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To amend sections 111.31, 2101.16, 2303.20, 1
3109.14, 3333.31, 3501.01, 3503.02, 3503.16, 2
3505.19, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3
3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.10, 3511.011, 4
3511.02, 3511.021, 3705.24, 3705.242, 4507.01, 5
4507.50, 4507.51, and 4507.52; to amend, for the 6
purpose of adopting a new section number as 7
indicated in parentheses, section 3511.011 8
(3511.01); to enact sections 9.011, 2101.166, 9
2303.202, 3509.031, 3509.032, 3705.243, and 10
3705.50; and to repeal section 3511.01 of the 11
Revised Code to require photo identification to 12
cast absent voter's ballots, with certain 13
exceptions, to allow electors to apply for those 14
ballots through a secure online portal, and to 15
waive fees for an identification card or vital 16
statistics record and permit the storage of 17
documents for individuals experiencing 18
homelessness. 19

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


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Section 1. That sections 111.31, 2101.16, 2303.20, 20
3109.14, 3333.31, 3501.01, 3503.02, 3503.16, 3505.19, 3509.03, 21
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.10, 22
3511.011, 3511.02, 3511.021, 3705.24, 3705.242, 4507.01, 23
4507.50, 4507.51, and 4507.52 be amended; section 3511.011 24
(3511.01) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section 25
number as indicated in parentheses; and sections 9.011, 26
2101.166, 2303.202, 3509.031, 3509.032, 3705.243, and 3705.50 of 27
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 28

Sec. 9.011. (A) As used in this section: 29

(1) "Homeless shelter" has the same meaning as in section 30
2151.422 of the Revised Code. 31

(2) "Individual experiencing homelessness" has the same 32
meaning as in section 3705.243 of the Revised Code. 33

(3) "Nonprofit agency providing case management services 34
to individuals experiencing homelessness" does not include any 35
governmental agency. 36

(B) A homeless shelter or nonprofit agency providing case 37
management services to individuals experiencing homelessness 38
may, with consent, retain for an individual experiencing 39
homelessness receiving services from the shelter or agency a 40
physical or digital copy of the individual's social security 41
card, certification of birth, or certified copy of a birth 42
record. A shelter or agency that chooses to store a physical or 43
digital copy of an individual experiencing homelessness' social 44
security card, certification of birth, or certified copy of a 45
birth record shall do both of the following: 46

(1) Retain possession of the physical or digital copy of 47
the social security card, certification of birth, or certified 48

copy of a birth record; 49

(2) Establish a mechanism to protect the physical or 50
digital copy of a social security card, certification of birth, 51
or certified copy of a birth record, including by ensuring that 52
there is a physical or virtual lock protecting access to the 53
copy and that the copy is only accessible to appropriate staff. 54

(C) An individual experiencing homelessness whose document 55
is stored pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be 56
permitted to access the document in a timely manner upon request 57
and may request that the document be destroyed, deleted, or 58
returned. A homeless shelter or nonprofit agency providing case 59
management services to individuals experiencing homelessness 60
shall destroy, delete, or return the document upon such a 61
request. 62

Sec. 111.31. (A) Notwithstanding division (E) (2) of 63
section 3509.03 and division ~~(E) (2)~~ (D) (2) of section 3511.02 of 64
the Revised Code, the secretary of state may mail unsolicited 65
applications for absent voter's ballots to electors for a 66
general election if all of the following apply: 67

(1) The general assembly appropriates funds to the 68
controlling board for that particular mailing; 69

(2) The secretary of state submits a request to the 70
controlling board to transfer those funds to the absent voter's 71
ballot application mailing fund established under division (B) 72
of this section; 73

(3) The request is accompanied by a report that includes 74
all of the following concerning the most recent mailing of 75
unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots conducted by 76
the secretary of state: 77

(a) The number of applications mailed;	78
(b) The number of those applications that were returned to the sender as undeliverable or otherwise were determined to be undeliverable;	79 80 81
(c) The number of those applications that were completed and returned to the secretary of state or a board of elections;	82 83
(d) The number of absent voter's ballots cast by mail in the election for which the applications were mailed.	84 85
(4) The controlling board approves the transfer of funds to the absent voter's ballot application mailing fund.	86 87
(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the absent voter's ballot application mailing fund. The secretary of state shall use the fund to pay the cost of printing and mailing unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots.	88 89 90 91
The fund shall consist of moneys transferred to it by the controlling board under division (A) of this section. The controlling board shall transfer any unused moneys in the fund to the proper appropriation item.	92 93 94 95
Sec. 2101.16. (A) Except as provided in section <u>sections 2101.164 and 2101.166</u> of the Revised Code, the fees enumerated in this division shall be charged and collected, if possible, by the probate judge and shall be in full for all services rendered in the respective proceedings:	96 97 98 99 100 101

1	2	3
A	(1) Account, in addition to advertising charges	
B		\$12.00

C	Waivers and proof of notice of hearing on account, per page, minimum one dollar	
D	_____	\$1.00
E	(2) Account of distribution, in addition to advertising charges	
F	_____	\$7.00
G	(3) Adoption of child, petition for	
H	_____	\$20.00
I	(4) Alter or cancel contract for sale or purchase of real property, complaint to	
J	_____	\$20.00
K	(5) Application and order not otherwise provided for in this section or by rule adopted pursuant to division (E) of this section	
L	_____	\$5.00
M	(6) Appropriation suit, per day, hearing in	
N	_____	\$20.00
O	(7) Birth, application for registration of	
P	_____	\$7.00
Q	(8) Birth record, application to correct	

R	_____	\$5.00
S	(9) Bond, application for new or additional	
T	_____	\$5.00
U	(10) Bond, application for release of surety or reduction of	
V	_____	\$5.00
W	(11) Bond, receipt for securities deposited in lieu of	
X	_____	\$5.00
Y	(12) Certified copy of journal entry, record, or proceeding, per page, minimum fee one dollar	
Z	_____	\$1.00
AA	(13) Citation and issuing citation, application for	
AB	_____	\$5.00
AC	(14) Change of name, petition for	
AD	_____	\$20.00
AE	(15) Claim, application of administrator or executor for allowance of administrator's or executor's own	
AF	_____	\$10.00
AG	(16) Claim, application to compromise or settle	
AH	_____	\$10.00

AI	(17) Claim, authority to present	
AJ	_____	\$10.00
AK	(18) Commissioner, appointment of	
AL	_____	\$5.00
AM	(19) Compensation for extraordinary services and attorney's fees for fiduciary, application for	
AN	_____	\$5.00
AO	(20) Competency, application to procure adjudication of	
AP	_____	\$20.00
AQ	(21) Complete contract, application to	
AR	_____	\$10.00
AS	(22) Concealment of assets, citation for	
AT	_____	\$10.00
AU	(23) Construction of will, complaint for	
AV	_____	\$20.00
AW	(24) Continue decedent's business, application to	
AX	_____	\$10.00
AY	Monthly reports of operation	
AZ	_____	\$5.00

BA	(25) Declaratory judgment, complaint for	
BB	_____	\$20.00
BC	(26) Deposit of will	
BD	_____	\$5.00
BE	(27) Designation of heir	
BF	_____	\$20.00
BG	(28) Distribution in kind, application, assent, and order for	
BH	_____	\$5.00
BI	(29) Distribution under section 2109.36 of the Revised Code, application for an order of	
BJ	_____	\$7.00
BK	(30) Docketing and indexing proceedings, including the filing and noting of all necessary documents, maximum fee, fifteen dollars	
BL	_____	\$15.00
BM	(31) Exceptions to any proceeding named in this section, contest of appointment or	
BN	_____	\$10.00
BO	(32) Election of surviving partner to purchase assets of partnership, proceedings relating to	

BP	_____	\$10.00
BQ	(33) Election of surviving spouse under will	
BR	_____	\$5.00
BS	(34) Fiduciary, including an assignee or trustee of an insolvent debtor or any guardian or conservator accountable to the probate court, appointment of	
BT	_____	\$35.00
BU	(35) Foreign will, application to record	
BV	_____	\$10.00
BW	Record of foreign will, additional, per page	
BX	_____	\$1.00
BY	(36) Forms when supplied by the probate court, not to exceed	
BZ	_____	\$10.00
CA	(37) Heirship, complaint to determine	
CB	_____	\$20.00
CC	(38) Injunction proceedings	
CD	_____	\$20.00
CE	(39) Improve real property, petition to	
CF	_____	\$20.00

CG	(40)	Inventory with appraisement	
CH		_____	\$10.00
CI	(41)	Inventory without appraisement	
CJ		_____	\$7.00
CK	(42)	Investment or expenditure of funds, application for	
CL		_____	\$10.00
CM	(43)	Invest in real property, application to	
CN		_____	\$10.00
CO	(44)	Lease for oil, gas, coal, or other mineral, petition to	
CP		_____	\$20.00
CQ	(45)	Lease or lease and improve real property, petition to	
CR		_____	\$20.00
CS	(46)	Marriage license	
CT		_____	\$10.00
CU		Certified abstract of each marriage	
CV		_____	\$2.00
CW	(47)	Minor or incompetent person, etc., disposal of estate under twenty-five thousand dollars of	
CX		_____	\$10.00

CY	(48) Mortgage or mortgage and repair or improve real property, complaint to	
CZ	_____	\$20.00
DA	(49) Newly discovered assets, report of	
DB	_____	\$7.00
DC	(50) Nonresident executor or administrator to bar creditors' claims, proceedings by	
DD	_____	\$20.00
DE	(51) Power of attorney or revocation of power, bonding company	
DF	_____	\$10.00
DG	(52) Presumption of death, petition to establish	
DH	_____	\$20.00
DI	(53) Probating will	
DJ	_____	\$15.00
DK	Proof of notice to beneficiaries	
DL	_____	\$5.00
DM	(54) Purchase personal property, application of surviving spouse to	
DN	_____	\$10.00

DO	(55) Purchase real property at appraised value, petition of surviving spouse to	
DP	_____	\$20.00
DQ	(56) Receipts in addition to advertising charges, application and order to record	
DR	_____	\$5.00
DS	Record of those receipts, additional, per page	
DT	_____	\$1.00
DU	(57) Record in excess of fifteen hundred words in any proceeding in the probate court, per page	
DV	_____	\$1.00
DW	(58) Release of estate by mortgagee or other lienholder	
DX	_____	\$5.00
DY	(59) Relieving an estate from administration under section 2113.03 of the Revised Code or granting an order for a summary release from administration under section 2113.031 of the Revised Code	
DZ	_____	\$60.00
EA	(60) Removal of fiduciary, application for	
EB	_____	\$10.00
EC	(61) Requalification of executor or administrator	

ED	_____	\$10.00
EE	(62) Resignation of fiduciary	
EF	_____	\$5.00
EG	(63) Sale bill, public sale of personal property	
EH	_____	\$10.00
EI	(64) Sale of personal property and report, application for	
EJ	_____	\$10.00
EK	(65) Sale of real property, petition for	
EL	_____	\$25.00
EM	(66) Terminate guardianship, petition to	
EN	_____	\$10.00
EO	(67) Transfer of real property, application, entry, and certificate for	
EP	_____	\$7.00
EQ	(68) Unclaimed money, application to invest	
ER	_____	\$7.00
ES	(69) Vacate approval of account or order of distribution, motion to	
ET	_____	\$10.00

EU	(70) Writ of execution	
EV	_____	\$5.00
EW	(71) Writ of possession	
EX	_____	\$5.00
EY	(72) Wrongful death, application and settlement of claim for	
EZ	_____	\$20.00
FA	(73) Year's allowance, petition to review	
FB	_____	\$7.00
FC	(74) Guardian's report, filing and review of	
FD	_____	\$5.00
FE	(75) Person with a mental illness subject to court order, filing of affidavit and proceedings for	
FF	_____	\$25.00

(B) (1) In relation to an application for the appointment	102
of a guardian or the review of a report of a guardian under	103
section 2111.49 of the Revised Code, the probate court, pursuant	104
to court order or in accordance with a court rule, may direct	105
that the applicant or the estate pay any or all of the expenses	106
of an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2111.041 or	107
division (A) (2) of section 2111.49 of the Revised Code. If the	108
investigation is conducted by a public employee or investigator	109
who is paid by the county, the fees for the investigation shall	110
be paid into the county treasury. If the court finds that an	111

alleged incompetent or a ward is indigent, the court may waive 112
the costs, fees, and expenses of an investigation. 113

(2) In relation to the appointment or functioning of a 114
guardian for a minor or the guardianship of a minor, the probate 115
court may direct that the applicant or the estate pay any or all 116
of the expenses of an investigation conducted pursuant to 117
section 2111.042 of the Revised Code. If the investigation is 118
conducted by a public employee or investigator who is paid by 119
the county, the fees for the investigation shall be paid into 120
the county treasury. If the court finds that the guardian or 121
applicant is indigent, the court may waive the costs, fees, and 122
expenses of an investigation. 123

(3) In relation to the filing of an affidavit of mental 124
illness for a person with a mental illness subject to court 125
order, the court may waive the fee under division (A) (75) of 126
this section if the court finds that the affiant is indigent or 127
for good cause shown. 128

(C) Thirty dollars of the thirty-five-dollar fee collected 129
pursuant to division (A) (34) of this section and twenty dollars 130
of the sixty-dollar fee collected pursuant to division (A) (59) 131
of this section shall be deposited by the county treasurer in 132
the indigent guardianship fund created pursuant to section 133
2111.51 of the Revised Code. 134

(D) The fees of witnesses, jurors, sheriffs, coroners, and 135
constables for services rendered in the probate court or by 136
order of the probate judge shall be the same as provided for 137
similar services in the court of common pleas. 138

(E) The probate court, by rule, may require an advance 139
deposit for costs, not to exceed one hundred twenty-five 140

dollars, at the time application is made for an appointment as 141
executor or administrator or at the time a will is presented for 142
probate. 143

(F) (1) The "putative father registry fund" is hereby 144
created in the state treasury. The department of children and 145
youth shall use the money in the fund to fund the department's 146
costs of performing its duties related to the putative father 147
registry established under section 3107.062 of the Revised Code. 148

(2) If the department determines that money in the 149
putative father registry fund is more than is needed for its 150
duties related to the putative father registry, the department 151
may use the surplus moneys in the fund as permitted in division 152
(D) of section 2151.3527 or section 5103.155 of the Revised 153
Code. 154

Sec. 2101.166. (A) As used in this section, "individual 155
experiencing homelessness" has the same meaning as in section 156
3705.243 of the Revised Code. 157

(B) The probate judge shall waive all fees for a certified 158
abstract of marriage if the certified abstract is requested by 159
an individual who has not received such a fee waiver in the 160
preceding twelve months and who is experiencing homelessness as 161
verified by at least one of the following: 162

(1) A director or a director's designee of a government or 163
nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to 164
provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness; 165

(2) A school social worker, school counselor, or a local 166
educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths 167
designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11432(g) (1) (J) (ii); 168

(3) A director or a director's designee of either a 169

federal TRIO program or gaining early awareness and readiness 170
for undergraduate program (GEAR UP); 171

(4) A financial aid administrator for an institution of 172
higher education. 173

(C) Beginning one year after the effective date of this 174
section, by the thirty-first day of January of each year any 175
probate judge who waives fees pursuant to division (B) of this 176
section shall submit an annual report to the director of health 177
detailing the number of individuals for whom fees were waived in 178
the preceding one-year period. 179

Sec. 2303.20. Under the circumstances described in 180
sections 2969.21 to 2969.27 of the Revised Code, the clerk of 181
the court of common pleas shall charge the fees and perform the 182
other duties specified in those sections. In all other cases, 183
the clerk shall charge the following fees and no more: 184

(A) Twenty-five dollars for each cause of action which 185
shall include the following: 186

- (1) Docketing in all dockets; 187
- (2) Filing necessary documents, noting the filing of the 188
documents, except subpoena, on the dockets; 189
- (3) Issuing certificate of deposit in foreign writs; 190
- (4) Indexing pending suits and living judgments; 191
- (5) Noting on appearance docket all papers mailed; 192
- (6) Certificate for attorney's fee; 193
- (7) Certificate for stenographer's fee; 194
- (8) Preparing cost bill; 195

(9) Entering on indictment any plea;	196
(10) Entering costs on docket and cash book.	197
(B) Two dollars for taking each undertaking, bond, or recognizance;	198 199
(C) Two dollars for issuing each writ, order, or notice, except subpoena;	200 201
(D) Two dollars for each name for issuing subpoena, swearing witness, entering attendance, and certifying fees;	202 203
(E) Twenty-five dollars for calling a jury in each cause;	204
(F) Two dollars for each page, for entering on journal, indexing, and posting on any docket;	205 206
(G) Three dollars for each execution or transcript of judgment, including indexing;	207 208
(H) One dollar for each page, for making complete record, including indexing;	209 210
(I) Five dollars for certifying a plat recorded in the county recorder's office;	211 212
(J) Five dollars for issuing certificate to receiver or order of reference with oath;	213 214
(K) Five dollars for entering satisfaction or partial satisfaction of each lien on record in the county recorder's office, and the clerk of courts' office;	215 216 217
(L) One dollar for each certificate of fact under seal of the court, to be paid by the party demanding it;	218 219
(M) One dollar for taking each affidavit, including certificate and seal;	220 221

