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A BILL

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

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

Section 1. That sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 3503.10, 15
3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 16
3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.183, 17
3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 3599.18 be 18

amended and new section 3503.11 of the Revised Code be enacted 19
to read as follows: 20

Sec. 3501.05. The secretary of state shall do all of the 21
following: 22

(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections; 23

(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in 24
accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members 25
of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections. 26

(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of 27
elections; 28

(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a 29
sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in 30
force; 31

(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws 32
or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters; 33

(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and 34
records; 35

(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the 36
forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally 37
sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required 38
by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards; 39

(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on 40
the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution 41
to be submitted to the voters of the state; 42

(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the 43
Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots 44
and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and 45

wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall 46
appear on the ballot; 47

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

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

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

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

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

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

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the 74

results of elections, the cost of elections in the various 75
counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political 76
subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative 77
to elections the secretary of state considers desirable; 78

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

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

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

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

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

(R) (1) Prescribe a general program for registering voters 102
or updating voter registration information, such as name and 103

residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, 104
offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high 105
schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of 106
county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 107
3503.09 of the Revised Code; 108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and independence, as for other voters; 133

(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of 134
standards for the certification of voting machines, marking 135
devices, and automatic tabulating equipment. 136

(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide 137
database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 138
of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the 139
"Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 140
1666, and provide training in the operation of that system; 141

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other 142
instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result 143
of any conference or teleconference call with a board of 144
elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for 145
conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, 146
or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or 147
other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted 148
on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as 149
is practicable after the completion of the conference or 150
teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on 151
the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes 152
place. 153

(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the 154
secretary of state not later than one month after the completion 155
of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and 156
general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent 157
voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were 158
counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the 159
number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. 160
The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web 161
site in an archive format for each subsequent election. 162

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter 163
identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and 164
other voting requirements; 165

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

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

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

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

the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that 193
is under official oversight to transition out of official 194
oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of 195
elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of 196
state. 197

(EE) Perform other duties required by law. 198

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

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as 220
the chief election officer, the secretary of state may 221
administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the 222

production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and 223
fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the 224
administration and enforcement of the election laws. 225

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

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

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

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

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications 250
for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general 251

election and only if the general assembly has made an 252
appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other 253
circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or 254
employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited 255
applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals. 256

Sec. 3503.09. (A) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt 257
rules for the electronic transmission by boards of elections, 258
designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor 259
vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public 260
libraries, and offices of county treasurers, where applicable, 261
of change of name and change of residence ~~changes forms~~ for 262
voter registration ~~records in the statewide voter registration~~ 263
~~database.~~ 264

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

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

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

(2) Require any updated voter registration information to 281
be verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 282
before the information is added to the statewide voter 283
registration database for the purpose of modifying an existing 284
voter registration; 285

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

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

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

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

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its 310
applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter 311
registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of 312
state that includes all of the following: 313

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or 314
update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for 315
the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to 316
register or decline to register to vote, and the statement, 317
highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you 318
will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at 319
this time."; 320

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the 321
statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to 322
vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be 323
provided by this agency."; 324

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out 325
the voter registration application form, we will help you. The 326
decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill 327
out the application form in private."; 328

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has 329
interfered with your right to register or to decline to register 330
to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register 331
or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your 332
own political party or other political preference, you may file 333
a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with 334
the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number 335
for each such official's office. 336

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter 337
registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each 338

applicant with each application for service or assistance, and 339
with each written application or form for recertification, 340
renewal, or change of address. 341

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

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

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

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

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

the person's voter registration records, and information 368
relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection 369
with a voter registration application issued by a designated 370
agency. 371

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

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

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

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

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and 397
where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy 398
reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under 399
the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; 400

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration 424
application and other voter registration forms are transmitted 425

to the board of elections within five days after being accepted 426
by the public high school or vocational school. 427

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

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

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

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

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

being accepted by the public library or office of the county 455
treasurer. 456

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

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

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

(2) A bureau, agency, or school that is required to 483
transmit information concerning a person under division (A) (1) 484

of this section shall transmit all of the following information 485
concerning that person: 486

(a) The person's legal name; 487

(b) The person's residence address; 488

(c) The person's date of birth; 489

(d) The number of the person's driver's license or state 490
identification card or the last four digits of the person's 491
social security number; 492

(e) Whether the person is a United States citizen; 493

(f) An electronic image of the person's signature. 494

(B) (1) Upon receiving the information concerning a person 495
under division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall 496
transmit that information to the board of elections of the 497
county in which the person resides. The board shall determine 498
whether the person is eligible to register to vote or to update 499
the person's registration and, if the person is eligible, shall 500
send the person a notice, on a form prescribed by the secretary 501
of state, that contains all of the following information: 502

(a) The fact that the person will be registered to vote or 503
have the person's registration updated unless the person 504
declines to be registered to vote or update the person's 505
registration; 506

(b) The procedure to decline to be registered to vote or 507
to update the person's registration; 508

(c) The bureau, agency, or school that provided the 509
information that will be used to register the person to vote or 510
to update the person's registration; 511

(d) The precinct in which the person will be registered to 512
vote; 513

(e) A statement in bold type as follows: 514

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

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

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

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

and shall cause the person's name in the official registration 541
list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to be marked to 542
indicate that the person's notice was returned to the board. 543

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

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

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

or if the person declines to register or to update the elector's 571
registration. 572

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

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

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

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

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

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

The board shall establish a schedule or program to assure 599

to the extent reasonably possible that, on or before November 1, 600
1980, all registration places shall be free of barriers that 601
would impede the ingress and egress of handicapped persons. 602
Entrances shall be level or shall be provided with a nonskid 603
ramp of not over eight per cent gradient, and doors shall be a 604
minimum of thirty-two inches wide. Registration places located 605
at polling places shall, however, comply with the requirements 606
of section 3501.29 of the Revised Code for the elimination of 607
barriers. 608

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

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

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

have computer printouts at the polls prepared in the manner 630
required under section 3503.23 of the Revised Code. 631

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

(1) The voter's name; 637

(2) The voter's address; 638

(3) The current date; 639

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

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

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

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

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

(6) The voter's signature. 652

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

~~employing that person to register the applicant.~~

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

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

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~~(1) An election official;~~

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~~(2) A county treasurer;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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~~(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.~~

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

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

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

Sec. 3503.15. (A) (1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be administered by the office of the secretary of

state and made continuously available to each board of elections 713
and to other agencies as authorized by law. 714

(2) (a) State agencies, including, but not limited to, the 715
department of health, ~~the bureau of motor vehicles, the~~ 716
~~department of job and family services,~~ the department of 717
medicaid, and the department of rehabilitation and corrections, 718
shall provide any information and data to the secretary of state 719
that is collected in the course of normal business and that is 720
necessary to register to vote, to update an elector's 721
registration, or to maintain the statewide voter registration 722
database established pursuant to this section, except where 723
prohibited by federal law or regulation. The department of 724
health, the bureau of motor vehicles, the department of job and 725
family services, the department of medicaid, and the department 726
of rehabilitation and corrections shall provide that information 727
and data to the secretary of state not later than the last day 728
of each month. The secretary of state shall ensure that any 729
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 730
confidential in the possession of the entity providing the data 731
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 732
state. No public office, and no public official or employee, 733
shall sell that information or data or use that information or 734
data for profit. 735

(b) ~~Information provided under this division for~~ 736
~~maintenance of the statewide voter registration database shall~~ 737
~~not be used to update the name or address of a registered~~ 738
~~elector. The name or address of a registered elector shall only~~ 739
~~be updated as a result of the elector's actions in filing a~~ 740
~~notice of change of name, change of address, or both.~~ 741

~~(c) A~~ Except for cases in which an elector's registration 742

is updated automatically pursuant to section 3503.11 of the 743
Revised Code, a board of elections shall contact a registered 744
elector pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) (7) of 745
this section to verify the accuracy of the information in the 746
statewide voter registration database regarding that elector if 747
that information does not conform with information provided 748
under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the discrepancy 749
would affect the elector's eligibility to cast a regular ballot. 750

(3) (a) The secretary of state shall enter into agreements 751
to share information or data that is in the possession of the 752
secretary of state with other states or groups of states, as the 753
secretary of state considers necessary, in order to maintain the 754
statewide voter registration database established pursuant to 755
this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 756
of this section, the secretary of state shall ensure that any 757
information or data provided to the secretary of state that is 758
confidential in the possession of the state providing the data 759
remains confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 760
state. 761

(b) The secretary of state may provide such otherwise 762
confidential information or data to persons or organizations 763
that are engaging in legitimate governmental purposes related to 764
the maintenance of the statewide voter registration database. 765
The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 766
119. of the Revised Code identifying the persons or 767
organizations who may receive that information or data. The 768
secretary of state shall not share that information or data with 769
a person or organization not identified in those rules. The 770
secretary of state shall ensure that a person or organization 771
that receives confidential information or data under this 772
division keeps the information or data confidential in the 773

person's or organization's possession by, at a minimum, entering 774
into a confidentiality agreement with the person or 775
organization. Any confidentiality agreement entered into under 776
this division shall include a requirement that the person or 777
organization submit to the jurisdiction of this state in the 778
event that the person or organization breaches the agreement. 779

(4) No person or entity that receives information or data 780
under division (A) (3) of this section shall sell the information 781
or data or use the information or data for profit. 782

(5) The secretary of state shall regularly transmit to the 783
boards of elections, to the extent permitted by state and 784
federal law, the information and data the secretary of state 785
receives under divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section that is 786
necessary to do the following, in order to ensure that the 787
accuracy of the statewide voter registration database is 788
maintained on a regular basis in accordance with applicable 789
state and federal law: 790

(a) Require the boards of elections to maintain the 791
database in a manner that ensures that the name of each 792
registered elector appears in the database, that only 793
individuals who are not registered or eligible to vote are 794
removed from the database, and that duplicate registrations are 795
eliminated from the database; 796

(b) Require the boards of elections to make a reasonable 797
effort to remove individuals who are not eligible to vote from 798
the database; 799

