, ~~partnership,~~ or other entity shall file with the 1765  
secretary of state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or 1766  
question, or with the board of elections in the county that 1767  
certifies the issue or question for placement on the ballot in 1768  
the case of a district or local issue or question, not later 1769  
than the dates specified in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) 1770  
of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise 1771  
provided in that section, a statement itemizing all ~~independent~~ 1772  
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 1773  
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 1774  
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 1775  
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 1776  
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (E) of 1777  
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 1778  
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 1779  
amount of each ~~independent~~ expenditure and the ballot issue or 1780  
question in support of or opposition to which it was made and 1781  
shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 1782

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor organization, political contributing entity,~~ or other organization or association shall use or cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, or an expenditure in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, ~~corporation, labor organization, political contributing entity,~~ or other organization or association does not actually exist or operate, if the ~~corporation, labor organization, or other~~ organization or association has failed to file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, ~~or political action committee,~~ or political contributing entity has failed to file a designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 3517.106.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court.

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or

other correction to that statement. 1813

(B) The secretary of state shall store all of the 1814  
following information on computer: 1815

(1) The information contained in statements of 1816  
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 1817  
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 1818  
statements of ~~independent~~ expenditures required to be filed 1819  
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code with the secretary of 1820  
state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state 1821  
by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section; 1822

(2) The information contained in disclosure of 1823  
electioneering communications statements required to be filed 1824  
under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code; 1825

(3) The information contained in deposit and disbursement 1826  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1827  
of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 1828

(4) The gift and disbursement information contained in 1829  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1830  
of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 1831

(5) The information contained in donation and disbursement 1832  
statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary 1833  
of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 1834

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the 1835  
campaign committees, political action committees, political 1836  
contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political 1837  
parties, individuals, ~~partnerships, corporations, labor~~ 1838  
~~organizations,~~ treasurers of transition funds, and other 1839  
entities that are permitted or required to file statements by 1840  
electronic means of transmission, and to members of the news 1841

media and other interested persons, for a reasonable fee, 1842  
computer programs that are compatible with the secretary of 1843  
state's method of storing the information contained in the 1844  
statements. 1845

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 1846  
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 1847  
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 1848  
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 1849  
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 1850  
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 1851  
expressed in division (D) of this section. 1852

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 1853  
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 1854  
least six years. 1855

(E) (1) Subject to division (J) of this section and subject 1856  
to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and 1857  
verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of 1858  
state prescribes pursuant to division (F) (1) of this section and 1859  
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 1860  
Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic 1861  
means of transmission, each of the following entities shall be 1862  
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 1863  
transmission, as applicable: 1864

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 1865  
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 1866  
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 1867  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1868  
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 1869  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1870  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1871



dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1872  
transmission. 1873

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1874  
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 1875  
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 1876  
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1877  
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 1878  
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 1879  
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 1880  
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 1881  
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 1882  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 1883  
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 1884  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 1885

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 1886  
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 1887  
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 1888  
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 1889  
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 1890  
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 1891

(d) A political action committee and a political 1892  
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1893  
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 1894  
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 1895  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 1896  
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 1897  
total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 1898  
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 1899  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 1900  
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 1901

specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 1902  
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 1903  
electronic means of transmission. 1904

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 1905  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 1906  
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 1907  
to the office of the secretary of state. 1908

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 1909  
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 1910  
means of transmission to the board of elections. 1911

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 1912  
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 1913  
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 1914  
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 1915  
to the board of elections. 1916

(h) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1917  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1918  
statewide candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition 1919  
to a statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division 1920  
(B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1921  
may file the statement specified in that division by electronic 1922  
means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state 1923  
or, if the total amount of ~~independent~~ expenditures made during 1924  
the reporting period under that division exceeds ten thousand 1925  
dollars, shall file the statement specified in that division by 1926  
electronic means of transmission. 1927

(i) Any individual, ~~partnership,~~ or ~~other~~ entity that 1928  
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1929  
candidate or expenditures in support of or opposition to a 1930

ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a statewide 1931  
ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of 1932  
section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the statement 1933  
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission 1934  
to the board of elections. 1935

