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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 3503.10, 1  
3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 2  
3503.19, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3  
3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 4  
3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18 and to 5  
enact new section 3503.11 and section 3503.20, 6  
and to repeal sections 3503.11, 3503.29, and 7  
3505.22 of the Revised Code to require that 8  
eligible persons in certain government and 9  
school databases be automatically registered to 10  
vote or have their registrations updated 11  
automatically unless those persons decline to do 12  
so and to create an online voter registration 13  
system. 14

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 3503.10, 15  
3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 16  
3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3509.03, 17  
3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18 be amended and 18  
new section 3503.11 and section 3503.20 of the Revised Code be 19  
enacted to read as follows: 20

<b>Sec. 3501.05.</b> The secretary of state shall do all of the	21
following:	22
(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;	23
(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in	24
accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members	25
of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.	26
(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of	27
elections;	28
(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a	29
sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in	30
force;	31
(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws	32
or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;	33
(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and	34
records;	35
(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the	36
forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally	37
sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required	38
by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;	39
(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on	40
the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution	41
to be submitted to the voters of the state;	42
(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the	43
Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots	44
and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and	45
wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall	46
appear on the ballot;	47

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I) (2) (b) of 48  
section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to 49  
ballot language for any local question or issue approved and 50  
transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the 51  
Revised Code; 52

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on 53  
state questions and issues and determine and certify to the 54  
sufficiency of those petitions; 55

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are 56  
provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers 57  
necessary; 58

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the 59  
several counties of the requirements of the election laws; 60

(N) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N) (2) of 61  
this section, investigate the administration of election laws, 62  
frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and 63  
report violations of election laws to the attorney general or 64  
prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution; 65

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to 66  
comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 67  
3517.13, 3517.17, 3517.18, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 68  
3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state 69  
has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a 70  
violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a 71  
complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 72  
3517.153 of the Revised Code. 73

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the 74  
results of elections, the cost of elections in the various 75  
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political 76

subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative 77  
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable; 78

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list 79  
of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition 80  
successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 81  
to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code; 82

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 83  
Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters 84  
from the statewide voter registration database and, if 85  
applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in 86  
each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the 87  
following: 88

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed 89  
residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in 90  
compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National 91  
Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses 92  
the national change of address service provided by the United 93  
States postal system through its licensees; 94

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under 95  
section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 96

(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a 97  
voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter 98  
registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or 99  
signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason 100  
for that mark or removal. 101

(R) (1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters 102  
or updating voter registration information, such as name and 103  
residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, 104  
offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high 105

schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of 106  
county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 107  
3503.09 of the Revised Code; 108

(2) Adopt rules to implement the automatic voter 109  
registration program described in section 3503.11 of the Revised 110  
Code. 111

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter 112  
registration forms through boards of elections, designated 113  
agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of 114  
motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, 115  
public libraries, and offices of county treasurers; 116

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and 117  
upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in 118  
this state; 119

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised 120  
Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering 121  
voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the 122  
offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles 123  
consistent with this chapter; 124

(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with 125  
Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary 126  
of state to do all of the following: 127

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there 128  
is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities; 129

(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each 130  
voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the 131  
same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy 132  
and independence, as for other voters; 133

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

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

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

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

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter

identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 164  
other voting requirements; 165

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector 166  
may make available to a board of elections a ~~more recent~~ current 167  
signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook 168  
produced by the board of elections of the county in which the 169  
elector resides; 170

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or 171  
part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of 172  
direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other 173  
means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot 174  
board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised 175  
Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible 176  
concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, 177  
or referendum; 178

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the 179  
implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 180  
Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 181  
1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of 182  
state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities 183  
for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities 184  
arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and 185  
Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National 186  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 187  
111-84, 123 Stat. 3190. 188

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 189  
to establish procedures and standards for determining when a 190  
board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight 191  
of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under 192  
the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that 193

is under official oversight to transition out of official 194  
oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of 195  
elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of 196  
state. 197

(EE) Perform other duties required by law. 198

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 199  
of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 200  
3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of 201  
representative to congress, the secretary of state shall 202  
establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline 203  
required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the 204  
following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy 205  
and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating 206  
petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of 207  
protests against the candidacy of any person filing a 208  
declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a 209  
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of 210  
campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of 211  
corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; 212  
the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or 213  
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the 214  
supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of 215  
elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to 216  
consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a 217  
voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to 218  
instruct or reinstruct election officers. 219

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 220  
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 221  
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 222  
production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 223

fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 224  
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 225

In any controversy involving or arising out of the 226  
adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for 227  
registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney 228  
general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court 229  
of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or 230  
in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question. 231

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the 232  
Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in 233  
issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect 234  
the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of 235  
elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of 236  
state's motion, be made a party. 237

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is 238  
hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a 239  
change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue 240  
shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common 241  
pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if 242  
there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that 243  
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of 244  
Franklin county. 245

Public high schools and vocational schools, public 246  
libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement 247  
voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of 248  
state pursuant to this section. 249

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications 250  
for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general 251  
election and only if the general assembly has made an 252

appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other 253  
circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or 254  
employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited 255  
applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals. 256

**Sec. 3503.09.** (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 257  
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 258  
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 259  
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 260  
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 261  
of change of name and change of residence ~~changes forms~~ for 262  
voter registration ~~records in the statewide voter registration~~  
~~database.~~ 264

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 265  
purpose of improving the speed of processing new voter 266  
registrations that permit information from a voter registration 267  
application received by a designated agency or an office of 268  
deputy registrar of motor vehicles to be made available 269  
electronically, in addition to requiring the original voter 270  
registration application to be transmitted to the applicable 271  
board of elections under division ~~(E)~~ (D) (2) of section 3503.10 272  
~~or section 3503.11~~ of the Revised Code. 273

(B) Rules adopted under division (A) of this section shall 274  
do all of the following: 275

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between a 276  
designated agency, office of deputy registrar of motor vehicles, 277  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 278  
office of a county treasurer and the statewide voter 279  
registration database; 280

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 281

be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 282  
before the information is added to the statewide voter 283  
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 284  
voter registration; 285

(3) Require each designated agency or office of deputy 286  
registrar of motor vehicles that transmits voter registration 287  
information electronically to transmit an identifier for data 288  
relating to each new voter registration that shall be used by 289  
the secretary of state or a board of elections to match the 290  
electronic data to the original voter registration application. 291

(C) This section does not apply to information transmitted 292  
to the secretary of state under section 3503.11 of the Revised 293  
Code. 294

**Sec. 3503.10.** (A) Each designated agency shall designate 295  
one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the 296  
voter registration program within the agency and its 297  
departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person 298  
shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of 299  
state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of 300  
the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by 301  
the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no 302  
additional compensation for performing such duties. 303

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and 304  
vocational school, public library, and office of a county 305  
treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations 306  
voter registration applications and assistance in the 307  
registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in 308  
accordance with this chapter. 309

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its 310

applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of state that includes all of the following:

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

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

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

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

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each applicant with each application for service or assistance, and

with each written application or form for recertification, 340  
renewal, or change of address. 341

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following: 342

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter 343  
registration program in order to provide to each applicant who 344  
wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same 345  
degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter 346  
registration application as is provided by the agency with 347  
regard to the completion of its own form; 348

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications, 349  
voter registration change of residence forms, and voter 350  
registration change of name forms, regardless of whether the 351  
application or form was distributed by the designated agency, 352  
for transmittal to the office of the board of elections in the 353  
county in which the agency is located. Each designated agency 354  
and the appropriate board of elections shall establish a method 355  
by which the voter registration applications and other voter 356  
registration forms are transmitted to that board of elections 357  
within five days after being accepted by the agency. 358

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily 359  
engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under 360  
a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a 361  
person with disabilities at a person's home, provide the 362  
services described in divisions (E) (1) and (2) of this section 363  
at the person's home; 364