(c) Establish safeguards to ensure that eligible electors 800
are not removed in error from the database. 801

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 802

under this section shall be the official list of registered 803
voters for all elections conducted in this state. 804

(C) The statewide voter registration database established 805
under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the 806
following: 807

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 808
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 809
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 810

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records 811
contained in the database with records maintained by each board 812
of elections; 813

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to 814
the records contained in the database by each board of elections 815
and by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 816
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct 817
updates of the database; 818

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered 819
voters and their registration information by name, driver's 820
license number, birth date, social security number, or current 821
address; 822

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the 823
integrity, security, and confidentiality of the voter 824
registration information is maintained; 825

(6) Methods to retain canceled voter registration records 826
for not less than five years after they are canceled and to 827
record the reason for their cancellation. 828

(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to 829
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following: 830

(1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter 831
registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be 832
converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide 833
voter registration database; 834

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter 835
registration records into the statewide voter registration 836
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, 837
if new registration information is received; 838

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled 839
voter registration records from the statewide voter registration 840
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 841

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, 842
modify, or print records contained in the statewide voter 843
registration database and to make updates of that database; 844

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the 845
information contained in the statewide voter registration 846
database; 847

~~(6) Establishing, by mutual agreement with the bureau of 848
motor vehicles, the content and format of the information and 849
data the bureau of motor vehicles shall provide to the secretary- 850
of state under division (A) (2) (a) of this section and the 851
frequency with which the bureau shall provide that information- 852
and data; 853~~

~~(7)~~ Establishing a uniform method for addressing instances 854
in which records contained in the statewide voter registration 855
database do not conform with records maintained by an agency, 856
state, or group of states described in division (A) (2) (a) or (3) 857
(a) of this section. That method shall prohibit an elector's 858
voter registration from being canceled on the sole basis that 859

the information in the registration record does not conform to 860
records maintained by such an agency. 861

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's 862
name and voter registration information from the statewide voter 863
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by 864
the secretary of state under division (D)(3) of this section 865
after the cancellation of a voter's registration under section 866
3503.21 of the Revised Code. 867

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 868
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 869
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the 870
secretary of state to add, delete, modify, or print database 871
records, and to conduct updates of the database. 872

(G)(1) The statewide voter registration database 873
established under this section shall be made available on a web 874
site of the office of the secretary of state as follows: 875

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of 876
this section, the following information from the statewide voter 877
registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made 878
available on the web site: 879

(i) The voter's name; 880

(ii) The voter's address; 881

(iii) The voter's precinct number; 882

(iv) The voter's voting history. 883

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 884
general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter 885
registration database shall permit a voter to search for the 886
polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot. 887

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule 888
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for 889
boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes 890
in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of 891
updating the information made available on the secretary of 892
state's web site under division (G) (1) (b) of this section. Those 893
rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days 894
before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the 895
secretary of state within one business day of any change to the 896
location of a precinct polling place within the county. 897

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or 898
general election, not later than one business day after 899
receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G) 900
(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling 901
place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that 902
information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose 903
of division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 904

(H) The secretary of state shall conduct an annual review 905
of the statewide voter registration database as follows: 906

(1) The secretary of state shall compare the information 907
in the statewide voter registration database with the 908
information the secretary of state obtains from the bureau of 909
motor vehicles under division (A) (2) of this section to identify 910
any person who does all of the following, in the following 911
order: 912

(a) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 913
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen; 914

(b) Registers to vote, submits a voter registration change 915
of residence or change of name form, or votes in this state; 916

(c) Submits documentation to the bureau of motor vehicles 917
that indicates that the person is not a United States citizen. 918

(2) The secretary of state shall send a written notice to 919
each person identified under division (H)(1) of this section, 920
instructing the person either to confirm that the person is a 921
United States citizen or to submit a completed voter 922
registration cancellation form to the secretary of state. The 923
secretary of state shall include a blank voter registration 924
cancellation form with the notice. If the person fails to 925
respond to the secretary of state in the manner described in 926
division (H)(3) or (4) of this section not later than thirty 927
days after the notice was sent, the secretary of state promptly 928
shall send the person a second notice and form. 929

(3) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 930
was sent, a person who is sent a notice under division (H)(2) of 931
this section responds to the secretary of state, confirming that 932
the person is a United States citizen, the secretary of state 933
shall take no action concerning the person's voter registration. 934

(4) If, not later than sixty days after the first notice 935
was sent, a person who receives a notice under division (H)(2) 936
of this section sends a completed voter registration 937
cancellation form to the secretary of state, the secretary of 938
state shall instruct the board of elections of the county in 939
which the person is registered to cancel the person's 940
registration. 941

(5) If a person who was sent a second notice under 942
division (H)(2) of this section fails to respond to the 943
secretary of state in the manner described in division (H)(3) or 944
(4) of this section not later than thirty days after the second 945
notice was sent, the secretary of state shall refer the matter 946

to the attorney general for further investigation and possible 947
prosecution under section 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.13, or any 948
other applicable section of the Revised Code. If, after the 949
thirtieth day after the second notice was sent, the person sends 950
a completed voter registration cancellation form to the 951
secretary of state, the secretary of state shall instruct the 952
board of elections of the county in which the person is 953
registered to cancel the person's registration and shall notify 954
the attorney general of the cancellation. 955

(6) The secretary of state shall not conduct the review 956
described in division (H) of this section during the ninety days 957
immediately preceding a primary or general election for federal 958
office. 959

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 960
(D) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 961
elector changes the place of residence of that registered 962
elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 963
county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 964
elector shall report the change by ~~delivering~~ doing any of the 965
following: 966

(1) Delivering a change of residence or change of name 967
form, whichever is appropriate, as prescribed by the secretary 968
of state under section 3503.14 of the Revised Code to the state 969
or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or 970
vocational school, a public library, the office of the county 971
treasurer, the office of the secretary of state, any office of 972
the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles, or any 973
office of a board of elections in person or by a third person. 974
Any voter registration, change of address, or change of name 975
application, returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary 976

of state or the board of elections. 977

~~A registered elector also may update the registration of~~ 978
~~that registered elector by filing~~ (2) Submitting the elector's 979
current residence or name information to the bureau of motor 980
vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner directed by the 981
bureau or by the designated agency, as applicable; 982

(3) Submitting the elector's current residence or name 983
information to a public high school or vocational school in the 984
manner directed by the school and upon the elector reaching at 985
least eighteen years of age; 986

(4) Submitting an application through the online voter 987
registration system created under section 3503.20 of the Revised 988
Code; 989

(5) Filing a change of residence or change of name form on 990
the day of a special, primary, or general election at the 991
polling place in the precinct in which that registered elector 992
resides or at the board of elections or at another site 993
designated by the board. 994

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 995
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 996
special election and has not ~~filed a notice of~~ reported the 997
change of residence in accordance with the board of elections 998
division (A) of this section may vote in that election by going 999
to that registered elector's assigned polling place, completing 1000
and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 1001
identification in the form of a current and valid photo 1002
identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1003
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1004
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 1005

voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 1006
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and current 1007
address of the elector, and casting a ballot. 1008

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 1009
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 1010
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1011
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of name in accordance with 1012
~~the board of elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in 1013
that election by going to that registered elector's assigned 1014
polling place, completing and signing a notice of a change of 1015
name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1016
the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides to the 1017
precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, such 1018
as a marriage license or court order that includes the elector's 1019
current and prior names, the elector may complete and sign a 1020
notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 1021

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 1022
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 1023
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 1024
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 1025
~~filed a notice of reported the~~ change of residence or change of 1026
name, whichever is appropriate, in accordance with ~~the board of~~ 1027
~~elections division (A) of this section~~ may vote in that election 1028
if that registered elector complies with division (G) of this 1029
section or does all of the following: 1030

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 1031
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 1032
registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 1033
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 1034
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 1035

election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 1036
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1037
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 1038
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 1039

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 1040
registered elector resides; 1041

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1042
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1043
has designated another location in the county at which 1044
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1045
the office of the board of elections. 1046

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1047
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1048
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 1049
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1050

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1051
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 1052
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 1053
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 1054
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 1055
that other location instead of the office of the board of 1056
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 1057
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 1058
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1059

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1060
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1061
elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1062
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1063
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1064

registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1065
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1066
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1067
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1068
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1069
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1070
at any other location for that particular election. 1071

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1072
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1073
general, primary, or special election and has not ~~registered to~~ 1074
~~vote in the county to which that registered elector moved~~ 1075
reported the change of residence in accordance with division (A) 1076
of this section may vote in that election if that registered 1077
elector complies with division (G) of this section or does all 1078
of the following: 1079

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1080
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1081
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1082
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1083
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1084
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1085
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1086
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1087
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1088
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1089
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1090
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1091
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1092
has designated another location in the county at which 1093
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1094
the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1095

the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1096
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1097
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1098
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1099
the office of the board of elections; 1100

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1101
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1102
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1103

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1104
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1105
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1106
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1107
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1108
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1109
that registered elector has moved; 1110

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1111
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1112
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1113
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1114
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1115
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1116
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1117
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1118
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1119
location for that particular election. 1120

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1121
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1122
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1123
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1124
section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1125

during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1126
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1127
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1128
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1129
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1130
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1131
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1132
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1133
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1134

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1135
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1136
different from the office of the board at which registered 1137
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1138
section. 1139

(E) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in section 3503.11 of the 1140
Revised Code, upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1141
change of name form, the board of elections shall immediately 1142
send the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1143
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1144
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1145
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1146
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1147
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1148
registration. 1149

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1150
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1151
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1152
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1153
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1154
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1155

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1156
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1157
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1158
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1159
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1160
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1161
within five days after receiving them. 1162

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1163
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1164
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1165
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1166
has designated another location in the county at which 1167
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1168
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1169
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1170
of the following: 1171

(1) Makes a written application that includes all of the 1172
information required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code 1173
to the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or 1174
after the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 1175
registered elector wishes to vote through noon of the Saturday 1176
prior to that election and requests that the absent voter's 1177
ballot be sent to the address to which the registered elector 1178
has moved if the registered elector has moved, or to the address 1179
of that registered elector who has not moved but has had a 1180
change of name; 1181

