

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (OH-SEN-24-2370)
Date: Friday, December 27, 2024 at 1:58:15 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: William.Cox@ohiosenate.gov
To: AO Records
CC: Matt.Oyster@ohiosenate.gov
Attachments: image001.png, Records Combined.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dylan,

Attached are the responsive records to request OH-SEN-24-2370 from each of the offices requested.

Respectfully,
Will



William J. Cox
Deputy General Counsel
Ohio Senate
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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 9:13 AM
To: Cox, William <William.Cox@ohiosenate.gov>; State Senator Niraj Antani <Antani@ohiosenate.gov>; State Senator Theresa Gavarone <Gavarone@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request (OH-SEN-24-2370)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Ohio's Public Records Act.

Sincerely,
Dylan Winters
Paralegal I American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org |
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PRR: OH-SEN-24-2370

Mon, Nov 18 at 9:41 AM

Eilene Watts

EW

Could I set up a zoom to discuss differences between HB 552 and SB 324? Let me know if you are interested.

Andy Brenner

AB

Now that we are back in session, my schedule is jammed. You will need to set it up through my office and I assume Theresa's. My office is [614.466.8086](tel:614.466.8086)

Eilene Watts

EW

Ok 👍

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RESCHEDULE- ZOOM with Eileen Watts re: SB 324

Created by: Rachael Tracy

Time

2:30pm - 3pm (Eastern Time - New York)

Date

Thu Nov 21, 2024

Description

Eileen reached out for a update on SB 324 and to see about its progress.

Eileen Watts
ewattsohio@gmail.com
Ohio Election Integrity Network
614.352.101

My Notes

Cox, William

From: State Senator Andrew Brenner
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 9:55 AM
To: 'Eileen Watts'
Subject: RE: Election Legislation Comparison - Proof of Citizenship

Eileen,

Thank you, I will be sure to share this with him. Have a great weekend!



Best,
Quinne Naegeli
Legislative Aide
State Senator Andrew Brenner
614-466-8086

From: Eileen Watts <ewattsohio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 5:15 PM
To: State Senator Andrew Brenner <Brenner@ohiosenate.gov>; State Senator Theresa Gavarone <Gavarone@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Election Legislation Comparison - Proof of Citizenship

Hello Quinn,

Please share this information with Sen. Brenner. Hoping this simplifies comparing HB 552 and SB 324.

Thank you,

Eileen Watts
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Begin forwarded message:

From: mstrbic <mstrbic@protonmail.com>
Subject: Election Legislation Comparison - Proof of Citizenship
Date: November 18, 2024 at 3:01:26 PM EST
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Cc: Andrew Brenner <Brenner@ohiosenate.gov>, Theresa Gavarone <Gavarone@ohiosenate.gov>, "Bob.Peterson@ohiohouse.gov" <Bob.Peterson@ohiohouse.gov>, Eileen Watts <ewatts@columbus.rr.com>, "rep61@ohiohouse.gov" <rep61@ohiohouse.gov>, "rep77@ohiohouse.gov" <rep77@ohiohouse.gov>, "rep91@ohiohouse.gov" <rep91@ohiohouse.gov>

Secretary LaRose,

As mentioned, please see the 1-page chart detailing distinctions between H.B. 552 Sub Bill and S.B. 324 driven by your "Potential Election Legislation" Memo attached.

Now more than ever unity and reconciliation of election safeguards legislation takes on new meaning. With the advent of today's OH Ballot Board authorizing the latest progressive constitutional amendment "Ohio Voters Bill of Rights," that guts voter photo-ID, imposes automatic and same day voter registration and enshrines unlimited drop boxes in Ohio's constitution, it is advisable House and Senate close ranks, unite under one version and not delay passage until Spring if possible. In accordance with House sponsors I will send Sen Brenner specific change-input for Senate sponsor consideration.

The Election Integrity Network and Ohio Research Collaborative is happy to work with sponsors in both chambers to achieve the critical objectives you've set. Thank you for making this possible.

Respectfully,
Marcell Strbich, Lt Col USAF (ret)

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

August 29, 2024

Honorable Matt Huffman
President, Ohio Senate
Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Honorable Jason Stephens
Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Potential Election Legislation

Dear President Huffman and Speaker Stephens,

I write to make you aware of three policy matters that have recently come to light. To ensure the ongoing integrity of Ohio's elections, I suggest urgent legislative attention to each of them.

1. A federal court's decision in a recent case impacts Ohio's ban on ballot harvesting, likely requiring a re-examination of voting assistance protocols and the security of drop boxes.
2. A new decision by the Supreme Court of the United States gives us an opportunity to better enforce Ohio's constitutional citizenship requirement for participating in elections.
3. The General Assembly should consider adopting a new provisional ballot voting requirement for voters with mismatched registration records.

Protecting Ohio's Election Integrity

First, a federal court's recent decision in a lawsuit brought by the League of Women Voters ("the LWV") impacts Ohio's prohibition on ballot harvesting. Although the decision is limited in scope, it could nonetheless have a broader effect on ballot security.

The LWV sought to challenge certain provisions of House Bill 458, adopted by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in 2023. While the court declined to act on most of the LWV's claims, it issued an order limited in scope to disabled voters who wish to utilize someone other than a relative as defined by R.C. 3509.05 to assist them with the return of an absentee ballot. Specifically, the court prohibited the state from administering, implementing, or enforcing R.C. 3599.21(A)(9) and (A)(10) "against any disabled voter or against any individual who assists any disabled voter."¹

¹ See Op. at 38, 42

The law adopted by the General Assembly in 2023 defined the type of person legally eligible to assist a voter with the return of an absentee ballot as either a qualified relative or a mail carrier. The court determined that this restriction violates Section 208 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which allows a disabled voter to be assisted by “a person of the voter's choice.” Unfortunately, this decision does not provide relief to a family who believes their disabled relative is receiving ballot assistance without their knowledge, approval, or input, or who may have been coerced or misguided by individuals attempting to “assist” their voting decisions.

The court’s decision is limited in scope. However, it highlights a need for additional steps to enforce Ohio’s ban on ballot harvesting. Without the appropriate safeguards, a person could return any number of ballots to an unattended drop box simply by claiming (whether truthfully or not) the permissive authority granted under Section 208. This effectively creates an unintended loophole in Ohio’s ballot harvesting law that we must address. I suspect this is exactly the outcome the LWV intended. Under the guise of assisting the disabled, their legal strategy seeks to make Ohio’s elections less secure and more vulnerable to cheating, especially as it relates to the use of drop boxes. The security of the delivery of absentee ballots remains paramount, so this leaves us with the obvious question of a remedy.

Pending legislative action to address enforcement of Ohio’s prohibition on ballot harvesting I will direct boards to post a notification on each drop box indicating that voter-assisted ballots must be returned inside the board office, where the voter assistant will be asked to complete an attestation form confirming that they are complying with applicable state or federal law. This effectively means ONLY A VOTER’S PERSONAL BALLOT may be returned via drop box. I am acting under my statutory authority to compel the observance of election laws (*see* R.C. 3501.05), in this case Ohio’s ban on ballot harvesting. However, I strongly encourage you to consider codifying any additional safeguards that might be necessary due to attempts to erode the integrity of our elections, including possibly banning drop boxes as a result of this court decision which makes it harder to guard against ballot harvesting.

Enforcing Ohio’s Citizenship Requirement

Second, the Supreme Court of the United States granted last week a request by Arizona’s Republican legislative leaders and the Republican National Committee to reinstate a law requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote. The court’s decision limits the application of the law only to voter registration forms prescribed by the state, but this ruling effectively gives the Ohio General Assembly the option to adopt a similar requirement. I recommend that we do so. As the prescriptive authority for election-related forms in Ohio, I ask that you consider codifying a proof of citizenship requirement that can be incorporated into the state-issued voter registration applications prescribed by my office. I also propose the addition of a clearly disclaimed warning that states: “The Ohio Constitution prohibits a noncitizen of the United States from registering and voting at any state or local election held in this state. It is illegal for a noncitizen to register and vote in Ohio.” Unfortunately, the court’s order does not preclude use of a longstanding federally-prescribed voter registration form that does not require proof of citizenship, so this remedy is not infallible; however, any incremental step we can take in the adoption of election integrity safeguards is a step worth taking. Upon the General Assembly’s action, I will immediately require front-end citizenship verification for all state-prescribed forms, and I will

direct all boards of elections to add additional steps to check citizenship status for registrants using the federally-prescribed form.

My office just conducted the most comprehensive citizenship verification audit ever performed on Ohio’s voter rolls. We have expanded our review of citizenship records provided by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtained access to the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database, which allows government agencies to check citizenship status more effectively. We are working to implement more extensive cross-checks of Social Security Administration records, federal jury pool data, and citizenship records maintained by the justice system. Additionally, my office has asked the Biden-Harris administration to grant access to the Person Centric Query System (PCQS) database, the Person Centric Identity Services database, and the Central Index System 2, also maintained by DHS. I am currently preparing to take legal action to compel the administration to follow the law and make these resources available as our requests continue to go unanswered. Our latest investigation resulted in the recent referral of 597 individuals who registered to vote in Ohio despite not being citizens of the United States, including evidence that 138 of those registrants also cast a ballot. Our citizenship audit is ongoing as we acquire new data. Adopting a proof-of-citizenship requirement on the front end of the registration process would help to reduce our current reliance on these back-end election integrity efforts.

Ensuring the Accuracy of Ohio’s Voter Rolls

Finally, I ask that the General Assembly consider codifying a new provisional voting requirement for individuals who provide inaccurate information on a voter registration application. The DATA Act, which became law in 2023, gave my office the authority to conduct more extensive audits and analysis of election data. In compliance with state law, our Office of Data Analytics and Archives has identified numerous voter registration applications containing mismatched data, which differs from information on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the Social Security Administration (BMV/SSA).

These mismatched voter registration applications are flagged and sent to the relevant county board of elections, which then sends the voter a notice asking that the mismatched information be corrected. If the voter fails to respond and engages in no voter-initiated activity for a specified period, the registration is removed from the rolls. The problem here is what happens when a voter with a mismatched registration record *does* engage in voter-initiated activity while the record is under review. Current law requires that a voter in confirmation status be returned to “active” status upon engaging in a voter-initiated activity, meaning the mismatched record never gets corrected. This leads to inaccurate data on Ohio’s voter rolls and erodes public confidence in the integrity of our elections. Further, it complicates our statutory requirement “to ensure that the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable state and federal law” and prevents us from ensuring that individuals who are not eligible to vote are promptly removed from the database. (*See* R.C. 3503.151)

As Ohio’s chief election official, I propose adding a statutory mandate that any voter whose registration requires the reconciliation of mismatched data be required to cast a provisional ballot. This forces the voter to cure any mismatched information before a ballot can be counted.

To be clear, the voter registration would not be canceled but rather placed in a “provisional confirmation” status for further action. This approach mirrors current law regarding an unverified voter address. The board of elections sends an acknowledgment notice to new registrants confirming the registration and assigning a voting location. If the notice is returned by USPS as undeliverable, the board must place the registration in confirmation status, and the voter must either correct the mismatched information on file or cast a provisional ballot and correct the information through the cure process. The provisional confirmation status would follow a similar process. This change is essential to maintaining the accuracy of our voter rolls and ensuring the integrity of our elections.

Thank you for the vital role you play in ensuring that Ohio elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. While it may be unrealistic to accomplish these reforms before the upcoming election, they are nonetheless changes that should be considered as soon as possible. In the meantime, as we hope for legislative action as quickly as practicable, we will work with the boards of elections to mitigate each of these concerns to the best of our ability within the current authorities given to us by the Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution. As always, I stand ready to assist you in any way with enactment of these reforms. Consider my office a resource as we continue to build on Ohio’s national reputation as “the gold standard” of election administration.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

cc: John Barron, Chief of Staff, Ohio Senate
Matt Oyster, Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Senate
Brittney Colvin, Chief of Staff, Ohio House of Representatives
Heather Blessing, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio House of Representatives

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HB552 Sub-Bill and SB324 Comparison Highlights

Shared Goals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verify US citizenship for new and existing voters. ➤ Require provisional ballots for mismatched voter registration information to BMV or SSA records. ➤ Institute tighter controls on signing a petition and its effect on voter registrations. ➤ Address drop box issues. 		
Key Differences:	HB552	SB324
1. Qualified Electors Clause	Defines the qualifications that must be verified for an elector to be entitled to vote.	Not addressed in the bill
2. Verification Sources to Make Available to Boards of Elections	BMV, DHS (including SAVE), USCIS, SSA, federal jury pool data or naturalization records, Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services, Health, Medicaid, Rehab and Corrections	BMV
3. Proof of Citizenship	Requires all proof of citizenship be verified. Excludes out-of-state DL/ID as proof of citizenship.	Does not require all proof of citizenship be verified, allowing some that may false. Accepts out-of-state DL/ID (or copy) as proof of citizenship.
4. Applicants/Voters Excluded from US Citizenship Verification	None, except as limited by SOS approved verification sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new applicants are verified for citizenship, • All existing voters are verified during a Monthly Citizen Review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN4 and federal form applicants that include UOCAVA are excluded from verification before they are registered; • Voters who don't change their name/address, and noncitizens not selected on the limited Annual Noncitizen Review are not verified.
5. Identified as Noncitizen or Lack of Proof of Citizenship Documents	Individuals claim to be US citizens but are identified as noncitizens, or lack documents may request a hearing with the Board	Not addressed in the bill
6. US Citizenship Tracking	Additional citizenship verification data fields	Limited new citizen verification data fields
7. Voting Rights after Identified As Not Verified to be a US Citizen	Voters must cast a provisional ballot until they provide proof of citizenship that is verified by the Board.	Voters can cast a regular ballot while the Board attempts to obtain proof of citizenship (which is not verified by the Board).
8. Proof of Citizenship Presented at the Polls on Election Day	Voters who present a US passport or DL/ID issued after 4/6/2023 without a noncitizen designation can vote a regular ballot; all others must vote a provisional ballot.	Voters who present any proof of citizenship, (or a copy), can vote a regular ballot without verification the voter is a US citizen.
9. Registration Identity Information	In compliance with HAVA, a current and valid Ohio DL/ID is required; if an applicant does not have one, SSN4 can be used.	This bill continues to allow Ohio DL/ID or SSN4, which may conflict with federal law.
10. Verify voter registration information with BMV/SSA Records	Conduct Monthly verification, plus verification immediately after the registration deadline before an election. Voters with mismatched data must vote provisional.	Duplicates current HB552 which conducts a weekly verification and voters with mismatched data must vote provisional. This aligns closer to current SOS directives.
11. Public Information Reporting	Transparent reporting of voter citizenship information (date, evidence, source). Voters can view provisional ballot information online.	Not addressed in the bill
12. Register to vote and sign a petition on same day	Not addressed in the bill	Petition signatures only count if the individual is registered on the date the petition is signed.
13. Petition signatures from ineligible voters	Petition signatures are only counted from voters verified as qualified to vote.	Petitions signed by any voter, whether verified as qualified to vote or not, are counted. All voter registration deficiencies are resolved by signing a petition.
14. Drop boxes	Requires a photo id and written affirmation when dropping off any ballot. Voters may drop off up to two ballots for family members. Outdoor receptacles are banned.	Elector assistants can drop off ballots for any voter with unverifiable affirmation and no limit on the number of ballots dropped off. Adds adjacent locations for ballot drop-off.
15. Issues Not Related to Voter Verification	None; issues unrelated to Voter Verification should be vetted on their own merit	Numerous additional sections unrelated to Voter Verification are included