(N) Two dollars for acknowledging all instruments in writing;	222 223
(O) Five dollars for making certificate of judgment;	224
(P) Ten dollars for filing, docketing, and endorsing a certificate of judgment, including the indexing and noting the return of the certificate;	225 226 227
(Q) Twenty-five dollars for each cause of action for each judgment by confession, including all docketing, indexing, and entries on the journal;	228 229 230
(R) Five dollars for recording commission of mayor;	231
(S) One dollar for issuing any license except the licenses issued pursuant to sections 1533.101, 1533.11, 1533.13, and 1533.32 of the Revised Code;	232 233 234
(T) Fifteen dollars for docketing and indexing each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify judgment, including the filing and noting of all necessary documents;	235 236 237
(U) Twenty-five dollars for docketing and indexing each appeal, including the filing and noting of all necessary documents;	238 239 240
(V) A commission of two per cent on the first ten thousand dollars and one per cent on all exceeding ten thousand dollars for receiving and disbursing money, other than costs and fees, paid to or deposited with the clerk of courts in pursuance of an order of court or on judgments, including moneys invested by order of the court and interest earned on them;	241 242 243 244 245 246
(W) Five dollars for numbering, docketing, indexing, and filing each authenticated or certified copy of the record, or any portion of an authenticated or certified copy of the record,	247 248 249

of an extra county action or proceeding; 250

(X) ~~Two~~ Except as provided in section 2303.202 of the 251
Revised Code, two dollars for each certificate of divorce, 252
annulment, or dissolution of marriage to the bureau of vital 253
statistics; 254

(Y) Two dollars for each electronic transmission of a 255
document, plus one dollar for each page of that document. These 256
fees are to be paid by the party requesting the electronic 257
transmission. 258

(Z) ~~One~~ Except as provided in section 2303.202 of the 259
Revised Code, one dollar for each page, for copies of pleadings, 260
process, record, or files, including certificate and seal. 261

Sec. 2303.202. (A) As used in this section, "individual 262
experiencing homelessness" has the same meaning as in section 263
3705.243 of the Revised Code. 264

(B) The clerk of the court of common pleas shall waive all 265
fees for a certified record of a name change or a certificate of 266
divorce, annulment, or dissolution of marriage if the certified 267
record or certificate is requested by an individual who has not 268
received such a fee waiver in the preceding twelve months and 269
who is experiencing homelessness as verified by at least one of 270
the following: 271

(1) A director or a director's designee of a government or 272
nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to 273
provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness; 274

(2) A school social worker, school counselor, or a local 275
educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths 276
designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii); 277

(3) A director or a director's designee of either a 278
federal TRIO program or gaining early awareness and readiness 279
for undergraduate program (GEAR UP); 280

(4) A financial aid administrator for an institution of 281
higher education. 282

(C) Beginning one year after the effective date of this 283
section, by the thirty-first day of January of each year any 284
clerk of the court of common pleas who waives fees pursuant to 285
division (B) of this section shall submit an annual report to 286
the director of health detailing the number of individuals for 287
whom fees were waived in the preceding one-year period, 288
delineated by type of document. 289

Sec. 3109.14. (A) As used in this section, "birth record" 290
and "certification of birth" have the meanings given in section 291
3705.01 of the Revised Code. 292

(B) (1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 3705.243 of the 293
Revised Code, the director of health, a person authorized by the 294
director, a local commissioner of health, or a local registrar 295
of vital statistics shall charge and collect a fee for each 296
certified copy of a birth record, for each certification of 297
birth, and for each copy of a death record. The fee shall be 298
three dollars. The fee is in addition to the fee imposed by 299
section 3705.24 or any other section of the Revised Code. A 300
local commissioner of health or a local registrar of vital 301
statistics may retain an amount of each additional fee 302
collected, not to exceed three per cent of the amount of the 303
additional fee, to be used for costs directly related to the 304
collection of the fee and the forwarding of the fee to the 305
department of health. 306

The additional fees collected by the director of health or 307
a person authorized by the director and the additional fees 308
collected but not retained by a local commissioner of health or 309
a local registrar of vital statistics shall be forwarded to the 310
department of health not later than thirty days following the 311
end of each quarter. Not later than two days after the fees are 312
forwarded to the department each quarter, the department shall 313
deposit the collected fees in the state treasury to the credit 314
of the children's trust fund. A person or government entity that 315
fails to forward the fees in a timely manner, as determined by 316
the department, shall send to the department, in addition to the 317
fees, a penalty equal to ten per cent of the fees. The 318
department also shall deposit any penalty received in the state 319
treasury to the credit of the children's trust fund. 320

(2) Upon the filing for a divorce decree under section 321
3105.10 or a decree of dissolution under section 3105.65 of the 322
Revised Code, a court of common pleas shall charge and collect a 323
fee. The fee shall be eleven dollars. The fee is in addition to 324
any other court costs or fees. The county clerk of courts may 325
retain an amount of each additional fee collected, not to exceed 326
three per cent of the amount of the additional fee, to be used 327
for costs directly related to the collection of the fee and the 328
forwarding of the fee to the treasurer of state. The additional 329
fees collected, but not retained, under division (B) (2) of this 330
section shall be forwarded to the treasurer of state not later 331
than twenty days following the end of each month. 332

The treasurer of state shall deposit the fees received 333
under division (B) (2) of this section in the state treasury to 334
the credit of the children's trust fund. A county clerk of 335
courts that fails to forward the fees in a timely manner, as 336
determined by the treasurer of state, shall send to the 337

treasurer of state, in addition to the fees, a penalty equal to 338
ten per cent of the fees. The treasurer of state also shall 339
deposit any penalty received in the state treasury to the credit 340
of the children's trust fund. 341

(C) The children's trust fund is created in the state 342
treasury. The treasurer of state shall invest the moneys in the 343
fund, and all earnings resulting from investment of the fund 344
shall be credited to the fund, except that actual administrative 345
costs incurred by the treasurer of state in administering the 346
fund may be deducted from the earnings resulting from 347
investments. The amount that may be deducted shall not exceed 348
three per cent of the total amount of fees credited to the fund 349
in each fiscal year, except that the children's trust fund board 350
may approve an amount for actual administrative costs exceeding 351
three per cent but not exceeding four per cent of such amount. 352
The balance of the investment earnings shall be credited to the 353
fund. Moneys credited to the fund shall be used only for the 354
purposes described in sections 3109.13 to 3109.179 of the 355
Revised Code. 356

Sec. 3333.31. (A) For state subsidy and tuition surcharge 357
purposes, status as a resident of Ohio shall be defined by the 358
chancellor of higher education by rule promulgated pursuant to 359
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. No adjudication as to the 360
status of any person under such rule, however, shall be required 361
to be made pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The 362
term "resident" for these purposes shall not be equated with the 363
definition of that term as it is employed elsewhere under the 364
laws of this state and other states, and shall not carry with it 365
any of the legal connotations appurtenant thereto. Rather, 366
except as provided in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), and (G) of 367
this section, for such purposes, the rule promulgated under this 368

section shall have the objective of excluding from treatment as 369
residents those who are present in the state primarily for the 370
purpose of attending a state-supported or state-assisted 371
institution of higher education, and may prescribe presumptive 372
rules, rebuttable or conclusive, as to such purpose based upon 373
the source or sources of support of the student, residence prior 374
to first enrollment, evidence of intention to remain in the 375
state after completion of studies, or such other factors as the 376
chancellor deems relevant. 377

(B) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 378
residency shall grant residency status to a veteran and to the 379
veteran's spouse and any dependent of the veteran, if both of 380
the following conditions are met: 381

(1) The veteran either: 382

(a) Served one or more years on active military duty and 383
was honorably discharged or received a medical discharge that 384
was related to the military service; 385

(b) Was killed while serving on active military duty or 386
has been declared to be missing in action or a prisoner of war. 387

(2) If the veteran seeks residency status for tuition 388
surcharge purposes, the veteran has established domicile in this 389
state as of the first day of a term of enrollment in an 390
institution of higher education. If the spouse or a dependent of 391
the veteran seeks residency status for tuition surcharge 392
purposes, the veteran and the spouse or dependent seeking 393
residency status have established domicile in this state as of 394
the first day of a term of enrollment in an institution of 395
higher education, except that if the veteran was killed while 396
serving on active military duty, has been declared to be missing 397

in action or a prisoner of war, or is deceased after discharge, 398
only the spouse or dependent seeking residency status shall be 399
required to have established domicile in accordance with this 400
division. 401

(C) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 402
residency shall grant residency status to both of the following: 403

(1) A veteran who is the recipient of federal veterans' 404
benefits under the "All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance 405
Program," 38 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., or "Post-9/11 Veterans 406
Educational Assistance Program," 38 U.S.C. 3301 et seq., or any 407
successor program, if the veteran meets all of the following 408
criteria: 409

(a) The veteran served at least ninety days on active 410
duty. 411

(b) The veteran enrolls in a state institution of higher 412
education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 413

(c) The veteran lives in the state as of the first day of 414
a term of enrollment in the state institution of higher 415
education. 416

(2) A person who is the recipient of the federal Marine 417
Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship or transferred 418
federal veterans' benefits under any of the programs described 419
in division (C)(1) of this section, if the person meets both of 420
the following criteria: 421

(a) The person enrolls in a state institution of higher 422
education. 423

(b) The person lives in the state as of the first day of a 424
term of enrollment in the state institution of higher education. 425

In order for a person using transferred federal veterans' 426
benefits to qualify under division (C)(2) of this section, the 427
veteran who transferred the benefits must have served at least 428
ninety days on active duty or the service member who transferred 429
the benefits must be on active duty. 430

(D) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 431
residency shall grant residency status to a service member who 432
is on active duty and to the service member's spouse and any 433
dependent of the service member while the service member is on 434
active duty. In order to qualify under division (D) of this 435
section, the rules shall require the student seeking in-state 436
tuition rates to live in the state as of the first day of a term 437
of enrollment in the state institution of higher education, but 438
shall not require the service member or the service member's 439
spouse or dependent to establish domicile in this state as of 440
the first day of a term of enrollment in an institution of 441
higher education. 442

(E) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 443
residency shall not deny residency status to a student who is 444
either a dependent child of a parent, or the spouse of a person 445
who, as of the first day of a term of enrollment in an 446
institution of higher education, has accepted full-time 447
employment and established domicile in this state for reasons 448
other than gaining the benefit of favorable tuition rates. 449

Documentation of full-time employment and domicile shall 450
include both of the following documents: 451

(1) A sworn statement from the employer or the employer's 452
representative on the letterhead of the employer or the 453
employer's representative certifying that the parent or spouse 454
of the student is employed full-time in Ohio; 455

(2) A copy of the lease under which the parent or spouse 456
is the lessee and occupant of rented residential property in the 457
state, a copy of the closing statement on residential real 458
property of which the parent or spouse is the owner and occupant 459
in this state or, if the parent or spouse is not the lessee or 460
owner of the residence in which the parent or spouse has 461
established domicile, a letter from the owner of the residence 462
certifying that the parent or spouse resides at that residence. 463

Residency officers may also evaluate, in accordance with 464
the chancellor's rule, requests for immediate residency status 465
from dependent students whose parents are not living and whose 466
domicile follows that of a legal guardian who has accepted full- 467
time employment and established domicile in the state for 468
reasons other than gaining the benefit of favorable tuition 469
rates. 470

(F) (1) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 471
residency shall grant residency status to a person who enrolls 472
in an institution of higher education and establishes domicile 473
in this state, regardless of the student's residence prior to 474
that enrollment and satisfies either of the following 475
conditions: 476

(a) The person, while a resident of this state for state 477
subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes, graduated from a high 478
school in this state or completed the final year of education at 479
home as authorized under section 3321.042 of the Revised Code. 480

(b) The person meets all of the following criteria: 481

(i) The person officially withdrew from a school in this 482
state while the person was a resident of this state for state 483
subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes. 484

(ii) The person has not received a high school diploma or 485
honors diploma awarded under section 3313.61, 3313.611, 486
3313.612, or 3325.08 of the Revised Code or a high school 487
diploma awarded by a school located in another state or country. 488

(iii) The person, while a resident of this state for state 489
subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes, both took a high school 490
equivalency test and was awarded a certificate of high school 491
equivalence. 492

(2) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 493
residency shall not grant residency status to an alien if the 494
alien is not also an immigrant or a nonimmigrant. 495

(G) The rules of the chancellor for determining student 496
residency status shall grant residency status to a person to 497
whom all of the following apply: 498

(1) The person, while not a resident of this state for 499
state subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes, lives in this 500
state and completes a bachelor's degree program at an 501
institution of higher education in this state. 502

(2) The person, upon completing that bachelor's degree 503
program, immediately enrolls in a graduate degree program, as 504
determined appropriate by the chancellor, offered at any state 505
institution of higher education. 506

(3) The person, while enrolled in the graduate degree 507
program, resides in this state. 508

The chancellor's rules adopted under this section shall 509
define "immediately" for the purposes of division (G) of this 510
section. 511

(H) As used in this section: 512

(1) "Dependent," "domicile," "institution of higher education," and "residency officer" have the meanings ascribed in the chancellor's rules adopted under this section.

(2) "Alien" means a person who is not a United States citizen or a United States national.

(3) "Immigrant" means an alien who has been granted the right by the United States bureau of citizenship and immigration services to reside permanently in the United States and to work without restrictions in the United States.

(4) "Nonimmigrant" means an alien who has been granted the right by the United States bureau of citizenship and immigration services to reside temporarily in the United States.

(5) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the uniformed services, as defined in section ~~3511.01~~3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Service member" has the same meaning as in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Certificate of high school equivalence" means either of the following:

(a) A certificate of high school equivalence awarded by the department of education and workforce under division (A) of section 3301.80 of the Revised Code;

(b) The equivalent of a certificate of high school equivalence awarded by the state board of education under former law, as defined in division (C)(1) of section 3301.80 of the Revised Code.

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

(A) "General election" means the election held on the 541
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November. 542

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held 543
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 544
odd-numbered year. 545

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on 546
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each 547
even-numbered year. 548

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those 549
elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 550
election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 551
Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first 552
Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the 553
Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal 554
or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except 555
that in any year in which a presidential primary election is 556
held, no special election shall be held in May, except as 557
authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on 558
the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. 559

(E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 560
held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 561
political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 562
of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 563
political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 564
conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 565
held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 566
year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 567
held. 568

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 569

election as defined by division (E) (1) of this section at which 570
an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 571
alternates to the national conventions of the major political 572
parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 573
otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 574
in references to primary elections. In years in which a 575
presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 576
shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in 577
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county 578
charter. 579

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting 580
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised 581
Code for the formation and existence of a political party. 582

(1) "Major political party" means any political party 583
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for 584
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less 585
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at 586
the most recent regular state election. 587

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party 588
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the 589
following requirements: 590

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 591
political party's candidate for governor or nominees for 592
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not 593
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office 594
at the most recent regular state election. A political party 595
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political 596
party for a period of four years after meeting those 597
requirements. 598

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of 599
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of 600
division (F) (2) (a) of this section, a petition that meets the 601
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 602

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor 603
political party until the time of the first election for 604
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months 605
subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election 606
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the 607
office of governor or president. 608

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political 609
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate 610
for election to the office of governor at the most recent 611
regular state election at which a governor was elected received 612
more votes than any other person received for election to that 613
office in such precinct at such election. 614

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in 615
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement 616
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special 617
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who 618
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to 619
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a 620
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state. 621

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims 622
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has 623
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special 624
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and 625
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the 626
Revised Code. 627

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

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

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

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

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

- (O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election. 657
- (P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an 658
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector 659
may vote. 660
- (Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county 661
established by the board of elections of such county within 662
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein 663
may vote at the same polling place. 664
- (R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each 665
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such 666
precinct may vote. 667
- (S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of 668
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of 669
the Revised Code. 670
- (T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 671
city, village, or school district. 672
- (U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of 673
the following: 674
- (1) Secretary of state; 675
- (2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the 676
division of elections in the capacity of attorney, 677
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections 678
administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor; 679
- (3) Director of a board of elections; 680
- (4) Deputy director of a board of elections; 681
- (5) Member of a board of elections; 682
- (6) Employees of a board of elections; 683

(7) Precinct election officials; 684

(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a 685
temporary or part-time basis. 686

(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board 687
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, 688
informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who 689
wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status 690
of the application; the information necessary to complete or 691
update the application, if any; and if the application is 692
complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote. 693

(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board 694
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to 695
a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current 696
address, date of birth, or United States citizenship, the number 697
of the elector's Ohio driver's license or state identification 698
card, the last four digits of the elector's social security 699
number, or any other information required for registration. The 700
notice shall be sent by forwardable mail, shall be accompanied 701
by a postage prepaid, preaddressed return envelope containing a 702
form on which the elector may verify or correct the elector's 703
registration, and shall meet the requirements of the National 704
Voter Registration Act of 1993. 705

(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the 706
state that provides public assistance or that provides state- 707
funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to 708
persons with disabilities and that is required by the National 709
Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed 710
and administered by the secretary of state for registering 711
voters, or any other public or government office or agency that 712
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary 713

of state for registering voters, including the department of job 714
and family services, the program administered under section 715
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the 716
department of behavioral health, the department of developmental 717
disabilities, the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities 718
agency, and any other agency the secretary of state designates. 719
"Designated agency" does not include public high schools and 720
vocational schools, public libraries, or the office of a county 721
treasurer. 722

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the 723
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 724
U.S.C.A. 1973gg. 725

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights 726
Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended. 727