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1182
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1183
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1184
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1185

the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1186
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1187
infirmity; 1188

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1189
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1190
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1191
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1192

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1193
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1194
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1195
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1196
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1197
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1198
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1199
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1200
location or address for that particular election. 1201

Sec. 3503.19. (A) (1) Persons qualified to register or to 1202
change their registration because of a change of address or 1203
change of name may register or change their registration ~~in by~~ 1204
any of the following methods: 1205

(a) In person at any state or local office of a designated 1206
agency, at the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar 1207
of motor vehicles, at a public high school or vocational school, 1208
at a public library, at the office of a county treasurer, or at 1209
a branch office established by the board of elections, ~~or in;~~ 1210

(b) In person, through another person, or by mail at the 1211
office of the secretary of state or at the office of a board of 1212
elections. ~~A registered elector may also change the elector's~~ 1213
~~registration on;~~ 1214

(c) By submitting the required information to the bureau 1215
of motor vehicles or to a designated agency in the manner 1216
directed by the bureau or by the designated agency, as 1217
applicable; 1218

(d) By submitting the required information to a public or 1219
private secondary school in the manner directed by the school 1220
and upon the elector reaching at least eighteen years of age; 1221

(e) By submitting an application through the online voter 1222
registration system under section 3503.20 of the Revised Code; 1223

(f) On election day at any polling place where the elector 1224
is eligible to vote, in the manner provided under section 1225
3503.16 of the Revised Code. 1226

(2) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1227
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1228
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1229
library, or the office of a county treasurer shall transmit any 1230
voter registration application or change of registration form 1231
that it receives to the board of elections of the county in 1232
which the state or local office is located, within five days 1233
after receiving the voter registration application or change of 1234
registration form. 1235

~~An~~ (3) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (3) (b) of this 1236
section, an otherwise valid voter registration application that 1237
is returned to the appropriate office other than by mail must be 1238
received by a state or local office of a designated agency, the 1239
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1240
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1241
library, the office of a county treasurer, the office of the 1242
secretary of state, or the office of a board of elections no 1243

later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1244
general election for the person to qualify as an elector 1245
eligible to vote at that election. An otherwise valid 1246
registration application received after that day entitles the 1247
elector to vote at all subsequent elections. 1248

(b) (i) Information transmitted to the secretary of state 1249
by the bureau of motor vehicles or a designated agency under 1250
division (A) (1) (a) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code 1251
concerning a person who is eligible to register to vote must 1252
have been submitted to the bureau or agency by the person not 1253
later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, special, or 1254
general election for the person to be registered to vote and to 1255
qualify as an elector eligible to vote at that election. 1256
Otherwise, valid information transmitted under that division 1257
that was submitted after that day entitles the person to be 1258
registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent elections. 1259

(ii) Information transmitted to the secretary of state by 1260
a public or private secondary school under division (A) (1) (b) of 1261
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code concerning a person who is 1262
eligible to register to vote must have been transmitted to the 1263
secretary of state not later than the thirtieth day preceding a 1264
primary, special, or general election for the person to be 1265
registered to vote and to qualify as an elector eligible to vote 1266
at that election. Otherwise, valid information transmitted under 1267
that division that was submitted after that day entitles the 1268
person to be registered to vote and to vote at all subsequent 1269
elections. 1270

(4) Any state or local office of a designated agency, the 1271
office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor 1272
vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public 1273

library, or the office of a county treasurer shall date stamp a 1274
registration application or change of name or change of address 1275
form it receives using a date stamp that does not disclose the 1276
identity of the state or local office that receives the 1277
registration. 1278

(5) Voter registration applications, if otherwise valid, 1279
that are returned by mail to the office of the secretary of 1280
state or to the office of a board of elections must be 1281
postmarked no later than the thirtieth day preceding a primary, 1282
special, or general election in order for the person to qualify 1283
as an elector eligible to vote at that election. If an otherwise 1284
valid voter registration application that is returned by mail 1285
does not bear a postmark or a legible postmark, the registration 1286
shall be valid for that election if received by the office of 1287
the secretary of state or the office of a board of elections no 1288
later than twenty-five days preceding any special, primary, or 1289
general election. 1290

(B) (1) Any person may apply in person, by telephone, by 1291
mail, or through another person for voter registration forms to 1292
the office of the secretary of state or the office of a board of 1293
elections. An individual who is eligible to vote as a uniformed 1294
services voter or an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1295
1973ff-6 also may apply for voter registration forms by 1296
electronic means to the office of the secretary of state or to 1297
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 1298
voting residence is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the 1299
Revised Code. 1300

(2) (a) An applicant may return the applicant's completed 1301
registration form in person or by mail to any state or local 1302
office of a designated agency, to a public high school or 1303

vocational school, to a public library, to the office of a 1304
county treasurer, to the office of the secretary of state, or to 1305
the office of a board of elections. An applicant who is eligible 1306
to vote as a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter in 1307
accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 also may return the 1308
applicant's completed voter registration form electronically to 1309
the office of the secretary of state or to the board of 1310
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence 1311
is located pursuant to section 3503.191 of the Revised Code. 1312

~~(b) Subject to division (B) (2) (c) of this section, an~~ 1313
applicant may return the applicant's completed registration form 1314
through another person to any board of elections or the office 1315
of the secretary of state. 1316

~~(c) A person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 1317
~~voter shall return any registration form entrusted to that~~ 1318
~~person by an applicant to any board of elections or to the~~ 1319
~~office of the secretary of state.~~ 1320

~~(d)~~ If a board of elections or the office of the secretary 1321
of state receives a registration form under division (B) (2) (b) 1322
~~or (c)~~ of this section before the thirtieth day before an 1323
election, the board or the office of the secretary of state, as 1324
applicable, shall forward the registration to the board of 1325
elections of the county in which the applicant is seeking to 1326
register to vote within ten days after receiving the 1327
application. If a board of elections or the office of the 1328
secretary of state receives a registration form under division 1329
(B) (2) (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this section on or after the thirtieth day 1330
before an election, the board or the office of the secretary of 1331
state, as applicable, shall forward the registration to the 1332
board of elections of the county in which the applicant is 1333

seeking to register to vote within thirty days after that 1334
election. 1335

(C) (1) A board of elections that receives a voter 1336
registration application and is satisfied as to the truth of the 1337
statements made in the registration form shall register the 1338
applicant not later than twenty business days after receiving 1339
the application, unless that application is received during the 1340
thirty days immediately preceding the day of an election. The 1341
board shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of each of 1342
the following: 1343

(a) The applicant's registration; 1344

(b) The precinct in which the applicant is to vote; 1345

(c) In bold type as follows: 1346

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1347
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1348
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1349
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1350
paycheck, or other government document, other than ~~this a voter~~ 1351
registration notification, that shows the voter's name and 1352
current address. Voters who do not provide one of these 1353
documents will still be able to vote by casting a provisional 1354
ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of 1355
identification, including a social security number, will still 1356
be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the 1357
voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by 1358
casting a provisional ballot." 1359

The notification shall be by nonforwardable mail. If the 1360
mail is returned to the board, it shall investigate and cause 1361
the notification to be delivered to the correct address. 1362

(2) If, after investigating as required under division (C) 1363
(1) of this section, the board is unable to verify the voter's 1364
correct address, it shall cause the voter's name in the official 1365
registration list and in the poll list or signature pollbook to 1366
be marked to indicate that the voter's notification was returned 1367
to the board. 1368

At the first election at which a voter whose name has been 1369
so marked appears to vote, the voter shall be required to 1370
provide identification to the election officials and to vote by 1371
provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 1372
If the provisional ballot is counted pursuant to division (B) (3) 1373
of section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the board shall correct 1374
that voter's registration, if needed, and shall remove the 1375
indication that the voter's notification was returned from that 1376
voter's name on the official registration list and on the poll 1377
list or signature pollbook. If the provisional ballot is not 1378
counted pursuant to division (B) (4) (a) (i), (v), or (vi) of 1379
section 3505.183 of the Revised Code, the voter's registration 1380
shall be canceled. The board shall notify the voter by United 1381
States mail of the cancellation. 1382

(3) If a notice of the disposition of an otherwise valid 1383
registration application is sent by nonforwardable mail and is 1384
returned undelivered, the person shall be registered as provided 1385
in division (C) (2) of this section and sent a confirmation 1386
notice by forwardable mail. If the person fails to respond to 1387
the confirmation notice, update the person's registration, or 1388
vote by provisional ballot as provided in division (C) (2) of 1389
this section in any election during the period of two federal 1390
elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice, 1391
the person's registration shall be canceled. 1392

Sec. 3503.20. (A) As used in this section, "applicant" 1393
means a person who meets both of the following requirements: 1394

(1) The person is qualified to register to vote under this 1395
chapter; and 1396

(2) The person has a current and valid Ohio driver's 1397
license or identification card issued under Chapter 4507. of the 1398
Revised Code or a social security number. 1399

(B) The secretary of state shall establish a secure online 1400
voter registration system. The system shall provide for all of 1401
the following: 1402

(1) An applicant to submit a first-time voter registration 1403
application, or to change the applicant's name, address, or 1404
both, as set forth in the applicant's existing voter 1405
registration record, to the secretary of state online through 1406
the internet; 1407

(2) The online applicant to be registered to vote, if all 1408
of the following apply: 1409

(a) The application contains all of the following 1410
information: 1411

(i) The applicant's name; 1412

(ii) The applicant's address; 1413

(iii) The applicant's date of birth; 1414

(iv) ~~The~~ Identification in the form of either the last 1415
four digits of the applicant's social security number~~+~~ 1416

~~(v) The,~~ or the applicant's Ohio driver's license number 1417
or the number of the applicant's state identification card 1418
issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 1419

~~(b) The applicant's name, address, and date of birth, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number, and the applicant's Ohio driver's license number or the number of the applicant's state identification card as they are provided in the application are not inconsistent with the information on file with the bureau of motor vehicles;~~