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the 365  
secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of 366  
an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated 367  
the person's voter registration records, and information 368

relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection 369  
with a voter registration application issued by a designated 370  
agency. 371

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit 372  
written instructions on the implementation of the voter 373  
registration program within each designated agency, public high 374  
school and vocational school, public library, and office of a 375  
county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as 376  
follows: 377

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter 378  
registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a 379  
person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or 380  
decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a 381  
person's decision to register or not register to vote; 382

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter 383  
registration not seek to influence a person's decision to 384  
register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any 385  
political preference or party allegiance, and not make any 386  
statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect 387  
of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to 388  
register or not register has any bearing on the availability of 389  
services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class 390  
in school, or on credit for a particular class in school; 391

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in 392  
completing the voter registration application, what to do with 393  
the completed voter registration application or voter 394  
registration update form, and when the application must be 395  
transmitted to the appropriate board of elections; 396

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and 397

where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy 398  
reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under 399  
the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; 400

(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to 401  
questions about voter registration forms and procedures. 402

(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in- 403  
class voter registration program in a public high school or 404  
vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state 405  
or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education 406  
shall do all of the following: 407

(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during 408  
these days when the person designated to assist with voter 409  
registration shall provide voter registration assistance; 410

(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration 411  
from the public high school's or vocational school's staff; 412

(3) Make voter registration applications and materials 413  
available, as outlined in the voter registration program 414  
established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 415  
3501.05 of the Revised Code; 416

(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or 417  
declining to register to vote will not affect or be a condition 418  
of your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school 419  
course or class, participating in a curricular or 420  
extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or 421  
participating in a program or activity otherwise available to 422  
pupils enrolled in this school district's schools."; 423

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration 424  
application and other voter registration forms are transmitted 425  
to the board of elections within five days after being accepted 426

by the public high school or vocational school. 427

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public 428  
high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a 429  
county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter 430  
registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, 431  
public high school or vocational school, public library, or 432  
office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated 433  
person, and make available such space as may be necessary, 434  
without charge to the county or state. 435

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be 436  
displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a 437  
notice that identifies the person designated to assist with 438  
voter registration, the nature of that person's duties, and 439  
where and when that person is available for assisting in the 440  
registration of voters. 441

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and 442  
services to disseminate information to increase public awareness 443  
of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter 444  
registration in every designated agency. 445

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of 446  
education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, 447  
or promote voluntary election registration programs within a 448  
high school or vocational school, including programs in which 449  
pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter 450  
registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate. 451

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer 452  
shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are 453  
transmitted to the board of elections within five days after 454  
being accepted by the public library or office of the county 455

treasurer. 456

~~(L) The department of job and family services and its 457  
departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration 458  
of the aspects of the voter registration program for the 459  
department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of 460  
state and the requirements of this section and the National 461  
Voter Registration Act of 1993. 462~~

Sec. 3503.11. (A) (1) (a) The bureau of motor vehicles and 463  
each designated agency shall provide to the secretary of state, 464  
in accordance with a schedule established by rule by the 465  
secretary of state, electronic records concerning each person 466  
who appears to be eligible to register to vote or to update the 467  
person's registration and about whom the bureau or agency 468  
possesses the information listed in division (A) (2) of this 469  
section for the purpose of automatically registering the person 470  
to vote or updating the person's registration in accordance with 471  
this section. 472

(b) Each public or private secondary school shall provide 473  
to the secretary of state, in accordance with a schedule 474  
established by rule by the secretary of state, electronic 475  
records concerning each person who graduates from the school, 476  
who appears to be eligible to register to vote or to update the 477  
person's registration, and about whom the school possesses the 478  
information listed in division (A) (2) of this section for the 479  
purpose of automatically registering the person to vote or 480  
updating the person's registration in accordance with this 481  
section. 482

(2) A bureau, agency, or school that is required to 483  
transmit information concerning a person under division (A) (1) 484  
of this section shall transmit all of the following information 485

<u>concerning that person:</u>	486
<u>(a) The person's legal name;</u>	487
<u>(b) The person's residence address;</u>	488
<u>(c) The person's date of birth;</u>	489
<u>(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state</u>	490
<u>identification card or the last four digits of the person's</u>	491
<u>social security number;</u>	492
<u>(e) Whether the person is a United States citizen;</u>	493
<u>(f) An electronic image of the person's signature.</u>	494
<u>(B) (1) Upon receiving information concerning a person</u>	495
<u>under division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall</u>	496
<u>transmit that information to the board of elections of the</u>	497
<u>county in which the person resides. The board shall determine</u>	498
<u>whether the person is eligible to register to vote or to update</u>	499
<u>the person's registration and, if the person is eligible, shall</u>	500
<u>send the person a notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary</u>	501
<u>of state, that contains all of the following information:</u>	502
<u>(a) The fact that the person will be registered to vote or</u>	503
<u>have the person's registration updated unless the person</u>	504
<u>declines to be registered to vote or to update the person's</u>	505
<u>registration;</u>	506
<u>(b) The procedure to decline to be registered to vote or</u>	507
<u>to update the person's registration;</u>	508
<u>(c) The bureau, agency, or school that provided the</u>	509
<u>information that will be used to register the person to vote or</u>	510
<u>to update the person's registration;</u>	511
<u>(d) The precinct in which the person will be registered to</u>	512

vote; 513

(e) In bold type as follows: 514

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 515  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 516  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 517  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 518  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 519  
registration notice, that shows the voter's name and current 520  
address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will 521  
still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Voters 522  
who do not have any of the above forms of identification, 523  
including a social security number, will still be able to vote 524  
by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under 525  
penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional 526  
ballot." 527

(2) The notice shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 528  
notice is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 529  
the notice to be delivered to the correct address. 530

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (3) (a) of this 531  
section, not earlier than twenty-one days after sending the 532  
notice described in division (B) of this section to a person, 533  
the board of elections shall register the person to vote or 534  
update the person's registration, as applicable. The electronic 535  
record transmitted to the board of elections under this section 536  
shall be considered to be the person's voter registration form. 537

(2) (a) If, after investigating as required under division 538  
(B) (2) of this section, the board is unable to verify the 539  
person's correct address, it shall register the person to vote 540  
and shall cause the person's name in the official registration 541

list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to 542  
indicate that the person's notice was returned to the board. 543

At the first election at which an elector whose name has 544  
been so marked appears to vote, the elector shall be required to 545  
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 546  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 547  
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 548  
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 549  
that elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 550  
indication that the elector's notice was returned from that 551  
elector's name on the official registration list and on the poll 552  
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 553  
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 554  
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the elector's registration 555  
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the elector by United 556  
States mail of the cancellation. 557

(b) If the notice described in division (B) (1) of this 558  
section is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned 559  
undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided in 560  
division (C) (1) of this section and sent a confirmation notice 561  
by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to the 562  
confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or vote 563  
by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) (a) of this 564  
section in any election during the period of two federal 565  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 566  
the person's registration shall be canceled. 567

(3) (a) A board of elections shall not register a person to 568  
vote or update an elector's registration under this section if 569  
the board determines that the person is not eligible to register 570  
or if the person declines to register or to update the elector's 571

registration. 572

(b) If, after a person has been registered to vote under 573  
this section, the person declines to register, the board of 574  
elections shall treat the declination as a request to cancel the 575  
person's registration. 576

(c) If, after an elector's registration has been updated 577  
under this section, the elector declines to update the elector's 578  
registration, the board of elections shall correct the elector's 579  
registration to reflect the name, address, or both, as 580  
applicable, that it contained before the board updated the 581  
elector's registration under this section. 582

(D) (1) Before prescribing the form of the notice described 583  
in division (B) of this section, the secretary of state shall 584  
engage the services of one or more usability, disability, and 585  
user interface design experts to test, review, and approve the 586  
proposed form of the notice. 587

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement 588  
this section. 589

**Sec. 3503.12.** All registrations shall be carefully 590  
checked, and in case any person is found to have ~~registered~~ more 591  
than ~~one~~ one registration form, the additional registration 592  
forms shall be canceled by the board of elections. 593