(AA) (1) "Photo identification" means one of the following 728
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and 729
is not expired: 730

(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card, 731
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor 732
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of 733
the Revised Code; 734

(b) A United States passport or passport card; 735

(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio 736
national guard identification card, or United States department 737
of veterans affairs identification card. 738

(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means 739
images of both the front and back of a document described in 740
division (AA) (1) of this section, except that if the document is 741
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification 742

means an image of the passport's identification page that 743
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other 744
identifying information and the passport's expiration date. 745

(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued 746
by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 747
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to 748
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license, 749
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted 750
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction 751
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include 752
a limited term license issued under section 4506.14 or 4507.09 753
of the Revised Code. 754

(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by 755
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to 756
4507.52 of the Revised Code. 757

(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document 758
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant 759
for a driver's license or state identification card that 760
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license 761
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of 762
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the 763
mail. 764

(EE) (1) "Proof of citizenship" means evidence that an 765
individual is a United States citizen, in the form of one of the 766
following: 767

(a) The number of the individual's current Ohio driver's 768
license or state identification card, if the secretary of state 769
verifies using information obtained from the bureau of motor 770
vehicles that the individual has submitted documentation to the 771

bureau that indicates that the individual is a United States 772
citizen; 773

(b) The individual's current Ohio driver's license, state 774
identification card, or interim identification form issued on or 775
after April 7, 2023, or a copy of the front and back of that 776
license, card, or form, if the license, card, or form does not 777
include a notation designating that the individual is a 778
noncitizen of the United States; 779

(c) The individual's birth certificate, certification of 780
report of birth, or consular report of birth abroad, or a copy 781
of one of those documents; 782

(d) The individual's current United States passport or 783
passport card, a copy of the identification page of the 784
passport, or a copy of the front and back of the passport card; 785

(e) The individual's certificate of naturalization or 786
certificate of citizenship or a copy of one of those documents; 787

(f) The individual's I-797 notice of action for form 788
N-565, application for replacement naturalization/citizenship 789
document issued by United States citizenship and immigration 790
services, if the notice indicates that the application has been 791
approved; a copy of that notice; or an original or copy of the 792
successor form of that notice issued by the federal agency that 793
is responsible for fulfilling requests for replacement 794
naturalization or citizenship documents. 795

(2) If an individual's current legal name is different 796
from the name on the individual's proof of citizenship, the 797
individual also shall provide proof of the change of name, such 798
as a copy of a marriage license or court order. 799

(FF) "Ranked choice voting" and "instant runoff voting" 800

mean a method of nominating or electing one or more candidates 801
to an office as follows: 802

(1) Voters rank candidates on the ballot in order of 803
preference. 804

(2) Tabulation proceeds in rounds such that in each round, 805
one or more candidates are nominated or elected or a last-place 806
candidate is defeated. 807

(3) Votes are transferred from nominated, elected, or 808
defeated candidates to the voter's next-ranked candidate or 809
candidates in order of preference. 810

(4) Tabulation ends when a candidate receives the majority 811
of the votes cast or when the number of candidates nominated or 812
elected equals the number of offices to be filled, as 813
applicable. 814

(GG) "Overseas voter" means any of the following: 815

(1) A United States citizen who is outside of the United 816
States and who, before leaving the United States, was last 817
eligible to vote in this state, who may be considered a state 818
resident using the standards for residency established in 819
sections 3503.02 and 3511.01 of the Revised Code, and who 820
otherwise satisfies the requirements to vote in this state; 821

(2) A United States citizen who is outside of the United 822
States and who, before leaving the United States, would have 823
been eligible to vote in this state had the person then been 824
eighteen years of age or older, who may be considered a state 825
resident using the standards for residency established in 826
sections 3503.02 and 3511.01 of the Revised Code, and who 827
otherwise satisfies the requirements to vote in this state; 828

(3) A United States citizen who was born outside of the 829
United States, who may be considered a state resident using the 830
standards for residency established in sections 3503.02 and 831
3511.01 of the Revised Code, and who otherwise satisfies the 832
requirements to vote in this state, if both of the following 833
apply: 834

(a) The last place where the person's parent or legal 835
guardian was, or would have been, eligible to vote before 836
leaving the United States is within this state; 837

(b) The person has not previously registered to vote in 838
any other state. 839

(HH) "Uniformed services" means: 840

(1) Active and reserve components of the army, navy, air 841
force, marine corps, space force, or coast guard of the United 842
States; 843

(2) The merchant marine, the commissioned corps of the 844
public health service, or the commissioned corps of the national 845
oceanic and atmospheric administration of the United States; 846

(3) The national guard and the organized militia. 847

(II) "Uniformed services voter" means a United States 848
citizen who is qualified to vote in this state and who is: 849

(1) A member of one of the uniformed services described in 850
division (HH) (1) or (2) of this section; 851

(2) A member of one of the uniformed services described in 852
division (HH) (3) of this section who is on activated status. 853

(3) A spouse or dependent of a uniformed services voter. 854
As used in this division, "dependent" means a person who is 855

recognized as a dependent by one of the uniformed services. 856

Sec. 3503.02. All registrars and precinct election 857
officials, in determining the residence of a person offering to 858
register or vote, shall be governed by the following rules: 859

(A) That place shall be considered the residence of a 860
person in which the person's habitation is fixed and to which, 861
whenever the person is absent, the person has the intention of 862
returning. 863

(B) A person shall not be considered to have lost the 864
person's residence who leaves the person's home and goes into 865
another state or county of this state, for temporary purposes 866
only, with the intention of returning. 867

(C) A person shall not be considered to have gained a 868
residence in any county of this state into which the person 869
comes for temporary purposes only, without the intention of 870
making such county the permanent place of abode. 871

(D) The place where the family of a married person resides 872
shall be considered to be the person's place of residence; 873
except that when the spouses have separated and live apart, the 874
place where such a spouse resides the length of time required to 875
entitle a person to vote shall be considered to be the spouse's 876
place of residence. 877

(E) If a person removes to another state with the 878
intention of making such state the person's residence, the 879
person shall be considered to have lost the person's residence 880
in this state. 881

(F) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) of this 882
section, if a person removes from this state and continuously 883
resides outside this state for a period of four years or more, 884

the person shall be considered to have lost the person's 885
residence in this state, notwithstanding the fact that the 886
person may entertain an intention to return at some future 887
period. 888

(G) (1) If a person removes from this state to engage in 889
the services of the United States government, the person shall 890
not be considered to have lost the person's residence in this 891
state, and likewise should the person enter the employment of 892
the state, the place where such person resided at the time of 893
the person's removal shall be considered to be the person's 894
place of residence. 895

(2) If a person removes from this state to a location 896
outside of the United States and the person does not become a 897
resident of another state, the person shall not be considered to 898
have lost the person's residence in this state. The place where 899
the person resided at the time of the person's removal shall be 900
considered to be the person's place of residence. 901

(3) If a person is eligible to vote in this state under 902
division (D) (2) of section ~~3511.011~~ 3511.01 of the Revised Code, 903
the place where the person's parent or legal guardian resided in 904
this state prior to that parent or legal guardian's removal to a 905
location outside of the United States shall be considered to be 906
the person's place of residence. 907

(4) If an address that is considered to be a person's 908
place of residence under division (G) of this section ceases to 909
be a recognized residential address, the board of elections 910
shall assign an address to the applicable person for voting 911
purposes. 912

(H) If a person goes into another state and while there 913

exercises the right of a citizen by voting, the person shall be 914
considered to have lost the person's residence in this state. 915

(I) If a person does not have a fixed place of habitation, 916
but has a shelter or other location at which the person has been 917
a consistent or regular inhabitant and to which the person has 918
the intention of returning, that shelter or other location shall 919
be deemed the person's residence for the purpose of registering 920
to vote. 921

Sec. 3503.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 922
(E) of section 111.44 of the Revised Code, whenever a registered 923
elector changes the place of residence of that registered 924
elector from one precinct to another within a county or from one 925
county to another, or has a change of name, that registered 926
elector shall report the change by delivering a change of 927
residence or change of name form, whichever is appropriate, as 928
prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.14 of 929
the Revised Code to the state or local office of a designated 930
agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public 931
library, the office of the county treasurer, the office of the 932
secretary of state, any office of the registrar or deputy 933
registrar of motor vehicles, or any office of a board of 934
elections in person or by a third person. Any voter 935
registration, change of address, or change of name application, 936
returned by mail, may be sent only to the secretary of state or 937
the board of elections. 938

A registered elector also may update the registration of 939
that registered elector by filing a change of residence or 940
change of name form on the day of a special, primary, or general 941
election at the polling place in the precinct in which that 942
registered elector resides or at the board of elections or at 943

another site designated by the board. 944

(B) (1) (a) Any registered elector who moves within a 945
precinct on or prior to the day of a general, primary, or 946
special election and has not filed a notice of change of 947
residence with the board of elections may vote in that election 948
by going to that registered elector's assigned polling place, 949
completing and signing a notice of change of residence, showing 950
photo identification, and casting a ballot. 951

(b) Any registered elector who changes the name of that 952
registered elector and remains within a precinct on or prior to 953
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 954
filed a notice of change of name with the board of elections may 955
vote in that election by going to that registered elector's 956
assigned polling place, completing and signing a notice of a 957
change of name, and casting a provisional ballot under section 958
3505.181 of the Revised Code. If the registered elector provides 959
to the precinct election officials proof of a legal name change, 960
such as a marriage license or court order that includes the 961
elector's current and prior names, the elector may complete and 962
sign a notice of change of name and cast a regular ballot. 963

(2) Any registered elector who moves from one precinct to 964
another within a county or moves from one precinct to another 965
and changes the name of that registered elector on or prior to 966
the day of a general, primary, or special election and has not 967
filed a notice of change of residence or change of name, 968
whichever is appropriate, with the board of elections may vote 969
in that election if that registered elector complies with 970
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 971

(a) Appears at anytime during regular business hours on or 972
after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which that 973

registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is held on 974
the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty-fifth day 975
prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday prior to the 976
election at the office of the board of elections, appears at any 977
time during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 978
election at the office of the board of elections, or appears on 979
the day of the election at either of the following locations: 980

(i) The polling place for the precinct in which that 981
registered elector resides; 982

(ii) The office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 983
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 984
has designated another location in the county at which 985
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 986
the office of the board of elections. 987

(b) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 988
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 989
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence 990
or change of name, whichever is appropriate; 991

(c) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 992
the Revised Code at the polling place, at the office of the 993
board of elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 994
3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated another 995
location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at 996
that other location instead of the office of the board of 997
elections, whichever is appropriate, using the address to which 998
that registered elector has moved or the name of that registered 999
elector as changed, whichever is appropriate; 1000

(d) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1001
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1002

elector moved or had a change of name, whichever is appropriate, 1003
on or prior to the day of the election, has voted a provisional 1004
ballot at the polling place for the precinct in which that 1005
registered elector resides, at the office of the board of 1006
elections, or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of 1007
the Revised Code the board has designated another location in 1008
the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1009
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1010
whichever is appropriate, and will not vote or attempt to vote 1011
at any other location for that particular election. 1012

(C) Any registered elector who moves from one county to 1013
another county within the state on or prior to the day of a 1014
general, primary, or special election and has not registered to 1015
vote in the county to which that registered elector moved may 1016
vote in that election if that registered elector complies with 1017
division (G) of this section or does all of the following: 1018

(1) Appears at any time during regular business hours on 1019
or after the twenty-eighth day prior to the election in which 1020
that registered elector wishes to vote or, if the election is 1021
held on the day of a presidential primary election, the twenty- 1022
fifth day prior to the election, through noon of the Saturday 1023
prior to the election at the office of the board of elections 1024
or, if pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1025
Revised Code the board has designated another location in the 1026
county at which registered electors may vote, at that other 1027
location instead of the office of the board of elections, 1028
appears during regular business hours on the Monday prior to the 1029
election at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1030
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1031
has designated another location in the county at which 1032
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1033

the office of the board of elections, or appears on the day of 1034
the election at the office of the board of elections or, if 1035
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1036
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1037
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1038
the office of the board of elections; 1039

(2) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1040
falsification, the written affirmation on the provisional ballot 1041
envelope, which shall serve as a notice of change of residence; 1042

(3) Votes a provisional ballot under section 3505.181 of 1043
the Revised Code at the office of the board of elections or, if 1044
pursuant to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code 1045
the board has designated another location in the county at which 1046
registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of 1047
the office of the board of elections, using the address to which 1048
that registered elector has moved; 1049

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1050
falsification, a statement attesting that that registered 1051
elector has moved from one county to another county within the 1052
state on or prior to the day of the election, has voted at the 1053
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 1054
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 1055
another location in the county at which registered electors may 1056
vote, at that other location instead of the office of the board 1057
of elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1058
location for that particular election. 1059

(D) A person who votes by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1060
to division (G) of this section shall not make written 1061
application for the ballots pursuant to Chapter 3509. of the 1062
Revised Code. Ballots cast pursuant to division (G) of this 1063

section shall be set aside in a special envelope and counted 1064
during the official canvass of votes in the manner provided for 1065
in sections 3505.32 and 3509.06 of the Revised Code insofar as 1066
that manner is applicable. The board shall examine the pollbooks 1067
to verify that no ballot was cast at the polls or by absent 1068
voter's ballots under Chapter 3509. or 3511. of the Revised Code 1069
by an elector who has voted by absent voter's ballots pursuant 1070
to division (G) of this section. Any ballot determined to be 1071
insufficient for any of the reasons stated above or stated in 1072
section 3509.07 of the Revised Code shall not be counted. 1073

Subject to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 1074
Code, a board of elections may lease or otherwise acquire a site 1075
different from the office of the board at which registered 1076
electors may vote pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this 1077
section. 1078

(E) Upon receiving a notice of change of residence or 1079
change of name, the board of elections shall immediately send 1080
the registrant an acknowledgment notice. If the change of 1081
residence or change of name notice is valid, the board shall 1082
update the voter's registration as appropriate. If that form is 1083
incomplete, the board shall inform the registrant in the 1084
acknowledgment notice specified in this division of the 1085
information necessary to complete or update that registrant's 1086
registration. 1087

(F) Change of residence and change of name forms shall be 1088
available at each polling place, and when these forms are 1089
completed, noting changes of residence or name, as appropriate, 1090
they shall be filed with election officials at the polling 1091
place. Election officials shall return completed forms, together 1092
with the pollbooks and tally sheets, to the board of elections. 1093

The board of elections shall provide change of residence 1094
and change of name forms to the probate court and court of 1095
common pleas. The court shall provide the forms to any person 1096
eighteen years of age or older who has a change of name by order 1097
of the court or who applies for a marriage license. The court 1098
shall forward all completed forms to the board of elections 1099
within five days after receiving them. 1100

(G) A registered elector who otherwise would qualify to 1101
vote under division (B) or (C) of this section but is unable to 1102
appear at the office of the board of elections or, if pursuant 1103
to division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board 1104
has designated another location in the county at which 1105
registered electors may vote, at that other location, on account 1106
of personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity, may vote 1107
on the day of the election if that registered elector does all 1108
of the following: 1109

(1) ~~Makes a written application on a form prescribed by~~ 1110
~~the secretary of state that includes all of the information~~ 1111
~~required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code~~ Applies to 1112
the appropriate board for an absent voter's ballot on or after 1113
the twenty-seventh day prior to the election in which the 1114
registered elector wishes to vote through the close of business 1115
on the seventh day prior to that election and requests that the 1116
absent voter's ballot be sent to the address to which the 1117
registered elector has moved if the registered elector has 1118
moved, or to the address of that registered elector who has not 1119
moved but has had a change of name~~+~~. The registered elector 1120
either may apply on a paper form prescribed by the secretary of 1121
state for that purpose that includes all of the information 1122
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code or may apply 1123
through the portal created under section 3509.031 of the Revised 1124

Code. If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised Code 1125
applies to the elector, the elector may provide alternative 1126
identification in order to cast absent voter's ballots as 1127
permitted under that section. 1128

(2) Declares that the registered elector has moved or had 1129
a change of name, whichever is appropriate, and otherwise is 1130
qualified to vote under the circumstances described in division 1131
(B) or (C) of this section, whichever is appropriate, but that 1132
the registered elector is unable to appear at the board of 1133
elections because of personal illness, physical disability, or 1134
infirmary; 1135

(3) Completes and returns along with the completed absent 1136
voter's ballot a notice of change of residence indicating the 1137
address to which the registered elector has moved, or a notice 1138
of change of name, whichever is appropriate; 1139

(4) Completes and signs, under penalty of election 1140
falsification, a statement attesting that the registered elector 1141
has moved or had a change of name on or prior to the day before 1142
the election, has voted by absent voter's ballot because of 1143
personal illness, physical disability, or infirmity that 1144
prevented the registered elector from appearing at the board of 1145
elections, and will not vote or attempt to vote at any other 1146
location or by absent voter's ballot mailed to any other 1147
location or address for that particular election. 1148

Sec. 3505.19. (A) An elector who does not have photo 1149
identification because the elector has a religious objection to 1150
being photographed may complete an affidavit of religious 1151
objection in lieu of providing photo identification for the 1152
purpose of casting a provisional ballot, as described in section 1153
3505.181 of the Revised Code, or for the purpose of casting 1154

absent voter's ballots, as described in section 3509.032 of the 1155
Revised Code. 1156

(B) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the 1157
affidavit of religious objection, which shall be substantially 1158
as follows: 1159