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 1936  
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 1937  
to the secretary of state within five business days after 1938  
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 1939  
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 1940  
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 1941  
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 1942  
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 1943  
received the addendum or amended statement. 1944

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (3) (b) 1945  
of this section, within five business days after a statement 1946  
filed under division (E) (1) of this section is received by the 1947  
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 1948  
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 1949  
through the internet, as provided in division (G) of this 1950  
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that 1951  
statement. 1952

(b) The secretary of state shall not make available online 1953  
to the public through the internet any contribution or 1954  
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 1955  
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 1956  
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1957  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1958  
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 1959  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 1960

secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 1961  
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 1962  
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 1963  
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 1964  
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 1965  
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 1966  
office. 1967

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 1968  
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 1969  
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 1970  
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 1971  
Code, the entity that filed the statement shall file by 1972  
electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement 1973  
that provides the information necessary to complete or correct 1974  
the statement or, if required under that division, an amended 1975  
statement. 1976

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 1977  
receives an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 1978  
electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of 1979  
state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in 1980  
the addendum or amended statement available online to the public 1981  
through the internet as provided in division (G) of this 1982  
section. 1983

(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member of 1984  
the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for 1985  
the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement, 1986  
addendum, or amended statement by printed version only with the 1987  
appropriate board of elections, the campaign committee shall 1988  
file two copies of the printed version of the statement, 1989  
addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The 1990

board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 1991  
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 1992  
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 1993  
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 1994

(F) (1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1995  
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or more 1996  
techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to the 1997  
secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic means a 1998  
statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement of 1999  
independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 2000  
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 2001  
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 2002  
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 2003  
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 2004  
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 2005  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 2006  
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 2007  
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 2008  
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2009  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2010  
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 2011  
amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 2012  
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 2013  
signature that satisfies all of the following: 2014

(a) It is unique to the signer. 2015

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 2016

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 2017  
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 2018  
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 2019

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 2020  
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 2021  
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 2022  
electronic signature is invalidated. 2023

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 2024  
state under division (F)(1) of this section shall be attached to 2025  
or associated with the statement of contributions and 2026  
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 2027  
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 2028  
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 2029  
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 2030  
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 2031  
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 2032  
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 2033  
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 2034  
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 2035  
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 2036  
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 2037  
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 2038  
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 2039  
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 2040  
shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 2041  
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 2042  
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 2043

(G) The secretary of state shall make all of the following 2044  
information available online to the public by any means that are 2045  
searchable, viewable, and accessible through the internet: 2046

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 2047  
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 2048  
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 2049

all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 2050  
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 2051  
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 2052  
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 2053  
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2054

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 2055  
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 2056  
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 2057  
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 2058  
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 2059  
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2060

(H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a library 2061  
that is open to the public and that is one of the following: 2062

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 2063  
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 2064

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 2065  
under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 2066

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 2067  
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 2068  
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2069  
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2070  
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 2071  
to be made available online to the public through the internet 2072  
pursuant to division (G) of this section may be accessed. 2073

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 2074  
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 2075  
location as required by this division, the library shall include 2076  
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 2077  
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 2078

public. 2079

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 2080  
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 2081  
transmission pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section and 2082  
divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2083  
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 2084  
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 2085  
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 2086  
statements may be filed. 2087

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 2088  
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 2089  
library of that world wide web location as required by this 2090  
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 2091  
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 2092  
that is accessible to the public. 2093

(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or charge 2094  
brought against any campaign committee, political action 2095  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2096  
fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~any individual, partnership,~~ or other 2097  
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 2098  
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 2099  
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 2100  
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 2101  
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 2102  
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 2103  
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 2104  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2105  
legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ political party, ~~the individual,~~ 2106  
~~partnership,~~ or other entity, the person making disbursements to 2107  
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2108



communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 2109  
failed to so file: 2110

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2111  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2112  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2113  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2114  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2115  
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 2116  
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 2117  
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 2118

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2119  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2120  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2121  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2122  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2123  
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 2124  
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 2125  
of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 2126  
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 2127  
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 2128

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 2129  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 2130  
political party, ~~the individual, partnership,~~ or other entity, 2131  
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 2132  
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 2133  
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 2134  
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 2135  
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 2136  
described in division (I) (2) of this section. 2137