Six weeks prior to the day of a special, primary, or 594  
general election, the board shall publish notices in one or more 595  
newspapers of general circulation advertising the places, dates, 596  
times, methods of registration, and voter qualifications for 597  
registration. 598

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure 599  
to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 600

1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that 601  
would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. 602  
Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid 603  
ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a 604  
minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located 605  
at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements 606  
of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of 607  
barriers. 608

As used in this section, "handicapped" means having lost 609  
the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, or any 610  
combination thereof, or being blind or so severely disabled as 611  
to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a 612  
wheelchair. 613

**Sec. 3503.13.** (A) Except as otherwise provided by state or 614  
federal law, registration forms ~~submitted by applicants~~ and the 615  
statewide voter registration database established under section 616  
3503.15 of the Revised Code shall be open to public inspection 617  
at all times when the office of the board of elections is open 618  
for business, under such regulations as the board adopts, 619  
provided that no person shall be permitted to inspect voter 620  
registration forms except in the presence of an employee of the 621  
board. 622

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 623  
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 624  
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 625  
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 626  
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 627  
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 628  
Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 629  
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 630

required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 631

**Sec. 3503.14.** (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 632  
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 633  
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall 634  
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 635  
1993 and shall include spaces for all of the following: 636

(1) The voter's name; 637

(2) The voter's address; 638

(3) The current date; 639

(4) The voter's date of birth; 640

(5) The voter to provide one or more of the following: 641

(a) The voter's driver's license number, if any; 642

(b) The last four digits of the voter's social security 643  
number, if any; 644

(c) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, a 645  
copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current 646  
utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or 647  
other government document, other than a notice of voter 648  
registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 649  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the voter's name and 650  
address. 651

(6) The voter's signature. 652

~~The registration form shall include a space on which the~~ 653  
~~person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and~~ 654  
~~provide the person's address and a space on which the person~~ 655  
~~registering an applicant shall name the employer who is~~ 656  
~~employing that person to register the applicant.~~ 657

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 658  
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 659  
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 660  
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 661  
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 662  
accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 663  
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 664  
that data to the statewide voter registration database 665  
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 666

~~(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 667  
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 668  
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 669  
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 670  
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section: 671~~

~~(1) An election official; 672~~

~~(2) A county treasurer; 673~~

~~(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 674~~

~~(4) An employee of a designated agency; 675~~

~~(5) An employee of a public high school; 676~~

~~(6) An employee of a public vocational school; 677~~

~~(7) An employee of a public library; 678~~

~~(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 679~~

~~(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 680~~

~~(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 681~~

~~(11) An employee of an election official. 682~~

~~(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised 683~~

Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. ~~The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.~~

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

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

(C) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid.

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

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

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

~~(c) Except for cases in which an elector's registration is updated automatically pursuant to section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) (7) of this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if that information does not conform with information provided under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot.~~

(3) (a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 743  
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 744  
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 745  
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 746  
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to 747  
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 748  
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any 749  
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 750  
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data 751  
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 752  
state. 753

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 754  
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 755  
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 756  
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 757  
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 758  
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 759  
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 760  
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 761  
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 762  
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 763  
that receives confidential information or data under this 764  
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 765  
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 766  
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 767  
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 768  
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 769  
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 770  
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 771

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data 772  
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information 773

or data or use the information or data for profit. 774

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 775  
under this section shall be the official list of registered 776  
voters for all elections conducted in this state. 777

(C) The statewide voter registration database established 778  
under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the 779  
following: 780

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 781  
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 782  
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 783

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 784  
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 785  
of elections; 786

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 787  
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 788  
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 789  
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 790  
updates of the database; 791

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 792  
voters and their registration information by name, driver's 793  
license number, birth date, social security number, or current 794  
address; 795

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the 796  
integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter 797  
registration information is maintained; 798

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records 799  
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to 800  
record the reason for their cancellation. 801

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(7) Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances in which records contained in the statewide voter registration database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states described in division (A) (2) (a) or (3)~~

(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that the information in the registration record does not conform to records maintained by such an agency.

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

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

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

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

- (i) The voter's name;
- (ii) The voter's address;
- (iii) The voter's precinct number;
- (iv) The voter's voting history.

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter

registration database shall permit a voter to search for the 859  
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot. 860

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule 861  
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for 862  
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes 863  
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of 864  
updating the information made available on the secretary of 865  
state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those 866  
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days 867  
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the 868  
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the 869  
location of a precinct polling place within the county. 870

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 871  
general election, not later than one business day after 872  
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G) 873  
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling 874  
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that 875  
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose 876  
of division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 877

**Sec. 3503.16.** (A) Whenever a registered elector changes 878  
the place of residence of that registered elector from one 879  
precinct to another within a county or from one county to 880  
another, or has a change of name, that registered elector shall 881  
report the change by ~~delivering~~ doing any of the following: 882

(1) Delivering a change of residence or change of name 883  
form, whichever is appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary 884  
of state under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state 885  
or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or 886  
vocational school, a public library, the office of the county 887  
treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, any office of 888

the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any 889  
office of a board of elections in person or by a third person. 890  
Any voter registration, change of address, or change of name 891  
application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary 892  
of state or the board of elections. 893

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 894  
~~that registered elector by filing~~ 895

(2) Submitting the elector's current residence or name 896  
information to the bureau of motor vehicles or to a designated 897  
agency in the manner directed by the bureau or by the designated 898  
agency, as applicable; 899

(3) Submitting the elector's current residence or name 900  
information to a public high school or vocational school in the 901  
manner directed by the school and graduating from the school; 902

(4) Submitting an application through the online voter 903  
registration system created under section 3503.20 of the Revised 904  
Code; 905

(5) Filing a change of residence or change of name form on 906  
the day of a special, primary, or general election at the 907  
polling place in the precinct in which that registered elector 908  
resides or at the board of elections or at another site 909  
designated by the board. 910

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 911  
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 912  
special election and has not ~~filed a notice of reported the~~ 913  
change of residence in accordance with the board of elections 914  
division (A) of this section may vote in that election by going 915  
to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing 916  
and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 917

identification in the form of a current and valid photo 918  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 919  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 920  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 921  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 922  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and current 923  
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 924

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 925  
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 926  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 927  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of name in accordance with 928  
~~the board of elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in 929  
that election by going to that registered elector's assigned 930  
polling place, completing and signing a notice of a change of 931  
name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 932  
the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides to the 933  
precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, such 934  
as a marriage license or court order that includes the elector's 935  
current and prior names, the elector may complete and sign a 936  
notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 937

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 938  
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 939  
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 940  
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 941  
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence or change of 942  
name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with ~~the board of~~ 943  
~~elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in that election 944  
if that registered elector complies with division (G) of this 945  
section or does all of the following: 946

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 947

after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 948  
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 949  
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 950  
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 951  
election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 952  
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 953  
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 954  
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 955

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 956  
registered elector resides; 957

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 958  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 959  
has designated another location in the county at which 960  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 961  
the office of the board of elections. 962

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 963  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 964  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 965  
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 966

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 967  
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 968  
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 969  
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 970  
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 971  
that other location instead of the office of the board of 972  
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 973  
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 974  
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 975

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 976

falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 977  
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 978  
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 979  
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 980  
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 981  
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 982  
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 983  
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 984  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 985  
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 986  
at any other location for that particular election. 987

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 988  
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 989  
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 990  
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 991  
reported the change of residence in accordance with division (A) 992  
of this section may vote in that election if that registered 993  
elector complies with division (G) of this section or does all 994  
of the following: 995

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 996  
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 997  
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 998  
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 999  
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1000  
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1001  
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1002  
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1003  
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1004  
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1005  
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1006  
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1007

to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1008  
has designated another location in the county at which 1009  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1010  
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1011  
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1012  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1013  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1014  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1015  
the office of the board of elections; 1016

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1017  
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1018  
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1019

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1020  
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1021  
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1022  
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1023  
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1024  
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1025  
that registered elector has moved; 1026

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1027  
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1028  
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1029  
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1030  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1031  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1032  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1033  
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1034  
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1035  
location for that particular election. 1036