"Affidavit of Religious Objection 1160

I, _____ (first and last name of 1161
elector), declare under penalty of election falsification that I 1162
do not have photo identification because I have a sincere 1163
religious objection to being photographed. 1164

The last four digits of my Social Security number are: 1165

_____ 1166

_____ 1167

(Signature of individual) 1168

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 1169
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 1170

(C) Upon receiving a completed affidavit of religious 1171
objection, the board of elections shall transmit the information 1172
in the affidavit to the secretary of state. The secretary of 1173
state shall consult the database of the bureau of motor vehicles 1174
to determine whether the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 1175
registrar has issued a currently unexpired photo identification 1176
to the elector and shall notify the board of the result. 1177

(D) An affidavit of religious objection is not valid if 1178
either of the following apply: 1179

(1) The last four digits of the elector's social security 1180
number, as provided on the affidavit, are different from the 1181

last four digits of the elector's social security number in the 1182
statewide voter registration database. 1183

(2) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar 1184
has issued a currently unexpired photo identification to the 1185
elector. 1186

Sec. 3509.03. (A) Except as otherwise provided in sections 1187
3509.051, 3511.02, and 3511.021 of the Revised Code, any 1188
qualified elector desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an 1189
election shall deliver a written application for those ballots, 1190
either in person or by mail, to the board of elections of the 1191
county in which the elector's voting residence is located or 1192
shall apply for those ballots using the portal created under 1193
section 3509.031 of the Revised Code. 1194

(B) Except as otherwise permitted under ~~section~~ sections 1195
3509.031 and 3511.02 of the Revised Code ~~and under division (C)~~ 1196
~~of this section~~, the application shall be on a form prescribed 1197
by the secretary of state and shall contain all of the 1198
following: 1199

(1) The elector's name; 1200

(2) The elector's signature; 1201

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to 1202
vote, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 1203
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 1204
Revised Code, the elector instead may provide the elector's 1205
program participant identification number; 1206

(4) The elector's date of birth; 1207

(5) One of the following forms of identification: 1208

(a) ~~The elector's Ohio driver's license or state~~ 1209

~~identification card number;~~ 1210

~~(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security number;~~ 1211
1212

~~(c) A copy of the elector's photo identification, enclosed~~ 1213
with the application or an indication that the elector showed 1214
photo identification to the election officials when submitting 1215
the application in person, as permitted under division (C) of 1216
this section; 1217

(b) Except as otherwise permitted under section 3509.032 1218
of the Revised Code, if the elector cannot provide photo 1219
identification at the time of applying for absent voter's 1220
ballots, the elector's Ohio driver's license or state 1221
identification card number or the last four digits of the 1222
elector's social security number. The form shall notify the 1223
elector that if the elector does not provide photo 1224
identification with the application, the elector is required to 1225
provide photo identification when returning the elector's voted 1226
ballots, as permitted under section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, 1227
unless division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised Code 1228
applies to the elector. 1229

(c) If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised 1230
Code applies to the elector, a completed affirmation as 1231
permitted under that section. 1232

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 1233
voter's ballots are requested; 1234

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is 1235
a qualified elector; 1236

(8) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 1237
elector's party affiliation; 1238

(9) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 1239
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 1240

~~(C) If the elector has a confidential voter registration~~ 1241
~~record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the~~ 1242
~~elector may provide the elector's program participant~~ 1243
~~identification number instead of the address at which the~~ 1244
~~elector is registered to vote.~~An elector who personally delivers 1245
the elector's application for absent voter's ballots to the 1246
board of elections may show the elector's photo identification 1247
to the election officials at that time instead of including a 1248
copy of the elector's photo identification with the application. 1249
The election officials shall mark the application to indicate 1250
that the elector has fulfilled the photo identification 1251
requirement to cast absent voter's ballots. 1252

~~(D) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of~~ 1253
~~section 3509.051 and in division (B) of section 3509.08 of the~~ 1254
~~Revised Code, an~~An application to receive absent voter's 1255
ballots shall be delivered to the office of the board not 1256
earlier than the first day of January of the year of the 1257
~~elections~~election for which the absent voter's ballots are 1258
requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the 1259
election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is 1260
earlier, and not later than the close of business on the seventh 1261
day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to 1262
be voted. An application submitted through the portal created 1263
under section 3509.031 of the Revised Code not later than the 1264
close of business on the seventh day before the day of the 1265
election is considered to have been received by the appropriate 1266
board of elections by that deadline. 1267

(E) Except as permitted under section 111.31 of the 1268

Revised Code, no public office, and no public official or 1269
employee who is acting in an official capacity, shall do either 1270
of the following: 1271

(1) Prepay the return postage for an application for 1272
absent voter's ballots; 1273

(2) Mail or otherwise deliver an unsolicited application 1274
for absent voter's ballots to any person. 1275

(F) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (2) of 1276
this section and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised 1277
Code, no person shall preprint or fill out any portion of an 1278
application for absent voter's ballots on behalf of an 1279
applicant. 1280

(2) The secretary of state or a board of elections may 1281
preprint only an applicant's name and address on an application 1282
for absent voter's ballots before mailing that application to 1283
the applicant, except that if the applicant has a confidential 1284
voter registration record, the secretary of state or a board of 1285
elections shall not preprint the applicant's address on the 1286
application. 1287

(3) A completed application for absent voter's ballots is 1288
not valid if any portion of it has been completed by any person 1289
other than the applicant in violation of division (F) of this 1290
section. 1291

Sec. 3509.031. (A) The secretary of state shall establish 1292
and maintain a secure online portal through which an elector may 1293
submit an application for absent voter's ballots, beginning with 1294
applications submitted on or after September 3, 2027, to cast 1295
absent voter's ballots in the general election held on November 1296
2, 2027. 1297

(B) The portal shall require the applicant to submit all 1298
of the following information: 1299

(1) The applicant's name; 1300

(2) The address at which the applicant is registered to 1301
vote, except that if the applicant has a confidential voter 1302
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 1303
Revised Code, the applicant instead may provide the applicant's 1304
program participant identification number; 1305

(3) The applicant's date of birth; 1306

(4) The election for which the applicant requests absent 1307
voter's ballots; 1308

(5) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 1309
applicant's party affiliation; 1310

(6) The address to which the ballots should be mailed, 1311
except as otherwise permitted under divisions (B) (7) and (8) of 1312
this section; 1313

(7) If the applicant is applying under division (G) of 1314
section 3503.16 or division (A) of section 3509.08 of the 1315
Revised Code, an indication of that fact, along with the 1316
additional information and affirmations required under the 1317
applicable section; 1318

(8) If the applicant is a uniformed services voter or 1319
overseas voter, an indication of that fact, along with all of 1320
the following information: 1321

(a) A statement of the voter's length of residence in the 1322
state immediately preceding the commencement of service, 1323
immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the 1324
service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United 1325

States, or a statement that the voter's parent or legal guardian 1326
resided in this state long enough to establish residency for 1327
voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the United States, 1328
whichever is applicable; 1329

(b) If the voter desires ballots to be sent to the voter 1330
by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall 1331
be so sent; 1332

(c) If the voter desires ballots to be sent to the voter 1333
by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of elections or 1334
the secretary of state, through internet delivery, the voter's 1335
electronic mail address or other internet contact information. 1336

(C) The portal shall require the applicant to provide two 1337
forms of identification by complying with division (C) (1), (2), 1338
or (3) of this section, as applicable. 1339

(1) If the electronic device the applicant is using to 1340
submit the application supports it, the applicant shall verify 1341
the applicant's identity through a live capture procedure that 1342
requires the applicant to create and submit a copy of the 1343
applicant's photo identification at the time of submitting the 1344
application and also to create and submit a short video 1345
recording of the applicant's face at the time of submitting the 1346
application. If the electronic device the applicant is using to 1347
submit the application does not support the live capture 1348
procedure, the applicant shall upload a copy of the applicant's 1349
photo identification. The applicant also shall provide one of 1350
the following: 1351

(a) The last four digits of the applicant's social 1352
security number; 1353

(b) If the photo identification provided is not the 1354

applicant's Ohio driver's license or state identification card, 1355
the number of the applicant's Ohio driver's license or state 1356
identification card; 1357

(c) If the electronic device the applicant is using to 1358
submit the application supports it, the applicant's signature 1359
written at the time of submitting the application using a 1360
finger, stylus, or similar device. 1361

(2) Except as otherwise permitted under section 3509.032 1362
of the Revised Code, if the applicant cannot provide photo 1363
identification at the time of applying for absent voter's 1364
ballots, the applicant shall indicate that the applicant will 1365
provide photo identification when returning the applicant's 1366
voted ballots, as permitted under section 3509.05 of the Revised 1367
Code, and provide two of the following: 1368

(a) The last four digits of the applicant's social 1369
security number; 1370

(b) The applicant's Ohio driver's license or state 1371
identification card number; 1372

(c) If the electronic device the applicant is using to 1373
submit the application supports it, the applicant's signature 1374
written at the time of submitting the application using a 1375
finger, stylus, or similar device. 1376

(3) If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised 1377
Code applies to the applicant, the applicant shall provide 1378
identification as described in division (B) of that section. 1379

(D) The portal shall require the applicant to mark a box 1380
that appears in conjunction with a statement that the applicant 1381
affirms under penalty of election falsification that the 1382
applicant is a qualified elector and that all of the information 1383

the applicant has provided in the application is true. 1384

(E) The portal shall accept applications for absent 1385
voter's ballots for an election during the period beginning on 1386
the first day of January of the year of the election or ninety 1387
days before the day of the election, whichever is earlier, and 1388
ending at the close of business on the seventh day before the 1389
day of the election. 1390

(F) The secretary of state shall securely transmit 1391
completed applications submitted through the portal to the 1392
appropriate boards of elections by electronic means at least 1393
once per business day. 1394

(G) The secretary of state shall employ whatever security 1395
measures the secretary of state considers necessary to ensure 1396
the integrity and accuracy of information submitted 1397
electronically through the portal. Errors in processing 1398
applications through the portal shall not prevent an applicant 1399
from voting. 1400

Sec. 3509.032. (A) An elector to whom any of the following 1401
apply may cast absent voter's ballots by mail at an election by 1402
providing alternative identification instead of a copy of the 1403
elector's photo identification, in accordance with this section: 1404

(1) The elector is a uniformed services voter or overseas 1405
voter. 1406

(2) The elector does not have photo identification because 1407
the elector has a sincere religious objection to being 1408
photographed. 1409

(3) The elector does not have photo identification or 1410
cannot provide a copy of the elector's photo identification 1411
because of the elector's severe medical condition, severe 1412

disability, or infirmity or because of the elector's confinement 1413
in a jail or workhouse under sentence for a misdemeanor or 1414
awaiting trial on a felony or misdemeanor. 1415

(B) (1) An elector described in division (A) of this 1416
section shall submit an affirmation on a form prescribed by the 1417
secretary of state along with the elector's application under 1418
section 3509.03 or 3509.031 of the Revised Code or along with 1419
the elector's voted ballots under division (B) (3) of section 1420
3509.05 of the Revised Code instead of providing photo 1421
identification. If the application is submitted through the 1422
portal created under section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, the 1423
affirmation shall be in an electronic format integrated into the 1424
application. The affirmation shall include all of the following: 1425

(a) A declaration, made under penalty of election 1426
falsification, of which of the circumstances described in 1427
division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of this section apply to the 1428
elector; 1429

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 1430
number; 1431

(c) If the affirmation is submitted along with a paper 1432
application under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, the 1433
elector's signature; 1434

(d) If the affirmation is submitted along with an 1435
electronic application under section 3509.031 of the Revised 1436
Code, one of the following, provided that if the applicant 1437
cannot provide either of the following with the electronic 1438
application, the applicant instead shall apply on paper under 1439
section 3509.03 of the Revised Code: 1440

(i) If the electronic device the applicant is using to 1441

submit the application supports it, the applicant's signature 1442
written at the time of submitting the application using a 1443
finger, stylus, or similar device; 1444

(ii) If the elector is described in division (A) (1) or (3) 1445
of this section and has an Ohio driver's license or state 1446
identification card, the number of the elector's Ohio driver's 1447
license or state identification card. 1448

(2) An elector who has a sincere religious objection to 1449
being photographed may submit the affidavit described in section 1450
3505.19 of the Revised Code instead of an affirmation described 1451
in division (B) (1) of this section when applying under section 1452
3509.03 of the Revised Code or along with the elector's voted 1453
ballots. 1454

(C) A uniformed services voter or overseas voter may apply 1455
for absent voter's ballots on the federal post card application 1456
prescribed under the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 1457
Voting Act," 52 U.S.C. 20301, as permitted under section 3511.02 1458
of the Revised Code, instead of submitting an affirmation under 1459
division (B) of this section with an application under section 1460
3509.03 or 3509.031 of the Revised Code. 1461

Sec. 3509.04. (A) If a board of elections receives an 1462
application for absent voter's ballots that does not contain all 1463
of the required information or is not submitted on an 1464
appropriate form, the board promptly shall notify the applicant 1465
of the additional information required to be provided by the 1466
applicant to complete that application, direct the applicant to 1467
use an appropriate form, or both, as applicable. 1468

(B) Upon receipt by the board of elections of an 1469
application for absent voter's ballots that contains all of the 1470

required information and is submitted on an appropriate form, ~~as~~ 1471
~~provided by section 3509.03 and division (G) of section 3503.16~~ 1472
~~of the Revised Code,~~ the board, if the board finds that the 1473
applicant is a qualified elector, shall deliver to the applicant 1474
in person or mail directly to the applicant by special delivery 1475
mail, air mail, or regular mail, postage prepaid, proper absent 1476
voter's ballots. The board shall deliver or mail with the 1477
ballots an unsealed identification envelope upon the face of 1478
which shall be printed a form substantially as follows: 1479

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 1480

I, _____ (Name of voter), declare under 1481
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 1482
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 1483
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed 1484
in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 1485

My voting residence in Ohio is 1486

_____ 1487

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 1488
of _____ (City, Village, or Township) 1489
Ohio, which is in Ward _____ Precinct _____ 1490
in that city, village, or township. 1491

If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am 1492
providing my program participant identification number instead 1493
of my residence address: _____ 1494

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 1495
are primary election ballots of the _____ Party. 1496

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at 1497
the _____ (general, special, or primary) election to be 1498

held on the _____ day of _____, _____. 1499
_____ 1500

My date of birth is _____ (Month and Day), 1501
_____ (Year). 1502

(Voter must provide one of the following:) 1503

My Ohio driver's license or state identification card 1504
number is _____ (Driver's license or state 1505
identification card number). 1506

The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 1507
_____ (Last four digits of Social Security Number). 1508

_____ In lieu of providing a driver's license or state 1509
identification card number or the last four digits of my Social 1510
Security Number, I am enclosing a copy of my photo 1511
identification in the return envelope in which this 1512
identification envelope will be mailed. 1513

I am personally delivering this ballot to the board 1514
of elections and will show the election officials photo 1515
identification at that time. 1516

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 1517
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 1518

_____ 1519

(Signature of Voter) 1520

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 1521
THE FIFTH DEGREE." 1522

The board shall mail with the ballots and the unsealed 1523
identification envelope an unsealed return envelope upon the 1524
face of which shall be printed the post-office address of the 1525

board. In the upper left corner on the face of the return 1526
envelope, several blank lines shall be printed upon which the 1527
voter may write the voter's name and return address. The return 1528
envelope shall be of such size that the identification envelope 1529
can be conveniently placed within it for returning the 1530
identification envelope to the board. 1531

If, when applying for the ballots, the applicant did not 1532
provide photo identification, as described in section 3509.03 or 1533
3509.031 of the Revised Code, or submit a valid affirmation as 1534
described in section 3509.032 of the Revised Code, the board 1535
shall clearly mark the identification envelope to indicate that 1536
the applicant must comply with division (B) (2) or (3) of section 1537
3509.05 of the Revised Code in order to have the applicant's 1538
voted ballots counted and shall enclose instructions to the 1539
applicant to that effect. 1540

No public office, and no public official or employee who 1541
is acting in an official capacity, shall prepay the return 1542
postage for any absent voter's ballots. 1543

Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 1544
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election 1545
official shall not fill out any portion of an identification 1546
envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on 1547
behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an 1548
elector's name and address on an identification envelope 1549
statement of voter before mailing absent voter's ballots to the 1550
elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter 1551
registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the 1552
Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the 1553
elector's address on the identification envelope statement of 1554
voter. 1555

Sec. 3509.05. (A) When an elector receives an absent 1556
voter's ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, 1557
the elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 1558
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any 1559
voting marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the 1560
board of elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the 1561
ballot to be marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and 1562
the indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the 1563
board of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and 1564
sealed within the identification envelope received from the 1565
board of elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall 1566
cause the statement of voter on the outside of the 1567
identification envelope to be completed and signed, under 1568
penalty of election falsification. 1569

~~(B) The~~ (B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions 1570
(B) (2) and (3) of this section, the elector shall provide one of 1571
the following: 1572

~~(1) (a)~~ The elector's Ohio driver's license or state 1573
identification card number on the statement of voter on the 1574
identification envelope; 1575

~~(2) (b)~~ The last four digits of the elector's social 1576
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 1577
envelope; 1578

~~(3) (c)~~ A copy of the elector's photo identification in 1579
the return envelope with the identification envelope. If the 1580
elector personally delivers the elector's voted ballots to the 1581
board of elections, the elector instead may show photo 1582
identification to the election officials at that time. 1583

