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A BILL

To amend sections 2301.02, 2301.03, 3517.10, 1
3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of 2
the Revised Code to allow certain entities to 3
file campaign finance statements electronically, 4
to require the Secretary of State to make the 5
information in those electronic statements 6
available online, and to specify that the 7
domestic relations judge of the Franklin County 8
Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2020 will 9
take office on January 3, 2021. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 2301.02, 2301.03, 3517.10, 11
3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the Revised Code 12
be amended to read as follows: 13

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 14
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 15
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 16
shall be as follows: 17

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 18
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 19

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 20
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 21
term to begin February 9, 1955; 22

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 23
to begin January 9, 1957; 24

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 25
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 26
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 27
begin January 1, 1957; 28

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 29
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 30
term to begin January 1, 2007; 31

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 32
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 33
term to begin January 2, 2005; 34

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 35
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 36
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 37

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 38
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 39
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 40

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 41

in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	42
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	43
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term	44
to begin January 1, 2005;	45
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	46
to begin May 9, 1957;	47
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	48
begin May 14, 1953;	49
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	50
begin July 6, 1956;	51
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	52
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	53
term to begin January 1, 1979.	54
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in	55
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected	56
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be	57
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	58
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	59
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	60
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	61
term to begin January 2, 1979;	62
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	63
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	64
term to begin July 1, 1991;	65
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	66
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	67
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	68
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	69

2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	70
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	71
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	72
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	73
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	74
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	75
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	76
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	77
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	78
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	79
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	80
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	81
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	82
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	83
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	84
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	85
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	86
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	87
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	88
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	89
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	90
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	91
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	92
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	93
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	94
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	95
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	96
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	97

term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	98
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	99
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	100
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	101
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	102
term to begin January 2, 2003;	103
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	104
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	105
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	106
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	107
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	108
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	109
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	110
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	111
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	112
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	113
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	114
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	115
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	116
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	117
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	118
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	119
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	120
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	121
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	122
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	123
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	124
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	125

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	126
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	127
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	128
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	129
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	130
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	131
1955, respectively;	132
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952,	133
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956,	134
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986,	135
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in	136
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	137
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in	138
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	139
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in	140
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in	141
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected	142
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	143
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in	144
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be	145
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	146
In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in	147
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected	148
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be	149
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;	150
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	151
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960,	152
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964,	153
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be	154

elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 2001;

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007;

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in

1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be	185
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	186
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in	187
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be	188
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	189
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	190
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968,	191
term to begin January 2, 1969;	192
In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,	193
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,	194
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,	195
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,	196
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,	197
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in	198
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;	199
(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be	200
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning	201
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	202
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on	203
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,	204
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January	205
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to	206
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two	207
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and	208
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term	209
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms	210
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to	211
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on	212
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be	213
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning	214

January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 215
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 216
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 217
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 218

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 219
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 220
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 221
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 222
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 223
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 224
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 225
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 226
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 227
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 228
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 229
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 230
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 231
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 232
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 23, 2021; 233

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 234
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 235
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 236
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 237
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 238
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 239
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 240
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 241
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 242
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 243
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 244
1997, respectively; 245

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1993;

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 277
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 278
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 279
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 280
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 281
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 282
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 283
respectively; 284

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 285
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 286
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 287
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 288
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 289
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 290
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 291
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 292
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 293
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 294

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 295
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 296
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 297
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 298
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 299
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 300
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 301
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 302
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 303
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 304
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 305
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 306
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 307

that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 308
be reduced. 309

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 310
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 311
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 312
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 313
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 314
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 315
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 316
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 317
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 318
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 319
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 320
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 321
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 322
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 323
probate division. 324

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 325
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 326
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 327
1997, January 9, 2019, and January ~~23~~, 2021, and successors, 328
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 329
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 330
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 331
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 332
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 333
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 334
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 335
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 336
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 337
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 338

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 339
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 340
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 341
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 342
subdivisions and departments. 343

(B) In Hamilton county: 344

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 345
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 346
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 347
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 348
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 349
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 350

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 351
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 352
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 353
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 354
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 355
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 356
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 357
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 358
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 359
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 360
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 361
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 362
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 363
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 364
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 365
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 366
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 367
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 368

of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 369
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 370
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 371
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 372
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 373
year. 374

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 375
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 376
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 377
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 378
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 379
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 380
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 381
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 382
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 383

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 384
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 385
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 386
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 387
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 388
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 389
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 390
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 391
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 392
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 393
are parties to an action pending in the division. 394

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 395
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 396
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 397
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 398

division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 399
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 400
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 401
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 402
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 403
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 404
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 405
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 406
division of domestic relations. 407

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 408
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 409
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 410
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 411
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 412
relations. 413