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1037

to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1038  
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1039  
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1040  
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1041  
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1042  
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1043  
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1044  
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1045  
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1046  
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1047  
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1048  
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1049  
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1050

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1051  
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1052  
different from the office of the board at which registered 1053  
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1054  
section. 1055

(E) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in section 3503.11 of the 1056  
Revised Code, upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1057  
change of name form, the board of elections shall immediately 1058  
send the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1059  
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1060  
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1061  
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1062  
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1063  
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1064  
registration. 1065

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1066  
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1067

completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1068  
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1069  
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1070  
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1071

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1072  
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1073  
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1074  
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1075  
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1076  
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1077  
within five days after receiving them. 1078

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1079  
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1080  
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1081  
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1082  
has designated another location in the county at which 1083  
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1084  
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1085  
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1086  
of the following: 1087

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 1088  
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1089  
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 1090  
after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 1091  
registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday 1092  
prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's 1093  
ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 1094  
has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 1095  
of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 1096  
change of name; 1097

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1098  
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1099  
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1100  
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1101  
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1102  
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1103  
infirmity; 1104

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1105  
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1106  
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1107  
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1108

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1109  
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1110  
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1111  
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1112  
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1113  
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1114  
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1115  
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1116  
location or address for that particular election. 1117

**Sec. 3503.19.** (A) (1) Persons qualified to register or to 1118  
change their registration because of a change of address or 1119  
change of name may register or change their registration ~~in~~ by 1120  
any of the following methods: 1121

(a) In person at any state or local office of a designated 1122  
agency, at the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar 1123  
of motor vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, 1124  
at a public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at 1125  
a branch office established by the board of elections, ~~or in~~ ; 1126

(b) In person, through another person, or by mail at the 1127  
office of the secretary of state or at the office of a board of 1128  
elections. ~~A registered elector may also change the elector's~~ 1129  
~~registration on;~~ 1130

(c) By submitting the required information to the bureau 1131  
of motor vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner 1132  
directed by the bureau or by the designated agency, as 1133  
applicable; 1134

(d) By submitting the required information to a public or 1135  
private secondary school in the manner directed by the school 1136  
and graduating from the school; 1137

(e) By submitting an application through the online voter 1138  
registration system created under section 3503.20 of the Revised 1139  
Code; 1140

(f) On election day at any polling place where the elector 1141  
is eligible to vote, in the manner provided under section 1142  
3503.16 of the Revised Code. 1143

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1144  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1145  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1146  
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 1147  
voter registration application or change of registration form 1148  
that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 1149  
which the state or local office is located, within five days 1150  
after receiving the voter registration application or change of 1151  
registration form. 1152

~~An~~ (3) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (3) (b) of this 1153  
section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that 1154  
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1155

received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1156  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1157  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1158  
library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 1159  
secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 1160  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1161  
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 1162  
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 1163  
registration application received after that day entitles the 1164  
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1165

(b) (i) Information transmitted to the secretary of state 1166  
by the bureau of motor vehicles or a designated agency under 1167  
division (A) (1) (a) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code 1168  
concerning a person who is eligible to register to vote must 1169  
have been submitted to the bureau or agency by the person not 1170  
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1171  
general election for the person to be registered to vote and to 1172  
qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. 1173  
Otherwise valid information transmitted under that division that 1174  
was submitted after that day entitles the person to be 1175  
registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent elections. 1176

(ii) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by 1177  
a public or private secondary school under division (A) (1) (b) of 1178  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code concerning a person who is 1179  
eligible to register to vote must have been transmitted to the 1180  
secretary of state not later than the thirtieth day preceding a 1181  
primary, special, or general election for the person to be 1182  
registered to vote and to qualify as an elector eligible to vote 1183  
at that election. Otherwise valid information transmitted under 1184  
that division that was submitted after that day entitles the 1185  
person to be registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent 1186

elections. 1187

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1188  
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1189  
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1190  
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 1191  
registration application or change of name or change of address 1192  
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 1193  
identity of the state or local office that receives the 1194  
registration. 1195

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1196  
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1197  
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1198  
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1199  
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1200  
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1201  
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1202  
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1203  
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1204  
the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1205  
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1206  
general election. 1207

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1208  
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1209  
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1210  
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1211  
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1212  
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 1213  
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 1214  
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1215  
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1216

Revised Code. 1217

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1218  
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1219  
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1220  
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1221  
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1222  
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1223  
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1224  
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 1225  
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1226  
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1227  
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1228  
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1229

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an~~ 1230  
An applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1231  
through another person to any board of elections or the office 1232  
of the secretary of state. 1233

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 1234  
~~voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that~~ 1235  
~~person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the~~ 1236  
~~office of the secretary of state.~~ 1237

~~(d)~~ If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1238  
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 1239  
~~or (c)~~ of this section before the thirtieth day before an 1240  
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1241  
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1242  
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1243  
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1244  
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1245  
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1246

(B) (2) (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this section on or after the thirtieth day 1247  
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1248  
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1249  
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1250  
seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1251  
election. 1252

(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 1253  
registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 1254  
statements made in the registration form shall register the 1255  
applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 1256  
the application, unless that application is received during the 1257  
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The 1258  
board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each of 1259  
the following: 1260

(a) The applicant's registration; 1261

(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote; 1262

(c) In bold type as follows: 1263

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1264  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1265  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1266  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1267  
paycheck, or other government document, other than ~~this a voter~~ 1268  
registration notification, that shows the voter's name and 1269  
current address. Voters who do not provide one of these 1270  
documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional 1271  
ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of 1272  
identification, including a social security number, will still 1273  
be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the 1274  
voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by 1275

casting a provisional ballot." 1276

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 1277  
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 1278  
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 1279

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 1280  
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 1281  
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official 1282  
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1283  
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned 1284  
to the board. 1285

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been 1286  
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to 1287  
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 1288  
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1289  
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 1290  
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 1291  
that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 1292  
indication that the voter's notification was returned from that 1293  
voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll 1294  
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 1295  
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 1296  
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration 1297  
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United 1298  
States mail of the cancellation. 1299

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid 1300  
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is 1301  
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 1302  
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation 1303  
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to 1304  
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 1305

vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C)(2) of 1306  
this section in any election during the period of two federal 1307  
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 1308  
the person's registration shall be canceled. 1309

Sec. 3503.20. (A) As used in this section, "applicant" 1310  
means a person who meets both of the following requirements: 1311

(1) The person is qualified to register to vote under this 1312  
chapter. 1313

(2) The person has a current and valid Ohio driver's 1314  
license or identification card issued under Chapter 4507. of the 1315  
Revised Code or a social security number. 1316

(B) The secretary of state, by rule, shall establish a 1317  
secure online process for voter registration. The rules shall 1318  
provide for an applicant to submit all of the following to the 1319  
secretary of state online through the internet: 1320

(1) An application to register as a first-time voter in 1321  
Ohio or an application to change the applicant's name, address, 1322  
or both, as set forth in the applicant's existing voter 1323  
registration record; 1324

(2) Information to establish that the applicant is 1325  
qualified to register to vote under this chapter; 1326

(3) All of the following information: 1327

(a) The applicant's name; 1328

(b) The applicant's address; 1329

(c) The applicant's date of birth; 1330

(d) One of the following forms of identification: 1331

(i) The number of the applicant's current and valid Ohio 1332

driver's license or identification card issued under Chapter 1333  
4507. of the Revised Code; 1334

(ii) The last four digits of the applicant's social 1335  
security number. 1336

(e) The applicant's attestation to the truth and accuracy 1337  
of the information submitted in the online application under 1338  
penalty of perjury. 1339

(C) The online voter registration application established 1340  
under division (B) of this section shall include the following 1341  
language: 1342

"I affirm all of the following under penalty of perjury: 1343

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information 1344  
is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or 1345  
update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio. 1346

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is 1347  
true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form. 1348