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (3) of 1584

this section, if the elector did not provide photo 1585
identification when applying to cast absent voter's ballots, the 1586
elector shall do one of the following: 1587

(a) Enclose a copy of the elector's photo identification 1588
in the return envelope with the identification envelope; 1589

(b) Personally deliver the elector's voted ballots to the 1590
board of elections and show the election officials photo 1591
identification at that time. 1592

(3) If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised 1593
Code applies to the elector and the elector did not provide 1594
photo identification or submit a completed affirmation as 1595
described in that section at the time of applying to cast absent 1596
voter's ballots, the elector shall do one of the following: 1597

(a) Submit a completed affirmation in the return envelope 1598
with the identification envelope; 1599

(b) Personally return the elector's ballots to the board 1600
and submit a completed affirmation at that time. 1601

(4) If an elector shows photo identification to the 1602
election officials when personally returning the elector's 1603
ballot to the board, the election officials shall mark the 1604
identification envelope to indicate that the elector has 1605
fulfilled both the photo identification requirement to cast 1606
absent voter's ballots and the identification requirement to 1607
return absent voter's ballots. 1608

(C) (1) The elector shall mail the identification envelope 1609
to the office of the board of elections in the return envelope, 1610
postage prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the 1611
office of the board, or the spouse of the elector, the father, 1612
mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, 1613

brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, 1614
daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, 1615
uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the elector may deliver it to 1616
the office of the board. The return envelope shall be returned 1617
by no other person, in no other manner, and to no other 1618
location, except as otherwise provided in section 3509.08 of the 1619
Revised Code. 1620

(2) If the board maintains multiple offices in the county, 1621
as permitted under division (C) of section 3501.10 of the 1622
Revised Code, the board may designate any of its offices for the 1623
return of absent voter's ballots under this section, provided 1624
that the board shall designate only one office to which absent 1625
voter's ballots shall be returned under this section. 1626

(3) (a) The board of elections may place not more than one 1627
secure receptacle outside the office of the board, on the 1628
property on which the office of the board is located, for the 1629
purpose of receiving absent voter's ballots under this section. 1630

(b) A secure receptacle shall be open to receive ballots 1631
only during the period beginning on the first day after the 1632
close of voter registration before the election and ending at 1633
seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election. The receptacle 1634
shall be open to receive ballots at all times during that 1635
period. 1636

(c) A secure receptacle shall be monitored by recorded 1637
video surveillance at all times. The video recordings are a 1638
public record. The board shall do one of the following: 1639

(i) Make the video recordings available for inspection 1640
upon request in accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised 1641
Code. 1642

(ii) Make each day's video recording available to the 1643
public on the internet for streaming or download without charge 1644
within seventy-two hours after the recording ends and make the 1645
video recordings available to the public upon request in 1646
accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 1647

(d) Only a bipartisan team of election officials may open 1648
a secure receptacle or handle its contents. A bipartisan team of 1649
election officials shall collect the contents of each secure 1650
receptacle and deliver them to the board for processing at least 1651
once each day and at seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the 1652
election. If, at seven-thirty p.m. on the day of the election, 1653
there are persons waiting in line to deposit absent voter's 1654
ballots in a receptacle, those persons shall be permitted to 1655
deposit the ballots. 1656

(4) (a) During the period beginning on the forty-fifth day 1657
before election day and ending on the day after election day, on 1658
each day the office of the board of elections is open for 1659
business, the board shall report to the secretary of state all 1660
of the following information concerning the previous business 1661
day: 1662

(i) The number of return envelopes purporting to contain 1663
absent voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent 1664
voter's ballots the board received by personal delivery, other 1665
than to a receptacle described in division (C) (3) of this 1666
section; 1667

(ii) If the board has placed a secure receptacle outside 1668
the office of the board under division (C) (3) of this section, 1669
the number of return envelopes purporting to contain absent 1670
voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 1671
ballots the board received in the receptacle. 1672

(b) As soon as practicable after receiving a report under 1673
division (C) (4) (a) of this section, the secretary of state shall 1674
make the information in the report available to the public on 1675
the secretary of state's official web site. 1676

(D) Except as otherwise provided in section 3511.11 of the 1677
Revised Code, all envelopes containing marked absent voter's 1678
ballots shall be delivered to the office of the board not later 1679
than the close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent 1680
voter's ballots delivered to the office of the board later than 1681
the times specified shall not be counted, but shall be kept by 1682
the board in the sealed identification envelopes in which they 1683
are delivered, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 1684
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at 1685
the election for which ballots were provided, at which time they 1686
shall be destroyed. 1687

Sec. 3509.051. An elector may appear at the office of the 1688
board of elections to cast absent voter's ballots in person 1689
instead of applying ~~for those~~ to cast absent voter's ballots 1690
under section 3509.03, 3509.031, 3509.08, or 3511.02 of the 1691
Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or any other 1692
provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of the 1693
following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's ballots 1694
in person: 1695

(A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (2) of 1696
this section, in-person absent voting shall be permitted only 1697
during the period beginning on the first day after the close of 1698
voter registration before the election and ending at five p.m. 1699
on the Sunday before the day of the election. 1700

(2) If, at the time for the close of in-person absent 1701
voting on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to 1702

cast their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall 1703
be kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent 1704
voter's ballots. 1705

(B) An in-person absent voter shall provide photo 1706
identification to the election officials, sign a poll list or 1707
signature pollbook, and cast a ballot in the same manner as a 1708
voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of an election 1709
under section 3505.18 of the Revised Code. 1710

The absent voter shall not be required to complete a 1711
written application for absent voter's ballots or a statement of 1712
voter on an absent voter's ballot identification envelope. 1713

(C) No person other than an election official shall be 1714
permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who 1715
is casting a ballot in person. An election official may 1716
challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a 1717
ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election 1718
official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the 1719
day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the 1720
Revised Code. 1721

(D) An individual who appears to cast absent voter's 1722
ballots in person and is eligible to cast a provisional ballot 1723
under section 3505.181 of the Revised Code shall be permitted to 1724
do so as though the individual had appeared at a polling place 1725
on the day of the election. 1726

(E) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot after 1727
the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or entered 1728
into automatic tabulating equipment. 1729

(F) Ballots cast under this section, other than 1730
provisional ballots, may be recorded by a voting machine or 1731

scanned by automatic tabulating equipment before the close of 1732
the polls on the day of the election, but the board of elections 1733
shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots before 1734
that time. 1735

Sec. 3509.06. (A) The board of elections shall determine 1736
whether absent voter's ballots cast under section 3503.16, 1737
3509.05, 3509.08, or 3511.09 of the Revised Code shall be 1738
processed and counted in each precinct, at the office of the 1739
board, or at some other location designated by the board, and 1740
shall proceed accordingly under division (B), (C), or (E) of 1741
this section, as applicable. 1742

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 1743
this section, when the board of elections determines that those 1744
absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted in each 1745
precinct, the board shall deliver to the voting location manager 1746
of each precinct on election day identification envelopes 1747
purporting to contain absent voter's ballots of electors whose 1748
voting residence appears from the statement of voter on the 1749
outside of each of those envelopes, to be located in that 1750
manager's precinct, and which were received by the board not 1751
later than the close of the polls on election day. The board 1752
shall deliver to the voting location manager a list containing 1753
the name and voting residence of each person whose voting 1754
residence is in such precinct to whom absent voter's ballots 1755
were mailed. 1756

(2) The board shall not deliver to the voting location 1757
manager identification envelopes cast by electors who provided a 1758
program participant identification number instead of a residence 1759
address on the identification envelope and shall not inform the 1760
voting location manager of the names and voting residences of 1761

persons who have confidential voter registration records. Those 1762
identification envelopes shall be examined and processed as 1763
described in division (E) of this section. 1764

(C) When the board of elections determines that those 1765
absent voter's ballots shall be processed and counted at the 1766
office of the board of elections or at another location 1767
designated by the board, special election officials shall be 1768
appointed by the board for that purpose having the same 1769
authority as is exercised by precinct election officials. The 1770
votes so cast shall be added to the vote totals by the board, 1771
and the absent voter's ballots shall be preserved separately by 1772
the board, in the same manner and for the same length of time as 1773
provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code. 1774

(D) Each of the identification envelopes purporting to 1775
contain absent voter's ballots delivered to the voting location 1776
manager of the precinct or the special election official 1777
appointed by the board of elections shall be handled as follows: 1778

(1) The election officials shall compare the signature of 1779
the elector on the outside of the identification envelope with 1780
the signature of that elector on the elector's registration form 1781
and verify that the absent voter's ballot is eligible to be 1782
counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code. 1783

(2) (a) Any of the precinct officials may challenge the 1784
right of the elector named on the identification envelope to 1785
vote the absent voter's ballots upon the ground that the 1786
signature on the envelope is not the same as the signature on 1787
the registration form, that the identification envelope 1788
statement of voter is incomplete, or upon any other of the 1789
grounds upon which the right of persons to vote may be lawfully 1790
challenged. 1791

(b) If the elector's name does not appear in the pollbook 1792
or poll list or signature pollbook, the precinct officials shall 1793
deliver the absent voter's ballots to the director of the board 1794
of elections to be examined and processed in the manner 1795
described in division (E) of this section. 1796

(3) (a) An identification envelope statement of voter shall 1797
be considered incomplete if it does not include all of the 1798
following: 1799

(i) The voter's name; 1800

(ii) The voter's residence address or, if the voter has a 1801
confidential voter registration record, as described in section 1802
111.44 of the Revised Code, the voter's program participant 1803
identification number; 1804

(iii) The voter's date of birth. The requirements of this 1805
division are satisfied if the voter provided a date of birth and 1806
any of the following is true: 1807

(I) The month and day of the voter's date of birth on the 1808
identification envelope statement of voter are not different 1809
from the month and day of the voter's date of birth contained in 1810
the statewide voter registration database. 1811

(II) The voter's date of birth contained in the statewide 1812
voter registration database is January 1, 1800. 1813

(III) The board of elections has found, by a vote of at 1814
least three of its members, that the voter has met the 1815
requirements of divisions (D) (3) (a) (i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of 1816
this section. 1817

(iv) The voter's signature; and 1818

(v) One of the following forms of identification: 1819

(I) The voter's Ohio driver's license or state 1820
identification card number; 1821

(II) The last four digits of the voter's social security 1822
number; or 1823

(III) A copy of the voter's photo identification. 1824

(b) If the identification envelope is marked to indicate 1825
that the applicant must comply with division (B)(2) or (3) of 1826
section 3509.05 of the Revised Code in order to have the 1827
applicant's voted ballots counted, the identification envelope 1828
statement of voter is incomplete if the voter has not done one 1829
of the following: 1830

(i) Provided a copy of the voter's photo identification; 1831

(ii) Appeared in person at the office of the board and 1832
showed photo identification to the election officials, as 1833
indicated by the election officials on the identification 1834
envelope; 1835

(iii) If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised 1836
Code applies to the elector, submitted a valid affirmation as 1837
described in that section. 1838

(c) If the election officials find that the identification 1839
envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that the 1840
information contained in that statement does not conform to the 1841
information contained in the statewide voter registration 1842
database concerning the voter, the election officials shall mail 1843
a written notice to the voter, informing the voter of the nature 1844
of the defect. The notice shall inform the voter that in order 1845
for the voter's ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the 1846
necessary information to the board of elections in writing and 1847
on a form prescribed by the secretary of state not later than 1848

the fourth day after the day of the election. The voter may 1849
deliver the form to the office of the board in person or by 1850
mail. If the voter provides the necessary information to the 1851
board of elections not later than the fourth day after the day 1852
of the election and the ballot is not successfully challenged on 1853
another basis, the voter's ballot shall be processed and counted 1854
in accordance with this section. 1855

(4) If no such challenge is made, or if such a challenge 1856
is made and not sustained, the voting location manager shall 1857
open the envelope without defacing the statement of voter and 1858
without mutilating the ballots in it, and shall remove the 1859
ballots contained in it and proceed to count them. 1860

(5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (5) (b) 1861
of this section, the name of each person voting who is entitled 1862
to vote only an absent voter's presidential ballot shall be 1863
entered in a pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook 1864
followed by the words "Absentee Presidential Ballot." The name 1865
of each person voting an absent voter's ballot, other than such 1866
persons entitled to vote only a presidential ballot, shall be 1867
entered in the pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook and 1868
the person's registration card marked to indicate that the 1869
person has voted. 1870

(b) If the person voting has a confidential voter 1871
registration record, the person's registration card shall be 1872
marked to indicate that the person has voted, but the person's 1873
name shall not be entered in the pollbook or poll list or 1874
signature pollbook. 1875

(6) The date of such election shall also be entered on the 1876
elector's registration form. If any such challenge is made and 1877
sustained, the identification envelope of such elector shall not 1878

be opened, shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reasons the 1879
ballots were not counted, and shall be delivered to the board. 1880

(E) (1) When the board of elections receives absent voter's 1881
ballots from an elector who has provided a program participant 1882
identification number instead of a residence address on the 1883
identification envelope statement of voter, the director and the 1884
deputy director personally shall examine and process the 1885
identification envelope statement of voter in the manner 1886
prescribed in division (D) of this section. 1887

(2) If the director and the deputy director find that the 1888
identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete or that 1889
the information contained in that statement does not conform to 1890
the information contained in the statewide voter registration 1891
database concerning the voter or to the information contained in 1892
the voter's confidential voter registration record, the director 1893
and the deputy director shall mail a written notice to the voter 1894
informing the voter of the nature of the defect. The notice 1895
shall inform the voter that in order for the voter's ballot to 1896
be counted the voter must provide the necessary information to 1897
the board of elections in writing and on a form prescribed by 1898
the secretary of state not later than the fourth day after the 1899
day of the election. The voter may deliver the form to the 1900
office of the board in person or by mail. If the voter provides 1901
the necessary information to the board of elections not later 1902
than the fourth day after the day of the election and the ballot 1903
is not successfully challenged on another basis, the voter's 1904
ballot shall be counted in accordance with this section. 1905

(3) The director or the deputy director may challenge the 1906
ballot on the ground that the signature on the envelope is not 1907
the same as the signature on the registration form, that the 1908

identification envelope statement of voter is incomplete, or 1909
upon any other of the grounds upon which the right of persons to 1910
vote may be lawfully challenged. If such a challenge is made, 1911
the board of elections shall decide whether to sustain the 1912
challenge. 1913

(4) If neither the director nor the deputy director 1914
challenges the ballot, or if such a challenge is made and not 1915
sustained, the director and the deputy director shall open the 1916
envelope without defacing the statement of voter and without 1917
mutilating the ballots in it, shall remove the ballots contained 1918
in it, and shall transmit the ballots to the election officials 1919
to be counted with other absent voter's ballots from that 1920
precinct. 1921

(F) The board of elections shall process absent voter's 1922
ballots before the time for counting those ballots, but the 1923
board shall not tabulate or count the votes on those ballots 1924
before that time. As used in this section and section 3511.11 of 1925
the Revised Code, processing an absent voter's ballot means all 1926
of the following: 1927

(1) Examining the identification envelope statement of 1928
voter in order to verify that the absent voter's ballot is 1929
eligible to be counted under section 3509.07 of the Revised 1930
Code; 1931

(2) Opening the identification envelope, if the absent 1932
voter's ballot is eligible to be counted; 1933

(3) Determining the validity of the absent voter's ballot 1934
under section 3509.07 of the Revised Code; 1935

(4) Preparing and sorting the absent voter's ballot for 1936
scanning by automatic tabulating equipment; 1937

(5) Scanning the absent voter's ballot by automatic 1938
tabulating equipment, if the equipment used by the board of 1939
elections permits an absent voter's ballot to be scanned without 1940
tabulating or counting the votes on the ballots scanned. 1941

(G) Special election officials, employees or members of 1942
the board of elections, or observers shall not disclose the 1943
count or any portion of the count of absent voter's ballots 1944
prior to the time of the closing of the polling places. No 1945
person shall recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the 1946
count of absent voter's ballots in such a manner as to 1947
jeopardize the secrecy of any individual ballot. 1948

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1949
this section, observers may be appointed under section 3505.21 1950
of the Revised Code to witness the examination and opening of 1951
identification envelopes and the processing and counting of 1952
absent voters' ballots under this section. 1953

(2) Observers shall not be permitted to witness the 1954
examination and opening of identification envelopes returned by, 1955
and the processing and counting of absent voter's ballots cast 1956
by, electors who have confidential voter registration records in 1957
a manner that would permit the observers to learn the identities 1958
or residence addresses of those electors. 1959

Sec. 3509.07. If election officials find that any of the 1960
following are true concerning an absent voter's ballot or absent 1961
voter's presidential ballot cast under section 3503.16, 3509.05, 1962
3509.08, or 3511.09 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, the 1963
person did not provide any required additional information to 1964
the board of elections not later than the fourth day after the 1965
day of the election, as permitted under division (D) (3) (b) or 1966
(E) (2) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the ballot shall 1967

not be accepted or counted: 1968

(A) The statement accompanying the ballot is incomplete as 1969
described in division (D) (3) (a) or (b) of section 3509.06 of the 1970
Revised Code or is insufficient; 1971

(B) The signatures do not correspond with the person's 1972
registration signature; 1973

(C) The applicant is not a qualified elector in the 1974
precinct; 1975

(D) The ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of 1976
any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not 1977
entitled to vote; 1978