(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant 2138

to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a campaign 2139  
committee of a candidate for statewide office that makes 2140  
expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars during 2141  
the filing period or a campaign committee for the office of 2142  
member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a court 2143  
of appeals that would otherwise be required to file campaign 2144  
finance statements by electronic means of transmission under 2145  
division (E) of this section to file those statements by paper 2146  
with the office of the secretary of state. Those rules shall 2147  
provide for all of the following: 2148

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 2149  
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 2150  
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 2151  
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 2152  
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 2153  
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 2154  
statement. 2155

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 2156  
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 2157  
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 2158  
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 2159  
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 2160  
to an electronic format as required under division (G) of this 2161  
section. 2162

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 2163  
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 2164  
division (J) of this section to be made available online to the 2165  
public through the internet in the same manner, and at the same 2166  
times, as information is made available under divisions (E) and 2167  
(G) of this section for candidates whose campaign committees 2168

file those statements by electronic means of transmission. 2169

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 2170  
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 2171  
division (J) of this section shall file a notice indicating that 2172  
the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 2173  
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 2174  
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 2175  
for the eligible campaign committee. 2176

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 2177  
finance statement on paper pursuant to division (J) of this 2178  
section shall review the contribution and information made 2179  
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 2180  
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 2181  
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 2182  
available on that web site. 2183

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 2184  
filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 2185  
(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 2186  
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 2187  
rules adopted under division (J) (1) (a) of this section, 2188  
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 2189  
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 2190  
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 2191  
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 2192  
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2193

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 2194  
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 2195  
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 2196  
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 2197  
to be developed under division (J) (1) of this section shall be 2198

in effect and available for use by eligible campaign committees 2199  
for all campaign finance statements that are required to be 2200  
filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision 2201  
of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process the 2202  
secretary of state is required to develop under division (L)(1) 2203  
of this section is not in effect and available for use on and 2204  
after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of campaign 2205  
committees to file campaign finance statements by electronic 2206  
means of transmission shall be suspended until such time as that 2207  
process is in effect and available for use. 2208

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 2209  
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 2210  
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 2211  
secretary of state pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section 2212  
shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance statements 2213  
by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 2214  
secretary of state. 2215

**Sec. 3517.107.** (A) As used in this section, "federal 2216  
political committee" means a political committee, as defined in 2217  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, that is registered with the 2218  
federal election commission under that act. 2219

(B) Any federal political committee may make 2220  
contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures from 2221  
its federal account in connection with any state or local 2222  
election in Ohio. Prior to making any such contribution, 2223  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, the federal political 2224  
committee shall register with the secretary of state by filing a 2225  
copy of its most recent federal statement of organization. A 2226  
federal political committee registered with the secretary of 2227  
state under this division shall file with the secretary of state 2228

any amendment to its statement of organization that is required 2229  
under the Federal Election Campaign Act to be reported to the 2230  
federal election commission. 2231

(C) When, during any federal reporting period under the 2232  
Federal Election Campaign Act, a federal political committee 2233  
makes a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2234  
from its federal account in connection with a state or local 2235  
election in Ohio, the committee shall file with the secretary of 2236  
state not later than the date on which its report is required to 2237  
be filed with the appropriate federal office or officer under 2238  
the Federal Election Campaign Act, copies of the following pages 2239  
from that report: 2240

(1) The summary page; 2241

(2) The detailed summary page; 2242

(3) The page or pages that contain an itemized list of the 2243  
contributions, expenditures, and independent expenditures made 2244  
in connection with state and local elections in Ohio. 2245

The total amount of contributions, expenditures, and 2246  
independent expenditures made in connection with state and local 2247  
elections in Ohio shall be reflected on the summary page or on a 2248  
form that the secretary of state shall prescribe. 2249