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135th General Assembly
Regular Session
2023-2024

Sub. H. B. No. 552

A BILL

To amend sections 3375.011, 3501.01, 3501.05, 1
3503.01, 3503.06, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 2
3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.153, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3
3503.21, 3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20, 4
3509.05, 3511.02, and 3511.14 and to enact 5
sections 3503.012, 3503.201, and 3503.202 of the 6
Revised Code to enact the Voter Verification Act 7
to require proof of citizenship to register to 8
vote, to require election officials to verify 9
certain information in voter registration 10
records, and to modify the procedure for 11
returning absent voter's ballots to a board of 12
elections by personal delivery. 13

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

Section 1. That sections 3375.011, 3501.01, 3501.05, 14
3503.01, 3503.06, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.151, 3503.152, 15
3503.153, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.181, 3505.182, 16
3505.183, 3505.20, 3509.05, 3511.02, and 3511.14 be amended and 17
sections 3503.012, 3503.201, and 3503.202 of the Revised Code be 18



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enacted to read as follows: 19

Sec. 3375.011. Any library organized under Chapter 3375. 20
of the Revised Code shall provide free of charge to any 21
individual a photocopy of that individual's driver's license, 22
temporary driver's permit, ~~or~~ state identification card, or any 23
of the forms of evidence listed under division (EE) of section 24
3501.01 of the Revised Code, if the individual requests one. 25

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code 26
relating to elections and political communications: 27

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 28
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 29

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 30
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 31
odd-numbered year. 32

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 33
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 34
even-numbered year. 35

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 36
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 37
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 38
Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first 39
Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the 40
Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal 41
or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except 42
that in any year in which a presidential primary election is 43
held, no special election shall be held in May, except as 44
authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on 45
the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. 46

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 47

held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 48
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 49
of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 50
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 51
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 52
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 53
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 54
held. 55

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 108

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

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name 115
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to 116
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates 117
for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common 118
pleas, for member of any board of education, for municipal or 119
township offices in which primary elections are not held for 120
nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of 121
municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate 122
ballots for elections for these offices. 123

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

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

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue	138
certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on	139
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held	140
in this state.	141
(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having	142
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.	143
(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.	144
(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an	145
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector	146
may vote.	147
(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county	148
established by the board of elections of such county within	149
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein	150
may vote at the same polling place.	151
(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each	152
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such	153
precinct may vote.	154
(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of	155
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of	156
the Revised Code.	157
(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township,	158
city, village, or school district.	159
(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of	160
the following:	161
(1) Secretary of state;	162
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the	163
division of elections in the capacity of attorney,	164

administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections	165
administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	166
(3) Director of a board of elections;	167
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	168
(5) Member of a board of elections;	169
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	170
(7) Precinct election officials;	171
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.	172 173
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	174 175 176 177 178 179 180
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current <u>resident address, name, or other information for registration</u> <u>and voting. The notice shall be sent by forwardable mail, shall</u> <u>be accompanied by a postage prepaid, preaddressed return</u> <u>envelope containing a form on which the elector may verify or</u> <u>correct the elector's registration.</u>	181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state- funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National	189 190 191 192

Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed 193
and administered by the secretary of state for registering 194
voters, or any other public or government office or agency that 195
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 196
of state for registering voters, including the department of job 197
and family services, the program administered under section 198
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 199
department of mental health and addiction services, the 200
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for 201
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the 202
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not 203
include public high schools and vocational schools, public 204
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer. 205

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 206
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 207
U.S.C.A. 1973gg. 208

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

(AA) (1) "Photo identification" means one of the following 211
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and 212
is not expired: 213

(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card, 214
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor 215
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of 216
the Revised Code; 217

(b) A United States passport or passport card; 218

(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio 219
national guard identification card, or United States department 220
of veterans affairs identification card. 221

(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means 222
images of both the front and back of a document described in 223
division (AA) (1) of this section, except that if the document is 224
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification 225
means an image of the passport's identification page that 226
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other 227
identifying information and the passport's expiration date. 228

(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued 229
by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 230
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to 231
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license, 232
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted 233
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction 234
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include 235
a limited term license issued under section 4507.09 of the 236
Revised Code. 237

(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by 238
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to 239
4507.52 of the Revised Code. 240

(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document 241
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant 242
for a driver's license or state identification card that 243
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license 244
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of 245
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the 246
mail. 247

(EE) (1) "Proof of citizenship" means evidence that, when 248
verified as authentic, indicates an individual is a United 249
States citizen, in the form of one of the following: 250

(a) The number of the individual's current or expired Ohio driver's license or state identification card, if the board of elections verifies using information obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles that the individual has submitted documentation to the bureau that indicates that the individual is a United States citizen; 251
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(b) The individual's current or expired Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or interim identification form issued on or after April 7, 2023, or a copy of the front and back of that license, card, or form, if the license, card, or form does not include a notation designating that the individual is a noncitizen of the United States; 257
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(c) The individual's birth certificate, certification of report of birth, or consular report of birth abroad, or a legible copy of one of those documents; 263
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(d) The individual's current or expired United States passport or passport card, a legible copy of the identification page of the passport, or a legible copy of the front and back of the passport card; 266
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(e) The individual's certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship or a copy of one of those documents. 270
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(2) If an individual's current legal name is different from the name on the individual's proof of citizenship, the individual also shall provide proof of the change of name, such as a copy of a marriage license or court order. 272
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(FF) "Citizenship verification source" means any records or databases kept by the following entities that may be used to verify the authenticity of a piece of evidence described in division (EE) of this section: 276
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<u>(1) The bureau of motor vehicles;</u>	280
<u>(2) The United States department of homeland security,</u>	281
<u>including the systematic alien verification for entitlements</u>	282
<u>database, the person centric query service, the person centric</u>	283
<u>identity services, or the central index system;</u>	284
<u>(3) The United States citizenship and immigration service;</u>	285
<u>(4) The United States social security administration;</u>	286
<u>(5) The department of job and family services, the</u>	287
<u>department of health, the department of medicaid, and the</u>	288
<u>department of rehabilitation and corrections;</u>	289
<u>(6) Any federal agency that maintains federal jury pool</u>	290
<u>data or naturalization records.</u>	291
Sec. 3501.05. The secretary of state shall do all of the	292
following:	293
(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;	294
(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in	295
accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members	296
of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.	297
(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of	298
elections;	299
(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a	300
sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in	301
force;	302
(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws	303
or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;	304
(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and	305
records;	306

(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;

(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution; 336

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to 337
comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 338
3517.13, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised 339
Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have 340
knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a 341
provision in one of those sections, by filing a complaint with 342
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 343
Revised Code. 344

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the 345
results of elections, the cost of elections in the various 346
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political 347
subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative 348
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable; 349

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list 350
of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition 351
successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 352
to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code; 353

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 354
Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters 355
from the statewide voter registration database and, if 356
applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in 357
each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the 358
following: 359

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed 360
residence, which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in 361
compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National 362
Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses 363
the national change of address service provided by the United 364

States postal system through its licensees;	365
(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;	366 367
(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason for that mark or removal.	368 369 370 371 372
(R) Prescribe a general program for registering voters or updating voter registration information, such as name and residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 3503.09 of the Revised Code;	373 374 375 376 377 378 379
(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter registration forms through boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers;	380 381 382 383 384
(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in this state;	385 386 387
(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles consistent with this chapter;	388 389 390 391 392
(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with	393

Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary	394
of state to do all of the following:	395
(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there	396
is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities;	397
(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each	398
voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the	399
same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy	400
and independence, as for other voters;	401
(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of	402
standards for the certification of voting machines, marking	403
devices, and automatic tabulating equipment.	404
(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide	405
database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15	406
of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the	407
"Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat.	408
1666, and provide training in the operation of that system;	409
(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other	410
instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result	411
of any conference or teleconference call with a board of	412
elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for	413
conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections,	414
or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or	415
other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted	416
on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as	417
is practicable after the completion of the conference or	418
teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on	419
the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes	420
place.	421
(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the	422

secretary of state not later than one month after the completion 423
of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and 424
general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent 425
voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were 426
counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the 427
number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. 428
The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web 429
site in an archive format for each subsequent election. 430

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter 431
identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 432
other voting requirements; 433

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector 434
may make available to a board of elections a more recent 435
signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook 436
produced by the board of elections of the county in which the 437
elector resides; 438

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or 439
part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of 440
direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other 441
means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot 442
board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised 443
Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible 444
concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, 445
or referendum; 446

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the 447
implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 448
Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 449
1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of 450
state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities 451
for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities 452

arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 111-84, 123 Stat. 3190.

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

(EE) Provide training to boards of elections on how to verify the United States citizenship of voter registration applicants.

(FF) Perform other duties required by law.

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

corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; 483
the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or 484
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the 485
supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of 486
elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to 487
consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a 488
voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to 489
instruct or reinstruct election officers. 490

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 491
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 492
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 493
production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 494
fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 495
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 496

In any controversy involving or arising out of the 497
adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for 498
registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney 499
general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court 500
of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or 501
in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question. 502

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the 503
Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in 504
issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect 505
the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of 506
elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of 507
state's motion, be made a party. 508

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is 509
hearing a case in which the secretary of state is a party, for a 510
change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue 511
shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common 512

pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if 513
there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that 514
involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of 515
Franklin county. 516

Public high schools and vocational schools, public 517
libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement 518
voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of 519
state pursuant to this section. 520

Sec. 3503.01. ~~(A) Every~~ (A) (1) Only individuals who 521
possess the following qualifications, as verified by the 522
secretary of state or by a board of elections, have the 523
qualifications of an elector and may register to vote, be 524
registered to vote, or vote in a federal, state, or local 525
election in the precinct in which the individual resides: 526

(a) Is a citizen of the United States who is of the age of 527
eighteen years or over~~and who has;~~ 528

(b) Has been a resident of the state thirty days 529
immediately preceding the election at which the~~citizen~~ 530
individual offers to vote, is a resident of the county and 531
precinct in which the~~citizen~~individual offers to vote, and has 532
been registered to vote for thirty days,~~has the qualifications~~ 533
of an elector and may vote at all elections in the precinct in 534
which the citizen resides; 535

(c) Is not ineligible to vote by reason of a felony 536
conviction under division (A) (4) of section 3503.21 of the 537
Revised Code; 538

(d) Is not incompetent to vote under division (A) (5) of 539
section 3503.21 of the Revised Code. 540

(2) Except as provided in division (A) (3) of this section, 541

an elector who registers to vote or submits a change of 542
residence or change of name form on or after the effective date 543
of this amendment shall provide proof of citizenship, as defined 544
in division (EE) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, to the 545
board of elections, and if the elector has no proof of 546
citizenship, the elector may request a hearing under section 547
3503.012 of the Revised Code to establish that the elector is a 548
citizen of the United States. An elector whose registration 549
record indicates that the elector is verified as a United States 550
citizen is not required to provide proof of citizenship when 551
subsequently registering to vote or updating the elector's 552
registration in this state. 553

(B) When only a portion of a precinct is included within 554
the boundaries of an election district, the board of elections 555
may assign the electors residing in such portion of a precinct 556
to the nearest precinct or portion of a precinct within the 557
boundaries of such election district for the purpose of voting 558
at any special election held in such district. In any election 559
in which only a part of the electors in a precinct is qualified 560
to vote, the board may assign voters in such part to an 561
adjoining precinct. Such assignment may be made to an adjoining 562
precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the 563
board of elections of such other county if the number of voters 564
assigned to vote in a precinct in another county is two hundred 565
or less. 566

The board shall notify all such electors so assigned, at 567
least ten days prior to the holding of any such election, of the 568
location of the polling place where they are entitled to vote at 569
such election. 570

As used in division (B) of this section, "election 571

district" means a school district, municipal corporation, 572
township, or other political subdivision that includes territory 573
in more than one precinct or any other district or authority 574
that includes territory in more than one precinct and that is 575
authorized by law to place an issue on the ballot at a special 576
election. 577