(3) If an electronic copy of my signature is on file in a 1349  
government database, I understand and agree that the Secretary 1350  
of State will obtain that signature and use it to validate this 1351  
electronic voter registration application as if I had signed 1352  
this form personally. 1353

(4) If an electronic copy of my signature is not on file 1354  
in a government database, I understand and agree that my 1355  
signature on an election petition will not be considered valid 1356  
until I provide my signature to the board of elections by 1357  
signing and returning the signature card that will be mailed to 1358  
me or by signing a notice of change of name or residence, a 1359  
pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application 1360

for absent voter's ballots." 1361

(D) (1) When an applicant submits a voter registration 1362  
application under this section, the secretary of state shall 1363  
compare the information in the application with the information 1364  
in a government database associated with the applicant's 1365  
driver's license or state identification card number or the 1366  
applicant's social security number. 1367

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the 1368  
application is valid, the secretary of state shall submit the 1369  
application to the board of elections of the county in which the 1370  
applicant resides, and the board shall register the applicant. 1371

(3) If the secretary of state determines that the 1372  
application is not valid, the secretary of state shall notify 1373  
the applicant of that fact. 1374

(E) (1) If an applicant who is to be registered under 1375  
division (D) (2) of this section has an electronic signature on 1376  
file with a government agency, the secretary of state shall 1377  
obtain the electronic signature and shall transmit it to the 1378  
board of elections to be used as the applicant's signature on 1379  
voter registration records for all election and signature- 1380  
matching purposes. 1381

(2) If an applicant who is to be registered under division 1382  
(D) (2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on 1383  
file with a government agency and the applicant is a registered 1384  
elector who is updating the elector's address, the board of 1385  
elections of the county in which the applicant is currently 1386  
registered shall create a legible digitized copy of the 1387  
signature on the elector's existing registration record. That 1388  
signature shall be used as the elector's signature on voter 1389

registration records for all election and signature-matching 1390  
purposes. 1391

(3) If an applicant who is to be registered under division 1392  
(D)(2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on 1393  
file with a government agency and is not a registered elector 1394  
who is updating the elector's address, all of the following 1395  
shall apply: 1396

(a)(i) The board of elections shall include with the 1397  
applicant's notification of registration a signature card that 1398  
instructs the applicant to sign the card and return it to the 1399  
office of the board. The card shall notify the applicant that 1400  
until the applicant signs and returns the card or signs a notice 1401  
of change of name or residence, a poll list or signature 1402  
pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application 1403  
for absent voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an 1404  
election petition is not valid. 1405

(ii) If the applicant signs and returns the signature card 1406  
to the board of elections, the board shall create a legible 1407  
digitized copy of the signature on the card, and that signature 1408  
shall be used as the applicant's signature on voter registration 1409  
records for all election and signature-matching purposes. 1410

(iii) The board shall prepay the return postage for the 1411  
signature card. 1412

(iv) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 1413  
the signature card. 1414

(b) If the applicant does not sign and return the 1415  
signature card, both of the following shall apply: 1416

(i) The first time the applicant signs a notice of change 1417  
of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a 1418

provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent voter's ballots, the board of elections shall create a legible digitized copy of that signature. The signature shall be used as the applicant's signature on voter registration records for all election and signature-matching purposes.

(ii) Until the board of elections has obtained the applicant's signature from a signature card, a notice of change of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an election petition is not valid.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered 1448  
elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 1449  
5122.301 of the Revised Code; 1450

(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a 1451  
location outside the county of registration in accordance with 1452  
division (B) of this section; 1453

(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having 1454  
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the 1455  
following: 1456

(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during 1457  
a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include 1458  
two general federal elections; 1459

(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least 1460  
once during a period of four consecutive years, which period 1461  
shall include two general federal elections; 1462

(8) The declination of an elector who has been 1463  
automatically registered under section 3503.11 of the Revised 1464  
Code to register to vote, as described in division (C) (3) (b) of 1465  
that section. 1466

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures 1467  
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of 1468  
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting 1469  
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county 1470  
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division 1471  
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with 1472  
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may 1473  
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of 1474  
the national change of address service provided by the United 1475  
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so 1476

prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior 1477  
to the date of any primary or general election for federal 1478  
office. 1479

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 1480  
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 1481  
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 1482  
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 1483  
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 1484  
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 1485  
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 1486  
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 1487  
confirmation notice. 1488

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 1489  
canceled except as provided in this section, division (Q) of 1490  
section 3501.05 of the Revised Code, division (C)(3)(b) of 1491  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, division (C)(2) of section 1492  
3503.19 of the Revised Code, or division (C) of section 3503.24 1493  
of the Revised Code. 1494

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 1495  
registration information to the secretary of state as required 1496  
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 1497  
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 1498  
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 1499  
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 1500  
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 1501  
the information to the national change of address service 1502  
described in division (B) of this section and request that 1503  
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 1504  
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 1505  
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 1506

each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 1507  
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 1508  
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 1509  
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 1510  
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 1511  
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 1512  
correct the change of address information. 1513

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 1514  
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 1515  
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 1516  
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 1517  
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 1518  
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 1519  
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 1520

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 1521  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 1522  
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 1523  
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 1524  
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 1525  
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 1526  
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 1527  
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 1528  
error. 1529

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 1530  
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 1531  
restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 1532

**Sec. 3503.28.** (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 1533  
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 1534  
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 1535  
information: 1536

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 1537  
for ~~returning~~ submitting an applicant's completed registration 1538  
~~form~~ application; 1539

~~(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's~~ 1540  
~~completed registration form if the person returning the form is~~ 1541  
~~being compensated for registering voters;~~ 1542

~~(3) The locations to~~ and manner in which a person may 1543  
~~return an applicant's completed registration form~~ register to 1544  
vote; 1545

~~(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for~~ 1546  
~~registering voters may return an applicant's completed~~ 1547  
~~registration form;~~ 1548

~~(5) The registration and affirmation requirements~~ 1549  
~~applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters~~ 1550  
~~under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;~~ 1551

~~(6)~~ (3) The manner in which a person may opt out of 1552  
automatic voter registration; 1553

(4) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating 1554  
as follows: 1555

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1556  
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1557  
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1558  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1559  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 1560  
registration notification sent by a board of elections, that 1561  
shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not 1562  
provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by 1563  
casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the 1564  
above forms of identification, including a social security 1565

number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation 1566  
swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election 1567  
falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 1568

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this 1569  
section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high 1570  
school, public vocational school, public library, office of a 1571  
county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall 1572  
distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) 1573  
of this section to any person who requests more than two voter 1574  
registration forms at one time. 1575

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the 1576  
information required to be included in the brochure developed 1577  
under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 1578  
voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 1579  
the office of the secretary of state. 1580

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web 1581  
site, the board shall provide the information required to be 1582  
included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this 1583  
section to any person who prints a voter registration form that 1584  
is made available on that web site. 1585

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to 1586  
distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this 1587  
section to any of the following officials or employees who are 1588  
requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in 1589  
the course of the official's or employee's normal duties: 1590

(1) An election official; 1591

(2) A county treasurer; 1592

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1593

- (4) An employee of a designated agency; 1594
- (5) An employee of a public high school; 1595
- (6) An employee of a public vocational school; 1596
- (7) An employee of a public library; 1597
- (8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1598
- (9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 1599
- (10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1600
- (11) An employee of an election official. 1601

~~(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.~~ 1602  
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**Sec. 3503.30.** (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has caused ~~himself~~ the elector to be registered in a precinct ~~which was that is not his~~ the elector's place of residence, the board of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was committed by mistake, may, on ~~his~~ the elector's personal application and proof of ~~his~~ the elector's true residence, correct ~~his~~ the elector's registration form. The board may correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of fraudulent intent. 1606  
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(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been registered automatically under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code in a precinct that is not the elector's place of residence, the board of elections, upon application of the elector and proof of the elector's true residence, shall correct the 1616  
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elector's registration form. 1621

**Sec. 3503.33.** (A) If an elector applying for registration 1622  
is already registered in another state or in another county 1623  
within this state, the elector shall declare this fact to the 1624  
registration officer and shall sign on the registration form, 1625  
which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous 1626  
registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 1627