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 414
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 415
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 416
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 417
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 418
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 419
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 420
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 421
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 422
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 423

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 424
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 425
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 426
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 427
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 428

drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 429
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 430
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 431
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 432
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 433
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 434

A judge of the general division of the court of common 435
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 436
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 437
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 438
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 439
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 440
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 441
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 442
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 443
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 444
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 445
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 446
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 447

A judge of the general division of the court of common 448
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 449
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 450
division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 451
both of the following apply: 452

(a) One of the following applies: 453

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 454
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 455
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 456
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 457
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 458

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 459
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 460
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 461
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 462
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 463
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 464
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 465
treatment. 466

(b) All of the following apply: 467

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 468
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 469
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 470
to be imposed. 471

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 472

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 473

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 474
drug or alcohol driven. 475

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 476
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 477

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 478

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 479
prosecutor approves of the referral. 480

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 481
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 482
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 483
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 484
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 485
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 486

drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 487
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 488
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 489
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 490
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 491

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 492
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 493
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 494
Revised Code. 495

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 496

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 497
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 498
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 499
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 500
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 501
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 502
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 503
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 504
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 505
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 506
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 507
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 508
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 509
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 510
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 511
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 512
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 513
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 514
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 515
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 516

and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 517
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 518
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 519
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 520
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 521
other judge of the court of common pleas. 522

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 523
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 524
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 525
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 526
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 527
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 528
Code. 529

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 530
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 531
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 532
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 533
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 534
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 535
probate judge. 536

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 537
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 538
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 539
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 540
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 541
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 542
relations. 543

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 544
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 545
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 546

the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 547
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 548
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 549
relations. 550

(D) In Lucas county: 551

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 552
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 553
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 554
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 555
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 556
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 557
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 558
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 559
assigned to them. 560

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 561
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 562
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 563
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 564
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 565
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 566

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 567
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 568
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 569
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 570
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 571
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 572
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 573
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 574
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 575
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 576

juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 577
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 578
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 579
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 580
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 581
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 582
in the discharge of their various duties. 583

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 584
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 585
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 586
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 587
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 588
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 589
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 590
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 591
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 592
parties to an action pending in the division. 593

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 594
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 595
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 596
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 597
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 598
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 599

(E) In Mahoning county: 600

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 601
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 602
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 603
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 604
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 605
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 606

relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 607
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 608
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 609
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 610
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 611
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 612
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 613
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 614
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 615
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 616
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 617

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 618
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 619
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 620
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 621
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 622
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 623
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 624
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 625
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 626
action pending in the division. 627

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 628
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 629
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 630
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 631
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 632
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 633
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 634
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 635
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 636
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 637

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 638
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 639
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 640
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 641
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 642
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 643

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 644
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 645
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 646
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 647
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 648
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 649
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 650
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 651
action pending in the division. 652

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 653
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 654
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 655
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 656
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 657
of common pleas. 658

(F) In Montgomery county: 659

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 660
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 661
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 662
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 663
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 664
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 665
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 666
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 667

and annulment cases. 668

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 669
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 670
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 671
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 672
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 673
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 674
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 675
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 676
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 677
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 678
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 679
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 680
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 681
fix their duties. 682

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 683
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 684
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 685
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 686
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 687
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 688
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 689
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 690
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 691

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 692
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 693
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 694
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 695
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 696
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 697

engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 698
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 699
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 700
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 701
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 702
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 703
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 704
conciliation services that are available upon request to 705
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 706
the division. 707

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 708
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 709
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 710
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 711
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 712
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 713
of those divisions. 714

(G) In Richland county: 715

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 716
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 717
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 718
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 719
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 720
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 721
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 722
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 723
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 724
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 725
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 726
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 727

jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 728
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 729
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 730
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 731
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 732
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 733
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 734
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 735
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 736
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 737
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 738
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 739
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 740
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 741
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 742
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 743
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 744
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 745
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 746
of those matters. 747

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 748
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 749
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 750
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 751
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 752
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 753
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 754
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 755
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 756
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 757
shall fix their duties. 758

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 759
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 760
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 761
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 762
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 763
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 764
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 765
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 766
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 767
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 768
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 769
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 770
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 771
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 772
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 773
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 774
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 775
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 776
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 777
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 778

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 779
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 780
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 781
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 782
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 783
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 784
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 785
discharge of the judge's various duties. 786

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 787
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 788
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 789

fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 790
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 791
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 792
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 793
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 794
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 795

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 796
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 797
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 798
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 799
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 800
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 801
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 802
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 803
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 804
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 805
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 806
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 807
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 808
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 809

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 810
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 811
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 812
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 813
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 814
referees required for the judge's respective court. 815