Sec. 3503.012. (A) Any elector who desires to register to 578
vote, but who does not have any proof of United States 579
citizenship as defined in division (EE) of section 3501.01 of 580
the Revised Code, may make a written request, on a form 581
prescribed by the secretary of state, to the board of elections 582
requesting that the board hold a hearing to determine the 583
elector's United States citizenship. The request shall be 584
accompanied by a sworn affidavit that the elector is a United 585
States citizen. 586

(B) Upon receiving a written request under division (A) of 587
this section, the board shall mail written notice of the hearing 588
to the elector, including the time and place of the hearing, 589
through first class mail, to the address indicated on the 590
written request, or if there is no address indicated, to the 591
elector's address on file with the board of elections. The 592
hearing shall be held not more than ten days after the elector 593
submits a written request. An elector may retain counsel, 594
testify, present evidence, and call witnesses. Testimony shall 595
be under oath. The board shall exercise due diligence, conduct 596
an investigation to determine the truth of the matter, including 597
examining any relevant databases, and may subpoena witnesses and 598
other evidence. Third parties may present sworn testimony and 599
evidence relevant to the matter. 600

(C) After the board conducts the hearing described in 601

division (B) of this section, the board promptly shall make a 602
determination, by majority vote, whether the elector, by a 603
preponderance of the evidence, is a United States citizen. 604

(D) If the board determines that an elector is a United 605
States citizen under division (C) of this section, the board 606
shall record that fact in the elector's voter registration 607
record and report that fact to the secretary of state. 608

(E) If the board determines that an elector has failed, by 609
a preponderance of the evidence, to prove that the elector is a 610
United States citizen, the board shall record that fact and 611
report it to the secretary of state. Not more than twenty days 612
after the board's decision, the elector may appeal the decision 613
to the court of common pleas in the county in which the elector 614
resides. If the board's determination falls not more than ninety 615
days before an election, the court of common pleas shall hear 616
the case on an expedited basis. 617

(F) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the 618
implementation of this section. 619

Sec. 3503.06. (A) No person shall be entitled to vote at 620
any election, unless the person is registered as an elector and 621
will have resided in the county and precinct where the person is 622
registered for at least thirty days at the time of the next 623
election. 624

(B) No person shall be entitled to sign any petition, 625
unless the person is registered as an elector and resides in a 626
precinct in which the candidacy or issue that is the subject of 627
the petition will appear on the ballot. If a person for whom a 628
board of elections's official registration list or the statewide 629
voter registration database indicates is not verified as 630

eligible to vote signs a petition, that person's signature shall 631
not be counted, unless and until the person is verified as 632
eligible to vote. 633

(C) (1) (a) Except for a nominating petition for 634
presidential electors, no person shall be entitled to circulate 635
any petition unless the person is a resident of this state and 636
is at least eighteen years of age. 637

(b) No person shall be entitled to circulate a nominating 638
petition for presidential electors unless the person is at least 639
eighteen years of age. 640

(2) All election officials, in determining the residence 641
of a person circulating a petition under division (C) (1) of this 642
section, shall be governed by the following rules: 643

(a) That place shall be considered the residence of a 644
person in which the person's habitation is fixed and to which, 645
whenever the person is absent, the person has the intention of 646
returning. 647

(b) A person shall not be considered to have lost the 648
person's residence who leaves the person's home and goes into 649
another state for temporary purposes only, with the intention of 650
returning. 651

(c) A person shall not be considered to have gained a 652
residence in any county of this state into which the person 653
comes for temporary purposes only, without the intention of 654
making that county the permanent place of abode. 655

(d) If a person removes to another state with the 656
intention of making that state the person's residence, the 657
person shall be considered to have lost the person's residence 658
in this state. 659

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (2) (f) of 660
this section, if a person removes from this state and 661
continuously resides outside this state for a period of four 662
years or more, the person shall be considered to have lost the 663
person's residence in this state, notwithstanding the fact that 664
the person may entertain an intention to return at some future 665
period. 666

(f) If a person removes from this state to engage in the 667
services of the United States government, the person shall not 668
be considered to have lost the person's residence in this state 669
during the period of that service, and likewise should the 670
person enter the employment of the state, the place where that 671
person resided at the time of the person's removal shall be 672
considered to be the person's place of residence. 673

(g) If a person goes into another state and, while there, 674
exercises the right of a citizen by voting, the person shall be 675
considered to have lost the person's residence in this state. 676

Sec. 3503.13. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 677
division (A) (2) of this section, voter registration forms 678
submitted by applicants and the statewide voter registration 679
database established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code 680
are public records subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of 681
the Revised Code. 682

(2) None of the following are subject to disclosure under 683
division (A) (1) of this section: 684

(a) An elector's full or partial social security number, 685
driver's license or state identification card number, telephone 686
number, or electronic mail address; 687

(b) A confidential voter registration record, as described 688

in section 111.44 of the Revised Code; 689

(c) The address of a designated public service worker, if 690
the designated public service worker has submitted a redaction 691
request to the board of elections under section 149.45 of the 692
Revised Code; 693

(d) An elector's proof of citizenship; 694

(e) Any other information that is prohibited from being 695
disclosed by state or federal law. 696

(B) A board of elections may use a legible digitized 697
signature list of voter signatures, copied from the signatures 698
on the registration forms in a form and manner prescribed by the 699
secretary of state, provided that the board includes the 700
required voter registration information in the statewide voter 701
registration database established under section 3503.15 of the 702
Revised Code, and provided that the precinct election officials 703
have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 704
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 705

Sec. 3503.14. (A) The secretary of state shall prescribe 706
the form and content of the registration, change of residence, 707
and change of name forms used in this state. The forms shall 708
meet the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 709
1993 and shall ~~include spaces for~~ require the applicant to 710
provide all of the following: 711

(1) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's full name as it appears on the 712
applicant's identification provided to register to vote; 713

(2) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's residence address; 714

(3) The current date; 715

(4) The ~~voter's~~ applicant's date of birth; 716

(5) ~~The voter to provide at least one of the following~~ 717
forms of identification that meet the requirements of 52 U.S.C. 718
21083(a)(5)(A): 719

(a) ~~The voter's~~ applicant's current and valid Ohio 720
driver's license or state identification card number if the 721
applicant has one; 722

(b) ~~The~~ Or, if the applicant does not have a current and 723
valid Ohio driver's license or state identification card, the 724
last four digits of the ~~voter's~~ applicant's social security 725
number. A board of elections shall not accept or process a voter 726
registration application if the applicant does not provide a 727
current and valid Ohio's driver's license or state 728
identification card number, when available records from the 729
bureau of motor vehicles indicate that the applicant has a 730
current and valid Ohio's driver's license or state 731
identification card number. If a board of elections rejects an 732
application for this reason, the board shall send the applicant 733
a notice, to the address the applicant indicated on the form, 734
instructing the applicant to apply to register to vote using the 735
applicant's Ohio's driver's license or state identification card 736
number and include with the notice a blank voter registration 737
form. 738

(6) Proof of United States citizenship as defined in 739
division (EE) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, except 740
that the applicant is not required to provide proof of 741
citizenship if the applicant has previously provided proof of 742
citizenship that has been verified by the board when registering 743
to vote or submitting a change of residence or change of name in 744
this state. If an applicant who previously renounced, forfeited, 745
or otherwise lost United States citizenship applies to register 746

to vote, the applicant is required to provide proof of 747
citizenship when registering to vote. 748

~~(6)~~ (7) The voter's applicant's signature. 749

The registration form shall include a space on which the 750
person registering an applicant shall sign the person's name and 751
provide the person's address and a space on which the person 752
registering an applicant shall name the employer who is 753
employing that person to register the applicant. 754

Except for forms prescribed by the secretary of state 755
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of 756
state shall permit boards of elections to produce forms that 757
have subdivided spaces for each individual alphanumeric 758
character of the information provided by the voter so as to 759
accommodate the electronic reading and conversion of the voter's 760
information to data and the subsequent electronic transfer of 761
that data to the statewide voter registration database 762
established under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. 763

(B) None of the following persons who are registering an 764
applicant in the course of that official's or employee's normal 765
duties shall sign the person's name, provide the person's 766
address, or name the employer who is employing the person to 767
register an applicant on a form prepared under this section: 768

(1) An election official; 769

(2) A county treasurer; 770

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 771

(4) An employee of a designated agency; 772

(5) An employee of a public high school; 773

(6) An employee of a public vocational school;	774
(7) An employee of a public library;	775
(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer;	776
(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles;	777
(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles;	778
(11) An employee of an election official.	779
(C) Except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, any applicant who is unable to sign the applicant's own name shall make an "X," if possible, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the person filling out the form, who shall add the person's own signature. If an applicant is unable to make an "X," the applicant shall indicate in some manner that the applicant desires to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence. The person registering the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant indicated that the applicant desired to register to vote or to change the applicant's name or residence.	780 781 782 783 784 785 786 787 788 789 790
(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.	791 792 793 794 795 796
(E) A voter registration application submitted online through the internet pursuant to section 3503.20 of the Revised Code is not required to contain a signature to be considered valid. The signature obtained under division (B) of that section shall be considered the applicant's signature for all election	797 798 799 800 801

and signature-matching purposes. 802

(F) As used in this section, "registering an applicant" 803
includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter 804
registration forms or to assist persons in completing or 805
returning those forms. 806

Sec. 3503.15. (A) The secretary of state shall establish 807
and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall 808
be administered by the office of data analytics and archives in 809
the office of the secretary of state and made continuously 810
available to each board of elections and to other agencies as 811
authorized by law. 812

The statewide voter registration database shall be the 813
official list of registered electors for all elections conducted 814
in this state. 815

(B) The statewide voter registration database shall, at a 816
minimum, include all of the following: 817

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 818
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 819
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 820

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 821
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 822
of elections; 823

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 824
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 825
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 826
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 827
updates of the database; 828

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 829

electors and their registration information by name, driver's license or state identification card number, birth date, social security number, or current address;

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

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

(C) For each registered elector, the statewide voter registration database shall include all of the following information:

(1) The elector's name;

(2) The elector's birth date;

(3) The elector's current residence address;

(4) The elector's precinct number;

(5) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card number, if available;

(6) The last four digits of the elector's social security number, if available;

(7) The elector's telephone number, if available;

(8) The elector's electronic mail address, if available;

(9) (a) The elector's voter registration date, which shall be determined based on the elector's most recent application to register to vote in this state, subject to division (C) (9) (b) of this section, as follows:

(i) In the case of an application delivered in person to a state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, or the office of a county treasurer, the date stamped on the application upon receipt by the entity that transmits the application to the board of elections or the secretary of state;

(ii) In the case of an application delivered in person to a board of elections or the secretary of state, the date stamped on the application upon receipt by the board of elections or the secretary of state, as applicable;

(iii) In the case of an application delivered by mail to a board of elections or the secretary of state, the date the application is postmarked;

(iv) In the case of an application submitted through the online voter registration system established under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code, the date of the online submission;

(v) In the case of an application submitted to a board of elections by facsimile transmission or electronic mail under Chapter 3511. of the Revised Code, the date of the receipt of the transmission or electronic mail by the board of elections;

(vi) In the case of a provisional ballot affirmation that serves as an application to register to vote in future elections because the individual who cast the ballot is not registered to vote, the date the board of elections determines that the provisional ballot is invalid under section 3505.183 of the Revised Code.

(b) For purposes of determining an elector's voter registration date under division (C) (9) (a) of this section, all

of the following apply: 885

(i) An elector's voter registration date shall not be 886
during the period beginning on the day after the close of voter 887
registration before an election and ending on the day of the 888
election. If the date determined under division (C) (9) (a) of 889
this section would be during that period, the voter registration 890
date instead shall be the date on which the board of elections 891
processes the application to register to vote after the day of 892
the election. 893

(ii) A change of address or change of name form, including 894
a provisional ballot affirmation that serves as a change of 895
address or change of name form, is not considered an application 896
to register to vote. 897

(iii) An application to register to vote that is submitted 898
by an individual who is already registered to vote in this state 899
is not considered an application to register to vote. 900

(10) The elector's voting history, including all of the 901
following for each election in which the elector cast a ballot 902
that was counted: 903

(a) The date of the election; 904

(b) If the election was a primary election, the political 905
party whose ballot the elector cast at the primary election or 906
an indication that the elector voted only on the questions and 907
issues appearing on the ballot at a special election held on the 908
day of the primary election; 909

(c) The type of ballot the elector cast. 910

(11) The elector's last activity date, which shall be 911
determined in accordance with rules adopted by the secretary of 912

state pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.; 913

(12) The date, if any, on which a board of elections 914
verified that the elector is a United States citizen, as 915
described in division (A)(1) of section 3503.201 of the Revised 916
Code, and which proof of citizenship, as defined in division 917
(EE) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, was presented as 918
evidence the elector is a United States citizen; 919

(13) The citizenship verification source, as defined in 920
division (FF) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code; 921

(14) Whether the elector registered to vote using a 922
federal or state form; 923

(15) Whether the elector was required to cast a 924
provisional ballot, and the reason the elector was required to 925
cast a provisional ballot, except if the elector's provisional 926
ballot was counted under section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, 927
the indication that the elector was required to cast a 928
provisional ballot shall be removed from the database; 929

(16) Whether the elector's United State citizenship has 930
been verified, and, if so, whether the elector is a citizen of 931
the United States. 932

(17) Any other information the secretary of state requires 933
to be included by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 934
Revised Code. 935

(D) Every day during the period beginning on the forty- 936
sixth day before an election and ending on the eighty-first day 937
after the day of the election, a board of elections shall create 938
a daily record of its voter registration database as of four 939
p.m. and shall transmit the daily record to the secretary of 940
state in a secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. 941

The secretary of state shall archive the daily record and retain 942
it for at least twenty-two months after the day of the election. 943