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

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

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

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

~~(D)~~ (C) The online voter registration application 1449
established under division ~~(A)~~ (B) of this section shall include 1450
the following language: 1451

"By clicking the box below, I affirm all of the following 1452
under penalty of election falsification, which is a felony of 1453
the fifth degree: 1454

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information 1455
is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote, or 1456
update my voter registration, in the State of Ohio. 1457

(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is 1458
true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form. 1459

(3) ~~I am a United States citizen.~~ 1460

~~(4) I will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately~~ 1461
~~preceding the next election.~~ 1462

~~(5) I will be at least eighteen years of age on or before~~ 1463
~~the day of the next general election.~~ 1464

~~(6) If an electronic copy of my signature is on file in a~~ 1465
~~government database, I authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to~~ 1466
~~transmit to the Ohio Secretary of State to obtain my signature~~ 1467
~~that is on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and I~~ 1468
understand and agree that the signature ~~transmitted by the~~ 1469
~~Bureau of Motor Vehicles~~ will be used by the Secretary of State 1470
to validate this electronic voter registration application as if 1471
I had signed this form personally. 1472

(4) If an electronic copy of my signature is not on file 1473
in a government database, I understand and agree that my 1474
signature on an election petition will not be considered valid 1475
until I provide my signature to the board of elections by 1476

signing and returning the signature card that will be mailed to 1477
me or by signing a notice of change of name or residence, a 1478
pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application 1479
for absent voter's ballots." 1480

In order to register to vote or update a voter 1481
registration under division ~~(A)~~ (B) of this section, an 1482
applicant or elector shall be required to mark the box in the 1483
online voter registration application that appears in 1484
conjunction with the previous statement. 1485

(D) (1) When an applicant submits a voter registration 1486
application under this section, the secretary of state shall 1487
compare the information in the application with the information 1488
in a government database associated with the applicant's 1489
driver's license or state identification card or the applicant's 1490
social security number. 1491

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the 1492
application is valid, the secretary of state shall submit the 1493
application to the board of elections of the county in which the 1494
applicant resides, and the board shall register the applicant. 1495

(3) If the secretary of state determines that the 1496
application is not valid, the secretary of state shall notify 1497
the applicant of that fact. 1498

(E) (1) If an applicant who is to be registered under 1499
division (D) (2) of this section has an electronic signature on 1500
file with a government agency, the secretary of state shall 1501
obtain the electronic signature and shall transmit it to the 1502
board of elections to be used as the applicant's signature on 1503
voter registration records for all election and signature- 1504
matching purposes. 1505

(2) If an applicant who is to be registered under division 1506
(D) (2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on 1507
file with a government agency and the applicant is a registered 1508
elector who is updating the elector's address, the board of 1509
elections of the county in which the applicant is currently 1510
registered shall create a legible digitized copy of the 1511
signature of the elector's existing registration record. That 1512
signature shall be used as the elector's signature on voter 1513
registration records for all election and signature-matching 1514
purposes. 1515

(3) If an applicant who is to be registered under division 1516
(D) (2) of this section does not have an electronic signature on 1517
file with a government agency and is not a registered elector 1518
who is updating the elector's address, all of the following 1519
shall apply: 1520

(a) (i) The board of elections shall include with the 1521
applicant's notification of registration a signature card that 1522
instructs the applicant to sign the card and return it to the 1523
office of the board. The card shall notify the applicant that 1524
until the applicant signs and returns the card or signs a notice 1525
of change of name or residence, a poll list or signature 1526
pollbook, a provisional ballot affirmation, or an application 1527
for absent voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an 1528
election petition is not valid. 1529

(ii) If the applicant signs and returns the signature card 1530
to the board of elections, the board shall create a legible 1531
digitized copy of the signature on the card, and that signature 1532
shall be used as the applicant's signature on voter registration 1533
records for all election and signature-matching purposes. 1534

(iii) The board shall prepay the return postage for the 1535

signature card. 1536

(iv) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of 1537
the signature card. 1538

(b) If the applicant does not sign and return the 1539
signature card, both of the following shall apply: 1540

(i) The first time an applicant signs a notice of change 1541
of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a 1542
provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent 1543
voter's ballots, the board of election shall create a legible 1544
digitized copy of that signature. The signature shall be used as 1545
the applicant's signature on voter registration records for all 1546
election and signature-matching purposes. 1547

(ii) Until the board of elections has obtained the 1548
applicant's signature from a signature card, a notice of change 1549
of name or residence, a poll list or signature pollbook, a 1550
provisional ballot affirmation, or an application for absent 1551
voter's ballots, the applicant's signature on an election 1552
petition is not valid. 1553

(F) The online voter registration process established 1554
under division ~~(A)~~-(B) of this section shall be in operation and 1555
available for use by individuals who wish to register to vote or 1556
update their voter registration information online not earlier 1557
than January 1, 2017. During the period beginning on the first 1558
day after the close of voter registration before an election and 1559
ending on the day of the election, the online voter registration 1560
system shall display a notice indicating that the applicant will 1561
not be registered to vote for the purposes of that election. 1562

~~(F)~~-(G) Notwithstanding section 1.50 of the Revised Code, 1563
if any provision of this section or of division ~~(E)~~-(C) of 1564

section 3503.14 of the Revised Code is held invalid, or if the
application of any provision of this section or of that division
to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this section
and that division cease to operate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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;

(7) The failure of the registered elector, after having 1593
been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the 1594
following: 1595

(a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during 1596
a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include 1597
two general federal elections; 1598

(b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least 1599
once during a period of four consecutive years, which period 1600
shall include two general federal elections. 1601

(8) The declination of an elector who has been 1602
automatically registered under section 3503.11 of the Revised 1603
Code to register to vote, as described in division (C) (3) (b) of 1604
that section. 1605

(9) The receipt by the board of elections of a 1606
cancellation notice or request pursuant to section 111.44 of the 1607
Revised Code. 1608

(B) (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures 1609
to identify and cancel the registration in a prior county of 1610
residence of any registrant who changes the registrant's voting 1611
residence to a location outside the registrant's current county 1612
of registration. Any procedures prescribed in this division 1613
shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory⁷ and shall comply with 1614
the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The secretary of state may 1615
prescribe procedures under this division that include the use of 1616
the national change of address service provided by the United 1617
States postal system through its licensees. Any program so 1618
prescribed shall be completed not later than ninety days prior 1619
to the date of any primary or general election for federal 1620
office. 1621

(2) The registration of any elector identified as having 1622
changed the elector's voting residence to a location outside the 1623
elector's current county of registration shall not be canceled 1624
unless the registrant is sent a confirmation notice on a form 1625
prescribed by the secretary of state and the registrant fails to 1626
respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the 1627
registration and fails to vote in any election during the period 1628
of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the 1629
confirmation notice. 1630

(C) The registration of a registered elector shall not be 1631
canceled except as provided in this section, section 111.44 of 1632
the Revised Code, division (Q) of section 3501.05 of the Revised 1633
Code, division (C) (3) (b) of section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, 1634
division (C) (2) of section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, or 1635
division (C) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code. 1636

(D) Boards of elections shall send their voter 1637
registration information to the secretary of state as required 1638
under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code. The secretary of 1639
state may prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 1640
of the Revised Code the format in which the boards of elections 1641
must send that information to the secretary of state. In the 1642
first quarter of each year, the secretary of state shall send 1643
the information to the national change of address service 1644
described in division (B) of this section and request that 1645
service to provide the secretary of state with a list of any 1646
voters sent by the secretary of state who have moved within the 1647
last twelve months. The secretary of state shall transmit to 1648
each appropriate board of elections whatever lists the secretary 1649
of state receives from that service. The board shall send a 1650
notice to each person on the list transmitted by the secretary 1651
of state requesting confirmation of the person's change of 1652

address, together with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return 1653
envelope containing a form on which the voter may verify or 1654
correct the change of address information. 1655

(E) The registration of a registered elector described in 1656
division (A) (7) or (B) (2) of this section shall be canceled not 1657
later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the second 1658
general federal election in which the elector fails to vote or 1659
not later than one hundred twenty days after the expiration of 1660
the four-year period in which the elector fails to vote or 1661
respond to a confirmation notice, whichever is later. 1662

(F) (1) When a registration is canceled pursuant to 1663
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section, the applicable board of 1664
elections shall send a written notice, on a form prescribed by 1665
the secretary of state, to the address at which the elector was 1666
registered, informing the recipient that the elector's 1667
registration has been canceled, of the reason for the 1668
cancellation, and that if the cancellation was made in error, 1669
the elector may contact the board of elections to correct the 1670
error. 1671

(2) If the elector's registration is canceled pursuant to 1672
division (A) (2) or (3) of this section in error, it shall be 1673
restored and treated as though it were never canceled. 1674

Sec. 3503.28. (A) The secretary of state shall develop an 1675
information brochure regarding voter registration. The brochure 1676
shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following 1677
information: 1678

(1) The applicable deadlines for registering to vote or 1679
for ~~returning~~ submitting an applicant's completed registration 1680
~~form~~ application; 1681

~~(2) The applicable deadline for returning an applicant's-~~ 1682
~~completed registration form if the person returning the form is-~~ 1683
~~being compensated for registering voters;~~ 1684

~~(3) The locations to and manner in which a person may~~ 1685
~~return an applicant's completed registration form~~register to 1686
vote; 1687

~~(4) The location to which a person who is compensated for~~ 1688
~~registering voters may return an applicant's completed~~ 1689
~~registration form;~~ 1690

~~(5) The registration and affirmation requirements-~~ 1691
~~applicable to persons who are compensated for registering voters-~~ 1692
~~under section 3503.29 of the Revised Code;~~ 1693

~~(6) (3) The manner in which a person may opt out of~~ 1694
automatic voter registration; 1695

(4) A notice, which shall be written in bold type, stating 1696
as follows: 1697

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to 1698
verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid 1699
photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a 1700
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 1701
paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter 1702
registration notification sent by a board of elections, that 1703
shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not 1704
provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by 1705
casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the 1706
above forms of identification, including a social security 1707
number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation 1708
swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election 1709
falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." 1710