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote 1628  
or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 of the 1629  
Revised Code, if the board is aware of the person's previous 1630  
residence address and that address is located in another state 1631  
or in another county within this state, the board shall create a 1632  
notice to cancel the previous registration for the purpose of 1633  
complying with division (C) of this section. 1634

(C) (1) The director of the board of elections shall mail 1635  
all such authorizations and notices described in division (A) or 1636  
(B) of this section to the board of elections or comparable 1637  
agency of the proper state and county. Upon In the case of a 1638  
notice described in division (B) of this section, the board 1639  
shall include with the notice a copy of the elector's most 1640  
recent registration form. 1641

(a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) (a) 1642  
(ii) of this section, upon the receipt of this an authorization 1643  
described in division (A) of this section from the forwarding 1644  
county, the director of a board of elections in Ohio, upon a 1645  
comparison of the elector's signature with the elector's 1646  
signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove 1647  
the elector's registration from the files, and place it with the 1648  
cancellation authorization in a separate file which shall be 1649  
kept for a period of two calendar years. 1650

(ii) It shall not be necessary for the board of elections to compare the elector's signature with the elector's signature as it appears on the registration files if the authorization does not include the elector's signature because of the circumstances described in division (E) (3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised Code. 1651  
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(b) Upon the receipt of a notice described in division (B) of this section from the forwarding county, the board of elections in Ohio shall compare the elector's signature on the copy of the registration form received with the notice with the elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and shall place it with the notice in a separate file, which shall be kept for a period of two calendar years. 1657  
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(2) The board shall notify the elector at the present address as shown on the cancellation authorization or notice that his the elector's prior registration has been canceled. 1665  
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(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior registration under division (C) (1) (b) of this section, the board of elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this section receives a declination to register or to update the elector's registration under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous registration and treat it as though it were never canceled. 1668  
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**Sec. 3505.18.** (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct election officials the elector's full name and current address and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a 1677  
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current and valid photo identification, a military 1681  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 1682  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1683  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1684  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1685  
that shows the name and current address of the elector. 1686

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to 1687  
the precinct election officials any of the forms of 1688  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1689  
the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 1690  
of the Revised Code and do either of the following: 1691

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state 1692  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 1693  
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot 1694  
envelope; or 1695

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not 1696  
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and 1697  
provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of 1698  
this section, the elector's driver's license or state 1699  
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 1700  
elector's social security number. 1701

(B) (1) After the elector has announced the elector's full 1702  
name and current address and provided any of the forms of 1703  
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1704  
the elector shall ~~write the elector's name and address at the~~ 1705  
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provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an 1707  
elector is unable to ~~write the elector's name and current~~ 1708  
~~address in~~ sign the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector 1709  
may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the 1710

elector's ~~name~~signature, and a precinct election official shall 1711  
write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll 1712  
list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The 1713  
making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election 1714  
official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct 1715  
election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook 1716  
as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, if applicable, an 1717  
attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the 1718  
Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list 1719  
or signature pollbook in accordance with that section. 1720

~~The (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2)~~ 1721  
~~(b) of this section, the~~ elector's signature in the poll list or 1722  
signature pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's 1723  
signature on the elector's registration form or a digitized 1724  
signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised 1725  
Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct 1726  
election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the 1727  
same person, the election officials shall enter the date of the 1728  
election on the registration form or shall record the date by 1729  
other means prescribed by the secretary of state. If, in the 1730  
opinion of a majority of the precinct officers, the signatures 1731  
are not the signatures of the same person, the elector shall be 1732  
permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1733  
the Revised Code. The validity of an attorney in fact's 1734  
signature on behalf of an elector shall be determined in 1735  
accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. 1736

(b) If the elector's registration form does not include a 1737  
signature because of the circumstances described in division (E) 1738  
(3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised Code, it shall not be 1739  
necessary to compare the elector's signature in the poll list or 1740  
signature pollbook with the signature on the elector's 1741

registration form or a digitized signature list. 1742

(3) If the right of the elector to vote is not then 1743  
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 1744  
elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 1745  
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 1746  
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 1747  
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 1748  
elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 1749  
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 1750  
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 1751  
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 1752  
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 1753  
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 1754  
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 1755  
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 1756  
person who voted the ballot. 1757

**Sec. 3505.181.** (A) All of the following individuals shall 1758  
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 1759

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 1760  
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 1761  
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 1762  
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 1763  
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 1764  
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 1765

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 1766  
provide to the election officials any of the forms of 1767  
identification required under division (A)(1) of section 3505.18 1768  
of the Revised Code; 1769

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 1770

pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that election and who appears to vote at the polling place;

(4) An individual whose notification of registration has been returned undelivered to the board of elections and whose name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook has been marked under division (C) (2) (a) of section 3503.11 or division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code;

(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code or whose application or challenge hearing has been postponed until after the day of the election under division (D) (1) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code;

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

(7) An ~~Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) (b) of section 3505.18 of the Revised Code, an~~ individual whose signature, in the opinion of the precinct officers under that ~~section 3505.22 of the Revised Code,~~ is not that of the person who signed that name in the registration forms.

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

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

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

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote;

(b) Eligible to vote in that election.

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

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

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the individual written information that states that any individual who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section

whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 1829  
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1830

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 1831  
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 1832  
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 1833  
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 1834  
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 1835  
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 1836  
established under this division also shall provide to an 1837  
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 1838  
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 1839  
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 1840  
individual's voter registration. 1841

The appropriate state or local election official shall 1842  
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 1843  
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 1844  
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 1845  
access system established under this division. The system shall 1846  
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 1847  
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1848

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 1849  
ballot, the individual provides identification in the form of a 1850  
current and valid photo identification, a military 1851  
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 1852  
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1853  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1854  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1855  
that shows the individual's name and current address, or 1856  
provides the individual's driver's license or state 1857  
identification card number or the last four digits of the 1858

individual's social security number, the individual shall record 1859  
the type of identification provided or the driver's license, 1860  
state identification card, or social security number information 1861  
and include that information on the provisional ballot 1862  
affirmation under division (B) (3) of this section. 1863

(7) During the seven days after the day of an election, an 1864  
individual who casts a provisional ballot because the individual 1865  
does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials 1866  
any of the required forms of identification or because the 1867  
individual has been successfully challenged under section 1868  
3505.20 of the Revised Code shall appear at the office of the 1869  
board of elections and provide to the board any additional 1870  
information necessary to determine the eligibility of the 1871  
individual who cast the provisional ballot. 1872

(a) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who 1873  
does not have or is unable to provide to the election officials 1874  
any of the required forms of identification to be eligible to be 1875  
counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days 1876  
after the day of the election, shall do either of the following: 1877

(i) Provide to the board of elections proof of the 1878  
individual's identity in the form of a current and valid photo 1879  
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1880  
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1881  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1882  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 1883  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the individual's name 1884  
and current address; or 1885

(ii) Provide to the board of elections the individual's 1886  
driver's license or state identification card number or the last 1887  
four digits of the individual's social security number. 1888

(b) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 1889  
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 1890  
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 1891  
cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of that 1892  
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 1893  
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 1894  
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 1895  
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 1896

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 1897  
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 1898  
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 1899  
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 1900  
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 1901  
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 1902  
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 1903  
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 1904  
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 1905  
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 1906  
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 1907  
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 1908  
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 1909  
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 1910