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 816
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 817
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 818
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 819

of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 820
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 821
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 822
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 823
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 824
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 825
juvenile judge to serve. 826

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 827
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 828
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 829
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 830
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 831
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 832
"the judge of the family court division." 833

(I) In Summit county: 834

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 835
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 836
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 837
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 838
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 839
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 840
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 841
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 842
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 843
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 844
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 845
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 846
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 847
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 848
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 849

and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 850
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 851
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 852
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 853
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 854

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 855
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 856
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 857
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 858
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 859
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 860
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 861
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 862
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 863
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 864
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 865
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 866
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 867
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 868
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 869
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 870
action pending in the division. 871

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 872
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 873
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 874
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 875
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 876
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 877
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 878
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 879
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 880

jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 881
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 882
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 883
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 884
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 885
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 886
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 887
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 888
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 889
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 890

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 891
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 892
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 893
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 894
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 895
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 896
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 897
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 898
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 899
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 900
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 901
conciliation services that are available upon request to 902
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 903
the division. 904

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 905
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 906
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 907
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 908
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 909
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 910
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 911

all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 912
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 913
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 914
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 915
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 916
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 917
court of common pleas. 918

(K) In Butler county: 919

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 920
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 921
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 922
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 923
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 924
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 925
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 926
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 927
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 928
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 929
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 930
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 931
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 932
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 933
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 934
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 935
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 936
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 937
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 938
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 939
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 940
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 941
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 942

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 943
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 944
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 945
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 946
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 947
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 948
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 949
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 950
division. 951

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 952
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 953
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 954
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 955
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 956
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 957
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 958
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 959
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 960
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 961

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 962
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 963
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 964
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 965
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 966
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 967
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 968
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 969
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 970
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 971
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 972
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 973

assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 974
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 975
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 976
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 977
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 978
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 979
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 980
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 981
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 982
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 983
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 984
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 985
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 986
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 987
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 988
various duties. 989

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 990
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 991
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 992
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 993
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 994
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 995
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 996
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 997
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 998

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 999
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1000
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1001
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1002
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1003
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1004

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9,
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987,
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage,
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for
some special reason.

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments
and has the following powers concerning division personnel:

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and
supervision;

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses,
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating,
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage,
legal separation and annulment matters.

(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and

designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1034
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1035
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1036
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1037
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1038
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1039
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1040
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1041
division. 1042

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1043
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1044
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1045
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1046
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1047
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1048
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1049
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1050
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1051
division, who request the services. 1052

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1053
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1054
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1055
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1056
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1057
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1058
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1059
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1060
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1061
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1062
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1063
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1064

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1065
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1066
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1067
the judge's various duties. 1068

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1069
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1070
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1071
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1072
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1073
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1074
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1075
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1076
request the services. 1077

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1078
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1079
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1080
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1081
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1082
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1083

(N) In Erie county: 1084

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1085
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1086
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1087
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1088
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1089
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1090
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1091
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1092
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1093
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1094

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1095
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1096
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1097
other judge. 1098

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1099
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1100
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1101
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1102
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1103
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1104
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1105

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1106
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1107
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1108
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1109
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1110
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1111
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1112
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1113
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1114
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1115
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1116
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1117

(0) In Greene county: 1118

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1119
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1120
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1121
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1122
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1123
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1124

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1125
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1126
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1127
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1128
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1129
court of common pleas. 1130

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1131
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1132
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1133
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1134
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1135
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1136
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1137
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1138
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1139
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1140
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1141
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1142
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1143
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1144
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1145
general division of the court of common pleas. 1146

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1147
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1148
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1149
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1150
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1151
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1152
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1153
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1154
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1155

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1156
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1157
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1158
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1159
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1160
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1161
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1162
the judge's various duties. 1163

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1164
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1165
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1166
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1167
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1168
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1169
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1170
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1171
request the services. 1172

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1173
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1174
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1175
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1176
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1177
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1178
division. 1179

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1180
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1181
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1182
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1183
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1184
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1185

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1186
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1187
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1188
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1189
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1190
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1191
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1192
domestic relations division. 1193

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1194
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1195
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1196
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1197
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1198
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1199
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1200
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1201
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1202
division, who request the services. 1203

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1204
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1205
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1206
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1207
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1208
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1209
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1210
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1211
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1212
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1213
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1214
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1215
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1216

domestic relations division. 1217

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1218
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1219
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1220
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1221
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1222
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1223
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1224
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1225
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1226
division, who request the services. 1227

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1228
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1229
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1230
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1231
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1232
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1233
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1234
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1235
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1236
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1237
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1238
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1239
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1240
domestic relations division. 1241

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1242
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1243
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1244
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1245
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1246

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1247
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1248
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1249
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1250
division, who request the services. 1251