(D) When, during any calendar year, a federal political 2250  
committee makes a contribution from its federal account in 2251  
connection with a state or local election in Ohio to a state or 2252  
local political action committee that is required under section 2253  
3517.11 of the Revised Code to file any statement prescribed by 2254  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, and the federal political 2255  
committee and state or local political action committee are 2256  
established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same 2257

corporation, organization, ~~continuing association,~~ or other 2258  
person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, department, 2259  
or unit of that corporation, organization, ~~continuing~~ 2260  
~~association,~~ or other person, the federal political committee 2261  
shall file a statement with the secretary of state not later 2262  
than the last business day of January of the next calendar year. 2263  
The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2264  
state and shall include a list of the names and addresses of 2265  
contributors that are residents of Ohio that made contributions 2266  
to the federal political committee during the calendar year 2267  
covered by the statement and, for each name listed, the 2268  
aggregate total amount contributed by each contributor during 2269  
the reporting period. 2270

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A) (1) No campaign committee of a statewide 2271  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 2272  
required under division (A) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2273  
Code. 2274

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall 2275  
fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no 2276  
campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for 2277  
the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court 2278  
shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day 2279  
statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised 2280  
Code. 2281

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the 2282  
same meaning as in division (F) (2) of section 3517.10 of the 2283  
Revised Code. 2284

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2285  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (1) of section 2286  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2287

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2288  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (2) of section 2289  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2290

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete 2291  
and accurate statement required under division (A) (3) or (4) of 2292  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2293

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall 2294  
knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 2295  
3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code. 2296

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 2297  
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 2298  
or general election. 2299

(G) (1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 2300  
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 2301  
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 2302  
3517.08 to 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 2303

(2) (a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 2304  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 2305  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 2306  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 2307  
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 2308  
person. 2309

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 2310  
another when either of the following applies: 2311

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership 2312  
or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 2313  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 2314  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 2315  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of 2316

section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2317

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's 2318  
spouse's name or in both of their names. 2319

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 2320  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for 2321  
political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person 2322  
would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate 2323  
advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its 2324  
business within the same area as that encompassed by the 2325  
particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee 2326  
is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space 2327  
used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on 2328  
behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges 2329  
otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate 2330  
advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign 2331  
committees. 2332

No person within this state, operating a radio or 2333  
television station or network of stations in this state, shall 2334  
charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that 2335  
exceeds: 2336

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 2337  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of 2338  
a general or special election in which the candidate of the 2339  
campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of 2340  
the station for the same class and amount of time for the same 2341  
period; 2342

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use 2343  
of that station by its other users. 2344

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2345



section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2346  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2347  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2348  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2349  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2350  
five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2351  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2352  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2353  
estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's 2354  
spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, 2355  
executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as 2356  
an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or 2357  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 2358  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility 2359  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's 2360  
campaign committee. 2361

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 2362  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 2363  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 2364  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 2365  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing 2366  
more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than 2367  
five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except 2368  
a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 2369  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 2370  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 2371  
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 2372  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, 2373  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand 2374  
dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 2375  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 2376

officer's campaign committee. 2377

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2378  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2379  
contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the 2380  
appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, 2381  
excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, 2382  
authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and 2383  
other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the 2384  
governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the 2385  
award of the contract. 2386

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, 2387  
if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a 2388  
contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of 2389  
a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief 2390  
executive officer of a county operating under an alternative 2391  
form of county government or county charter, excluding members 2392  
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 2393  
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities 2394  
appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the 2395  
chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate 2396  
responsibility for the award of the contract. 2397

(M) (1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply 2398  
to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the 2399  
sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of 2400  
education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township 2401  
trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, 2402  
councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such 2403  
entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of 2404  
appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, 2405  
courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or 2406

municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a 2407  
division of any court if the division consists of more than one 2408  
judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if 2409  
the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a 2410  
contract for goods or services. 2411

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2412  
actions of the controlling board. 2413

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 2414  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 2415  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 2416  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 2417  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 2418  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2419  
made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or 2420  
holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the 2421  
time of the award of the contract. 2422

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 2423  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, 2424  
executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 2425  
corporation or business trust made before the person held any of 2426  
those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those 2427  
positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 2428  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 2429  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the 2430  
person's spouse made before the person held any of those 2431  
positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those 2432  
positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a 2433  
decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 2434  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 2435  
legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions 2436

of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined made before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal separation.