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this 1711
section, a board of elections, designated agency, public high 1712
school, public vocational school, public library, office of a 1713
county treasurer, or deputy registrar of motor vehicles shall 1714
distribute a copy of the brochure developed under division (A) 1715
of this section to any person who requests more than two voter 1716
registration forms at one time. 1717

(C) (1) The secretary of state shall provide the 1718
information required to be included in the brochure developed 1719
under division (A) of this section to any person who prints a 1720
voter registration form that is made available on a web site of 1721
the office of the secretary of state. 1722

(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web 1723
site, the board shall provide the information required to be 1724
included in the brochure developed under division (A) of this 1725
section to any person who prints a voter registration form that 1726
is made available on that web site. 1727

(D) A board of elections shall not be required to 1728
distribute a copy of a brochure under division (B) of this 1729
section to any of the following officials or employees who are 1730
requesting more than two voter registration forms at one time in 1731
the course of the official's or employee's normal duties: 1732

(1) An election official; 1733

(2) A county treasurer; 1734

(3) A deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1735

(4) An employee of a designated agency; 1736

(5) An employee of a public high school; 1737

(6) An employee of a public vocational school; 1738

(7) An employee of a public library; 1739

(8) An employee of the office of a county treasurer; 1740

(9) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles; 1741

(10) An employee of a deputy registrar of motor vehicles; 1742

(11) An employee of an election official. 1743

~~(E) As used in this section, "registering voters" includes~~ 1744
~~any effort, for compensation, to provide voter registration~~ 1745
~~forms or to assist persons in completing or returning those~~ 1746
~~forms.~~ 1747

Sec. 3503.30. (A) When by mistake a qualified elector has 1748
caused ~~himself~~ the elector to be registered in a precinct ~~which~~ 1749
~~was that is not his~~ the elector's place of residence, the board 1750
of elections, on full and satisfactory proof that such error was 1751
committed by mistake, may, on ~~his~~ the elector's personal 1752
application and proof of ~~his~~ the elector's true residence, 1753
correct ~~his~~ the elector's registration form. The board may 1754
correct all errors occurring in the registration of electors 1755
when it finds that the errors subject to correction were not of 1756
fraudulent intent. 1757

(B) When by mistake a qualified elector has been 1758
registered automatically under section 3503.11 of the Revised 1759
Code in a precinct that is not the elector's place of residence, 1760
the board of elections, upon application of the elector and 1761
proof of the elector's true residence, shall correct the 1762
elector's registration form. 1763

Sec. 3503.33. (A) If an elector applying for registration 1764
is already registered in another state or in another county 1765
within this state, the elector shall declare this fact ~~to the~~ 1766

~~registration officer and shall sign on the registration form,~~ 1767
~~which shall operate as an authorization to cancel the previous~~ 1768
~~registration on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.~~ 1769

(B) When the board of elections registers a person to vote 1770
or updates a person's registration under section 3503.11 of the 1771
Revised Code, if the board is aware of the person's previous 1772
residence address and that address is located in another state 1773
or in another county within this state, the board shall create a 1774
notice to cancel the previous registration for the purpose of 1775
complying with division (C) of this section. 1776

(C) (1) The ~~director of the~~ board of elections shall mail 1777
all ~~such~~ authorizations and notices described in division (A) or 1778
(B) of this section to the board of elections or comparable 1779
agency of the proper state and county. ~~Upon~~ In the case of a 1780
notice described in division (B) of this section, the board 1781
shall include with the notice a copy of the elector's most 1782
recent registration form. 1783

(a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) (a) 1784
(ii) of this section, upon the receipt of ~~this an~~ authorization 1785
described in division (A) of this section from the forwarding 1786
county, the director of a board of elections in Ohio, upon a 1787
comparison of the elector's signature with the elector's 1788
signature as it appears on the registration files, shall remove 1789
the elector's registration from the files, and place it with the 1790
cancellation authorization in a separate file which shall be 1791
kept for a period of two calendar years. 1792

(ii) It shall not be necessary for the board of elections 1793
to compare the elector's signature with the elector's signature 1794
as it appears on the registration files if authorization does 1795
not include the elector's signature because of the circumstances 1796

described in division (E) (3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised 1797
Code. 1798

(b) Upon the receipt of a notice described in division (B) 1799
of this section from the forwarding county, the board of 1800
elections in Ohio shall compare the elector's signature on the 1801
copy of the registration form received with the notice with the 1802
elector's signature as it appears on the registration files, 1803
shall remove the elector's registration from the files, and 1804
shall place it with the notice in a separate file, which shall 1805
be kept for a period of two calendar years. 1806

(2) The board shall notify the elector at the present 1807
address as shown on the cancellation authorization or notice 1808
that his the elector's prior registration has been canceled. 1809

(D) If, after the cancellation of an elector's prior 1810
registration under division (C) (1) (b) of this section, the board 1811
of elections that sent the notice under division (B) of this 1812
section receives a declination to register or to update the 1813
elector's registration under section 3503.11 of the Revised 1814
Code, the board shall notify the board of elections or 1815
comparable agency to which the board sent the notice under 1816
division (B) of this section to restore the elector's previous 1817
registration and treat it as though it were never canceled. 1818

Sec. 3505.18. (A) (1) When an elector appears in a polling 1819
place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct 1820
election officials the elector's full name and current address 1821
and provide proof of the elector's identity in the form of a 1822
current and valid photo identification, a military 1823
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 1824
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1825
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1826

board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1827
that shows the name and current address of the elector. 1828

(2) If an elector does not have or is unable to provide to 1829
the precinct election officials any of the forms of 1830
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1831
the elector may cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 1832
of the Revised Code and do either of the following: 1833

(a) Write the elector's driver's license or state 1834
identification card number or the last four digits of the 1835
elector's social security number on the provisional ballot 1836
envelope; or 1837

(b) Appear at the office of the board of elections not 1838
later than the seventh day after the day of the election and 1839
provide the identification required under division (A)(1) of 1840
this section, the elector's driver's license or state 1841
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 1842
elector's social security number. 1843

(B) (1) After the elector has announced the elector's full 1844
name and current address and provided any of the forms of 1845
identification required under division (A)(1) of this section, 1846
the elector shall ~~write the elector's name and address at the~~ 1847
~~proper place in~~ sign the poll list or signature pollbook 1848
provided for the purpose, except that if, for any reason, an 1849
elector is unable to ~~write the elector's name and current~~ 1850
~~address in~~ sign the poll list or signature pollbook, the elector 1851
may make the elector's mark at the place intended for the 1852
elector's ~~name~~ signature, and a precinct election official shall 1853
write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll 1854
list or signature pollbook following the elector's mark. The 1855
making of such a mark shall be attested by the precinct election 1856

official, who shall evidence the same by signing the precinct 1857
election official's name on the poll list or signature pollbook 1858
as a witness to the mark. Alternatively, if applicable, an 1859
attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the 1860
Revised Code may sign the elector's signature in the poll list 1861
or signature pollbook in accordance with that section. 1862

The (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) 1863
of this section, the elector's signature in the poll list or 1864
signature pollbook then shall be compared with the elector's 1865
signature on the elector's registration form or a digitized 1866
signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised 1867
Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct 1868
election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the 1869
same person, the election officials shall enter the date of the 1870
election on the registration form or shall record the date by 1871
other means prescribed by the secretary of state. If, in the 1872
opinion of a majority of the precinct officers, the signatures 1873
are not the signatures of the same person, the elector shall be 1874
permitted to cast a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1875
the Revised Code. The validity of an attorney in fact's 1876
signature on behalf of an elector shall be determined in 1877
accordance with section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. 1878

(b) If the elector's registration form does not include a 1879
signature because of the circumstances described in division (E) 1880
(3) of section 3503.20 of the Revised Code, it shall not be 1881
necessary to compare the elector's signature in the poll list or 1882
signature pollbook with the signature on the elector's 1883
registration form or a digitized signature list. 1884

(3) If the right of the elector to vote is not then 1885
challenged, or, if being challenged, the elector establishes the 1886

elector's right to vote, the elector shall be allowed to proceed 1887
to use the voting machine. If voting machines are not being used 1888
in that precinct, the precinct election official in charge of 1889
ballots shall then detach the next ballots to be issued to the 1890
elector from Stub B attached to each ballot, leaving Stub A 1891
attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the elector, and 1892
call the elector's name and the stub number on each of the 1893
ballots. The precinct election official shall enter the stub 1894
numbers opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. 1895
The elector shall then retire to one of the voting compartments 1896
to mark the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any 1897
ballot which would in any way enable any person to identify the 1898
person who voted the ballot. 1899

Sec. 3505.181. (A) All of the following individuals shall 1900
be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at an election: 1901

(1) An individual who declares that the individual is a 1902
registered voter in the precinct in which the individual desires 1903
to vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in an 1904
election, but the name of the individual does not appear on the 1905
official list of eligible voters for the precinct or an election 1906
official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; 1907

(2) An individual who does not have or is unable to 1908
provide to the election officials any of the forms of 1909
identification required under division (A)(1) of section 3505.18 1910
of the Revised Code; 1911

(3) An individual whose name in the poll list or signature 1912
pollbook has been marked under section 3509.09 or 3511.13 of the 1913
Revised Code as having requested an absent voter's ballot or a 1914
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot for that 1915
election and who appears to vote at the polling place; 1916

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

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

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

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

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

(1) An election official at the polling place shall notify

the individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot 1946
in that election. 1947

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 1948
section, the individual shall complete and execute a written 1949
affirmation before an election official at the polling place 1950
stating that the individual is both of the following: 1951

(a) A registered voter in the precinct in which the 1952
individual desires to vote; 1953

(b) Eligible to vote in that election. 1954

(3) An election official at the polling place shall 1955
transmit the ballot cast by the individual and the voter 1956
information contained in the written affirmation executed by the 1957
individual under division (B) (2) of this section to an 1958
appropriate local election official for verification under 1959
division (B) (4) of this section. 1960

(4) If the appropriate local election official to whom the 1961
ballot or voter or address information is transmitted under 1962
division (B) (3) of this section determines that the individual 1963
is eligible to vote, the individual's provisional ballot shall 1964
be counted as a vote in that election. 1965