(E) Stub A is detached from the absent voter's ballot or 1979
absent voter's presidential ballot; or 1980

(F) The elector has not included with the elector's ballot 1981
any identification required under section 3509.05 or 3511.09 of 1982
the Revised Code. 1983

The vote of any absent voter may be challenged for cause 1984
in the same manner as other votes are challenged, and the 1985
election officials shall determine the legality of that ballot. 1986
Every ballot not counted shall be endorsed on its back "Not 1987
Counted" with the reasons the ballot was not counted, and shall 1988
be enclosed and returned to or retained by the board of 1989
elections along with the contested ballots. 1990

Sec. 3509.08. ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) Any qualified elector, who, on 1991
account of the elector's own personal illness, physical 1992
disability, or infirmity, or on account of the elector's 1993
confinement in a jail or workhouse under sentence for a 1994
misdemeanor or awaiting trial on a felony or misdemeanor, will 1995

be unable to travel from the elector's home or place of 1996
confinement to the voting booth in the elector's precinct on the 1997
day of any general, special, or primary election and wishes to 1998
cast absent voter's ballots with the assistance of a bipartisan 1999
team of election officials may ~~make application in writing for~~ 2000
~~an absent voter's ballot~~ apply to the board of elections of the 2001
elector's county ~~in the manner described in by~~ either of the 2002
following methods: 2003

(a) On a form prescribed by the secretary of state for 2004
that purpose that includes all of the information required under 2005
section 3509.03 of the Revised Code. ~~The application shall~~ and 2006
that requires the applicant to state the nature of the elector's 2007
illness, physical disability, or infirmity, or the fact that the 2008
elector is confined in a jail or workhouse and the elector's 2009
resultant inability to travel to the election booth in the 2010
elector's precinct on election day; 2011

(b) Using the portal created under section 3509.031 of the 2012
Revised Code. 2013

(2) If division (A) of section 3509.032 of the Revised 2014
Code applies to the elector, the elector may provide alternative 2015
identification in order to cast absent voter's ballots as 2016
permitted under that section. 2017

(3) The absent voter's ballot may be mailed directly to 2018
the applicant at the applicant's voting residence or place of 2019
confinement as stated in the applicant's application, or the 2020
board may designate two board employees belonging to the two 2021
major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot 2022
to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the 2023
board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private 2024
institution within the county, in which case the board shall 2025

designate two board employees belonging to the two major 2026
political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to 2027
the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. 2028
In all other instances, the ballot shall be returned to the 2029
office of the board in the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 2030
of the Revised Code. 2031

(4) Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the 2032
two board employees belonging to the two major political parties 2033
that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by 2034
reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees 2035
to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the 2036
elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the 2037
assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and 2038
they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this 2039
matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other 2040
cause. 2041

(5) When two board employees belonging to the two major 2042
political parties deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined 2043
elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot 2044
is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is 2045
returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the 2046
declaration on the identification envelope. 2047

~~The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of~~ 2048
~~application for absent voter's ballots under this division.~~ 2049

(6) This chapter applies to disabled and confined absent 2050
voter's ballots except as otherwise provided in this section. 2051

(B) (1) Any ~~During the period beginning at the close of~~ 2052
business on the seventh day before the day of an election and 2053
ending at three p.m. on the day of the election, any qualified 2054

elector who is unable to travel to the voting booth in the 2055
elector's precinct on the day of any general, special, or 2056
primary election because either of the following apply to the 2057
elector may apply to the board of elections of the county where 2058
the elector is a qualified elector to vote in the election by 2059
absent voter's ballot ~~if either of the following apply:~~ 2060

(a) The elector is confined in a hospital as a result of 2061
an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring before 2062
the election; 2063

(b) The elector's minor child is confined in a hospital as 2064
a result of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency 2065
occurring before the election. 2066

(2) ~~The application authorized under division (B) (1) of~~ 2067
~~this section~~ applicant shall be made apply in writing in the 2068
~~manner described in~~ on a form prescribed by the secretary of 2069
state for that purpose that includes all of the information 2070
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code, ~~except that~~ 2071
~~the application shall be delivered to the office of the board~~ 2072
~~not later than three p.m. on the day of the election. The~~ 2073
~~application shall~~ and that requires the applicant to indicate 2074
the hospital where the applicant or the applicant's child is 2075
confined, the date of the applicant's or the applicant's child's 2076
admission to the hospital, and the offices for which the 2077
applicant is qualified to vote. If division (A) of section 2078
3509.032 of the Revised Code applies to the applicant, the 2079
applicant may provide alternative identification in order to 2080
cast absent voter's ballots as permitted under that section. The 2081
applicant may also request that a member of the applicant's 2082
family, as listed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code, 2083
deliver the absent voter's ballot to the applicant. The board, 2084

after establishing to the board's satisfaction the validity of 2085
the circumstances claimed by the applicant, shall supply an 2086
absent voter's ballot to be delivered to the applicant. When the 2087
applicant or the applicant's child is in a hospital in the 2088
county where the applicant is a qualified elector and no request 2089
is made for a member of the family to deliver the ballot, the 2090
board shall arrange for the delivery of an absent voter's ballot 2091
to the applicant, and for its return to the office of the board, 2092
by two board employees belonging to the two major political 2093
parties according to the procedures prescribed in division (A) 2094
of this section. When the applicant or the applicant's child is 2095
in a hospital outside the county where the applicant is a 2096
qualified elector and no request is made for a member of the 2097
family to deliver the ballot, the board shall arrange for the 2098
delivery of an absent voter's ballot to the applicant by mail, 2099
and the ballot shall be returned to the office of the board in 2100
the manner prescribed in section 3509.05 of the Revised Code. 2101

(3) Any qualified elector who is eligible to vote under 2102
division (B) or (C) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code but 2103
is unable to do so because of the circumstances described in 2104
division (B)(2) of this section may vote in accordance with 2105
division (B)(1) of this section if that qualified elector states 2106
in the application for absent voter's ballots that that 2107
qualified elector moved or had a change of name under the 2108
circumstances described in division (B) or (C) of section 2109
3503.16 of the Revised Code and if that qualified elector 2110
complies with divisions (G)(1) to (4) of section 3503.16 of the 2111
Revised Code. 2112

(C) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 2113
(1) of this section who needs no assistance to vote or to return 2114
absent voter's ballots to the board of elections may apply for 2115

absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 or 3509.031 of the 2116
Revised Code instead of applying for them under this section or 2117
may cast absent voter's ballots in person under section 3509.051 2118
of the Revised Code. 2119

(D) Any qualified elector described in division (A) or (B) 2120
(1) of this section to whom ballots are delivered by two 2121
employees of the board of elections or who votes with the 2122
assistance of two employees of the board of elections shall be 2123
considered to have cast absent voter's ballots by mail, rather 2124
than in person, for the purpose of the laws governing voter 2125
identification. 2126

Sec. 3509.10. If a board of elections receives an 2127
application for absent voter's ballots under section 3509.03 or 2128
3509.031 of the Revised Code and it is apparent to the board 2129
that the absent voter is a uniformed services voter or overseas 2130
voter, ~~as defined in section 3511.01 of the Revised Code,~~ the 2131
board shall consider that applicant to have applied for 2132
uniformed services or overseas ballots under Chapter 3511. of 2133
the Revised Code and shall provide those ballots to that voter 2134
in accordance with the timelines and procedures applicable to 2135
uniformed services and overseas absent voters. 2136

Sec. ~~3511.011~~ 3511.01. Any section of the Revised Code to 2137
the contrary notwithstanding, any person who qualifies as a 2138
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter who will be 2139
eighteen years of age or more on the day of a general or special 2140
election and who is a citizen of the United States may vote 2141
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots in such 2142
general or special election as follows: 2143

(A) If an absent uniformed services member is the voter, 2144
the service member may vote only in the precinct in which the 2145

service member has a voting residence in the state, and that 2146
voting residence shall be that place in the precinct in which 2147
the service member resided immediately preceding the 2148
commencement of such service, provided that the time during 2149
which the service member continuously resided in the state 2150
immediately preceding the commencement of such service plus the 2151
time subsequent to such commencement and prior to the day of 2152
such general, special, or primary election is equal to or 2153
exceeds thirty days. 2154

(B) If the spouse or dependent of an absent uniformed 2155
services member is the voter, the spouse or dependent may vote 2156
only in the precinct in which the spouse or dependent has a 2157
voting residence in the state, and that voting residence shall 2158
be that place in the precinct in which the spouse or dependent 2159
resided immediately preceding the time of leaving the state for 2160
the purpose of being with or near the service member, provided 2161
that the time during which the spouse or dependent continuously 2162
resided in the state immediately preceding the time of leaving 2163
the state for the purpose of being with or near the service 2164
member plus the time subsequent to such leaving and prior to the 2165
day of such general, special, or primary election is equal to or 2166
exceeds thirty days. 2167

(C) If an absent uniformed services member or the service 2168
member's spouse or dependent establishes a permanent residence 2169
in a precinct other than the precinct in which the person 2170
resided immediately preceding the commencement of the service 2171
member's service, the voting residence of both the service 2172
member and the service member's spouse or dependent shall be the 2173
precinct of such permanent residence, provided that the time 2174
during which the service member continuously resided in the 2175
state immediately preceding the commencement of such service 2176

plus the time subsequent to such commencement and prior to the 2177
day of such general, special, or primary election is equal to or 2178
exceeds thirty days. 2179

(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (2) of 2180
this section, if an overseas voter who is not an absent 2181
uniformed services voter or the spouse or dependent of an absent 2182
uniformed services voter is the voter, the overseas voter may 2183
vote only in the precinct in which the overseas voter has a 2184
voting residence in the state, and that voting residence shall 2185
be that place in the precinct in which the overseas voter 2186
resided immediately before leaving the United States, provided 2187
that the time during which the overseas voter continuously 2188
resided in the state immediately preceding such departure and 2189
prior to the day of such general, special, or primary election 2190
is equal to or exceeds thirty days. 2191

(2) A person who was born outside of the United States and 2192
who meets the definition of "overseas voter" under division ~~(B)~~ 2193
~~(3)~~ (GG) (3) of section ~~3511.01~~ 3501.01 of the Revised Code shall 2194
be deemed to have a voting residence in this state at that place 2195
in the precinct in which the person's parent or guardian last 2196
resided immediately before leaving the United States, provided 2197
that the time during which the person's parent or guardian 2198
continuously resided in the state immediately preceding such 2199
departure and prior to the day of the general, special, or 2200
primary election is equal to or exceeds thirty days. 2201

Sec. 3511.02. (A) A uniformed services voter or overseas 2202
voter may apply to cast absent voter's ballots in an election by 2203
doing either of the following: 2204

(1) Submitting a completed federal post card form 2205
prescribed under the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 2206

Voting Act," 52 U.S.C. 20301, to the secretary of state or to 2207
the board of elections of the county in which the person's 2208
voting residence is located, as determined under section 3511.01 2209
of the Revised Code, or having the voter's spouse, father, 2210
mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, 2211
brother or sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, 2212
daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, 2213
daughter-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece 2214
submit the form on the voter's behalf. 2215

(a) Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code to the 2216
contrary, whenever any person applies for registration as a 2217
voter on a the federal post card form adopted in accordance with 2218
federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas- 2219
Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 52 U.S.C.A. 20301, 2220
this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and 2221
as a request for an absent voter's ballot. Uniformed services or 2222
overseas absent voter's ballots may be obtained by any person 2223
meeting the requirements of section 3511.011 of the Revised Code 2224
by applying electronically to the secretary of state or to the 2225
board of elections of the county in which the person's voting- 2226
residence is located in accordance with section 3511.021 of the 2227
Revised Code or by applying to the board of elections of the 2228
county in which the person's voting residence is located, in one 2229
of the following ways: 2230

(1) That person may make written application for those 2231
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to 2232
the office of the board or may mail it, send it by facsimile 2233
machine, send it by electronic mail, send it through internet 2234
delivery if such delivery is offered by the board of elections- 2235
or the secretary of state, or otherwise send it to the board. 2236
Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, 2237

~~the application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary-~~ 2238
~~of state and shall contain all of the following information:~~ 2239

~~(a) The elector's name;~~ 2240

~~(b) The elector's signature;~~ 2241

~~(c) The address at which the elector is registered to~~ 2242
~~vote;~~ 2243

~~(d) The elector's date of birth;~~ 2244

~~(e) One of the following:~~ 2245

~~(i) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state-~~ 2246
~~identification card number;~~ 2247

~~(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security~~ 2248
~~number;~~ 2249

~~(iii) A copy of the elector's photo identification.~~ 2250

~~(f) A statement identifying the election for which absent-~~ 2251
~~voter's ballots are requested;~~ 2252

~~(g) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is-~~ 2253
~~a qualified elector;~~ 2254

~~(h) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed-~~ 2255
~~services voter or overseas voter as defined in 52 U.S.C. 20310;~~ 2256

~~(i) A statement of the elector's length of residence in-~~ 2257
~~the state immediately preceding the commencement of service,~~ 2258
~~immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the~~ 2259
~~service member, or immediately preceding leaving the United-~~ 2260
~~States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal~~ 2261
~~guardian resided in this state long enough to establish~~ 2262
~~residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the-~~ 2263
~~United States, whichever is applicable;~~ 2264

~~(j) If the request is for primary election ballots, the~~ 2265
~~elector's party affiliation;~~ 2266

~~(k) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the~~ 2267
~~elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed;~~ 2268

~~(l) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the~~ 2269
~~elector by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they~~ 2270
~~shall be so sent;~~ 2271

~~(m) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the~~ 2272
~~elector by electronic mail or, if offered by the board of~~ 2273
~~elections or the secretary of state, through internet delivery,~~ 2274
~~the elector's electronic mail address or other internet contact~~ 2275
~~information.~~ 2276

~~(2) A~~ (b) The voter or any relative of ~~a~~ the voter listed 2277
in division ~~(A) (3)~~ (A) (1) of this section may use a single 2278
federal post card application to apply for uniformed services or 2279
overseas absent voter's ballots for use at the primary and 2280
general elections in a given year and any special election to be 2281
held on the day in that year specified by division (E) of 2282
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary 2283
election, designated by the general assembly for the purpose of 2284
submitting constitutional amendments proposed by the general 2285
assembly to the voters of the state. A single federal postcard 2286
application shall be processed by the board of elections 2287
pursuant to section 3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if 2288
the voter had applied separately for uniformed services or 2289
overseas absent voter's ballots for each election. 2290

~~(3) Application to have uniformed services or overseas~~ 2291
~~absent voter's ballots mailed or sent by facsimile machine to~~ 2292
~~such a person may be made by the spouse, father, mother, father-~~ 2293

~~in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or~~ 2294
~~sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting~~ 2295
~~parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law,~~ 2296
~~son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The~~ 2297
~~application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only~~ 2298
~~by the board or on a single federal post card as provided in~~ 2299
~~division (A) (2) of this section. The form of the application~~ 2300
~~shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The board shall~~ 2301
~~furnish that blank form to any of the relatives specified in~~ 2302
~~this division desiring to make the application, only upon the~~ 2303
~~request of such a relative made in person at the office of the~~ 2304
~~board or upon the written request of such a relative mailed to~~ 2305
~~the office of the board. Except as otherwise provided in~~ 2306
~~division (B) of this section, the application, subscribed and~~ 2307
~~sworn to by the applicant, shall contain all of the following:~~ 2308

~~(a) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are~~ 2309
~~requested;~~ 2310

~~(b) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed~~ 2311
~~services voter or overseas voter as defined in 52 U.S.C. 20310;~~ 2312

~~(c) The address at which the elector is registered to~~ 2313
~~vote;~~ 2314

~~(d) A statement identifying the elector's length of~~ 2315
~~residence in the state immediately preceding the commencement of~~ 2316
~~service, immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or~~ 2317
~~near a service member, or immediately preceding leaving the~~ 2318
~~United States, or a statement that the elector's parent or legal~~ 2319
~~guardian resided in this state long enough to establish~~ 2320
~~residency for voting purposes immediately preceding leaving the~~ 2321
~~United States, as the case may be;~~ 2322

(e) The elector's date of birth;	2323
(f) One of the following:	2324
(i) The elector's Ohio driver's license or state-	2325
identification card number;	2326
(ii) The last four digits of the elector's social security	2327
number;	2328
(iii) A copy of the elector's photo identification.	2329
(g) A statement identifying the election for which absent-	2330
voter's ballots are requested;	2331
(h) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is-	2332
a qualified elector;	2333
(i) If the request is for primary election ballots, the-	2334
elector's party affiliation;	2335
(j) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to	2336
the elector as specified in division (A) (3) of this section;	2337
(k) The address to which ballots shall be mailed, the-	2338
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile-	2339
machine, the electronic mail address to which ballots shall be-	2340
sent by electronic mail, or, if internet delivery is offered by-	2341
the board of elections or the secretary of state, the internet-	2342
contact information to which ballots shall be sent through-	2343
internet delivery;	2344
(l) The signature and address of the person making the-	2345
application.	2346
(B) If the elector has a confidential voter registration-	2347
record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the-	2348
application may include the elector's program participant-	2349

~~identification number instead of the address at which the~~ 2350
~~elector is registered to vote.~~ 2351