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the following:

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses incurred by the beneficiary;

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public office would normally be expected;

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the following:

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot issue;

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign

fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 2466

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 2467  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2468  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 2469

(d) Attending a political party convention or other 2470  
political meeting. 2471

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2472  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated 2473  
to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 2474  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on 2475  
account. 2476

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly 2477  
accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of 2478  
a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) 2479  
of this section to the extent that the expense previously was 2480  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense 2481  
is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later 2482  
paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of 2483  
funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received 2484  
under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment 2485  
made or reimbursement received from the other source. 2486

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall 2487  
accept for personal or business use anything of value from a 2488  
political party, political action committee, political 2489  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2490  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2491  
employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly 2492  
give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of 2493  
value from a political party, political action committee, 2494

political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2495  
such a campaign committee, except for the following: 2496

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary 2497  
and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law 2498  
incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while 2499  
engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, 2500  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 2501  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without 2502  
limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include 2503  
those incurred while doing any of the following: 2504

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 2505  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 2506

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative 2507  
campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 2508

(c) Attending a political party convention or other 2509  
political meeting. 2510

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for 2511  
actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written 2512  
contract to the political party, political action committee, 2513  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2514  
such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the 2515  
political party, political action committee, political 2516  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 2517  
committee. 2518

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, 2519  
and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 2520  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 2521  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 2522  
political party, political action committee, political 2523

contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 2524  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 2525  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 2526  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 2527  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 2528  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 2529  
employee's campaign committee. 2530

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 2531  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 2532  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 2533  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 2534  
services on account. 2535

(R) (1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not 2536  
prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post 2537  
payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for 2538  
which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this 2539  
section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its 2540  
candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed 2541  
by the candidate or other beneficiary. 2542

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division 2543  
(O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that 2544  
may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types 2545  
of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or 2546  
reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may 2547  
be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the 2548  
surrounding circumstances. 2549

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 2550  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that 2551  
allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel 2552  
occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel 2553

expenses allowable.	2554
(S) (1) As used in division (S) of this section:	2555
(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.	2556 2557
(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2558 2559
(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.	2560 2561 2562
(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate for state elective office.	2563 2564 2565 2566 2567 2568
(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's nomination or election to the federal office.	2569 2570 2571 2572 2573
(T) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (6) (c) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the following:	2574 2575 2576 2577 2578
(a) A state candidate fund;	2579
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	2580



(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2581  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2582  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 2583  
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 2584

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 2585  
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 2586  
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 2587  
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 2588

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required 2589  
under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 2590

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 2591  
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 2592  
Code. 2593

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 2594  
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 2595  
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 2596  
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 2597  
~~independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a~~ 2598  
~~candidate for any elective office in this state, including an~~ 2599  
~~office of a political party.~~ 2600

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 2601  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 2602  
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 2603  
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 2604  
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 2605  
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 2606  
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 2607  
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to 2608  
return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure 2609

or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 2610  
expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead 2611  
the value of it, to the contributor. 2612

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 2613  
national" ~~has means any of the same meaning as in following:~~ 2614

(a) A "foreign national" for purposes of section 441e(b) 2615  
of the Federal Election Campaign Act; 2616

(b) A corporation that is owned twenty per cent or more by 2617  
persons or entities whose domicile, if the owner is a 2618  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2619  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2620  
United States; 2621

(c) A corporation that is owned five per cent or more by 2622  
any one person or entity whose domicile, if the owner is a 2623  
corporation, or whose citizenship, if the owner is an individual 2624  
or an unincorporated association or entity, is outside the 2625  
United States. 2626

(X) (1) No state or county political party shall transfer 2627  
any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the 2628  
political party into which contributions may be made or from 2629  
which contributions or expenditures may be made. 2630

(2) (a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 2631  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its 2632  
restricted fund. 2633

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 2634  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 2635

(3) (a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a 2636  
gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's 2637

money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to 2638  
any one state or county political party for the party's 2639  
restricted fund in a calendar year. 2640

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift 2641  
or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than 2642  
ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor 2643  
organization in a calendar year. 2644

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 2645  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or 2646  
county political party. 2647

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly 2648  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 2649  
Revised Code. 2650