(E) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to 944
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section and 945
sections 3503.151 to 3503.153 of the Revised Code, including 946
rules doing all of the following: 947

(1) Specifying the manner in which any voter registration 948
records maintained by boards of elections in other data formats 949
shall be converted for inclusion in the statewide voter 950
registration database; 951

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter 952
registration records into the statewide voter registration 953
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, 954
if new registration information is received, and for 955
transmitting information securely to the secretary of state; 956

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled 957
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration 958
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 959

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, 960
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter 961
registration database and to make updates of that database; 962

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the 963
information contained in the statewide voter registration 964
database. 965

(F) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 966
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 967
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 968
the secretary of state under division (E) (3) of this section 969
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 970

3503.21 of the Revised Code. 971

(G) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 972
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 973
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 974
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 975
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 976

(H) A board of elections and any vendor with which it 977
contracts to provide voter registration software or related 978
services shall ensure that the board's voter registration system 979
and practices comply with the requirements of this section and 980
any rules adopted under this section. 981

Sec. 3503.151. (A) The secretary of state, through the 982
office of data analytics and archives, and the boards of 983
elections shall maintain the accuracy of the statewide voter 984
registration database in accordance with this section. 985

(B) (1) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 986
department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 987
department of job and family services, the department of 988
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 989
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 990
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 991
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 992
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 993
database, except where prohibited by federal law or regulation. 994
The department of health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the 995
department of job and family services, the department of 996
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections 997
shall provide that information and data to the secretary of 998
state not later than the last day of each month. The secretary 999
of state shall ensure that any information or data provided to 1000

the secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of 1001
the entity providing the data remains confidential while in the 1002
possession of the secretary of state. No public office, and no 1003
public official or employee, shall sell that information or data 1004
or use that information or data for profit. 1005

(2) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under Chapter 1006
119. of the Revised Code that establish, by mutual agreement 1007
with the bureau of motor vehicles, the content and format of the 1008
information and data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide 1009
to the secretary of state under division (B) (1) of this section 1010
and the frequency with which the bureau shall provide that 1011
information and data. 1012

(3) The secretary of state shall obtain and make the 1013
information and data the bureau of motor vehicles provides to 1014
the secretary of state under division (B) (1) of this section, 1015
and any data and information obtained from any source listed in 1016
division (FF) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, available 1017
to the boards of elections for purposes of registering voters, 1018
updating voter registrations, or maintaining the statewide voter 1019
registration database, except where prohibited by federal law or 1020
regulations. 1021

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 1022
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 1023
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 1024
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 1025
statewide voter registration database. Except as otherwise 1026
provided in division (C) (2) of this section, the secretary of 1027
state shall ensure that any information or data provided to the 1028
secretary of state that is confidential in the possession of the 1029
state providing the data remains confidential while in the 1030

possession of the secretary of state. 1031

(2) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 1032
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 1033
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 1034
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 1035
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 1036
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 1037
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 1038
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 1039
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 1040
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 1041
that receives confidential information or data under this 1042
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 1043
person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 1044
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 1045
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 1046
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 1047
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 1048
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 1049

(3) No person or entity that receives information or data 1050
under division (C) of this section shall sell the information or 1051
data or use the information or data for profit. 1052

(D) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 1053
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 1054
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 1055
receives under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that is 1056
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 1057
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 1058
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 1059
state and federal law: 1060

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

(2) Require the boards of elections to ~~make a reasonable effort to~~ remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from the database;

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

(E) (1) The secretary of state shall use the information in the statewide voter registration database and the databases of the bureau of motor vehicles and the United States social security administration to prepare and transmit to each board of elections a monthly report, in addition to a report immediately after the deadline to register to vote in an election, that identifies each voter registration record in the county to which any of the following apply and that has not been identified in a previous report:

(a) The record contains neither an Ohio driver's license or state identification card number nor the last four digits of a social security number.

(b) The record contains an Ohio driver's license or state identification card number, but one of the following applies:

(i) The number does not exist in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles.

(ii) The number exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles but is not associated with the first name, last

name, and date of birth that appear in the voter registration 1090
record. 1091

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of 1092
this section, the number exists in the records of the bureau of 1093
motor vehicles and is associated with the first name, last name, 1094
and date of birth that appear in the voter registration record, 1095
but the residence address that appears in the records of the 1096
bureau of motor vehicles is not the same as the residence 1097
address that appears in the voter registration record. 1098

(c) The record contains the last four digits of a social 1099
security number, but one of the following applies: 1100

(i) Those digits do not exist in the records of the United 1101
States social security administration. 1102

(ii) Those digits exist in the records of the United 1103
States social security administration but are not associated 1104
with the first name, last name, and date of birth that appear in 1105
the voter registration record. 1106

(iii) Those digits exist in the records of the United 1107
States social security administration, and are associated with 1108
the first name, last name, and date of birth that appear in the 1109
voter registration record, but available records from the bureau 1110
of motor vehicles indicate that the registrant has a current and 1111
valid Ohio driver's license or state identification number, and 1112
that the number is not in the voter registration record. 1113

(2) The report shall exclude any voter registration record 1114
described in division (E)(1)(b)(iii) belonging to an elector to 1115
whom either of the following applies: 1116

(a) The elector is a participant in the address 1117
confidentiality program described in sections 111.41 to 111.99 1118

of the Revised Code. 1119

(b) The elector is a designated public service worker, as 1120
described in section 149.43 of the Revised Code, and one of the 1121
following applies: 1122

(i) The elector has submitted a redaction request to the 1123
secretary of state or to the board of elections under section 1124
149.45 of the Revised Code. 1125

(ii) It is otherwise apparent from the elector's voter 1126
registration record or from the records of the bureau of motor 1127
vehicles that the elector is a designated public service worker. 1128

(3) The board of elections shall proceed under section 1129
3503.202 of the Revised Code not later than two weeks after 1130
receiving the report. 1131

(4) Subject to division (A) (2) of section 3503.13 of the 1132
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the information 1133
in each report available to the public on the secretary of 1134
state's official web site. 1135

(F) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules under 1136
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish a uniform method 1137
for addressing instances in which records contained in the 1138
statewide voter registration database do not conform with 1139
records maintained by an agency, state, or group of states 1140
described in division (B) or (C) of this section. That method 1141
shall prohibit an elector's voter registration from being 1142
canceled on the sole basis that the information in the 1143
registration record does not conform to records maintained by 1144
such an agency. 1145

(2) Information provided under division (B) or (C) of this 1146
section for maintenance of the statewide voter registration 1147

database shall not be used to update the name or address of a 1148
registered elector. The name or address of a registered elector 1149
shall only be updated as a result of the elector's actions in 1150
filing a notice of change of name, change of address, or both. 1151

(3) ~~A-Except as otherwise provided in section 3503.201 of~~ 1152
~~the Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a~~ 1153
registered elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division 1154
~~(E) (1)-(F) (1)~~ of this section to verify the accuracy of the 1155
information in the statewide voter registration database 1156
regarding that elector if that information does not conform with 1157
information provided under division (B) or (C) of this section 1158
and the discrepancy would affect the elector's eligibility to 1159
cast a regular ballot. 1160

Sec. 3503.152. The secretary of state shall conduct ~~an-~~ 1161
~~annual-a monthly~~ review of the statewide voter registration 1162
database, and shall conduct a review immediately after the 1163
deadline to register to vote in an election, for each election, 1164
to identify ~~persons~~ individuals who ~~appear not~~ are verified to 1165
be United States citizens, as follows: 1166

(A) The secretary of state shall compare the information 1167
in the statewide voter registration database with the 1168
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 1169
motor vehicles and other approved sources under section 3503.151 1170
of the Revised Code to identify ~~any person~~ all individuals who 1171
~~does all of the following, in the following order:-~~ 1172

~~(1) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles-~~ 1173
~~that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen;-~~ 1174

~~(2) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change~~ 1175
~~of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state;-~~ 1176

~~(3) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles~~ 1177
~~that indicates that the person is not a~~ 1178
~~are verified to be~~ 1179
~~United States citizen~~ 1179
~~citizens. The individual's information in~~ 1179
~~the statewide voter registration database shall be updated to~~ 1180
~~indicate whether the individual is a verified United States~~ 1181
~~citizen or not a verified United States citizen.~~ 1182

~~(B)(1)~~ 1183
The secretary of state shall send a report to 1183
each board of elections of the individuals residing in the 1184
county who have been identified under division (A) of this 1185
section and shall make the report available to the public, and 1186
the report shall include the following: 1187

(a) Individuals that have been identified as not being a 1188
verified United States citizen, who were not included in the 1189
previous report, or who had no citizenship indication in the 1190
previous report; 1191

(b) Individuals that have been identified as not being a 1192
verified United States citizen, who were previously identified 1193
as a verified United States citizen, including individuals who 1194
are no longer United States citizens; 1195

(c) Individuals who were identified as not being a 1196
verified United States citizen in the previous report, or who 1197
had no citizenship indication in the previous report, who have 1198
been identified as a United States citizen, including the date 1199
of verification, and whether the information regarding 1200
citizenship verification source and evidence of citizenship is 1201
missing; 1202

(d) Individuals that have been identified as not being a 1203
verified United States citizen, or being a verified United 1204
States citizen, if there is no longer an indication of 1205

citizenship. 1206

(2) The board of elections and the secretary of state shall review each report and investigate any irregularities. The board of elections shall make necessary updates to the voter registration database within two weeks after receiving each report, including both of the following: 1207
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(a) Changing an individual's information to reflect that an individual has or has not been verified as a United States citizen, as applicable. If the individual has been verified as a United States citizen, the date the individual was verified, the type of evidence used to verify citizenship, and the citizenship verification source. If the individual is not a verified United States citizen, marking the individual's name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to indicate that the individual must vote by provisional ballot, and the reason why. 1212
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(b) Removing a provisional ballot indication for any individual that has been verified as a United States citizen, if the database indicates that the only reason the individual was required to cast a provisional ballot was that the individual was not verified as a United States citizen. 1222
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(3) The board of elections shall send a written notice to each ~~person~~ individual that has been identified as not being a verified United States citizen under division (A) of this section, which shall inform the individual that the individual must cast a provisional ballot until the applicant's citizenship can be verified, instructing the ~~person~~ individual either to confirm that the person is a United States citizen provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections of the county in which the individual resides or to submit a completed voter 1227
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registration cancellation form to the ~~secretary of state board~~. 1236
The ~~secretary of state board~~ shall include a blank voter 1237
registration cancellation form with the notice, as well as an 1238
information sheet, as prescribed by the secretary of state 1239
explaining why the individual has not been verified as a United 1240
States citizen, and what steps the individual can take to be 1241
verified as a United States citizen. The information sheet shall 1242
include all of the following information: 1243

(a) Proof of United States citizenship can be provided to 1244
the board of elections any time before an election, and within 1245
four days after an election, and once the board verifies United 1246
States citizenship, the board will remove the indication that 1247
the individual must cast a provisional ballot, unless there are 1248
other reasons the individual must cast a provisional ballot; 1249

(b) Instructions on how to obtain evidence of United 1250
States citizenship, such as a passport or birth certificate, or 1251
how to request a hearing before the board of elections to 1252
establish United States citizenship under section 3503.012 of 1253
the Revised Code, for individuals who believe the individual is 1254
a United States citizen, but lacks evidence to verify; 1255

(c) Guidance on how to obtain a free state identification 1256
card with verified United States citizenship status through the 1257
bureau of motor vehicles; 1258

(d) Information on how the board of elections' expanded 1259
disability and confined services program will accept evidence of 1260
proof of citizenship; 1261

(e) How to contact the board of elections with questions; 1262

(f) When conducting the first comprehensive citizen review 1263
of the statewide voter registration database after the effective 1264

date of this amendment, an additional pamphlet prescribed by the 1265
secretary of state explaining why the individual is receiving a 1266
notice requesting proof of citizenship and why the additional 1267
information is necessary to provide secure and accurate voter 1268
rolls. If 1269

(4) If the individual provides proof of citizenship to the 1270
board of elections, the board promptly shall record that fact, 1271
and the evidence verifying United States citizenship, in the 1272
individual's registration record, including the citizenship 1273
verification source and the date the individual's citizenship 1274
was verified, and notify the secretary of state. The board shall 1275
attempt to determine the authenticity of the evidence of proof 1276
of citizenship using information from the bureau of motor 1277
vehicles or other sources under section 3503.151 of the Revised 1278
Code, and if the board cannot verify that the individual is a 1279
United States citizen, the board shall send a notice to the 1280
individual, notify the secretary of state, and refer the matter 1281
to an appropriate prosecuting authority. If the board verifies 1282
that the individual is a United States citizen, the board shall 1283
proceed under division (B) of section 3503.201 of the Revised 1284
Code. 1285

(5) If the individual cancels the individual's voter 1286
registration, the board promptly shall notify the secretary of 1287
state and refer the matter to an appropriate prosecuting 1288
authority. 1289

(C) If, within thirty days after the first notice is sent 1290
under division (B) of this section, the ~~person~~ individual fails 1291
to ~~respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in~~ 1292
~~division (C) or (D) of this section not later than thirty days~~ 1293
~~after the notice is sent~~ provide proof of citizenship to the 1294

board of elections or cancel the person's voter registration, 1295
the ~~secretary of state board~~ promptly shall send the ~~person-~~ 1296
individual a second notice and form. 1297

~~(C) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 1298
~~is sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (B) of~~ 1299
~~this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that~~ 1300
~~the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state~~ 1301
~~shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration.~~ 1302

~~(D) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice~~ 1303
~~was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (B) of~~ 1304
~~this section sends a completed voter registration cancellation~~ 1305
~~form to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall~~ 1306
~~instruct the board of elections of the county in which the~~ 1307
~~person is registered to cancel the person's registration.~~ 1308