~~(C)~~ (c) The voter or the voter's relative listed in 2352
division (A) (1) of this section may deliver the application to 2353
the office of the board in person or by mail or may, as 2354
authorized under section 3511.021 of the Revised Code, send it 2355
by facsimile machine, send it by electronic mail, or send it 2356
through internet delivery if such delivery is offered by the 2357
board of elections or the secretary of state. 2358

(2) Using the portal created under section 3509.031 of the 2359
Revised Code. When applying through the portal, the voter may 2360
provide alternative identification with the voter's application 2361
as permitted under section 3509.032 of the Revised Code. 2362

(B) Each application for uniformed services or overseas 2363
absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the office of the 2364
board not earlier than the first day of January of the year of 2365
the elections for which the uniformed services or overseas 2366
absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety 2367
days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to 2368
be voted, whichever is earlier. An application to receive 2369
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots by mail or 2370
by another method permitted under section 3511.021 of the 2371
Revised Code shall be delivered to the office of the board not 2372
later than the close of business on the seventh day preceding 2373
the day of the election. 2374

~~(D)~~ (C) If the voter for whom the application is made is 2375
entitled to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors 2376
only, the applicant shall submit to the board, in addition to 2377
the requirements of division (A) of this section, a statement to 2378
the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for presidential 2379

and vice-presidential electors and for no other offices. 2380

~~(E)~~ (D) Except as permitted under section 111.31 of the 2381
Revised Code, no public office, and no public official or 2382
employee who is acting in an official capacity, shall do either 2383
of the following: 2384

(1) Prepay the return postage for an application for 2385
absent voter's ballots; 2386

(2) Mail or otherwise deliver an unsolicited application 2387
for absent voter's ballots to any person. 2388

~~(F) (1)~~ (E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions 2389
~~(A) (2) and (3)~~ (A) (1) and ~~(F) (2)~~ (E) (2) of this section and in 2390
sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, no person 2391
shall fill out any portion of a federal post card application or 2392
other application for absent voter's ballots on behalf of an 2393
applicant. 2394

(2) The secretary of state or a board of elections may 2395
preprint only an applicant's name and address on a federal post 2396
card application or other application for absent voter's ballots 2397
before mailing that application to the applicant, except that if 2398
the applicant has a confidential voter registration record, the 2399
secretary of state or the board of elections shall not preprint 2400
the applicant's address on the application. 2401

(3) A completed application for absent voter's ballots is 2402
not valid if any portion of it has been completed by any person 2403
other than the applicant in violation of division ~~(F)~~ (E) of 2404
this section. 2405

Sec. 3511.021. (A) (1) ~~The~~ In addition to the portal 2406
created under section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, the 2407
secretary of state shall establish procedures that allow any 2408

~~person who is eligible to vote as a~~ uniformed services voter or 2409
~~an overseas voter in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 to apply~~ 2410
do all of the following: 2411

(a) Receive a blank copy of the federal post card form 2412
prescribed under the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee 2413
Voting Act," 52 U.S.C. 20301, from the secretary of state or the 2414
board of election of the county in which the person's voting 2415
residence is located by the person's preferred method of mail, 2416
facsimile transmission, electronic means mail, or, if offered by 2417
the board of elections or the secretary of state, through 2418
internet delivery; 2419

(b) Complete the form and return it to the office of the 2420
secretary of state or to the board of elections of the county in 2421
which the person's voting residence is located for a uniformed 2422
services or overseas absent voter's ballot by the person's 2423
preferred method of mail, facsimile transmission, electronic 2424
mail, or, if offered by the board of elections or the secretary 2425
of state, through internet delivery; 2426

(c) After applying under division (A) (1) (b) of this 2427
section or under section 3509.031 of the Revised Code, receive 2428
the person's blank, unvoted ballots by the person's preferred 2429
method of mail, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or, if 2430
offered by the board of elections or the secretary of state, 2431
through internet delivery; 2432

(e) Return the person's voted ballots in person or by mail 2433
as described in section 3511.09 of the Revised Code. 2434

~~(2) The procedures shall allow such a person who requests~~ 2435
~~a uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot~~ 2436
~~application to express a preference for the manner in which the~~ 2437

~~person will receive the requested application, whether by mail,~~ 2438
~~facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or, if offered by the~~ 2439
~~board of elections or the secretary of state, through internet~~ 2440
~~delivery. If the person completes and timely returns the~~ 2441
~~application and the applicant is eligible to receive a ballot,~~ 2442
~~the procedures shall allow the applicant to express a preference~~ 2443
~~for the manner in which the person will receive the requested~~ 2444
~~blank, unvoted ballots, whether by mail, facsimile transmission,~~ 2445
~~electronic mail, or, if offered by the board of elections or the~~ 2446
~~secretary of state, through internet delivery. The requested~~ 2447
~~items shall be transmitted by the board of elections of the~~ 2448
~~county in which the person's voting residence is located by the~~ 2449
~~preferred method. If the requestor does not express a preferred~~ 2450
method, the requested items shall be delivered via standard 2451
mail. 2452

(3) To the extent practicable, the procedures shall 2453
protect the security and integrity of the ballot request and 2454
delivery process, and protect the privacy of the identity and 2455
personal data of the person when such applications and ballots 2456
are requested, processed, and sent. 2457

(4) No person shall return by electronic means to the 2458
secretary of state, a board of elections, or any other entity a 2459
completed or voted uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 2460
ballot. If a ballot is so returned, the ballot shall not be 2461
accepted, processed, or counted. 2462

(B) (1) The secretary of state, in coordination with the 2463
boards of elections, shall establish a free access system by 2464
which an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter may 2465
determine the following: 2466

(a) Whether that person's request for a uniformed services 2467

or overseas absent voter's ballot was received and processed; 2468

(b) If the person's request was received and processed, 2469
when the uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot 2470
was sent; 2471

(c) Whether any uniformed services or overseas absent 2472
voter's ballot returned by that person has been received by 2473
election officials; 2474

(d) Whether the board of elections found any error on the 2475
identification envelope containing the person's returned 2476
uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballot and, if so, 2477
how the person may correct any error within ten days after the 2478
day of an election; and 2479

(e) Whether the person's uniformed services or overseas 2480
absent voter's ballot was counted. 2481

(2) The appropriate state or local election official shall 2482
establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to 2483
protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal 2484
information that is confidential under state or federal law that 2485
is collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free access 2486
system established under division (B) of this section. Access to 2487
information about the votes cast on an individual ballot shall 2488
be restricted to the person who cast the ballot. To the extent 2489
practicable, the procedures shall protect the security and 2490
integrity of the process and protect the privacy of the identity 2491
and personal data of the person. 2492

Sec. 3705.24. (A) (1) The director of health shall, in 2493
accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, adopt rules 2494
prescribing fees for the following items or services provided by 2495
the state office of vital statistics: 2496

(a) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section_	2497
<u>and section 3705.243 of the Revised Code:</u>	2498
(i) A certified copy of a vital record or a certification	2499
of birth;	2500
(ii) A search by the office of vital statistics of its	2501
files and records pursuant to a request for information,	2502
regardless of whether a copy of a record is provided;	2503
(iii) A copy of a record provided pursuant to a request.	2504
(b) Replacement <u>Except as provided in section 3705.243 of</u>	2505
<u>the Revised Code, replacement of a birth certificate following</u>	2506
an adoption, legitimation, paternity determination or	2507
acknowledgement, or court order;	2508
(c) Filing of a delayed registration of a vital record;	2509
(d) Amendment of a vital record that is requested later	2510
than one year after the filing date of the vital record;	2511
(e) Any other documents or services for which the director	2512
considers the charging of a fee appropriate.	2513
(2) Fees prescribed under division (A) (1) (a) of this	2514
section shall not be less than twelve dollars.	2515
(3) Fees prescribed under division (A) (1) of this section	2516
shall be collected in addition to any fees required by sections	2517
3109.14 and 3705.242 of the Revised Code.	2518
(4) Fees prescribed under division (A) of this section	2519
shall not apply to certifications issued under division (H) of	2520
this section or copies provided under section 3705.241 of the	2521
Revised Code.	2522
(B) In addition to the fees prescribed under division (A)	2523

of this section or section 3709.09 of the Revised Code and 2524
except as provided in section 3705.243 of the Revised Code, the 2525
office of vital statistics, the board of health of a city or 2526
general health district, or a local registrar of vital 2527
statistics who is not a salaried employee of a city or general 2528
health district shall charge a five-dollar fee for each 2529
certified copy of a vital record and each certification of 2530
birth. This fee shall be deposited in the general operations 2531
fund created under section 3701.83 of the Revised Code and be 2532
used to support the operations, the modernization, and the 2533
automation of the vital records program in this state. A board 2534
of health or a local registrar shall forward all fees collected 2535
under this division to the department of health not later than 2536
thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter. 2537

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) of this 2538
section, and except as provided in section 3705.241 of the 2539
Revised Code, fees collected by the director of health under 2540
sections 3705.01 to 3705.29 of the Revised Code shall be paid 2541
into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations 2542
fund created by section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. Except as 2543
provided in division (B) or (I) of this section, money generated 2544
by the fees shall be used only for administration and 2545
enforcement of this chapter and the rules adopted under it. 2546
Amounts submitted to the department of health for copies of 2547
vital records or services in excess of the fees imposed by this 2548
section shall be dealt with as follows: 2549

(1) An overpayment of two dollars or less shall be 2550
retained by the department and deposited in the state treasury 2551
to the credit of the general operations fund created by section 2552
3701.83 of the Revised Code. 2553

(2) An overpayment in excess of two dollars shall be 2554
returned to the person who made the overpayment. 2555

(D) If a local registrar is a salaried employee of a city 2556
or a general health district, any fees the local registrar 2557
receives pursuant to section 3705.23 of the Revised Code shall 2558
be paid into the general fund of the city or the health fund of 2559
the general health district. 2560

Each local registrar of vital statistics, or each health 2561
district where the local registrar is a salaried employee of the 2562
district, shall be entitled to a fee for each birth, fetal 2563
death, death, or military service certificate properly and 2564
completely made out and registered with the local registrar or 2565
district and correctly copied and forwarded to the office of 2566
vital statistics in accordance with the population of the 2567
primary registration district at the last federal census. The 2568
fee for each birth, fetal death, death, or military service 2569
certificate shall be: 2570

(1) In primary registration districts of over two hundred 2571
fifty thousand, twenty cents; 2572

(2) In primary registration districts of over one hundred 2573
twenty-five thousand and less than two hundred fifty thousand, 2574
sixty cents; 2575

(3) In primary registration districts of over fifty 2576
thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, eighty 2577
cents; 2578

(4) In primary registration districts of less than fifty 2579
thousand, one dollar. 2580

(E) The director of health shall annually certify to the 2581
county treasurers of the several counties the number of birth, 2582

fetal death, death, and military service certificates registered 2583
from their respective counties with the names of the local 2584
registrars and the amounts due each registrar and health 2585
district at the rates fixed in this section. Such amounts shall 2586
be paid by the treasurer of the county in which the registration 2587
districts are located. No fees shall be charged or collected by 2588
registrars except as provided by this chapter and section 2589
3109.14 of the Revised Code. 2590

(F) A probate judge shall be paid a fee of fifteen cents 2591
for each certified abstract of marriage prepared and forwarded 2592
by the probate judge to the department of health pursuant to 2593
section 3705.21 of the Revised Code. The fee shall be in 2594
addition to the fee paid for a marriage license and shall be 2595
paid by the applicants for the license. 2596

(G) The clerk of a court of common pleas shall be paid a 2597
fee of one dollar for each certificate of divorce, dissolution, 2598
and annulment of marriage prepared and forwarded by the clerk to 2599
the department pursuant to section 3705.21 of the Revised Code. 2600
The fee for the certified abstract of divorce, dissolution, or 2601
annulment of marriage shall be added to the court costs allowed 2602
in these cases. 2603

(H) The fee for an heirloom certification of birth issued 2604
pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 3705.23 of the Revised 2605
Code shall be an amount prescribed by rule by the director of 2606
health plus any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised 2607
Code. In setting the amount of the fee, the director shall 2608
establish a surcharge in addition to an amount necessary to 2609
offset the expense of processing heirloom certifications of 2610
birth. The fee prescribed by the director of health pursuant to 2611
this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the 2612

credit of the heirloom certification of birth fund which is 2613
hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used by the 2614
office of vital statistics to offset the expense of processing 2615
heirloom certifications of birth. However, the money collected 2616
for the surcharge, subject to the approval of the controlling 2617
board, shall be used for the purposes specified by the family 2618
and children first council pursuant to section 121.37 of the 2619
Revised Code. 2620

(I) (1) Four dollars of each fee collected by the board of 2621
health of a city or general health district for a certified copy 2622
of a vital record or a certification of birth shall be 2623
transferred to the office of vital statistics not later than 2624
thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter. The amount 2625
collected shall be used to support public health systems. Of 2626
each four dollars collected, one dollar shall be used by the 2627
director of health to pay subsidies to boards of health. The 2628
subsidies shall be distributed in accordance with the same 2629
formula established under section 3701.342 of the Revised Code 2630
for the distribution of state health district subsidy funds to 2631
boards of health and local health departments. 2632

(2) Four dollars of each fee collected by a local 2633
registrar of vital statistics who is not a salaried employee of 2634
a city or general health district, for a certified copy of a 2635
vital record or certification of birth, shall be transferred to 2636
the office of vital statistics not later than thirty days after 2637
the end of each calendar quarter. The amount collected shall be 2638
used to support public health systems. 2639

Sec. 3705.242. (A) (1) The—Except as provided in section 2640
3705.243 of the Revised Code, the director of health, a person 2641
authorized by the director, a local commissioner of health, or a 2642

local registrar of vital statistics shall charge and collect a 2643
fee of one dollar and fifty cents for each certified copy of a 2644
birth record, each certification of birth, and each copy of a 2645
death record. The fee is in addition to the fee imposed by 2646
section 3705.24 or any other section of the Revised Code. A 2647
local commissioner of health or local registrar of vital 2648
statistics may retain an amount of each additional fee 2649
collected, not to exceed three per cent of the amount of the 2650
additional fee, to be used for costs directly related to the 2651
collection of the fee and the forwarding of the fee to the 2652
department of health. 2653

The additional fees collected by the director of health or 2654
a person authorized by the director and the additional fees 2655
collected but not retained by a local commissioner of health or 2656
a local registrar of vital statistics shall be forwarded to the 2657
department of health not later than thirty days following the 2658
end of each quarter. Not later than two days after the fees are 2659
forwarded to the department each quarter, the department shall 2660
pay the collected fees to the treasurer of state in accordance 2661
with rules adopted by the treasurer of state under section 2662
113.08 of the Revised Code. 2663

(2) On the filing of a divorce decree under section 2664
3105.10 or a decree of dissolution under section 3105.65 of the 2665
Revised Code, a court of common pleas shall charge and collect a 2666
fee of five dollars and fifty cents. The fee is in addition to 2667
any other court costs or fees. The county clerk of courts may 2668
retain an amount of each additional fee collected, not to exceed 2669
three per cent of the amount of the additional fee, to be used 2670
for costs directly related to the collection of the fee and the 2671
forwarding of the fee to the treasurer of state. The additional 2672
fees collected, but not retained, under division (A) (2) of this 2673

section shall be forwarded to the treasurer of state not later 2674
than twenty days following the end of each month. 2675

(B) The treasurer of state shall deposit the fees paid or 2676
forwarded under this section in the state treasury to the credit 2677
of the family violence prevention fund, which is hereby created. 2678
A person or government entity that fails to pay or forward the 2679
fees in the manner described in this section, shall send to the 2680
department of public safety a penalty equal to ten per cent of 2681
the fees. The department of public safety shall forward all 2682
collected late fees to the treasurer of state for deposit into 2683
the family violence prevention fund in accordance with rules 2684
adopted by the treasurer of state under section 113.08 of the 2685
Revised Code. 2686

The treasurer of state shall invest the moneys in the 2687
fund. All earnings resulting from investment of the fund shall 2688
be credited to the fund, except that actual administration costs 2689
incurred by the treasurer of state in administering the fund may 2690
be deducted from the earnings resulting from investments. The 2691
amount that may be deducted shall not exceed three per cent of 2692
the total amount of fees credited to the fund in each fiscal 2693
year. The balance of the investment earnings shall be credited 2694
to the fund. 2695

(C) The director of public safety shall use money credited 2696
to the fund to provide grants to family violence shelters in 2697
Ohio and to operate the division of criminal justice services. 2698

Sec. 3705.243. (A) As used in this section, "individual 2699
experiencing homelessness" means an individual who lacks a 2700
fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or who has as a 2701
primary nighttime residence a temporary shelter or a place not 2702
designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping 2703

accommodation for human beings. "Individual experiencing 2704
homelessness" includes: 2705

(1) Individuals who do not have access to, or who are in 2706
imminent danger of losing access to, normal accommodations as a 2707
result of violence or a threat of violence from a cohabitant; 2708

(2) Individuals who have been released from jail, prison, 2709
the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, a mental 2710
health or developmental disability facility, a residential 2711
addiction treatment program, or a hospital, for whom no 2712
residence is identified and who lacks the resources necessary to 2713
obtain housing. 2714

(B) The director of health, a person authorized by the 2715
director, a local commissioner of health, or a local registrar 2716
of vital statistics shall waive all fees for a certification of 2717
birth, a certified copy of a birth record, or replacement of a 2718
birth record pursuant to division (A) (1) (b) of section 3705.24 2719
of the Revised Code if the certification, certified copy, or 2720
replacement is requested by an individual who has not received 2721
such a fee waiver in the preceding twelve months and who is 2722
experiencing homelessness as verified by at least one of the 2723
following: 2724