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 2651  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not 2652  
conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one 2653  
awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods 2654  
costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more 2655  
than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, 2656  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 2657  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 2658  
estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the 2659  
individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, 2660  
administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of 2661  
those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two 2662  
previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in 2663  
excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the 2664  
governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of 2665  
any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor. 2666

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

**Sec. 3599.03.** (A) (1) Except to carry on activities specified in sections 3517.082, 3517.101, 3517.105, and 3517.1011, division (A) (2) of section 3517.1012, division (B) of section 3517.1013, division (C) (1) of section 3517.1014, and section 3599.031 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in ~~divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section,~~ no corporation, no nonprofit corporation, and no labor organization, directly or indirectly, shall pay or use, or offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or use, the corporation's money or property, or the labor organization's money, including dues, initiation fees, or other assessments paid by members, or property, for or in aid of or opposition to a political party, a candidate for election or nomination to public office, a political action committee including a political action committee of the corporation or labor organization, a legislative campaign fund, or any organization

that supports or opposes any such candidate, or for any partisan political purpose, shall violate any law requiring the filing of an affidavit or statement respecting such use of those funds, or shall pay or use the corporation's or labor organization's money for the expenses of a social fund-raising event for its political action committee if an employee's or labor organization member's right to attend such an event is predicated on the employee's or member's contribution to the corporation's or labor organization's political action committee.

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars.

(B) (1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no candidate, political party official, or other individual shall knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other property in violation of division (A) (1) of this section.

(2) Whoever violates division (B) (1) of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(C) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in division (W) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, a corporation, a nonprofit corporation, or a labor organization may use its funds or property for or in aid of or opposition to a proposed or certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property shall be reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. Reports of contributions in connection with statewide ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports of~~

~~contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed~~ 2728  
~~with the board of elections of the most populous county of the~~ 2729  
~~district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to~~ 2730  
~~the electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be~~ 2731  
~~filed by the times specified in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of~~ 2732  
~~section accordance with sections 3517.10 and 3517.105 of the~~ 2733  
Revised Code. 2734

(D) A nonprofit corporation that is a membership 2735  
association and that is exempt from taxation under subsection 2736  
501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code may transfer 2737  
contributions received as part of a regular dues payment from 2738  
member partnerships and other unincorporated businesses as 2739  
defined in division ~~(I) (6)~~ (F) (4) of section 3517.10 of the 2740  
Revised Code to its political action committee. Contributions 2741  
received under this division shall be itemized and allocated to 2742  
individuals subject to contribution limits. 2743

(E) (1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 2744  
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or 2745  
of any other section of the Revised Code. 2746

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 2747  
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2748  
this section. 2749

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 2750  
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 2751  
this section. 2752

(4) Any donation made pursuant to division (C) (1) of 2753  
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code does not constitute a 2754  
violation of this section. 2755

(F) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial 2756

institution to a state political party for services rendered 2757  
pursuant to division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code 2758  
do not constitute a violation of this section or of any other 2759  
section of the Revised Code. 2760

(G) (1) The use by a nonprofit corporation of its money or 2761  
property for communicating information for a purpose specified 2762  
in division (A) of this section is not a violation of that 2763  
division if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or 2764  
officers of the nonprofit corporation are the predominant 2765  
recipients of the communication. 2766

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 2767  
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not 2768  
a use of property in violation of division (A) of this section 2769  
by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 2770  
organization. 2771

(3) The use by a corporation or labor organization of its 2772  
money or property for communicating information for a purpose 2773  
specified in division (A) of this section is not a violation of 2774  
that division if it is not a communication made by mass 2775  
broadcast such as radio or television or made by advertising in 2776  
a newspaper of general circulation but is a communication sent 2777  
exclusively to members, employees, officers, or trustees of that 2778  
labor organization or shareholders, employees, officers, or 2779  
directors of that corporation or to members of the immediate 2780  
families of any such individuals or if the communication 2781  
intended to be so sent exclusively is unintentionally sent as 2782  
well to a de minimis number of other individuals. 2783

(H) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of 2784  
section 4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over 2785  
conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public 2786

employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions 2787  
of agreements between labor organizations and public employers 2788  
that are entered into on or after March 31, 2005, pursuant to 2789  
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2790