(5) (a) At the time that an individual casts a provisional 1966
ballot, the appropriate local election official shall give the 1967
individual written information that states that any individual 1968
who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under 1969
the system established under division (B) (5) (b) of this section 1970
whether the vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, 1971
the reason that the vote was not counted. 1972

(b) The appropriate state or local election official shall 1973
establish a free access system, in the form of a toll-free 1974

telephone number, that any individual who casts a provisional 1975
ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that 1976
individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the 1977
reason that the vote was not counted. The free access system 1978
established under this division also shall provide to an 1979
individual whose provisional ballot was not counted information 1980
explaining how that individual may contact the board of 1981
elections to register to vote or to resolve problems with the 1982
individual's voter registration. 1983

The appropriate state or local election official shall 1984
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 1985
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 1986
information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free 1987
access system established under this division. The system shall 1988
permit an individual only to gain access to information about 1989
the individual's own provisional ballot. 1990

(6) If, at the time that an individual casts a provisional 1991
ballot, the individual provides identification in the form of a 1992
current and valid photo identification, a military 1993
identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank 1994
statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 1995
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 1996
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 1997
that shows the individual's name and current address, or 1998
provides the individual's driver's license or state 1999
identification card number or the last four digits of the 2000
individual's social security number, the individual shall record 2001
the type of identification provided or the driver's license, 2002
state identification card, or social security number information 2003
and include that information on the provisional ballot 2004
affirmation under division (B) (3) of this section. 2005

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

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

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

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

(b) For a provisional ballot cast by an individual who has been successfully challenged under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code to be eligible to be counted, the individual who cast that ballot, within seven days after the day of that election, shall provide to the board of elections any

identification or other documentation required to be provided by 2036
the applicable challenge questions asked of that individual 2037
under section 3505.20 of the Revised Code. 2038

(C) (1) If an individual declares that the individual is 2039
eligible to vote in a precinct other than the precinct in which 2040
the individual desires to vote, or if, upon review of the 2041
precinct voting location guide using the residential street 2042
address provided by the individual, an election official at the 2043
precinct at which the individual desires to vote determines that 2044
the individual is not eligible to vote in that precinct, the 2045
election official shall direct the individual to the precinct 2046
and polling place in which the individual appears to be eligible 2047
to vote, explain that the individual may cast a provisional 2048
ballot at the current location but the ballot or a portion of 2049
the ballot will not be counted if it is cast in the wrong 2050
precinct, and provide the telephone number of the board of 2051
elections in case the individual has additional questions. 2052

(2) If the individual refuses to travel to the correct 2053
precinct or to the office of the board of elections to cast a 2054
ballot, the individual shall be permitted to vote a provisional 2055
ballot at that precinct in accordance with division (B) of this 2056
section. If the individual is in the correct polling location 2057
for the precinct in which the individual is registered and 2058
eligible to vote, the election official shall complete and sign, 2059
under penalty of election falsification, a form that includes 2060
all of the following, and attach the form to the individual's 2061
provisional ballot affirmation: 2062

(a) The name or number of the individual's correct 2063
precinct; 2064

(b) A statement that the election official instructed the 2065

individual to travel to the correct precinct to vote; 2066

(c) A statement that the election official informed the 2067
individual that casting a provisional ballot in the wrong 2068
precinct would result in all or a portion of the votes on the 2069
ballot being rejected; 2070

(d) The name or number of the precinct in which the 2071
individual is casting a provisional ballot; and 2072

(e) The name of the polling location in which the 2073
individual is casting a provisional ballot. 2074

(D) The appropriate local election official shall cause 2075
voting information to be publicly posted at each polling place 2076
on the day of each election. 2077

(E) As used in this section and sections 3505.182 and 2078
3505.183 of the Revised Code: 2079

(1) "Precinct voting location guide" means either of the 2080
following: 2081

(a) An electronic or paper record that lists the correct 2082
precinct and polling place for either each specific residential 2083
street address in the county or the range of residential street 2084
addresses located in each neighborhood block in the county; 2085

(b) Any other method that a board of elections creates 2086
that allows a precinct election official or any elector who is 2087
at a polling place in that county to determine the correct 2088
precinct and polling place of any qualified elector who resides 2089
in the county. 2090

(2) "Voting information" means all of the following: 2091

(a) A sample version of the ballot that will be used for 2092

that election; 2093

(b) Information regarding the date of the election and the 2094
hours during which polling places will be open; 2095

(c) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a 2096
vote and how to cast a provisional ballot; 2097

(d) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time 2098
voters under applicable federal and state laws; 2099

(e) General information on voting rights under applicable 2100
federal and state laws, including information on the right of an 2101
individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how 2102
to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged 2103
to have been violated; 2104

(f) General information on federal and state laws 2105
regarding prohibitions against acts of fraud and 2106
misrepresentation. 2107

(F) Nothing in this section or section 3505.183 of the 2108
Revised Code is in derogation of section 3505.24 of the Revised 2109
Code, which permits a blind, disabled, or illiterate elector to 2110
receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot by two 2111
precinct election officials of different political parties. A 2112
blind, disabled, or illiterate elector may receive assistance in 2113
marking that elector's provisional ballot and in completing the 2114
required affirmation in the same manner as an elector may 2115
receive assistance on the day of an election under that section. 2116

Sec. 3505.183. (A) When the ballot boxes are delivered to 2117
the board of elections from the precincts, the board shall 2118
separate the provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the 2119
ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one 2120
member of each major political party shall place the sealed 2121

provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the 2122
office of the board. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes 2123
shall remain in that secure location until the validity of those 2124
ballots is determined under division (B) of this section. While 2125
the provisional ballot is stored in that secure location, and 2126
prior to the counting of the provisional ballots, if the board 2127
receives information regarding the validity of a specific 2128
provisional ballot under division (B) of this section, the board 2129
may note, on the sealed provisional ballot envelope for that 2130
ballot, whether the ballot is valid and entitled to be counted. 2131

(B) (1) To determine whether a provisional ballot is valid 2132
and entitled to be counted, the board shall examine its records 2133
and determine whether the individual who cast the provisional 2134
ballot is registered and eligible to vote in the applicable 2135
election. The board shall examine the information contained in 2136
the written affirmation executed by the individual who cast the 2137
provisional ballot under division (B) (2) of section 3505.181 of 2138
the Revised Code. The following information shall be included in 2139
the written affirmation in order for the provisional ballot to 2140
be eligible to be counted: 2141

(a) The individual's printed name, signature, date of 2142
birth, and current address; 2143

(b) A statement that the individual is a registered voter 2144
in the precinct in which the provisional ballot is being voted; 2145

(c) A statement that the individual is eligible to vote in 2146
the election in which the provisional ballot is being voted. 2147

(2) In addition to the information required to be included 2148
in an affirmation under division (B) (1) of this section, in 2149
determining whether a provisional ballot is valid and entitled 2150

to be counted, the board also shall examine any additional 2151
information for determining ballot validity provided by the 2152
provisional voter on the affirmation, provided by the 2153
provisional voter to an election official under section 3505.182 2154
of the Revised Code, or provided to the board of elections 2155
during the seven days after the day of the election under 2156
division (B)(7) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code, to 2157
assist the board in determining the individual's eligibility to 2158
vote. 2159

(3) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2160
additional information under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this 2161
section and comparing the information required under division 2162
(B)(1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2163
statewide voter registration database, the board determines that 2164
all of the following apply, the provisional ballot envelope 2165
shall be opened, and the ballot shall be placed in a ballot box 2166
to be counted: 2167

(a) The individual named on the affirmation is properly 2168
registered to vote. 2169

(b) The individual named on the affirmation is eligible to 2170
cast a ballot in the precinct and for the election in which the 2171
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2172

(c) The individual provided all of the information 2173
required under division (B)(1) of this section in the 2174
affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2175
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2176

(d) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2177
number or the elector's driver's license number or state 2178
identification card number are not different from the last four 2179

digits of the elector's social security number or the elector's 2180
driver's license number or state identification card number 2181
contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2182

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2183
month and day of the elector's date of birth are not different 2184
from the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained 2185
in the statewide voter registration database. 2186

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2187
ballot if either of the following is true: 2188

(i) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2189
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2190

(ii) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2191
least three of its members, that the elector has met all other 2192
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section. 2193

(f) The elector's current address is not different from 2194
the elector's address contained in the statewide voter 2195
registration database, unless the elector indicated that the 2196
elector is casting a provisional ballot because the elector has 2197
moved and has not submitted a notice of change of address, as 2198
described in division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised 2199
Code. 2200

(g) If applicable, the individual provided any additional 2201
information required under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 2202
of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of the 2203
election. 2204

(h) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2205
(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the 2206
election resulted in the individual's inclusion in the official 2207
registration list. 2208

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2209
this section, if, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation 2210
and additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of 2211
this section and comparing the information required under 2212
division (B) (1) of this section with the elector's information 2213
in the statewide voter registration database, the board 2214
determines that any of the following applies, the provisional 2215
ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2216
counted: 2217

(i) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2218
qualified or is not properly registered to vote. 2219

(ii) The individual named on the affirmation is not 2220
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2221
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2222

(iii) The individual did not provide all of the 2223
information required under division (B) (1) of this section in 2224
the affirmation that the individual executed at the time the 2225
individual cast the provisional ballot. 2226

(iv) The individual has already cast a ballot for the 2227
election in which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2228

(v) If applicable, the individual did not provide any 2229
additional information required under division (B) (7) of section 2230
3505.181 of the Revised Code within seven days after the day of 2231
the election. 2232

(vi) If applicable, the hearing conducted under division 2233
(B) of section 3503.24 of the Revised Code after the day of the 2234
election did not result in the individual's inclusion in the 2235
official registration list. 2236

(vii) The individual failed to provide a current and valid 2237

photo identification, a military identification, a copy of a 2238
current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2239
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2240
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2241
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, with the voter's name and current 2242
address, the individual's driver's license or state 2243
identification card number, or the last four digits of the 2244
individual's social security number or to execute an affirmation 2245
under division (B) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2246