(1) A director or a director's designee of a government or 2725
nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to 2726
provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness; 2727

(2) A school social worker, school counselor, or a local 2728
educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths 2729
designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11432(g) (1) (J) (ii); 2730

(3) A director or a director's designee of either a 2731
federal TRIO program or gaining early awareness and readiness 2732

for undergraduate program (GEAR UP); 2733

(4) A financial aid administrator for an institution of 2734
higher education. 2735

(C) Beginning one year after the effective date of this 2736
section, by the thirty-first day of January of each year any 2737
local commissioner of health or local registrar of vital 2738
statistics who waives fees pursuant to division (B) of this 2739
section shall submit an annual report to the director of health 2740
detailing the number of individuals for whom fees were waived in 2741
the preceding one-year period, delineated by type of document. 2742

Sec. 3705.50. (A) The director of health shall collect 2743
information regarding the number of individuals experiencing 2744
homelessness for whom fees for a certification of birth, a 2745
certified copy of a birth record, or a replacement birth record 2746
were waived by the director of health or a person authorized by 2747
the director pursuant to section 3705.243 of the Revised Code. 2748

(B) The director of health shall maintain the information 2749
submitted pursuant to sections 2101.166, 2303.202, 3705.243, and 2750
4507.50 of the Revised Code, compile it with the information 2751
collected under division (A) of this section, and submit an 2752
annual report to the general assembly in accordance with section 2753
101.68 of the Revised Code. The report shall detail the number 2754
of individuals experiencing homelessness for whom fees were 2755
waived in the preceding one-year period, delineated by type of 2756
document. The director shall make the report publicly available 2757
on the department of health's web site. 2758

Sec. 4507.01. (A) As used in this chapter, "motor 2759
vehicle," "motorized bicycle," "state," "owner," "operator," 2760
"chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as in section 2761

4501.01 of the Revised Code. 2762

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 2763
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 2764
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 2765
license," "restricted license," "limited term license," and any 2766
operator's or chauffeur's license issued before January 1, 1990. 2767

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any 2768
person between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a 2769
motor vehicle. 2770

"Restricted license" means the license issued to any 2771
person to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or 2772
restrictions imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 2773

"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to 2774
a person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a 2775
commercial motor vehicle. 2776

"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in 2777
section 4506.01 of the Revised Code. 2778

"Motorcycle operator's temporary instruction permit, 2779
license, or endorsement" includes a temporary instruction 2780
permit, license, or endorsement for a motor-driven cycle or 2781
motor scooter unless otherwise specified. 2782

"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under 2783
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 2784
motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle 2785
license." 2786

"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license 2787
issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person 2788
between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized 2789

bicycle. 2790

"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 2791
4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code. 2792

"Individual experiencing homelessness" has the same 2793
meaning as in section 3705.243 of the Revised Code. 2794

"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with 2795
standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides 2796
in this state on a permanent basis. 2797

"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance 2798
with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, 2799
resides in this state on a temporary basis. 2800

(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 2801
4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority 2802
as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the 2803
Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor 2804
vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of 2805
the registrar. 2806

To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint 2807
such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary. 2808

The registrar also shall provide at each place where an 2809
application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or 2810
identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take 2811
a photograph of the applicant for such license or card as 2812
required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, 2813
and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 2814
of the Revised Code. 2815

The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars 2816
to any driver's license examining station operated under the 2817

supervision of the director of public safety, whenever the 2818
registrar considers such assignment possible. Space shall be 2819
provided in the driver's license examining station for any such 2820
deputy registrar so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not 2821
exercise the powers conferred by such sections upon the 2822
registrar, unless they are specifically authorized to exercise 2823
such powers by such sections. 2824

(C) No agent for any insurance company, writing automobile 2825
insurance, shall be appointed deputy registrar, and any such 2826
appointment is void. No deputy registrar shall in any manner 2827
solicit any form of automobile insurance, nor in any manner 2828
advise, suggest, or influence any licensee or applicant for 2829
license for or against any kind or type of automobile insurance, 2830
insurance company, or agent, nor have the deputy registrar's 2831
office directly connected with the office of any automobile 2832
insurance agent, nor impart any information furnished by any 2833
applicant for a license or identification card to any person, 2834
except the registrar. This division shall not apply to any 2835
nonprofit corporation appointed deputy registrar. 2836

(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy 2837
registrar who violates the requirements of this chapter. 2838

Sec. 4507.50. ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) As used in this section, 2839
"permanently or irreversibly disabled" means a condition of 2840
disability from which there is no present indication of 2841
recovery. 2842

(B) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 2843
registrar shall issue an identification card to a person when 2844
all of the following apply: 2845

(a) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 2846

application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 2847
Revised Code and, if the person is under seventeen years of age, 2848
payment of the applicable fees. 2849

(b) The person is a resident or a temporary resident of 2850
this state. 2851

(c) The person is not licensed as an operator of a motor 2852
vehicle in this state or another licensing jurisdiction. 2853

(d) The person does not hold an identification card from 2854
another jurisdiction. 2855

(2) (a) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 2856
registrar may issue a temporary identification card when all of 2857
the following apply: 2858

(i) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 2859
application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 2860
Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees. 2861

(ii) The person is a resident or temporary resident of 2862
this state. 2863

(iii) The person's Ohio driver's or commercial driver's 2864
license has been suspended or canceled. 2865

(iv) The person does not hold an identification card from 2866
another jurisdiction. 2867

(b) The temporary identification card shall be identical 2868
to an identification card, except that it shall be printed on 2869
its face with a statement that the card is valid for a temporary 2870
period. The temporary period shall be in accordance with the 2871
expiration dates specified in section 4507.501 of the Revised 2872
Code. 2873

(c) The cardholder shall surrender the temporary 2874
identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar 2875
before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license 2876
is restored or reissued. 2877

~~(B)~~ ~~(1)~~ (C) (1) Except as provided in division ~~(D)~~ (E) of this 2878
section, an applicant who is under seventeen years of age shall 2879
pay the following fees prior to issuance of an identification 2880
card or a temporary identification card: 2881

(a) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents if the card 2882
will expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the 2883
date of issuance or a fee of six dollars if the card will expire 2884
on the applicant's birthday eight years after the date of 2885
issuance; 2886

(b) A fee equal to the amount established under section 2887
4503.038 of the Revised Code if the card will expire on the 2888
applicant's birthday four years after the date of issuance or 2889
twice that amount if the card will expire on the applicant's 2890
birthday eight years after the date of issuance; 2891

(c) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents if the card will 2892
expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the date of 2893
issuance or three dollars if the card will expire on the 2894
applicant's birthday eight years after the date of issuance, for 2895
the authentication of the documents required for processing an 2896
identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 2897
registrar that authenticates the required documents shall retain 2898
the entire amount of the fee. 2899

(2) The fees collected for issuing an identification card 2900
under this section, except for any fees allowed to the deputy 2901
registrar, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit 2902

of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 2903
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 2904

~~(C)~~ (D) A person seventeen years of age or older may apply 2905
to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that 2906
person of an identification card or a temporary identification 2907
card under this section without payment of any fee prescribed in 2908
division ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section. 2909

~~(D)~~ (E) A ~~resident person~~ who is ~~permanently or~~ 2910
~~irreversibly disabled and who is~~ under seventeen years of age 2911
~~and meets any of the following conditions~~ may apply to the 2912
registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an 2913
identification card under this section without payment of any 2914
fee as prescribed in division ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section. ~~A resident~~ 2915
~~who is in~~ : 2916

(1) The person is a resident and permanently or 2917
irreversibly disabled. 2918

(2) The person is a resident and in the custody of the 2919
department of rehabilitation and correction or the department of 2920
youth services ~~and who is under seventeen years of age may apply~~ 2921
~~to the registrar for the issuance of an identification card~~ 2922
~~under this section without payment of any fee as prescribed in~~ 2923
~~division (B) of this section.~~ 2924

(3) The person is an individual experiencing homelessness 2925
who has not received such a fee waiver in the preceding twelve 2926
months. 2927

~~As used in this section, "permanently or irreversibly~~ 2928
~~disabled" means a condition of disability from which there is no~~ 2929
~~present indication of recovery.~~ 2930

(F) (1) An application made under division ~~(D)~~ divisions (E) 2931

(1) and (2) of this section shall be accompanied by such 2932
documentary evidence as the registrar may require by rule. 2933

(2) An application made under division (E)(3) of this 2934
section shall be accompanied by verification from any of the 2935
following: 2936

(a) A director or a director's designee of a government or 2937
nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to 2938
provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness; 2939

(b) A school social worker, school counselor, or a local 2940
educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths 2941
designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii); 2942

(c) A director or a director's designee of either a 2943
federal TRIO program or gaining early awareness and readiness 2944
for undergraduate program (GEAR UP). 2945

(d) A financial aid administrator for an institution of 2946
higher education. 2947

~~(E)(1)~~ (G)(1) The department of rehabilitation and 2948
correction shall submit an application for an identification 2949
card or temporary identification card, as applicable, to the 2950
registrar on behalf of an individual who is a prisoner at a 2951
state correctional institution and who has completed that 2952
application in accordance with section 5120.59 of the Revised 2953
Code. 2954

(2) The department of youth services shall submit an 2955
application for an identification card or a temporary 2956
identification card, as applicable, to the registrar on behalf 2957
of an individual who is in the custody of the department at a 2958
juvenile correctional facility and who has completed that 2959
application in accordance with section 5139.511 of the Revised 2960

Code. 2961

(3) The registrar may establish a separate application and 2962
process by which the departments shall submit any applications 2963
to the registrar in accordance with this division and section 2964
4507.51 of the Revised Code. 2965

(H) Beginning one year after the effective date of this 2966
section, by the thirty-first day of January of each year any 2967
registrar or deputy registrar who waives fees pursuant to 2968
division (E) (3) of this section shall submit an annual report to 2969
the director of health detailing the number of individuals for 2970
whom fees were waived in the preceding one-year period. 2971

Sec. 4507.51. (A) (1) Every application for an 2972
identification card or duplicate shall be made on an approved 2973
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be 2974
signed by the applicant. ~~The~~ If the applicant is under eighteen 2975
years of age, the application also shall be signed by the one of 2976
the following, as applicable: 2977

(a) The applicant's parent or guardian, ~~or by the~~; 2978

(b) The department of rehabilitation and correction or the 2979
department of youth services, ~~as applicable, if the applicant is~~ 2980
~~under eighteen years of age;~~ 2981

(c) Any individual permitted to verify that an individual 2982
is experiencing homelessness under section 3705.243 of the 2983
Revised Code. 2984

(2) Every application shall contain the following 2985
information: 2986

(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, sex, general 2987
description including the applicant's height, weight, hair 2988

color, and eye color, address, country of citizenship, and 2989
social security number. 2990

(b) If an applicant has not already certified the 2991
applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 2992
2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to 2993
certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift and 2994
information about the requirements of sections 2108.01 to 2995
2108.29 of the Revised Code that apply to persons who are less 2996
than eighteen years of age. The statement regarding willingness 2997
to make such a donation shall be given no consideration in the 2998
decision of whether to issue an identification card. 2999

(c) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable 3000
power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 3001
to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration 3002
governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or 3003
withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 3004
2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has 3005
executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes 3006
the identification card issued to indicate that the applicant 3007
has executed the instrument. 3008

(d) Whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or 3009
reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the 3010
applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the 3011
identification card issued to indicate that the applicant is a 3012
veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the 3013
United States by a military designation on the identification 3014
card. 3015

~~(2)~~(3) Each applicant applying in person at a deputy 3016
registrar office shall be photographed at the time of making an 3017
application. 3018

~~(3)~~(4) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance 3019
with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an 3020
elector any person who applies for an identification card or 3021
duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be 3022
registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether 3023
to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the 3024
decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification 3025
card or duplicate. 3026

~~(4)~~(5) The application shall be accompanied by any 3027
necessary documents, as required by the registrar. The registrar 3028
or the deputy registrar may authenticate the submitted documents 3029
and verify the information in the application. 3030

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 3031
section or section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the application 3032
for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the 3033
office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant 3034
shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar 3035
of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall 3036
swear that all information given is true. 3037

All applications for an identification card or duplicate 3038
under this section shall be filed in duplicate, and if submitted 3039
to a deputy registrar, a copy shall be forwarded to the 3040
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe rules for the manner in 3041
which a deputy registrar is to file and maintain applications 3042
and other records. The registrar shall maintain a suitable, 3043
indexed record of all applications denied and cards issued or 3044
canceled. 3045

(2) The application for an identification card filed by 3046
either the department of rehabilitation and correction or the 3047
department of youth services on behalf of an individual in 3048

prison or in the department's custody shall be submitted through 3049
the process established by the registrar. The registrar shall 3050
establish the process for submission of such applications and 3051
the process for mailing the identification card to either the 3052
individual or the applicable department. 3053

(C) In addition to any other information it contains, the 3054
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an 3055
application for an identification card or duplicate shall inform 3056
applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the 3057
applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify 3058
to have the card or duplicate indicate that the applicant is an 3059
honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United 3060
States based on a request made pursuant to division (A) (2) (b) of 3061
this section. 3062

Sec. 4507.52. (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 3063
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 3064
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 3065
shall display the following inscription: 3066

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 3067

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 3068
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 3069
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 3070

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 3071
the same information as contained in the application and as 3072
described in division ~~(A) (1)~~ (A) (2) of section 4507.51 of the 3073
Revised Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of 3074
the United States, a notation designating that the cardholder is 3075
a noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the 3076
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder 3077

specifically requests that the cardholder's social security 3078
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the 3079
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the 3080
identification card, the social security number shall be 3081
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 3082

(3) The identification card also shall display the 3083
photograph of the cardholder. 3084

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 3085
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 3086
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 3087
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 3088
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 3089
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 3090
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 3091
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 3092

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 3093
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 3094
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 3095
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 3096
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 3097
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 3098
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 3099
forces of the United States. 3100

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 3101
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 3102

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 3103
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 3104
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 3105
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 3106

card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 3107
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 3108
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 3109
is twenty-one years of age or older. 3110

(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this 3111
state shall display the expiration date of the card, in 3112
accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 3113

(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary 3114
resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the 3115
Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited 3116
term. Every limited term identification card and limited term 3117
temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited 3118
term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed 3119
by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card 3120
issued to a resident. 3121

(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the 3122
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by 3123
doing both of the following: 3124

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 3125
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar; 3126

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary 3127
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 3128

(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the 3129
cardholder's identification card through electronic means in 3130
accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code. 3131

(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification 3132
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by 3133
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a 3134
deputy registrar. 3135

(4) Except as provided in division (B) (5) or (6) of this 3136
section, when a cardholder applies for a duplicate, reprint, or 3137
replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay the 3138
following fees: 3139

(a) Two dollars and fifty cents; 3140

(b) A deputy registrar or service fee equal to the amount 3141
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 3142

(5) The following cardholders may apply for a duplicate, 3143
reprint, or replacement identification card without payment of 3144
any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section: 3145

(a) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected 3146
disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' 3147
administration; 3148

(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly 3149
disabled; 3150

(c) A resident who is in the custody of the department of 3151
rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth 3152
services; 3153

(d) An individual who is experiencing homelessness. 3154

(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older 3155
may apply for a replacement identification card without payment 3156
of any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section. 3157

(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 3158
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 3159

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 3160
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 3161
altered. 3162

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 3163
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 3164
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 3165
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 3166
operated or franchised transit system from using an 3167
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 3168
services of the system. 3169

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 3170
possess an identification card. 3171

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 3172
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 3173
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 3174
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 3175
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 3176
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 3177
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 3178
one years of age or older. 3179

(F) The registrar shall ensure that identification cards 3180
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 3181
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 3182
C.F.R. part 37. 3183

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 3184
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 3185

Section 2. That existing sections 111.31, 2101.16, 3186
2303.20, 3109.14, 3333.31, 3501.01, 3503.02, 3503.16, 3505.19, 3187
3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3188
3509.10, 3511.011, 3511.02, 3511.021, 3705.24, 3705.242, 3189
4507.01, 4507.50, 4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code are 3190
hereby repealed. 3191

Section 3. That section 3511.01 of the Revised Code is 3192
hereby repealed. 3193

Section 4. The requirement of this act that an elector 3194
provide photo identification in order to cast absent voter's 3195
ballots first applies to absent voter's ballots cast in the 3196
general election to be held on November 2, 2027. For purposes of 3197
elections held on or after the effective date of this section 3198
and before November 2, 2027, an elector may provide 3199
identification in the form of the elector's Ohio driver's 3200
license or state identification card number, the last four 3201
digits of the elector's Social Security number, or a copy of the 3202
elector's photo identification when applying for and returning 3203
absent voter's ballots, as permitted under sections 3509.03, 3204
3509.04, and 3509.06 of the Revised Code as they existed before 3205
the effective date of this section. 3206

Section 5. Section 3501.01 of the Revised Code is 3207
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 3208
by H.B. 96, S.B. 63, and S.B. 293 all of the 136th General 3209
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 3210
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 3211
are to be harmonized and reconciled if reasonably capable of 3212
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 3213
resulting version of the section in effect prior to the 3214
effective date of the section as presented in this act. 3215