(I) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 2791  
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2792

**Sec. 3921.22.** (A) A fraternal benefit society shall hold, 2793  
invest, and disburse all assets for the use and benefit of the 2794  
society. No member or beneficiary shall have or acquire 2795  
individual rights to the assets, or be entitled to any 2796  
apportionment on the surrender of any part of the assets, except 2797  
as provided in the benefit contract. 2798

(B) A society may create, maintain, invest, disburse, and 2799  
apply any special fund or funds necessary to carry out any 2800  
purpose permitted by the laws of the society. No society shall, 2801  
directly or indirectly, pay or use, or offer, consent, or agree 2802  
to pay or use, any of its funds, money, or property for or in 2803  
aid of any political party, campaign committee, political action 2804  
committee, ~~continuing association,~~ political contributing 2805  
entity, or any other political organization. 2806

(C) A society may, pursuant to resolution of its supreme 2807  
governing body, establish and operate one or more separate 2808  
accounts and issue contracts on a variable basis, subject to the 2809  
provisions of law regulating life insurers that establish such 2810  
accounts and issue such contracts including those described in 2811  
section 3911.011 of the Revised Code. To the extent the society 2812  
considers it necessary in order to comply with any applicable 2813  
federal or state law, or any rule issued under that law, the 2814  
society may do any of the following: 2815



(1) Adopt special procedures for the conduct of the business and affairs of a separate account;	2816 2817
(2) For persons having beneficial interests in the account, provide special voting and other rights, including special rights and procedures relating to investment policy, investment advisory services, selection of certified public accountants, and selection of a committee to manage the business and affairs of the account;	2818 2819 2820 2821 2822 2823
(3) Issue contracts on a variable basis to which divisions (B) and (D) of section 3921.19 of the Revised Code do not apply.	2824 2825
<b>Sec. 4503.03.</b> (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy registrar in each county:	2826 2827 2828 2829
(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section;	2830 2831
(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section;	2832 2833
(iii) An individual;	2834
(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of section 1702.01 of the Revised Code.	2835 2836
(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or less according to the most recent federal decennial census and if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to act as a deputy registrar.	2837 2838 2839 2840 2841
(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the	2842 2843

county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal 2844  
census. In a county with a population greater than forty 2845  
thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last 2846  
federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible 2847  
to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the 2848  
competitive selection process for the award of a deputy 2849  
registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other 2850  
person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for 2851  
conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the 2852  
county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 2853  
administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised 2854  
Code. 2855

Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in 2856  
division (A)(1)(b) of this section, if no person applies to act 2857  
under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county 2858  
auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar 2859  
may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the 2860  
deputy registrar for that county. 2861

(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy 2862  
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer 2863  
service performance record of any person previously awarded a 2864  
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A)(1) of this 2865  
section. 2866

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 2867  
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 2868  
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 2869  
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 2870  
located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 2871  
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 2872  
county. 2873

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 2874  
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 2875

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 2876  
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 2877  
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 2878  
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 2879  
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 2880  
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 2881  
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 2882  
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 2883  
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 2884  
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 2885  
political party and any ~~"continuing association"~~ "political 2886  
contributing entity" as defined in ~~division (C) (4) of~~ section 2887  
3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as 2888  
defined in ~~division (C) (8) of~~ that section that is primarily 2889  
associated with that political party. For purposes of this 2890  
division, contributions to any ~~continuing association~~ political 2891  
contributing entity or any political action committee that is 2892  
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 2893  
with contributions to that political party. 2894

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 2895  
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 2896  
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 2897  
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 2898  
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 2899  
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 2900  
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 2901  
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 2902

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 2903

following to act as a deputy registrar: 2904

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 2905  
auditor or, as authorized by division (A)(1)(b) of this section, 2906  
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 2907  
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 2908  
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 2909  
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 2910  
office of a political subdivision; 2911

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 2912  
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 2913  
Revised Code. 2914

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 2915  
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 2916  
Revised Code. 2917

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this 2918  
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 2919  
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 2920  
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 2921  
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 2922  
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 2923  
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 2924  
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 2925  
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 2926  
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 2927  
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 2928  
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 2929  
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 2930  
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 2931  
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 2932  
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 2933

contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 2934  
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 2935  
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 2936  
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 2937  
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 2938