~~(E) (D) (1) If a person who is sent, within thirty days 1309
after a second notice is sent under division ~~(B)-(C)~~ of this 1310
section, the individual fails to respond to the secretary of 1311
state in the manner described in division (C) or (D) of this 1312
section ~~not later than thirty days after the second notice is~~ 1313
~~sent~~ provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections or 1314
cancel the individual's voter registration, the ~~secretary of~~ 1315
~~state board~~ shall refer the matter to the ~~attorney general~~ 1316
secretary of state and the appropriate prosecuting authority for 1317
further investigation and possible prosecution under section 1318
3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any other applicable section of 1319
the Revised Code. ~~If,~~ 1320~~

(2) If, after the thirtieth day after the second notice is 1321
~~sent~~ secretary of state refers a person to the appropriate 1322
prosecuting authority under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1323
~~person sends a completed~~ individual provides proof of 1324

citizenship to the board of elections or cancels the 1325
individual's voter registration cancellation form to the 1326
~~secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the~~ 1327
~~board of elections of the county in which the person is~~ 1328
~~registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify~~ 1329
~~the attorney general~~secretary of state and the prosecuting 1330
authority of the cancellation that fact. 1331

~~(F) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review~~ 1332
~~described in this section during the ninety days immediately~~ 1333
~~preceding a primary or general election for federal office.~~ 1334

Sec. 3503.153. (A) The statewide voter registration 1335
database shall be made available on a web site of the office of 1336
the secretary of state as follows: 1337

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of 1338
this section, the following information from the statewide voter 1339
registration database regarding a registered elector shall be 1340
made available on the web site: 1341

(a) The elector's name; 1342

(b) The elector's birth date; 1343

(c) The elector's current residence address; 1344

(d) The elector's precinct number; 1345

(e) The elector's voter registration date, as described in 1346
division (C)(9) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code; 1347

(f) The elector's voting history, including the date of 1348
each election, the political party for primary elections, and 1349
the type of ballot each elector casts as described in division 1350
(C)(10) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code; 1351

(g) The elector's last activity date, as described in 1352
division (C) (11) of section 3503.15 of the Revised Code; 1353

(h) Whether the elector was required to cast a provisional 1354
ballot in the most recent election the elector voted in and the 1355
reason the elector was required to cast a provisional ballot, 1356
which may include the following, but which shall be removed if 1357
that ballot was subsequently counted under section 3505.183 of 1358
the Revised Code; 1359

(i) The acknowledgement notice under section 3503.152 of 1360
the Revised Code was returned undeliverable. 1361

(ii) The elector has not provided verifiable proof of 1362
United States citizenship. 1363

(iii) The elector's driver's license number, state 1364
identification number, or the last four digits of the elector's 1365
social security number could not be verified or does not match 1366
the number found in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles 1367
or the records from any citizenship verification source. 1368

(iv) The elector's residence address is not valid. 1369

(i) Whether the elector registered to vote with a federal 1370
or state form; 1371

(j) Whether or not the elector has been verified as a 1372
United States citizen and, if so, the date the elector was 1373
verified as a United States citizen under section 3503.201 of 1374
the Revised Code, the evidence the elector used as proof of 1375
citizenship, and the citizenship verification source. 1376

(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 1377
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter 1378
registration database shall permit an elector to search for the 1379

polling location at which that elector may cast a ballot. 1380

(3) No information in the statewide voter registration 1381
database that is exempt from disclosure under division (A) (2) of 1382
section 3503.13 of the Revised Code shall be made available on 1383
the web site. 1384

(4) The web site shall have the contact information for 1385
all boards of elections in this state, as well as information on 1386
how to verify citizenship for the purposes of voter registration 1387
and information about actions that may be taken to remove a 1388
provisional ballot indication and cast a regular ballot instead 1389
of a provisional ballot. 1390

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule 1391
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for 1392
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes 1393
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of 1394
updating the information made available on the secretary of 1395
state's web site under division (A) (2) of this section. Those 1396
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days 1397
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the 1398
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the 1399
location of a precinct polling place within the county. 1400

(2) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 1401
general election, not later than one business day after 1402
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (B) 1403
(1) of this section that the location of a precinct polling 1404
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that 1405
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose 1406
of division (A) (2) of this section. 1407

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 1408

(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 1409
elector changes the place of residence of that registered 1410
elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 1411
county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 1412
elector shall report the change by delivering a change of 1413
residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as 1414
prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of 1415
the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated 1416
agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1417
library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the 1418
secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy 1419
registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of 1420
elections in person or by a third person. Any voter 1421
registration, change of address, or change of name application, 1422
returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or 1423
the board of elections. 1424

A registered elector also may update the registration of 1425
that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 1426
change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 1427
election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 1428
registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 1429
another site designated by the board. 1430

~~(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 1431
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 1432
special election and has not filed a notice of change of 1433
residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 1434
by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 1435
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1436
photo identification, and casting a ballot. 1437~~

~~(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1438~~

~~registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to~~ 1439
~~the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not~~ 1440
~~filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may~~ 1441
~~vote in that election by going to that registered elector's~~ 1442
~~assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a~~ 1443
~~change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section~~ 1444
~~3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides~~ 1445
~~to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change,~~ 1446
~~such as a marriage license or court order that includes the~~ 1447
~~elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and~~ 1448
~~sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot.~~ 1449

~~(2)(B)~~ Any registered elector who moves ~~from one precinct~~ 1450
~~to another within a county, does not move but changes the~~ 1451
~~elector's name,~~ or moves ~~from one precinct to another within a~~ 1452
~~county~~ and changes the name of that registered elector on or 1453
prior to the day of a general, primary, or special election and 1454
has not filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 1455
whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 1456
in that election if that registered elector complies with 1457
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 1458

~~(a)(1)~~ Appears at any time any time during regular 1459
business hours on or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the 1460
election in which that registered elector wishes to vote or, if 1461
the election is held on the day of a presidential primary 1462
election, the twenty-fifth day prior to the election, through 1463
noon of the Saturday prior to the election at the office of the 1464
board of elections, appears at any time during regular business 1465
hours on the Monday prior to the election at the office of the 1466
board of elections, or appears on the day of the election at 1467
either of the following locations: 1468

~~(i)~~ (a) The polling place for the precinct in which that registered elector resides; 1469
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~~(ii)~~ (b) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections. 1471
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~~(b)~~ (2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1476
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~~(e)~~ (3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1480
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~~(d)~~ (4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election falsification, a statement attesting that that registered elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that registered elector resides, at the office of the board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1489
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whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1499
at any other location for that particular election. 1500

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1501
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1502
general, primary, or special election and has not registered to 1503
vote in the county to which that registered elector moved may 1504
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with 1505
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 1506

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1507
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1508
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1509
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1510
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1511
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1512
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1513
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1514
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1515
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1516
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1517
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1518
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1519
has designated another location in the county at which 1520
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1521
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1522
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1523
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1524
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1525
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1526
the office of the board of elections; 1527

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1528

falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1529
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1530

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1531
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1532
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1533
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1534
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1535
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1536
that registered elector has moved; 1537

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1538
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1539
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1540
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1541
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1542
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1543
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1544
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1545
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1546
location for that particular election. 1547

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1548
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1549
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1550
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1551
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1552
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1553
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1554
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1555
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1556
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1557
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1558

to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1559
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1560
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1561

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1562
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1563
different from the office of the board at which registered 1564
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1565
section. 1566

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1567
change of name, the board of elections shall ~~immediately send~~ 1568
~~the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of~~ 1569
~~residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall~~ 1570
~~update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is~~ 1571
~~incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the~~ 1572
~~acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the~~ 1573
~~information necessary to complete or update that registrant's~~ 1574
~~registration process it in accordance with section 3503.201 of~~ 1575
the Revised Code. 1576

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1577
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1578
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1579
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1580
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1581
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1582

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1583
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1584
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1585
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1586
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1587
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1588

within five days after receiving them. 1589

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1590
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1591
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1592
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1593
has designated another location in the county at which 1594
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1595
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1596
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1597
of the following: 1598

(1) Makes a written application on a form prescribed by 1599
the secretary of state that includes all of the information 1600
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code to the 1601
appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after the 1602
twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the registered 1603
elector wishes to vote through the close of business on the 1604
seventh day prior to that election and requests that the absent 1605
voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the registered 1606
elector has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the 1607
address of that registered elector who has not moved but has had 1608
a change of name; 1609

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1610
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1611
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1612
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1613
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1614
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1615
infirmity; 1616

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1617
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1618

address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1619
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1620

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1621
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1622
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1623
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1624
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1625
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1626
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1627
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1628
location or address for that particular election. 1629

Sec. 3503.19. (A) Persons qualified to register or to 1630
change their registration because of a change of address or 1631
change of name may register or change their registration in 1632
person at any state or local office of a designated agency, at 1633
the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1634
vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, at a 1635
public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at a 1636
branch office established by the board of elections, or in 1637
person, through another person, or by mail at the office of the 1638
secretary of state or at the office of a board of elections. A 1639
registered elector may also change the elector's registration on 1640
election day at any polling place where the elector is eligible 1641
to vote, in the manner provided under section 3503.16 of the 1642
Revised Code. 1643

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1644
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1645
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1646
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 1647
voter registration application or change of registration form 1648

that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 1649
which the state or local office is located, within five days 1650
after receiving the voter registration application or change of 1651
registration form. 1652

An otherwise valid voter registration application that is 1653
returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1654
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1655
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1656
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1657
library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 1658
secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 1659
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1660
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 1661
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 1662
registration application received after that day entitles the 1663
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1664

Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1665
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1666
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1667
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 1668
registration application or change of name or change of address 1669
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 1670
identity of the state or local office that receives the 1671
registration. 1672

Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, that 1673
are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of state or 1674
to the office of a board of elections must be postmarked no 1675
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1676
general election in order for the person to qualify as an 1677
elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise valid 1678

voter registration application that is returned by mail does not 1679
bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration shall be 1680
valid for that election if received by the office of the 1681
secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1682
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1683
general election. 1684

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1685
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1686
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1687
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1688
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1689
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 1690
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 1691
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1692
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1693
Revised Code. 1694

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1695
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1696
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1697
vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1698
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1699
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1700
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1701
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 1702
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1703
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1704
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1705
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1706

(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an 1707
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1708

through another person to any board of elections or the office 1709
of the secretary of state. 1710

(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a 1711
voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that 1712
person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the 1713
office of the secretary of state. 1714

(d) If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1715
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 1716
or (c) of this section before the thirtieth day before an 1717
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1718
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1719
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1720
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1721
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1722
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1723
(B) (2) (b) or (c) of this section on or after the thirtieth day 1724
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1725
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1726
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1727
seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1728
election. 1729

~~(C) (1) (C) A board of elections that receives a voter 1730
registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 1731
statements made in the registration form shall register the 1732
applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 1733
process the application, unless that application is received 1734
during the thirty days immediately preceding the day of an 1735
election in accordance with section 3503.201 of the Revised 1736
Code. The board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing 1737
of each of the following: 1738~~

~~(a) The applicant's registration;~~ 1739

~~(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote;~~ 1740

~~(c) In bold type as follows:~~ 1741

~~"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo identification will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot."~~ 1742
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~~The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause the notification to be delivered to the correct address.~~ 1746
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~~(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) (1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned to the board.~~ 1749
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~~At the first election at which a voter whose name has been so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to vote by provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the voter's notification was returned from that voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United States mail of the cancellation.~~ 1755
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~~(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of this section in any election during the period of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, the person's registration shall be canceled.~~

Sec. 3503.201. (A) When the board of elections receives a voter registration application or a notice of change of address or change of name that is complete, the board shall verify whether the applicant is a United States citizen by doing one of the following:

(1) If the applicant has provided the number of the applicant's Ohio driver's license or state identification card or if the applicant's voter registration record already contains that number, confirming, using information obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles or from other sources under section 3503.151 of the Revised Code, that the applicant has submitted documentation to the bureau that indicates that the applicant is a United States citizen.

(2) If the applicant has provided the last four digits of the applicant's social security number, confirming, using information obtained from any source listed in division (FF) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, that indicates the applicant is a United States citizen.