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 1911  
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 1912  
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 1913  
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 1914  
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 1915  
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 1916  
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 1917  
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 1918  
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 1919

provisional ballot affirmation:	1920
(a) The name or number of the individual's correct precinct;	1921 1922
(b) A statement that the election official instructed the individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote;	1923 1924
(c) A statement that the election official informed the individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the ballot being rejected;	1925 1926 1927 1928
(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the individual is casting a provisional ballot; and	1929 1930
(e) The name of the polling location in which the individual is casting a provisional ballot.	1931 1932
(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place on the day of each election.	1933 1934 1935
(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 3505.183 of the Revised Code:	1936 1937
(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the following:	1938 1939
(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct precinct and polling place for either each specific residential street address in the county or the range of residential street addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county;	1940 1941 1942 1943
(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is at a polling place in that county to determine the correct	1944 1945 1946

precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides in the county.	1947 1948
(2) "Voting information" means all of the following:	1949
(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for that election;	1950 1951
(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the hours during which polling places will be open;	1952 1953
(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a vote and how to cast a provisional ballot;	1954 1955
(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters under applicable federal and state laws;	1956 1957
(e) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;	1958 1959 1960 1961 1962
(f) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and misrepresentation.	1963 1964 1965
(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two precinct election officials of different political parties. A blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may receive assistance on the day of an election under that section.	1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974

**Sec. 3505.183.** (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 1975  
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 1976  
separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 1977  
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 1978  
member of each major political party shall place the sealed 1979  
provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 1980  
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 1981  
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 1982  
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 1983  
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 1984  
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 1985  
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 1986  
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 1987  
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 1988  
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 1989

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 1990  
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 1991  
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 1992  
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 1993  
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 1994  
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 1995  
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 1996  
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 1997  
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 1998  
be eligible to be counted: 1999

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2000  
birth, and current address; 2001

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2002  
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2003

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2004

the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2005

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2006  
in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in 2007  
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2008  
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2009  
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2010  
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2011  
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2012  
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2013  
during the seven days after the day of the election under 2014  
division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 2015  
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 2016  
vote. 2017

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2018  
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2019  
section and comparing the information required under division 2020  
(B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2021  
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2022  
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2023  
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2024  
to be counted: 2025

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2026  
registered to vote. 2027

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 2028  
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 2029  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2030

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2031  
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the 2032  
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2033

individual cast the provisional ballot. 2034

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2035  
number or the elector's driver's license number or state 2036  
identification card number are not different from the last four 2037  
digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's 2038  
driver's license number or state identification card number 2039  
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2040

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2041  
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different 2042  
from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained 2043  
in the statewide voter registration database. 2044

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2045  
ballot if either of the following is true: 2046

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2047  
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2048

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2049  
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other 2050  
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2051

(f) The elector's current address is not different from 2052  
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter 2053  
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the 2054  
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has 2055  
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as 2056  
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2057  
Code. 2058

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2059  
information required under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 2060  
of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 2061  
election. 2062

(h) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2063  
(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the 2064  
election resulted in the individual's inclusion in the official 2065  
registration list. 2066

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2067  
this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 2068  
and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 2069  
this section and comparing the information required under 2070  
division (B) (1) of this section with the elector's information 2071  
in the statewide voter registration database, the board 2072  
determines that any of the following applies, the provisional 2073  
ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2074  
counted: 2075

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2076  
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2077

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2078  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2079  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2080

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2081  
information required under division (B) (1) of this section in 2082  
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2083  
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2084

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2085  
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2086

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2087  
additional information required under division (B) (7) of section 2088  
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of 2089  
the election. 2090

(vi) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2091

(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the election did not result in the individual's inclusion in the official registration list.

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

(viii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number are different from the last four digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's driver's license number or state identification card number contained in the statewide voter registration database.

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

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

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

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the

requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the 2121  
requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section. 2122

(x) The elector's current address is different from the 2123  
elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 2124  
database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is 2125  
casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and 2126  
has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in 2127  
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2128

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2129  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2130  
section and comparing the information required under division 2131  
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2132  
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2133  
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2134  
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2135  
counted: 2136

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2137  
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2138

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2139  
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2140  
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2141

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2142  
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2143  
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2144  
of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2145  
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2146  
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2147  
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2148  
recorded that information in another database. 2149

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

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

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be counted.

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

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2180  
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 2181  
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2182  
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2183  
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2184  
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2185  
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 2186  
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2187  
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2188  
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2189  
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2190  
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2191  
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2192  
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2193  
ballot. 2194

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 2195  
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 2196  
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 2197  
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2198  
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 2199  
be counted during the ten days after the day of an election. 2200

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2201  
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2202  
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 2203  
an individual who must provide additional information to the 2204  
board of elections under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of 2205  
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 2206  
eligibility until the individual provides that information, 2207  
until any hearing required to be conducted under section 3503.24 2208  
of the Revised Code with regard to the provisional voter is 2209  
held, or until the eleventh day after the day of the election, 2210

whichever is earlier. 2211

**Sec. 3509.03.** Except as provided in division (B) of 2212  
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector 2213  
desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall 2214  
make written application for those ballots to the director of 2215  
elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence 2216  
is located. The application need not be in any particular form 2217  
but shall contain all of the following: 2218

(A) The elector's name; 2219

(B) The elector's signature; 2220

(C) The address at which the elector is registered to 2221  
vote; 2222

(D) The elector's date of birth; 2223

(E) One of the following: 2224

(1) The elector's driver's license number; 2225

(2) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2226  
number; 2227

(3) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2228  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2229  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2230  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2231  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2232  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2233  
the elector. 2234

(F) A statement identifying the election for which absent 2235  
voter's ballots are requested; 2236

(G) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2237

a qualified elector; 2238

(H) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 2239  
elector's party affiliation; 2240

(I) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 2241  
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 2242

Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be 2243  
delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of 2244  
January of the year of the elections for which the absent 2245  
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 2246  
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 2247  
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 2248  
the third day before the day of the election at which the 2249  
ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last 2250  
Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are 2251  
to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the 2252  
office of the board. 2253

A board of elections that mails an absent voter's ballot 2254  
application to an elector under this section shall not prepay 2255  
the return postage for that application. 2256

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2257  
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2258  
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 2259  
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 2260  
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 2261  
applicant's name and address on an application for absent 2262  
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2263  
applicant. 2264

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent 2265  
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 2266

the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 2267  
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 2268  
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 2269  
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2270  
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 2271  
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 2272  
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 2273  
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 2274  
director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 2275  
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 2276  
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 2277  
penalty of election falsification. 2278

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 2279  
license number or the last four digits of the elector's social 2280  
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 2281  
envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope 2282  
with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current 2283  
valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, 2284  
or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government 2285  
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a 2286  
notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections 2287  
~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name 2288  
and address of the elector. 2289

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the 2290  
director from whom it was received in the return envelope, 2291  
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the 2292  
director, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, 2293  
father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, 2294  
or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 2295  
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 2296  
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 2297

director. The return envelope shall be transmitted to the 2298  
director in no other manner, except as provided in section 2299  
3509.08 of the Revised Code. 2300

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at 2301  
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting 2302  
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. 2303  
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the 2304  
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 2305  
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 2306  
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 2307  
board. 2308

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this 2309  
section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's 2310  
ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the 2311  
close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's 2312  
ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified 2313  
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 2314  
sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to 2315  
the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 2316  
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 2317  
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 2318  
shall be destroyed. 2319

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 2320  
this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to 2321  
the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior 2322  
to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in 2323  
envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are 2324  
received after the close of the polls on election day through 2325  
the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at 2326  
the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) 2327

and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code. Any such ballots 2328  
that are received by the director later than the tenth day 2329  
following the election shall not be counted, but shall be kept 2330  
by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as provided 2331  
in division (A) of this section. 2332

(2) Division (B)(1) of this section shall not apply to any 2333  
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 2334  
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 2335

**Sec. 3511.02.** Notwithstanding any section of the Revised 2336  
Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 2337  
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 2338  
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 2339  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 2340  
(1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter 2341  
registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 2342  
Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 2343  
obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 2344  
3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 2345  
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 2346  
which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 2347  
with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 2348  
director of the board of elections of the county in which the 2349  
person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 2350  
ways: 2351

(A) That person may make written application for those 2352  
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2353  
the director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, send 2354  
it by electronic mail, send it through internet delivery if such 2355  
delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary 2356  
of state, or otherwise send it to the director. The application 2357

need not be in any particular form but shall contain all of the 2358  
following information: 2359