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 2939  
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 2940  
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 2941  
Revised Code. 2942

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 2943  
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 2944  
do all of the following: 2945

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 2946  
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 2947  
services to be performed; 2948

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 2949  
be given as provided in this section; 2950

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 2951  
of the deputy's office; 2952

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 2953  
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 2954  
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 2955  
use of the equipment; 2956

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 2957  
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 2958  
operation by means of public service announcements; 2959

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 2960  
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 2961

allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 2962  
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 2963  
the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable 2964  
organization or philanthropic cause; 2965

(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to 2966  
the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in 2967  
each county be open to the public for at least four hours each 2968  
weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located 2969  
within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the 2970  
office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 2971

(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, 2972  
provide any person with information about the location and 2973  
office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 2974

(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a 2975  
nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 2976

(j) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, 2977  
prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one 2978  
deputy registrar's office at any time; 2979

(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, 2980  
require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in 2981  
a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the 2982  
deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require 2983  
the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple 2984  
established internet-based mapping services. 2985

(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 2986  
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 2987  
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 2988  
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 2989  
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 2990

under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 2991  
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 2992  
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 2993  
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 2994  
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 2995  
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 2996  
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 2997  
with accepting reinstatement fees. 2998

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 2999  
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 3000  
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 3001  
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 3002

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 3003  
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 3004  
vending machine; 3005

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 3006  
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 3007

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1)(j) of this section, 3008  
the rules may allow both of the following: 3009

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 3010  
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 3011  
determined by the registrar to be practical; 3012

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 3013  
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 3014  
public and that provides such services from more than one 3015  
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 3016  
any location. 3017

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 3018  
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 3019

section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 3020  
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 3021  
service to a member of the public. 3022

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 3023  
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 3024  
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 3025  
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 3026  
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 3027  
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 3028

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 3029  
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 3030  
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 3031  
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 3032  
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 3033

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 3034  
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 3035  
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 3036  
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 3037  
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 3038  
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 3039  
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 3040  
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 3041  
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 3042  
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 3043

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 3044  
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 3045  
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 3046

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 3047  
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 3048



deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 3049  
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 3050

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 3051  
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 3052  
more than three years; 3053

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 3054  
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 3055  
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 3056  
registrar. 3057

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 3058  
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 3059  
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 3060  
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 3061  
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 3062  
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 3063

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 3064  
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 3065  
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 3066  
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 3067  
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 3068  
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 3069  
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 3070  
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 3071  
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 3072  
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 3073  
office. 3074

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 3075  
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 3076  
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 3077

has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 3078  
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 3079  
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 3080  
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 3081  
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 3082  
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 3083  
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 3084  
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 3085  
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 3086  
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 3087  
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 3088  
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 3089  
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 3090  
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 3091  
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 3092  
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 3093  
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 3094  
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 3095  
paid. 3096

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 3097  
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 3098  
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 3099  
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 3100  
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 3101  
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 3102  
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 3103  
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 3104  
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 3105

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 3106  
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 3107  
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 3108

with the approval of the director, for cause. 3109

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 3110  
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 3111  
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 3112  
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 3113  
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 3114  
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 3115  
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 3116  
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 3117  
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 3118  
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 3119  
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 3120  
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 3121  
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 3122

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 3123  
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 3124  
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 3125  
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 3126  
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 3127  
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 3128  
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 3129  
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 3130  
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 3131  
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 3132  
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 3133  
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 3134  
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 3135  
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 3136  
department. 3137

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 3138

application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 3139  
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 3140

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 3141  
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 3142  
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 3143  
Revised Code. 3144

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 3145  
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 3146  
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 3147  
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 3148  
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 3149  
registration applications declined. 3150

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.08, 3151  
3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.107, 3517.13, 3152  
3599.03, 3921.22, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 3153  
repealed. 3154

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Anti- 3155  
Corruption Act. 3156

**Section 4.** Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code is 3157  
presented in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section 3158  
as amended by both H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General 3159  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 3160  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 3161  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 3162  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 3163  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 3164  
as presented in this act. 3165