(3) Determining that the applicant's existing voter registration record obtained from the statewide voter

registration database indicates that a board of elections has 1798
previously verified the applicant as a United States citizen. 1799

(B)(1) If the board is able to verify the applicant's 1800
United States citizenship under division (A)(1) of this section, 1801
the application is complete, and the board is satisfied as to 1802
the truth of the statements made in the registration form, the 1803
board shall register the applicant or update the applicant's 1804
registration and shall indicate whether the applicant registered 1805
using a federal or state voter registration form, the evidence 1806
used as proof of citizenship, the citizenship verification 1807
source, and the date on which the applicant's citizenship was 1808
verified, and shall, if applicable, remove any indications that 1809
the applicant must cast a provisional ballot as long as no other 1810
reasons exist that the applicant must cast a provisional ballot, 1811
not later than twenty business days after receiving the 1812
application, unless that application is received during the 1813
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election, and 1814
promptly shall send the applicant an acknowledgment notice. 1815

(2) The acknowledgment notice shall include all of the 1816
following information: 1817

(a) The fact that the elector has been registered to vote 1818
or has had the elector's registration updated, as applicable; 1819

(b) The precinct in which the elector is to vote; 1820

(c) In bold type as follows: 1821

"Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in 1822
order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo 1823
identification will still be able to vote by casting a 1824
provisional ballot. If a voter recently became a United States 1825
citizen, the voter must provide the voter's naturalization 1826

certificate to the bureau of motor vehicles and have the voter's 1827
driver's license or state identification updated in order to 1828
cast a regular ballot. Otherwise, the voter must present a 1829
current and valid United States passport or passport card, or a 1830
United States military identification card, Ohio national guard 1831
identification card, or United States department of veterans 1832
affairs identification card. Failure to update driver's license 1833
or state identification, or to present any of the identification 1834
listed above, may result in a requirement to vote 1835
provisionally." 1836

(3) The board promptly shall send the acknowledgment 1837
notice by nonforwardable mail. If the acknowledgment notice is 1838
returned to the board as undeliverable, it shall investigate and 1839
cause the acknowledgment notice to be delivered to the correct 1840
address. 1841

(4) If, after investigating as required under division (B) 1842
(3) of this section, the board is unable to verify the elector's 1843
correct address, it shall proceed under section 3503.202 of the 1844
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(C) If the board is unable to verify the applicant's 1846
United States citizenship under division (A) of this section or 1847
if the application is otherwise incomplete, the board promptly 1848
shall proceed under divisions (B) (2), (B) (3), (C), and (D) of 1849
section 3503.152 of the Revised Code. 1850

(D) If the board determines that the applicant appears not 1851
to be eligible to vote, the board shall reject the form and 1852
refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney of the county for 1853
investigation. 1854

Sec. 3503.202. (A) When either of the following occurs, 1855

the board of elections shall send the elector a confirmation 1856
notice and shall mark the elector's name in the official 1857
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1858
indicate that the elector must vote by provisional ballot, and 1859
the reason why: 1860

(1) The board determines that it is unable to verify an 1861
elector's residence address, as described in division (B)(4) of 1862
section 3503.201 of the Revised Code. 1863

(2)(a) The board receives a report from the secretary of 1864
state under division (E) of section 3503.151 of the Revised Code 1865
indicating that the board must verify the elector's Ohio 1866
driver's license or state identification card number, the last 1867
four digits of the elector's social security number, or the 1868
elector's residence address. 1869

(b) The board shall not follow the procedures of division 1870
(A)(2)(a) of this section on the basis that an elector appears 1871
in a report indicating that the board must verify the elector's 1872
residence address if it is apparent to the board that the 1873
elector is a participant in the address confidentiality program 1874
described in sections 111.41 to 111.99 of the Revised Code or is 1875
a designated public service worker as described in section 1876
149.43 of the Revised Code. 1877

(c) Upon receiving notice in a subsequent report under 1878
division (A)(2)(a) of this section that an elector's residence 1879
address in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles has been 1880
updated to match the elector's residence address in the voter 1881
registration record, the board shall remove the indication that 1882
the elector must vote by provisional ballot for that reason and 1883
shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by 1884
provisional ballot if no other reasons exist that require the 1885

elector to cast a provisional ballot. 1886

(B) (1) If the board must verify an elector's residence address, and the elector provides a valid residence address to the board before the elector next appears to vote, the board shall correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot for that reason and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot if no other reasons exist that require the elector to cast a provisional ballot. 1887
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(2) If the board must verify an elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the elector's social security number, and the elector provides at least one of the following to the board before the elector next appears to vote, the board shall correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot for that reason and shall remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional ballot if no other reasons exist that require the elector to cast a provisional ballot: 1895
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(a) An Ohio driver's license or state identification card number that exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and is associated with the elector's first name, last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of state; 1905
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(b) The last four digits of a social security number that exists in the records of the United States social security administration and is associated with the elector's first name, last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of state; 1909
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(c) A correction to the elector's first name, last name, 1914

or date of birth in the elector's registration record such that 1915
the number in the elector's registration record meets the 1916
requirements of division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this section, as 1917
applicable, as confirmed by the secretary of state. 1918

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 1919
this section, at any election at which the elector appears to 1920
vote, the elector shall vote by provisional ballot under section 1921
3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1922

(2) If the board must verify the elector's Ohio driver's 1923
license or state identification card number or the last four 1924
digits of the elector's social security number, then in order 1925
for the elector's provisional ballot to be eligible to be 1926
counted, in addition to meeting all other requirements described 1927
in division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the 1928
elector shall provide at least one of the following on the 1929
provisional ballot affirmation or shall appear in person at the 1930
office of the board within four days after the day of the 1931
election and provide at least one of the following: 1932

(a) An Ohio driver's license or state identification card 1933
that exists in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and 1934
is associated with the elector's first name, last name, and date 1935
of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of state; 1936

(b) The last four digits of a social security number that 1937
exists in the records of the United States social security 1938
administration and is associated with the elector's first name, 1939
last name, and date of birth, as confirmed by the secretary of 1940
state; 1941

(c) A correction to the elector's first name, last name, 1942
or date of birth in the elector's registration record such that 1943

the number in the elector's registration record meets the 1944
requirements of division (C) (2) (a) or (b) of this section, as 1945
applicable, as confirmed by the secretary of state. 1946

(3) If no reason exists for an elector to vote by 1947
provisional ballot, the elector's provisional ballot is counted 1948
pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 3505.183 of the Revised 1949
Code and, if applicable, pursuant to this section, the board 1950
shall correct the elector's registration, if needed, and shall 1951
remove the indication that the elector must vote by provisional 1952
ballot. 1953

(4) If the provisional ballot is not counted pursuant to 1954
division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of section 3505.183 of the 1955
Revised Code or, if applicable, pursuant to this section and 1956
section 3503.201 of the Revised Code, or if the board cannot 1957
verify that the elector is a United States citizen, the board 1958
shall cancel the elector's registration and shall notify the 1959
elector by United States mail of the cancellation. The notice 1960
shall inform the elector that the elector may again register to 1961
vote if the elector is eligible to do so. If the elector's 1962
registration was canceled because of failure to verify United 1963
States citizenship, the board shall notify the appropriate 1964
prosecuting authority and the secretary of state. 1965

Sec. 3503.21. (A) The registration of a registered elector 1966
shall be canceled upon the occurrence of any of the following: 1967

(1) The filing by a registered elector of a written 1968
request with a board of elections or the secretary of state, on 1969
a form prescribed by the secretary of state and signed by the 1970
elector, that the registration be canceled. The filing of such a 1971
request does not prohibit an otherwise qualified elector from 1972
reregistering to vote at any time. 1973

(2) The filing of a notice of the death of a registered elector as provided in section 3503.18 of the Revised Code;	1974 1975
(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;	1976 1977 1978 1979 1980
(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;	1981 1982 1983
(5) The adjudication of incompetency of the registered elector for the purpose of voting as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code;	1984 1985 1986
(6) The change of residence of the registered elector to a location outside the county of registration in accordance with division (B) of this section;	1987 1988 1989
(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the following:	1990 1991 1992
(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections;	1993 1994 1995
(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections.	1996 1997 1998
(8) The receipt by the board of elections of a cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the Revised Code.	1999 2000 2001

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures 2002
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of 2003
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting 2004
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county 2005
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division 2006
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory, and shall comply with 2007
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may 2008
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of 2009
the national change of address service provided by the United 2010
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so 2011
prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior 2012
to the date of any primary or general election for federal 2013
office. 2014

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 2015
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 2016
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 2017
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 2018
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 2019
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 2020
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 2021
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 2022
confirmation notice. 2023

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 2024
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of 2025
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised 2026
Code, division ~~(C)(2)~~ (C)(4) of section ~~3503.19~~ 3503.202 of the 2027
Revised Code, or division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised 2028
Code. 2029

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 2030
registration information to the secretary of state as required 2031

under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 2032
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 2033
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 2034
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 2035
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 2036
the information to the national change of address service 2037
described in division (B) of this section and request that 2038
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 2039
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 2040
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 2041
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 2042
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 2043
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 2044
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 2045
address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 2046
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 2047
correct the change of address information. 2048

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 2049
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 2050
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 2051
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 2052
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 2053
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 2054
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 2055

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 2056
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 2057
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 2058
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 2059
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 2060
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 2061
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 2062

the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the error. 2063
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(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 2065
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Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 2068
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(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 2070
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(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to provide photo identification to the election officials; 2076
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(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 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; 2078
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(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) of~~ section ~~3503.19~~ 3503.202 of the Revised Code; 2083
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(5) An individual who has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 or 3513.20 of the Revised Code; 2088
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(6) An individual who ~~changes the individual's name and~~ 2090

~~remains within the precinct without providing proof of that name~~ 2091
~~change under division (B) (1) (b) of section 3503.16 of the~~ 2092
~~Revised Code, moves from one precinct to another within a~~ 2093
~~county, moves from one precinct to another and changes the~~ 2094
~~individual's name, or moves from one county to another within~~ 2095
~~the state, and completes and signs the required forms and~~ 2096
~~statements under division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the~~ 2097
~~Revised Code;~~ 2098

(7) An individual whose signature, in the opinion of the 2099
precinct officers under section 3505.22 of the Revised Code, is 2100
not that of the person who signed that name in the registration 2101
forms; 2102

(8) An individual whose United States citizenship has not 2103
been verified by the board of elections under Chapter 3503. of 2104
the Revised Code. 2105

(B) An individual who is eligible to cast a provisional 2106
ballot under division (A) of this section shall be permitted to 2107
cast a provisional ballot as follows: 2108

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify 2109
the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 2110
in that election. 2111

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 2112
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 2113
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 2114
stating that the individual is both of the following: 2115

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 2116
individual desires to vote; 2117

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 2118

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 2119
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 2120
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 2121
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 2122
appropriate local election official for verification under 2123
division (B) (4) of this section. 2124

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 2125
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 2126
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 2127
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 2128
be counted as a vote in that election. 2129

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 2130
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 2131
individual written information that states that any individual 2132
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 2133
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 2134
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 2135
the reason that the vote was not counted. 2136

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 2137
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 2138
telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 2139
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 2140
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 2141
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 2142
established under this division also shall provide to an 2143
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 2144
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 2145
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 2146
individual's voter registration. 2147

The appropriate state or local election official shall 2148

establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 2149
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 2150
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 2151
access system established under this division. The system shall 2152
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 2153
the individual's own provisional ballot. 2154

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 2155
ballot, the individual provides photo identification, the 2156
individual shall record the type of identification provided on 2157
the provisional ballot affirmation and, if the individual 2158
provides an Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or 2159
interim identification document, the individual also shall write 2160
the individual's driver's license or state identification card 2161
number on the provisional ballot affirmation. 2162

(7) (a) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be 2163
counted when it is cast by an individual who does not have photo 2164
identification because the individual has a religious objection 2165
to being photographed, the individual shall complete an 2166
affidavit of religious objection under section 3505.19 of the 2167
Revised Code. The election officials shall attach the affidavit 2168
to the individual's provisional ballot envelope. If the 2169
individual does not complete the affidavit at the time of 2170
casting the provisional ballot, the individual may appear at the 2171
office of the board of elections within four days after the day 2172
of the election and complete the affidavit. 2173

(b) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 2174
when it is cast by any other individual who does not have or is 2175
unable to provide photo identification to the election 2176
officials, the individual who cast that ballot, within four days 2177
after the day of the election, shall appear at the office of the 2178

board of elections and provide photo identification. 2179

(8) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has 2180
been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the 2181
Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who 2182
cast that ballot, within four days after the day of that 2183
election, shall provide to the board of elections any 2184
identification or other documentation required to be provided by 2185
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 2186
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 2187

(9) For a provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted 2188
when it is cast by an individual who has not been verified as a 2189
United States citizen, the individual shall submit proof of 2190
citizenship to the board of elections with the individual's 2191
provisional ballot or within four days after the day of the 2192
election, and the board shall verify whether the individual is a 2193
United States citizen. 2194

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 2195
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 2196
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 2197
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 2198
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 2199
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 2200
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 2201
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 2202
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 2203
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 2204
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 2205
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 2206
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 2207
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 2208

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 2209
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 2210
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 2211
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 2212
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 2213
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 2214
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 2215
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 2216
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 2217
provisional ballot affirmation: 2218

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 2219
precinct; 2220

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 2221
individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 2222

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 2223
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 2224
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 2225
ballot being rejected; 2226

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 2227
individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 2228

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 2229
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 2230

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 2231
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 2232
on the day of each election. 2233

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 2234
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 2235

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 2236

following: 2237

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 2238
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 2239
street address in the county or the range of residential street 2240
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 2241

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 2242
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 2243
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 2244
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 2245
in the county. 2246

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 2247

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 2248
that election; 2249

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the 2250
hours during which polling places will be open; 2251

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a 2252
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot; 2253

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time 2254
voters under applicable federal and state laws; 2255

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable 2256
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an 2257
individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how 2258
to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 2259
to have been violated; 2260

(f) General information on federal and state laws 2261
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 2262
misrepresentation. 2263

(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.

Sec. 3505.182. Each individual who casts a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall execute a written affirmation. The form of the written affirmation shall be printed upon the face of the provisional ballot envelope and shall be as follows:

"Provisional Ballot Affirmation

(A) Clearly print your full name: _____

(B) Write your date of birth: _____

(C) (1) Write your current address: _____

(2) Have you moved without updating your voter registration?:

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, write your former address: _____

Failure to provide your former address will not cause your provisional ballot to be rejected.