(viii) The last four digits of the elector's social 2247
security number or the elector's driver's license number or 2248
state identification card number are different from the last 2249
four digits of the elector's social security number or the 2250
elector's driver's license number or state identification card 2251
number contained in the statewide voter registration database. 2252

(ix) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 2253
month and day of the elector's date of birth are different from 2254
the day and month of the elector's date of birth contained in 2255
the statewide voter registration database. 2256

This division does not apply to an elector's provisional 2257
ballot if either of the following is true: 2258

(I) The elector's date of birth contained in the statewide 2259
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 2260

(II) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 2261
least three of its members, that the elector has met all of the 2262
requirements of division (B) (3) of this section, other than the 2263
requirements of division (B) (3) (e) of this section. 2264

(x) The elector's current address is different from the 2265
elector's address contained in the statewide voter registration 2266

database, unless the elector indicated that the elector is 2267
casting a provisional ballot because the elector has moved and 2268
has not submitted a notice of change of address, as described in 2269
division (A) (6) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2270

(b) If, in examining a provisional ballot affirmation and 2271
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2272
section and comparing the information required under division 2273
(B) (1) of this section with the elector's information in the 2274
statewide voter registration database, the board is unable to 2275
determine either of the following, the provisional ballot 2276
envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall not be 2277
counted: 2278

(i) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2279
qualified or properly registered to vote; 2280

(ii) Whether the individual named on the affirmation is 2281
eligible to cast a ballot in the precinct or for the election in 2282
which the individual cast the provisional ballot. 2283

(C) For each provisional ballot rejected under division 2284
(B) (4) of this section, the board shall record the name of the 2285
provisional voter who cast the ballot, the identification number 2286
of the provisional ballot envelope, the names of the election 2287
officials who determined the validity of that ballot, the date 2288
and time that the determination was made, and the reason that 2289
the ballot was not counted, unless the board has already 2290
recorded that information in another database. 2291

(D) (1) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2292
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2293
to vote, but in the correct polling location for the precinct in 2294
which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, and the 2295

election official failed to direct the individual to the correct 2296
precinct, the individual's ballot shall be remade under division 2297
(D) (2) of this section. The election official shall be deemed to 2298
have directed the individual to the correct precinct if the 2299
election official correctly completed the form described in 2300
division (C) (2) of section 3505.181 of the Revised Code. 2301

(2) A board of elections that remakes a provisional ballot 2302
under division (D) (1) of this section shall remake the 2303
provisional ballot on a ballot for the appropriate precinct to 2304
reflect the offices, questions, and issues for which the 2305
individual was eligible to cast a ballot and for which the 2306
individual attempted to cast a provisional ballot. The remade 2307
ballot shall be counted for each office, question, and issue for 2308
which the individual was eligible to vote. 2309

(3) If an individual cast a provisional ballot in a 2310
precinct in which the individual is not registered and eligible 2311
to vote and in the incorrect polling location for the precinct 2312
in which the individual is registered and eligible to vote, the 2313
provisional ballot envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot 2314
shall not be counted. 2315

(E) Provisional ballots that are rejected under division 2316
(B) (4) of this section shall not be counted but shall be 2317
preserved in their provisional ballot envelopes unopened until 2318
the time provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the 2319
destruction of all other ballots used at the election for which 2320
ballots were provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 2321

(F) Provisional ballots that the board determines are 2322
eligible to be counted under division (B) (3) or (D) of this 2323
section shall be counted in the same manner as provided for 2324
other ballots under section 3505.27 of the Revised Code. No 2325

provisional ballots shall be counted in a particular county 2326
until the board determines the eligibility to be counted of all 2327
provisional ballots cast in that county under division (B) of 2328
this section for that election. Observers, as provided in 2329
section 3505.21 of the Revised Code, may be present at all times 2330
that the board is determining the eligibility of provisional 2331
ballots to be counted and counting those provisional ballots 2332
determined to be eligible. No person shall recklessly disclose 2333
the count or any portion of the count of provisional ballots in 2334
such a manner as to jeopardize the secrecy of any individual 2335
ballot. 2336

(G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) (2) of 2337
this section, nothing in this section shall prevent a board of 2338
elections from examining provisional ballot affirmations and 2339
additional information under divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this 2340
section to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots to 2341
be counted during the ten days after the day of an election. 2342

(2) A board of elections shall not examine the provisional 2343
ballot affirmation and additional information under divisions 2344
(B) (1) and (2) of this section of any provisional ballot cast by 2345
an individual who must provide additional information to the 2346
board of elections under division (B) (7) of section 3505.181 of 2347
the Revised Code for the board to determine the individual's 2348
eligibility until the individual provides that information, 2349
until any hearing required to be conducted under section 3503.24 2350
of the Revised Code with regard to the provisional voter is 2351
held, or until the eleventh day after the day of the election, 2352
whichever is earlier. 2353

Sec. 3509.03. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 2354
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified elector 2355

desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election shall 2356
make written application for those ballots to the director of 2357
elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence 2358
is located. 2359

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 2360
section, the application need not be in any particular form but 2361
shall contain all of the following: 2362

(1) The elector's name; 2363

(2) The elector's signature; 2364

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 2365
vote; 2366

(4) The elector's date of birth; 2367

(5) One of the following: 2368

(a) The elector's driver's license number; 2369

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2370
number; 2371

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2372
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2373
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2374
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2375
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2376
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2377
the elector. 2378

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 2379
voter's ballots are requested; 2380

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2381
a qualified elector; 2382

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 2383
elector's party affiliation; 2384

(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 2385
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 2386

(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 2387
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 2388
elector may provide the elector's program participant 2389
identification number instead of the address at which the 2390
elector is registered to vote. 2391

(D) Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be 2392
delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of 2393
January of the year of the elections for which the absent 2394
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 2395
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 2396
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 2397
the third day before the day of the election at which the 2398
ballots are to be voted, or not later than six p.m. on the last 2399
Friday before the day of the election at which the ballots are 2400
to be voted if the application is delivered in person to the 2401
office of the board. 2402

(E) A board of elections that mails an absent voter's 2403
ballot application to an elector under this section shall not 2404
prepay the return postage for that application. 2405

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2406
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2407
official shall not fill out any portion of an application for 2408
absent voter's ballots on behalf of an applicant. The secretary 2409
of state or a board of elections may preprint only an 2410
applicant's name and address on an application for absent 2411

voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2412
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2413
registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 2414
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2415
application. 2416

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent 2417
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 2418
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 2419
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 2420
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 2421
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2422
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 2423
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 2424
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 2425
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 2426
director of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 2427
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 2428
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 2429
penalty of election falsification. 2430

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 2431
license number or the last four digits of the elector's social 2432
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 2433
envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope 2434
with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current 2435
valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, 2436
or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government 2437
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a 2438
notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections 2439
~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ that shows the name 2440
and address of the elector. 2441

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the 2442
director from whom it was received in the return envelope, 2443
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the 2444
director, or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, 2445
father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, 2446
or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, 2447
adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, 2448
aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to the 2449
director. The return envelope shall be transmitted to the 2450
director in no other manner, except as provided in section 2451
3509.08 of the Revised Code. 2452

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at 2453
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting 2454
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. 2455
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the 2456
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 2457
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 2458
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 2459
board. 2460

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this 2461
section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's 2462
ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the 2463
close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's 2464
ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified 2465
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the 2466
sealed identification envelopes in which they are delivered to 2467
the director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 2468
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 2469
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 2470
shall be destroyed. 2471

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 2472
this section, any return envelope that is postmarked prior to 2473
the day of the election shall be delivered to the director prior 2474
to the eleventh day after the election. Ballots delivered in 2475
envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the election that are 2476
received after the close of the polls on election day through 2477
the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at 2478
the board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) 2479
and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code or in the manner 2480
provided in division (E) of that section, as applicable. Any 2481
such ballots that are received by the director later than the 2482
tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 2483
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 2484
provided in division (A) of this section. 2485

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section shall not apply to any 2486
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 2487
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 2488

Sec. 3511.02. (A) Notwithstanding any section of the 2489
Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for 2490
registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with 2491
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas 2492
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff 2493
(1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter 2494
registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. 2495
Uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots may be 2496
obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 2497
3511.011 of the Revised Code by applying electronically to the 2498
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 2499
which the person's voting residence is located in accordance 2500
with section 3511.021 of the Revised Code or by applying to the 2501
director of the board of elections of the county in which the 2502

person's voting residence is located, in one of the following 2503
ways: 2504

(1) That person may make written application for those 2505
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2506
the director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, send 2507
it by electronic mail, send it through internet delivery if such 2508
delivery is offered by the board of elections or the secretary 2509
of state, or otherwise send it to the director. Except as 2510
otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, the 2511
application need not be in any particular form but shall contain 2512
all of the following information: 2513

(a) The elector's name; 2514

(b) The elector's signature; 2515

(c) The address at which the elector is registered to 2516
vote; 2517

(d) The elector's date of birth; 2518

(e) One of the following: 2519

(i) The elector's driver's license number; 2520

(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security 2521
number; 2522

(iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 2523
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy 2524
of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 2525
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of 2526
voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section~~ 2527
~~3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of 2528
the elector. 2529

(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent voter's ballots are requested; 2530
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(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a qualified elector; 2532
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(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6; 2534
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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; 2537
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(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the elector's party affiliation; 2545
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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; 2547
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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; 2549
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(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact information. 2552
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(2) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division 2557

(A) (3) of this section may use a single federal post card 2558
application to apply for uniformed services or overseas absent 2559
voter's ballots for use at the primary and general elections in 2560
a given year and any special election to be held on the day in 2561
that year specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the 2562
Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated 2563
by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 2564
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to 2565
the voters of the state. A single federal postcard application 2566
shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant to section 2567
3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter had applied 2568
separately for uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2569
ballots for each election. 2570

(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas 2571
absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to 2572
such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father- 2573
in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or 2574
sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting 2575
parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, 2576
son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 2577
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 2578
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in 2579
division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the application 2580
shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The director 2581
shall furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified 2582
in this division desiring to make the application, only upon the 2583
request of such a relative made in person at the office of the 2584
board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to 2585
the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in 2586
division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and 2587
sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following: 2588