- (1) The elector's name; 2360
- (2) The elector's signature; 2361
- (3) The address at which the elector is registered to 2362  
vote; 2363
- (4) The elector's date of birth; 2364
- (5) One of the following: 2365
  - (a) The elector's driver's license number; 2366
  - (b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2367  
number; 2368
  - (c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2369  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2370  
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2371  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2372  
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2373  
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2374  
the elector. 2375
- (6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 2376  
voter's ballots are requested; 2377
- (7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2378  
a qualified elector; 2379
- (8) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 2380  
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff- 2381  
6; 2382
- (9) A statement of the elector's length of residence in 2383  
the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, 2384

immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the 2385  
service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United 2386  
States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal 2387  
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish 2388  
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the 2389  
United States, whichever is applicable; 2390

(10) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 2391  
elector's party affiliation; 2392

(11) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 2393  
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed; 2394

(12) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the 2395  
elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they 2396  
shall be so sent; 2397

(13) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the 2398  
elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of 2399  
elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, 2400  
the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact 2401  
information. 2402

(B) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division 2403  
(C) of this section may use a single federal post card 2404  
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 2405  
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 2406  
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 2407  
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 2408  
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 2409  
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 2410  
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 2411  
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 2412  
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 2413

3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 2414  
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2415  
ballots for each election. 2416

(C) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 2417  
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 2418  
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 2419  
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 2420  
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 2421  
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 2422  
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 2423  
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 2424  
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in 2425  
division (B) of this section. The form of the application shall 2426  
be prescribed by the secretary of state. The director shall 2427  
furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified in 2428  
this division desiring to make the application, only upon the 2429  
request of such a relative made in person at the office of the 2430  
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to 2431  
the office of the board. The application, subscribed and sworn 2432  
to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following: 2433

(1) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are 2434  
requested; 2435

(2) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 2436  
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff- 2437  
6; 2438

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 2439  
vote; 2440

(4) A statement identifying the elector's length of 2441  
residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of 2442

service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or	2443
near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the	2444
United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal	2445
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish	2446
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the	2447
United States, as the case may be;	2448
(5) The elector's date of birth;	2449
(6) One of the following:	2450
(a) The elector's driver's license number;	2451
(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security	2452
number;	2453
(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo	2454
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy	2455
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,	2456
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of	2457
voter registration mailed by a board of elections <del>under section</del>	2458
<del>3503.19 of the Revised Code</del> , that shows the name and address of	2459
the elector.	2460
(7) A statement identifying the election for which absent	2461
voter's ballots are requested;	2462
(8) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is	2463
a qualified elector;	2464
(9) If the request is for primary election ballots, the	2465
elector's party affiliation;	2466
(10) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship	2467
to the elector as specified in division (C) of this section;	2468
(11) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the	2469

telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 2470  
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 2471  
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 2472  
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 2473  
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 2474  
internet delivery; 2475

(12) The signature and address of the person making the 2476  
application. 2477

Each application for uniformed services or overseas absent 2478  
voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not earlier 2479  
than the first day of January of the year of the elections for 2480  
which the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots 2481  
are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of 2482  
the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is 2483  
earlier, and not later than twelve noon of the third day 2484  
preceding the day of the election, or not later than six p.m. on 2485  
the last Friday before the day of the election at which those 2486  
ballots are to be voted if the application is delivered in 2487  
person to the office of the board. 2488

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 2489  
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 2490  
only, the applicant shall submit to the director in addition to 2491  
the requirements of divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section, 2492  
a statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote 2493  
for presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other 2494  
offices. 2495

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card 2496  
application or other absent voter's ballot application to an 2497  
elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage 2498  
for that application. 2499

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card application or other application for absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a federal post card application or other application for absent voter's ballots before mailing that application to the applicant.

**Sec. 3511.09.** Upon receiving uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the questions on the face of the identification envelope to be answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers to those questions are true and correct to the best of the elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election. If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number on the statement of voter on

the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in 2531  
the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of 2532  
the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a 2533  
military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, 2534  
bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2535  
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2536  
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 2537  
that shows the name and address of the elector. Each elector who 2538  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election 2539  
shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact 2540  
and shall mail the return envelope to the director prior to the 2541  
close of the polls on election day. 2542

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 2543  
identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following 2544  
statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION 2545  
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 2546

**Sec. 3599.11.** (A) No person shall knowingly register or 2547  
make application or attempt to register in a precinct in which 2548  
the person is not a qualified voter; or knowingly aid or abet 2549  
any person to so register; or attempt to register or knowingly 2550  
induce or attempt to induce any person to so register; or 2551  
knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the name of 2552  
another, real or fictitious, in registering or attempting to 2553  
register; or by false statement or other unlawful means procure, 2554  
aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out on the 2555  
register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified elector 2556  
therein; or knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or 2557  
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to 2558  
an elector thereof; or knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a 2559  
lawful examination by or before any registering officer; or 2560  
make, print, or issue any false or counterfeit certificate of 2561

registration or knowingly alter any certificate of registration. 2562

No person shall knowingly register under more than one 2563  
name or knowingly induce any person to so register. 2564

No person shall knowingly make any false statement on any 2565  
form for registration or change of registration or upon any 2566  
application or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot. 2567

Whoever violates this division is guilty of a felony of 2568  
the fifth degree. 2569

(B) (1) No person who helps another person register outside 2570  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or 2571  
knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed 2572  
registration form. 2573

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 2574  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree. 2575

(2) ~~(a)~~ No person who helps another person register outside 2576  
an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to 2577  
~~return-cause~~ any registration form entrusted to that person to 2578  
be returned to any board of elections or the office of the 2579  
secretary of state within ten days after that ~~registration-~~ 2580  
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth 2581  
day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the 2582  
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four 2583  
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case 2584  
the person shall ~~return-cause~~ the registration form to be 2585  
returned to any board of elections or the office of the 2586  
secretary of state within ten days of its receipt. 2587

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 2588  
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 2589  
has not previously been convicted of a violation of this 2590

~~division (B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this~~ 2591  
~~section,~~ the violation of this division does not cause any 2592  
person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to 2593  
any election, and the number of voter registration forms that 2594  
the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed 2595  
forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a 2596  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 2597

~~(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, no person~~ 2598  
~~who helps another person register outside an official~~ 2599  
~~registration place shall knowingly return any registration form~~ 2600  
~~entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of~~ 2601  
~~elections or the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2602

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~ 2603  
~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person~~ 2604  
~~has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~ 2605  
~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 2606  
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 2607  
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 2608  
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 2609  
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 2610  
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2611

~~(C) (1) No person who receives compensation for registering~~ 2612  
~~a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form~~ 2613  
~~entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office~~ 2614  
~~of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter~~ 2615  
~~registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth~~ 2616  
~~day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the~~ 2617  
~~registration form is received by the person within twenty four~~ 2618  
~~hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case~~ 2619  
~~the person shall return the registration form to any board of~~ 2620

~~elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days of its receipt.~~ 2621  
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~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2623  
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~~(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of elections or the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2632  
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~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2636  
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~~(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those forms.~~ 2645  
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**Sec. 3599.18.** (A) No election official, person assisting 2649

in the registration of electors, or police officer shall 2650  
knowingly do any of the following: 2651

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or 2652  
prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful 2653  
manner applies for registration or who should be registered 2654  
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code; 2655

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on 2656  
a voter registration list; 2657

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the 2658  
registration card or form of any qualified elector; 2659

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any 2660  
duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person 2661  
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer. 2662

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 2663  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2664

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 2665  
3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 2666  
3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 2667  
3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18 and 2668  
sections 3503.11, 3503.29, and 3505.22 of the Revised Code are 2669  
hereby repealed. 2670

**Section 3.** Section 3501.05 of the Revised Code is 2671  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 2672  
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 205 of the 130th General 2673  
Assembly. 2674

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code is presented in this 2675  
act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. S.B. 47, 2676  
Am. Sub. S.B. 109, and Sub. S.B. 216, all of the 130th General 2677

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The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	2679
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	2680
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	2681
operation, finds that the composites are the resulting versions	2682
of those sections in effect prior to the effective dates of the	2683
sections as presented in this act.	2684