(D) (1) You must show photo identification to the election

official that includes your name and photograph and is not 2291
expired. Check the type of photo identification you provided: 2292

_____ An Ohio driver's license or state identification 2293
card or an interim identification form issued by the Bureau of 2294
Motor Vehicles. If you showed your Ohio driver's license or 2295
state identification card or an interim identification form, 2296
write your full driver's license or state identification card 2297
number: _____ 2298

_____ A United States passport or passport card; 2299

_____ A United States military identification card, Ohio 2300
national guard identification card, or United States department 2301
of veterans affairs identification card. 2302

(2) If you do not have photo identification because you 2303
have a religious objection to being photographed, complete an 2304
affidavit of religious objection. The precinct election official 2305
will attach it to the provisional ballot envelope. 2306

(3) If you did not show photo identification to the 2307
election official or complete an affidavit of religious 2308
objection, you must appear at the office of the board of 2309
elections during the four days after the election and provide 2310
photo identification or complete an affidavit of religious 2311
objection for your vote to be eligible to be counted. 2312

(4) ~~If Complete this section if you need to update your~~ 2313
~~voter registration, you may provide additional information~~ 2314
~~below. This information will not be used for ballot counting~~ 2315
~~purposes or if you need to verify the identification you used to~~ 2316
~~register to vote.~~ 2317

Write your full Ohio driver's license or state 2318
identification card number, which also serves as proof of 2319

citizenship if you have submitted documentation to the bureau of 2320
motor vehicles indicating that you are a United States citizen: 2321
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OR 2323

Write the last four digits of your Social Security number: 2324
_____ and attach proof of citizenship to the outside 2325
of this envelope. You are not required to attach proof of 2326
citizenship if you have previously provided proof of citizenship 2327
to a board of elections in Ohio, and that proof of citizenship 2328
has been verified. 2329

"Proof of citizenship" means evidence that, when verified 2330
as authentic, indicates that you are a United States citizen, in 2331
the form of one of the following: a copy of the front and back 2332
of a current or expired Ohio driver's license, state 2333
identification card, or interim identification form, if you have 2334
submitted documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 2335
indicating that you are a United States citizen; a copy of a 2336
birth certificate, certification of report of birth, or consular 2337
report of birth abroad; a copy of the identification page of a 2338
current or expired United States passport; a copy of the front 2339
and back of a United States passport card; or a copy of a 2340
certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship. 2341

If the name on your proof of citizenship is different from 2342
your current legal name, you must also attach proof of your 2343
change of name, such as a legible copy of a marriage license or 2344
court order. 2345

If you are updating your registration, you have not 2346
previously provided proof of citizenship to a board of 2347
elections, and you do not provide it when you cast this ballot, 2348

you must provide proof of citizenship to the board of elections 2349
on or before the fourth day following this election and the 2350
board of elections must verify your United States citizenship in 2351
order for your ballot to be eligible to be counted. 2352

(E) If your right to vote has been challenged, you must 2353
provide any required additional information to the board of 2354
elections on or before the ~~seventh~~fourth day following this 2355
election. 2356

(F) Sign and date the following statement: 2357

I solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the 2358
United States; that I will be at least 18 years of age at the 2359
time of the general election; that I have lived in this state 2360
for 30 days immediately preceding this election in which I am 2361
voting this ballot; that I am a registered voter in the precinct 2362
in which I am voting this provisional ballot; and that I am 2363
eligible to vote in the election in which I am voting this 2364
provisional ballot. 2365

I understand that, if the information I provide on this 2366
provisional ballot affirmation is not fully completed and 2367
correct, if the board of elections determines that I am not 2368
registered to vote, a resident of this precinct, or eligible to 2369
vote in this election, or if the board of elections determines 2370
that I have already voted in this election, my provisional 2371
ballot will not be counted. I understand that, if I am not 2372
currently registered to vote or if I am not registered at my 2373
current address or under my current name, this form will serve 2374
as an application to register to vote or update my registration 2375
for future elections, as long as I provide all of the 2376
information required to register to vote or update my 2377
registration. I further understand that knowingly providing 2378

false information is a violation of law and subjects me to 2379
possible criminal prosecution. 2380

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 2381
that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my 2382
knowledge and belief. 2383

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Signature of Voter 2385

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Date 2387

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 2388
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 2389

In addition to any information required to be included on 2390
the written affirmation, an individual casting a provisional 2391
ballot may provide additional information to the election 2392
official to assist the board of elections in determining the 2393
individual's eligibility to vote in that election, including the 2394
date and location at which the individual registered to vote, if 2395
known. 2396

If the individual provided all of the information required 2397
under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to register to vote or 2398
to update the individual's registration on the provisional 2399
ballot affirmation, the board of elections shall consider the 2400
individual's provisional ballot affirmation to also serve as a 2401
notice of change of name, change of residence, or both, or as a 2402
voter registration form, as applicable, for that individual only 2403
for the purposes of future elections. 2404

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 2405
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 2406

separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 2407
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 2408
member of each major political party shall place the sealed 2409
provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 2410
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 2411
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 2412
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 2413
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 2414
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 2415
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2416
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2417
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2418
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2419

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2420
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2421
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2422
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2423
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2424
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2425
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2426
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2427
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2428
be eligible to be counted: 2429

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2430
birth, and current address; 2431

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2432
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2433

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2434
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2435

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2436
in an affirmation under division (B)(1) of this section, in 2437
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2438
to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2439
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2440
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2441
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2442
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2443
during the four days after the day of the election under 2444
~~division (B)(7) or (8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, 2445
to assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility 2446
to vote. 2447

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2448
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2449
section and comparing the information required under division 2450
(B)(1) of this section with the individual's information in the 2451
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2452
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2453
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2454
to be counted: 2455

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2456
registered to vote. 2457

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 2458
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 2459
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2460

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2461
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the 2462
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2463
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2464

(d) One of the following applies: 2465

(i) The individual provided photo identification at the 2466
time of casting the provisional ballot or appeared at the office 2467
of the board within four days after the day of the election and 2468
provided photo identification. If the individual provided the 2469
individual's Ohio driver's license or state identification card 2470
or an interim identification form, the individual provided the 2471
individual's driver's license number or state identification 2472
card number and the number is not different from the 2473
individual's driver's license number or state identification 2474
card number contained in the statewide voter registration 2475
database. 2476

(ii) The individual completed an affidavit of religious 2477
objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code at the time 2478
of casting the provisional ballot or at the office of the board 2479
within four days after the day of the election and the affidavit 2480
is valid under that section. 2481

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2482
month and day of the individual's date of birth are not 2483
different from the day and month of the individual's date of 2484
birth contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2485

This division does not apply to an individual's 2486
provisional ballot if ~~either of the following is true:~~ 2487

~~(i) The individual's date of birth contained in the 2488
statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2489~~

~~(ii) The the board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2490
least three of its members, that the individual has met all 2491
other requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2492~~

(f) The individual's current address is not different from 2493

the individual's address contained in the statewide voter 2494
registration database, unless the individual indicated that the 2495
individual is casting a provisional ballot because the 2496
individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of 2497
address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of 2498
the Revised Code. 2499

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2500
information required under division (B) (8) of section 3505.181 2501
of the Revised Code within four days after the day of the 2502
election. 2503

(h) If the individual cast a provisional ballot because 2504
the individual is registered to vote but the individual's United 2505
States citizenship has not been verified, the board verifies the 2506
individual's United States citizenship. 2507

(i) If applicable, the individual provided the information 2508
required under division (C) (2) of section 3503.202 of the 2509
Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or within 2510
four days after the day of the election. 2511

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2512
this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 2513
and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 2514
this section and comparing the information required under 2515
division (B) (1) of this section with the individual's 2516
information in the statewide voter registration database, the 2517
board determines that any of the following applies, the 2518
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2519
shall not be counted: 2520

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2521
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2522

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2523
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2524
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2525

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2526
information required under division (B)(1) of this section in 2527
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2528
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2529

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2530
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2531

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2532
additional information required under division (B)(8) of section 2533
3505.181 of the Revised Code within four days after the day of 2534
the election. 2535

(vi) The individual failed to provide photo 2536
identification, to provide the individual's driver's license or 2537
state identification card number if the individual provided 2538
photo identification in the form of an Ohio driver's license or 2539
state identification card or an interim identification form, or 2540
to complete an affidavit of religious objection. 2541

(vii) The individual failed to execute an affirmation 2542
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2543

(viii) The individual provided photo identification in the 2544
form of an Ohio driver's license or state identification card or 2545
an interim identification form and the driver's license number 2546
or state identification card number the individual provided is 2547
different from the individual's driver's license number or state 2548
identification card number contained in the statewide voter 2549
registration database. 2550

(ix) The individual completed an affidavit of religious 2551

objection under section 3505.19 of the Revised Code, but the 2552
affidavit is not valid under that section. 2553

(x) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2554
month and day of the individual's date of birth are different 2555
from the day and month of the individual's date of birth 2556
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2557

This division does not apply to an individual's 2558
provisional ballot if ~~either of the following is true:~~ 2559

~~(I) The individual's date of birth contained in the 2560
statewide voter registration database is January 1, 1800.~~ 2561

~~(II) The the board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2562
least three of its members, that the individual has met all of 2563
the requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than 2564
the requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section.~~ 2565

(xi) The individual's current address is different from 2566
the individual's address contained in the statewide voter 2567
registration database, unless the individual indicated that the 2568
individual is casting a provisional ballot because the 2569
individual has moved and has not submitted a notice of change of 2570
address, as described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of 2571
the Revised Code. 2572

(xii) If the individual cast a provisional ballot because 2573
the individual is registered to vote and the board is unable to 2574
verify the individual's United States citizenship. 2575

(xiii) If applicable, the individual did not provide the 2576
information required under division (C) (2) of section 3503.202 2577
of the Revised Code on the provisional ballot affirmation or 2578
within four days after the day of the election. 2579

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

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

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

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

(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. 2610

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2611
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2612
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2613
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2614
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2615
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2616
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2617
which the individual was eligible to vote. 2618

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2619
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2620
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2621
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2622
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2623
shall not be counted. 2624

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 2625
(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 2626
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 2627
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 2628
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 2629
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 2630

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2631
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 2632
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2633
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2634
provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2635
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2636
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 2637
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2638
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2639

that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2640
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2641
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2642
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2643
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2644
ballot. 2645

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 2646
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 2647
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 2648
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2649
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 2650
be counted during the seven days after the day of an election. 2651

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2652
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2653
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 2654
an individual who must provide photo identification, complete an 2655
affidavit of religious objection, or provide additional 2656
information to the board of elections under ~~division (B) (7) or~~ 2657
~~(8) of~~ section 3505.181 of the Revised Code for the board to 2658
determine the individual's eligibility until the individual does 2659
so or until the eighth day after the day of the election, 2660
whichever is earlier. 2661

Sec. 3505.20. Any person offering to vote may be 2662
challenged at the polling place by any precinct election 2663
official. If the board of elections has ruled on the question 2664
presented by a challenge prior to election day, its finding and 2665
decision shall be final, and the voting location manager shall 2666
be notified in writing. If the board has not ruled, the question 2667
shall be determined as set forth in this section. If any person 2668
is so challenged as unqualified to vote, the voting location 2669

manager shall tender the person the following oath: "You do 2670
swear or affirm under penalty of election falsification that you 2671
will fully and truly answer all of the following questions put 2672
to you concerning your qualifications as an elector at this 2673
election." 2674

(A) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2675
ground that the person is not a United States citizen, the 2676
precinct election officials shall put the following questions: 2677

(1) Are you a citizen of the United States? 2678

(2) ~~Are you a native or naturalized citizen?~~ 2679

~~(3) Where were you born?~~ 2680

~~(4) What official documentation do~~ Do you possess to prove 2681
proof of your United States citizenship? Please provide that 2682
documentation. 2683

If the person offering to vote ~~claims to be a naturalized~~ 2684
~~citizen of the United States, the person shall, before the vote~~ 2685
~~is received, produce~~ produces verified proof of citizenship in 2686
the form of a current and valid driver's license or state 2687
identification card issued April 7, 2023, or after without a 2688
noncitizen designation, or a current or expired United States 2689
passport or passport card for inspection of the precinct 2690
election officials ~~a certificate of naturalization, and declare~~ 2691
declares under oath that the person is ~~the identical person~~ 2692
~~named in the certificate. If the person states under oath that,~~ 2693
~~by reason of the naturalization of the person's parents or one~~ 2694
~~of them, the person has become a citizen of the United States,~~ 2695
~~and when or where the person's parents were naturalized, the~~ 2696
~~certificate of naturalization need not be produced~~ the person 2697
shall be permitted to cast a regular ballot. If the person is 2698

unable to provide ~~a certificate of naturalization~~ verified 2699
proof of citizenship as described in this division on the day of 2700
the election, the precinct election officials shall provide to 2701
the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 2702
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 2703
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 2704
board of elections ~~determines~~ verifies that the ~~voter~~ person is 2705
~~properly registered~~ a United States citizen and eligible to vote 2706
in the election. 2707

(B) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2708
ground that the person has not resided in this state for thirty 2709
days immediately preceding the election, the precinct election 2710
officials shall put the following questions: 2711

(1) Have you resided in this state for thirty days 2712
immediately preceding this election? If so, where have you 2713
resided? 2714

(2) Did you properly register to vote? 2715

(3) Can you provide some form of identification containing 2716
your current mailing address in this precinct? Please provide 2717
that identification. 2718

(4) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other 2719
location in this or in any other state at this election? 2720

(5) Have you applied for an absent voter's ballot in any 2721
state for this election? 2722

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 2723
the person's eligibility to cast a ballot in the election, the 2724
precinct election officials shall provide to the person, and the 2725
person may vote, a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 2726
the Revised Code. The provisional ballot shall not be counted 2727

unless it is properly completed and the board of elections 2728
determines that the voter is properly registered and eligible to 2729
vote in the election. 2730

(C) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2731
ground that the person is not a resident of the precinct where 2732
the person offers to vote, the precinct election officials shall 2733
put the following questions: 2734

(1) Do you reside in this precinct? 2735

(2) When did you move into this precinct? 2736

(3) When you came into this precinct, did you come for a 2737
temporary purpose merely or for the purpose of making it your 2738
home? 2739

(4) What is your current mailing address? 2740

(5) Do you have some official identification containing 2741
your current address in this precinct? Please provide that 2742
identification. 2743

(6) Have you voted or attempted to vote at any other 2744
location in this or in any other state at this election? 2745

(7) Have you applied for any absent voter's ballot in any 2746
state for this election? 2747