- (a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are requested; 2589 2590
- (b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6; 2591 2592 2593
- (c) The address at which the elector is registered to vote; 2594 2595
- (d) A statement identifying the elector's length of residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal guardian resided in this state long enough to establish residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, as the case may be; 2596 2597 2598 2599 2600 2601 2602 2603
- (e) The elector's date of birth; 2604
- (f) One of the following: 2605
- (i) The elector's driver's license number; 2606
- (ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security number; 2607 2608
- (iii) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code~~, that shows the name and address of the elector. 2609 2610 2611 2612 2613 2614 2615
- (g) A statement identifying the election for which absent 2616

voter's ballots are requested; 2617

(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 2618
a qualified elector; 2619

(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 2620
elector's party affiliation; 2621

(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 2622
the elector as specified in division (A)(3) of this section; 2623

(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the 2624
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 2625
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be 2626
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by 2627
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet 2628
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through 2629
internet delivery; 2630

(l) The signature and address of the person making the 2631
application. 2632

(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration 2633
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the 2634
application may include the elector's program participant 2635
identification number instead of the address at which the 2636
elector is registered to vote. 2637

(C) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 2638
absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the director not 2639
earlier than the first day of January of the year of the 2640
elections for which the uniformed services or overseas absent 2641
voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days 2642
before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 2643
voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of 2644
the third day preceding the day of the election, or not later 2645

than six p.m. on the last Friday before the day of the election 2646
at which those ballots are to be voted if the application is 2647
delivered in person to the office of the board. 2648

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is 2649
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 2650
only, the applicant shall submit to the director in addition to 2651
the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to 2652
the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential 2653
and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices. 2654

(E) A board of elections that mails a federal post card 2655
application or other absent voter's ballot application to an 2656
elector under this section shall not prepay the return postage 2657
for that application. 2658

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 2659
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 2660
official shall not fill out any portion of a federal post card 2661
application or other application for absent voter's ballots on 2662
behalf of an applicant. The secretary of state or a board of 2663
elections may preprint only an applicant's name and address on a 2664
federal post card application or other application for absent 2665
voter's ballots before mailing that application to the 2666
applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 2667
registration record, the secretary of state or the board of 2668
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 2669
application. 2670

Sec. 3511.09. Upon receiving uniformed services or 2671
overseas absent voter's ballots, the elector shall cause the 2672
questions on the face of the identification envelope to be 2673
answered, and, by writing the elector's usual signature in the 2674
proper place on the identification envelope, the elector shall 2675

declare under penalty of election falsification that the answers 2676
to those questions are true and correct to the best of the 2677
elector's knowledge and belief. Then, the elector shall note 2678
whether there are any voting marks on the ballot. If there are 2679
any voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to 2680
the board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 2681
ballot to be marked, folded separately so as to conceal the 2682
markings on it, deposited in the identification envelope, and 2683
securely sealed in the identification envelope. The elector then 2684
shall cause the identification envelope to be placed within the 2685
return envelope, sealed in the return envelope, and mailed to 2686
the director of the board of elections to whom it is addressed. 2687
The ballot shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 2688
a.m. at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the 2689
date of the election. If the elector does not provide the 2690
elector's driver's license number or the last four digits of the 2691
elector's social security number on the statement of voter on 2692
the identification envelope, the elector also shall include in 2693
the return envelope with the identification envelope a copy of 2694
the elector's current valid photo identification, a copy of a 2695
military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, 2696
bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government 2697
document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a 2698
board of elections ~~under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code,~~ 2699
that shows the name and address of the elector. Each elector who 2700
will be outside the United States on the day of the election 2701
shall check the box on the return envelope indicating this fact 2702
and shall mail the return envelope to the director prior to the 2703
close of the polls on election day. 2704

Every uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 2705
identification envelope shall be accompanied by the following 2706

statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION 2707
FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 2708

Sec. 3599.11. (A) No person shall knowingly register or 2709
make application or attempt to register in a precinct in which 2710
the person is not a qualified voter; or knowingly aid or abet 2711
any person to so register; or attempt to register or knowingly 2712
induce or attempt to induce any person to so register; or 2713
knowingly impersonate another or write or assume the name of 2714
another, real or fictitious, in registering or attempting to 2715
register; or by false statement or other unlawful means procure, 2716
aid, or attempt to procure the erasure or striking out on the 2717
register or duplicate list of the name of a qualified elector 2718
therein; or knowingly induce or attempt to induce a registrar or 2719
other election authority to refuse registration in a precinct to 2720
an elector thereof; or knowingly swear or affirm falsely upon a 2721
lawful examination by or before any registering officer; or 2722
make, print, or issue any false or counterfeit certificate of 2723
registration or knowingly alter any certificate of registration. 2724

No person shall knowingly register under more than one 2725
name or knowingly induce any person to so register. 2726

No person shall knowingly make any false statement on any 2727
form for registration or change of registration or upon any 2728
application or return envelope for an absent voter's ballot. 2729

Whoever violates this division is guilty of a felony of 2730
the fifth degree. 2731

(B) (1) No person who helps another person register outside 2732
an official voter registration place shall knowingly destroy, or 2733
knowingly help another person to destroy, any completed 2734
registration form. 2735

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 2736
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree. 2737

(2) ~~(a)~~ No person who helps another person register outside 2738
an official voter registration place shall knowingly fail to 2739
~~return-cause~~ any registration form entrusted to that person to 2740
be returned to any board of elections or the office of the 2741
secretary of state within ten days after that ~~registration-~~ 2742
registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth 2743
day before the election, whichever day is earlier, unless the 2744
registration form is received by the person within twenty-four 2745
hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case 2746
the person shall ~~return-cause~~ the registration form to be 2747
returned to any board of elections or the office of the 2748
secretary of state within ten days of its receipt. 2749

Whoever violates this division is guilty of election 2750
falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person 2751
has not previously been convicted of a violation of this 2752
division ~~(B) (2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this~~ 2753
~~section~~, the violation of this division does not cause any 2754
person to miss any voter registration deadline with regard to 2755
any election, and the number of voter registration forms that 2756
the violator has failed to properly return does not exceed 2757
forty-nine, in which case the violator is guilty of a 2758
misdemeanor of the first degree. 2759

~~(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, no person~~ 2760
~~who helps another person register outside an official~~ 2761
~~registration place shall knowingly return any registration form~~ 2762
~~entrusted to that person to any location other than any board of~~ 2763
~~elections or the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2764

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~ 2765

~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person~~ 2766
~~has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~ 2767
~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 2768
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 2769
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 2770
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 2771
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 2772
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2773

~~(C) (1) No person who receives compensation for registering~~ 2774
~~a voter shall knowingly fail to return any registration form~~ 2775
~~entrusted to that person to any board of elections or the office~~ 2776
~~of the secretary of state within ten days after that voter~~ 2777
~~registration form is completed, or on or before the thirtieth~~ 2778
~~day before the election, whichever is earlier, unless the~~ 2779
~~registration form is received by the person within twenty four~~ 2780
~~hours of the thirtieth day before the election, in which case~~ 2781
~~the person shall return the registration form to any board of~~ 2782
~~elections or the office of the secretary of state within ten days~~ 2783
~~of its receipt.~~ 2784

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~ 2785
~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person~~ 2786
~~has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~ 2787
~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 2788
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 2789
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 2790
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 2791
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 2792
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2793

~~(2) No person who receives compensation for registering a~~ 2794
~~voter shall knowingly return any registration form entrusted to~~ 2795

~~that person to any location other than any board of elections or~~ 2796
~~the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2797

~~Whoever violates this division is guilty of election~~ 2798
~~falsification, a felony of the fifth degree, unless the person~~ 2799
~~has not previously been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~ 2800
~~(2) (a), (B) (2) (b), (C) (1), or (C) (2) of this section, the~~ 2801
~~violation of this division does not cause any person to miss any~~ 2802
~~voter registration deadline with regard to any election, and the~~ 2803
~~number of voter registration forms that the violator has failed~~ 2804
~~to properly return does not exceed forty nine, in which case the~~ 2805
~~violator is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~ 2806

~~(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "registering~~ 2807
~~a voter" includes any effort, for compensation, to provide voter~~ 2808
~~registration forms or to assist persons in completing or~~ 2809
~~returning those forms.~~ 2810

Sec. 3599.18. (A) No election official, person assisting 2811
in the registration of electors, or police officer shall 2812
knowingly do any of the following: 2813

(1) Refuse, neglect, or unnecessarily delay, hinder, or 2814
prevent the registration of a qualified elector, who in a lawful 2815
manner applies for registration or who should be registered 2816
under section 3503.11 of the Revised Code; 2817

(2) Enter or consent to the entry of a fictitious name on 2818
a voter registration list; 2819

(3) Alter the name on or remove or destroy the 2820
registration card or form of any qualified elector; 2821

(4) Neglect, unlawfully execute, or fail to execute any 2822
duty enjoined upon that person as an election official, person 2823
assisting in the registration of electors, or police officer. 2824

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 2825
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2826

Section 2. That existing sections 3501.05, 3503.09, 2827
3503.10, 3503.12, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.16, 3503.19, 2828
3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.28, 3503.30, 3503.33, 3505.18, 3505.181, 2829
3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.09, 3599.11, and 2830
3599.18 and sections 3503.11, 3503.29, and 3505.22 of the 2831
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2832

Section 3. Section 3501.05 of the Revised Code is 2833
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 2834
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 205 of the 130th General 2835
Assembly. 2836

Section 3503.21 of the Revised Code is presented in this 2837
act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. H.B. 2838
359 and Sub. S.B. 63 of the 132nd General Assembly. 2839

Section 3505.18 of the Revised Code is presented in this 2840
act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. S.B. 47, 2841
Am. Sub. S.B. 109, and Sub. S.B. 216, all of the 130th General 2842
Assembly. 2843

The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 2844
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 2845
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 2846
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 2847
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 2848
as presented in this act. 2849