The precinct election officials shall direct an individual 2748
who is not in the appropriate polling place to the appropriate 2749
polling place. If the individual refuses to go to the 2750
appropriate polling place, or if the precinct election officials 2751
are unable to verify the person's eligibility to cast a ballot 2752
in the election, the precinct election officials shall provide 2753
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot 2754
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional 2755

ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and 2756
the board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2757
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2758

(D) If the person is challenged as unqualified on the 2759
ground that the person is not of legal voting age, the precinct 2760
election officials shall put the following questions: 2761

(1) Are you eighteen years of age or more? 2762

(2) What is your date of birth? 2763

(3) Do you have some official identification verifying 2764
your age? Please provide that identification. 2765

If the precinct election officials are unable to verify 2766
the person's age and eligibility to cast a ballot in the 2767
election, the precinct election officials shall provide to the 2768
person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot under 2769
section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional ballot 2770
shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and the 2771
board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2772
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2773

The voting location manager shall put such other questions 2774
to the person challenged as are necessary to determine the 2775
person's qualifications as an elector at the election. If a 2776
person challenged refuses to answer fully any question put to 2777
the person, is unable to answer the questions as they were 2778
answered on the registration form by the person under whose name 2779
the person offers to vote, or refuses to sign the person's name 2780
or make the person's mark, or if for any other reason a majority 2781
of the precinct election officials believes the person is not 2782
entitled to vote, the precinct election officials shall provide 2783
to the person, and the person may vote, a provisional ballot 2784

under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. The provisional 2785
ballot shall not be counted unless it is properly completed and 2786
the board of elections determines that the voter is properly 2787
registered and eligible to vote in the election. 2788

A qualified citizen who has certified the citizen's 2789
intention to vote for president and vice-president as provided 2790
by Chapter 3504. of the Revised Code shall be eligible to 2791
receive only the ballot containing presidential and vice- 2792
presidential candidates. 2793

However, not later than the thirtieth day before the day 2794
of an election and in accordance with section 3503.24 of the 2795
Revised Code, any person qualified to vote may challenge the 2796
right of any other person to be registered as a voter, or the 2797
right to cast an absent voter's ballot, or to make application 2798
for such ballot. Such challenge shall be made in accordance with 2799
section 3503.24 of the Revised Code, and the board of elections 2800
of the county in which the voting residence of the challenged 2801
voter is situated shall make a final determination relative to 2802
the legality of such registration or application. 2803

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent 2804
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 2805
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 2806
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 2807
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 2808
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2809
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 2810
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 2811
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 2812
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 2813
board of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 2814

cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 2815
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 2816
penalty of election falsification. 2817

(B) The elector shall provide one of the following: 2818

(1) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 2819
identification card number on the statement of voter on the 2820
identification envelope; 2821

(2) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2822
number on the statement of voter on the identification envelope; 2823

(3) A copy of the elector's photo identification in the 2824
return envelope with the identification envelope. 2825

(C) (1) The elector shall mail the identification envelope 2826
to the office of the board of elections in the return envelope, 2827
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver ~~it~~the 2828
identification envelope in the return envelope to the office of 2829
the board, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, 2830
father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, 2831
or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 2832
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 2833
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 2834
office of the board in accordance with division (D) of this 2835
section. The return envelope shall be returned by no other 2836
person, in no other manner, and to no other location, except as 2837
otherwise provided in section 3509.08 of the Revised Code. No 2838
person may personally deliver the return envelope of more than 2839
two electors for each election. 2840

(2) If the board maintains multiple offices in the county, 2841
as permitted under division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 2842
Revised Code, the board may designate any of its offices for the 2843

return of absent voter's ballots under this section, provided 2844
that the board shall designate only one office to which absent 2845
voter's ballots shall be returned under this section. 2846

(3) (a) The board of elections may place not more than one 2847
secure receptacle outside the office of the board, on the 2848
property on which the office of the board is located, for the 2849
purpose of receiving absent voter's ballots under this section. 2850

(b) A secure receptacle shall be open to receive ballots 2851
only during the period beginning on the first day after the 2852
close of voter registration before the election and ending at 2853
seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election. The receptacle 2854
shall be open to receive ballots at all times during that 2855
period. 2856

(c) A secure receptacle shall be monitored by recorded 2857
video surveillance at all times. The video recordings are a 2858
public record. The board shall do one of the following: 2859

(i) Make the video recordings available for inspection 2860
upon request in accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised 2861
Code. 2862

(ii) Make each day's video recording available to the 2863
public on the internet for streaming or download without charge 2864
within seventy-two hours after the recording ends and make the 2865
video recordings available to the public upon request in 2866
accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 2867

(d) Only a bipartisan team of election officials may open 2868
a secure receptacle or handle its contents. A bipartisan team of 2869
election officials shall collect the contents of each secure 2870
receptacle and deliver them to the board for processing at least 2871
once each day and at seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the 2872

election. If, at seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election, 2873
there are persons waiting in line to deposit absent voter's 2874
ballots in a receptacle, those persons shall be permitted to 2875
deposit the ballots. 2876

(4) (a) During the period beginning on the forty-fifth day 2877
before election day and ending on the day after election day, on 2878
each day the office of the board of elections is open for 2879
business, the board shall report to the secretary of state all 2880
of the following information concerning the previous business 2881
day: 2882

(i) The number of return envelopes purporting to contain 2883
absent voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent 2884
voter's ballots the board received by personal delivery, other 2885
than to a receptacle described in division (C) (3) of this 2886
section; 2887

(ii) If the board has placed a secure receptacle outside 2888
the office of the board under division (C) (3) of this section, 2889
the number of return envelopes purporting to contain absent 2890
voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2891
ballots the board received in the receptacle. 2892

(b) As soon as practicable after receiving a report under 2893
division (C) (4) (a) of this section, the secretary of state shall 2894
make the information in the report available to the public on 2895
the secretary of state's official web site. 2896

(D) (1) If the elector delivers the elector's own ballots, 2897
the elector shall show photo identification to the election 2898
officials to confirm that the elector is the person who cast the 2899
ballots. 2900

(2) (a) If the elector's family member listed in division 2901

(C) (1) of this section delivers the elector's ballots, the 2902
elector's family member shall show photo identification to the 2903
election officials and shall sign a statement under penalty of 2904
election falsification, on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2905
state, that includes all of the following: 2906

(i) The elector's family member's name and residence 2907
address; 2908

(ii) An affirmation that the elector's family member is 2909
delivering the elector's ballots at the elector's request; 2910

(iii) An affirmation that the elector's family member is 2911
not delivering a ballot for more than two electors for that 2912
election. 2913

(b) Upon receiving a properly completed statement under 2914
division (D) (3) (a) of this section and verifying the identity of 2915
the elector's family member delivering the elector's ballot, the 2916
election officials shall accept the ballots and attach the 2917
statement to the return envelope. 2918

(3) The election officials shall not accept any marked 2919
absent voter's ballots that are returned to the board by 2920
personal delivery, except as permitted under divisions (D) (1) to 2921
(3) of this section. 2922

(E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D) (2)~~ (E) 2923
(2) of this section, all envelopes containing marked absent 2924
voter's ballots shall be delivered to the office of the board 2925
not later than the close of the polls on the day of an election. 2926
Absent voter's ballots delivered to the office of the board 2927
later than the times specified shall not be counted, but shall 2928
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes in 2929
which they are delivered, until the time provided by section 2930

3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all other 2931
ballots used at the election for which ballots were provided, at 2932
which time they shall be destroyed. 2933

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D) (2) (b)~~ 2934
(E) (2) (b) of this section, any return envelope that is 2935
postmarked prior to the day of the election shall be delivered 2936
to the director prior to the fifth day after the election. 2937
Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked prior to the day of 2938
the election that are received after the close of the polls on 2939
election day through the fourth day thereafter shall be counted 2940
on the fifth day at the board of elections in the manner 2941
provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of the 2942
Revised Code or in the manner provided in division (E) of that 2943
section, as applicable. Any such ballots that are received by 2944
the director later than the fourth day following the election 2945
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 2946
sealed identification envelopes as provided in division (A) of 2947
this section. 2948

(b) Division ~~(D) (2) (a)~~ (E) (2) (a) of this section shall not 2949
apply to any mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing 2950
system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 2951
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Sec. 3511.02. (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 2953
Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 2954
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 2955
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 2956
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 52 U.S.C.A. 20301, 2957
this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and 2958
as a request for an absent voter's ballot. Uniformed services or 2959
overseas absent voter's ballots may be obtained by any person 2960

meeting the requirements of section 3511.011 of the Revised Code 2961
by applying electronically to the secretary of state or to the 2962
board of elections of the county in which the person's voting 2963
residence is located in accordance with section 3511.021 of the 2964
Revised Code or by applying to the board of elections of the 2965
county in which the person's voting residence is located, in one 2966
of the following ways: 2967

(1) That person may make written application for those 2968
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2969
the office of the board or may mail it, send it by facsimile 2970
machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through internet 2971
delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections 2972
or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the board. 2973
Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, 2974
the application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary 2975
of state and shall contain all of the following information: 2976

(a) The elector's name; 2977
(b) The elector's signature; 2978
(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 2979
vote; 2980

(d) The elector's date of birth; 2981
(e) ~~One of the following:~~ 2982

~~(i) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 2983
identification card number;~~ 2984

~~(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2985
number;~~ 2986

~~(iii) A copy of the elector's photo identification and 2987
evidence that the elector is a United States citizen, as 2988~~

described in division (EE) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, if the photo identification does not establish proof of citizenship under that division. 2989
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(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested; 2992
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(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 2994
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(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 52 U.S.C. 20310; 2996
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(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, whichever is applicable; 2998
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(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation; 3006
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(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed; 3008
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(l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall be so sent; 3010
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(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact 3013
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information; 3017

(n) The elector's current foreign address and evidence 3018
that the elector resides at that address. 3019

(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division 3020
(A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card 3021
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 3022
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 3023
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 3024
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 3025
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 3026
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 3027
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 3028
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 3029
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 3030
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 3031
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 3032
ballots for each election. 3033

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 3034
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 3035
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 3036
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 3037
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 3038
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 3039
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 3040
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 3041
by the board or on a single federal post card as provided in 3042
division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the application 3043
shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The board shall 3044
furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified in 3045
this division desiring to make the application, only upon the 3046

request of such a relative made in person at the office of the 3047
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to 3048
the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in 3049
division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and 3050
sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following: 3051

(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are 3052
requested; 3053

(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 3054
services voter or overseas voter as defined in 52 U.S.C. 20310; 3055

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 3056
vote; 3057

(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of 3058
residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of 3059
service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or 3060
near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the 3061
United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal 3062
guardian resided in this state long enough to establish 3063
residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the 3064
United States, as the case may be; 3065

(e) The elector's date of birth; 3066

(f) One of the following: 3067

(i) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 3068
identification card number; 3069

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 3070
number; 3071

(iii) A copy of the elector's photo identification. 3072

(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent 3073

voter's ballots are requested; 3074

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 3075
a qualified elector; 3076

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 3077
elector's party affiliation; 3078

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 3079
the elector as specified in division (A) (3) of this section; 3080

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the 3081
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 3082
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 3083
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 3084
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 3085
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 3086
internet delivery; 3087

(l) The signature and address of the person making the 3088
application. 3089

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 3090
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 3091
application may include the elector's program participant 3092
identification number instead of the address at which the 3093
elector is registered to vote. 3094

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 3095
absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the office of the 3096
board not earlier than the first day of January of the year of 3097
the elections for which the uniformed services or overseas 3098
absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety 3099
days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to 3100
be voted, whichever is earlier. An application to receive 3101
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots by mail or 3102

by another method permitted under section 3511.021 of the 3103
Revised Code shall be delivered to the office of the board not 3104
later than the close of business on the seventh day preceding 3105
the day of the election. 3106

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 3107
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 3108
only, the applicant shall submit to the board, in addition to 3109
the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to 3110
the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential 3111
and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices. 3112

(E) Except as permitted under section 111.31 of the 3113
Revised Code, no public office, and no public official or 3114
employee who is acting in an official capacity, shall do either 3115
of the following: 3116

(1) Prepay the return postage for an application for 3117
absent voter's ballots; 3118

(2) Mail or otherwise deliver an unsolicited application 3119
for absent voter's ballots to any person. 3120

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 3121
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 3122
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 3123
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 3124
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 3125
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 3126
federal post card application or other application for absent 3127
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 3128
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 3129
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 3130
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 3131

application. 3132

Sec. 3511.14. (A) A board of elections shall accept and 3133
process federal write-in absentee ballots ~~for all elections for~~ 3134
~~office and for all ballot questions and issues,~~ as required 3135
under "The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 3136
~~Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as~~ 3137
~~amended 52 U.S.C. 20303.~~ 3138

(B) A uniformed services or overseas voter may use the 3139
declaration accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot to 3140
apply to register to vote simultaneously with the submission of 3141
the federal write-in absentee ballot, if the declaration is 3142
received not later than thirty days before the day of the 3143
election. If the declaration is received after that date, the 3144
declaration shall be considered an application to register to 3145
vote for all subsequent elections. 3146

Section 2. That existing sections 3375.011, 3501.01, 3147
3501.05, 3503.01, 3503.06, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.151, 3148
3503.152, 3503.153, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.21, 3505.181, 3149
3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3509.05, 3511.02, and 3511.14 of 3150
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 3151

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Voter 3152
Verification Act. 3153

Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle 3154
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 3155
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 3156
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 3157
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 3158
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 3159
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 3160

as presented in this act:	3161
Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3162
H.B. 359 and S.B. 63 of the 131st General Assembly.	3163
Section 3505.183 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3164
H.B. 45 and H.B. 458 of the 134th General Assembly.	3165