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1252
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1253
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1254
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1255
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1256
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1257
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1258
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1259
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1260
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1261
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1262
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1263
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1264
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1265
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1266
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1267
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1268
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1269
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1270
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1271

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1272
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1273
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1274
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1275
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1276
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1277

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1278
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1279
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1280
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1281
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1282
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1283
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1284
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1285
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1286
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1287

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1288
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1289
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1290
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1291
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1292
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1293
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1294
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1295
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1296
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1297
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1298
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1299
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1300
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1301
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1302
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1303
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1304
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1305
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1306

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1307
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1308

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1309
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1310
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1311
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1312
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1313
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1314
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1315
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1316
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1317
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1318
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1319
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1320
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1321

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1322
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1323
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1324
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1325
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1326
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1327
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1328
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1329
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1330
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1331
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1332
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1333
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1334
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1335
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1336
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1337
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1338
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1339

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1340

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1341
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1342
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1343
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1344
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1345
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1346
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1347
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1348
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1349
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1350
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1351
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1352
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1353
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1354
pending in the division, who request the services. 1355

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1356
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1357
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1358
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1359
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1360
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1361
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1362
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1363
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1364
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1365
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1366
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1367
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1368
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1369
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1370

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1371
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1372
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1373
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1374
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1375
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1376
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1377
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1378
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1379
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1380
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1381
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1382
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1383
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1384
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1385
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1386
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1387
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1388
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1389

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1390
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1391
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1392
personnel of the division. 1393

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1394
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1395
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1396
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1397
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1398
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1399
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1400
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1401

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1402
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1403
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1404
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1405
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1406
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1407
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1408
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1409
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1410
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1411
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1412
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1413
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1414
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1415
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1416
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1417
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1418
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1419
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1420
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1421
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1422
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1423
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1424
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1425

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1426
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1427
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1428
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1429
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1430
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1431
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1432

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1433
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1434
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1435
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1436
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1437
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1438
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1439
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1440
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1441
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1442
and the judges of the general division. 1443

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1444
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1445
children services board and the county advisory board. 1446

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1447
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1448
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1449
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1450
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1451
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1452
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1453
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1454
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1455
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1456
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1457
domestic relations of that court. 1458

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1459
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1460
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1461
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1462

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1463
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1464
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1465
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1466
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1467
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1468
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1469
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1470
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1471
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1472
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1473
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1474
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1475
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1476
the personnel of the division. 1477

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1478
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1479
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1480
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1481
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1482
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1483
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1484
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1485
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1486
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1487
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1488
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1489
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1490
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1491
pending in the division, who request the services. 1492

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1493

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1494
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1495
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1496
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1497
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1498
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1499
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1500
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1501
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1502
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1503
duties. 1504

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1505
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1506
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1507
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1508
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1509
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1510
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1511
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1512
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1513
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1514
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1515
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1516
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1517
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1518
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1519
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1520
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1521
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1522
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1523
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1524

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1525
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1526
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1527
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1528
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1529
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1530
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1531
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1532
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1533
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1534
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1535
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1536
(Z)(1) of this section. 1537

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1538
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1539
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1540
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1541
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1542
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1543
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1544
pleas of Marion county. 1545

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1546
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1547
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1548
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1549
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1550
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1551
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1552
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1553
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1554
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1555

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1556
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1557
common pleas of Marion county. 1558

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1559
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1560
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1561
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1562
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1563
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1564
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1565
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1566
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1567
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1568
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1569
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1570
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1571
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1572
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1573
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1574
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1575
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1576
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1577

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1578
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1579
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1580
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1581
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1582
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1583
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1584
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1585
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1586

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1587
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1588
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1589
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1590
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1591
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1592

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1593
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1594
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1595
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1596
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1597
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1598
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1599
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1600
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1601
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1602
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1603
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1604
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1605
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1606
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1607
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1608
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1609
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1610
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1611
the court of common pleas. 1612

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1613
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1614
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1615
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1616
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1617

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1618
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1619
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1620
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1621
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1622
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1623
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1624
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1625
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1626
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1627
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1628
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1629
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1630
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1631
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1632
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1633
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1634
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1635
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1636
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1637
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1638
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1639
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1640
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1641
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1642
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1643
section. 1644

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1645
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1646
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1647
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1648

of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1649
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1650
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1651

(3) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 1652
April 5, 2019, all references in law to "the probate court," 1653
"the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the 1654
juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 1655
county, as being references to both "the probate division" and 1656
the "family court division" and as being references to both "the 1657
judge of the probate division" and the "judge of the family 1658
court division." On and after ~~the effective date of this~~ 1659
~~amendment~~ April 5, 2019, all references in law to "the clerk of 1660
the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 1661
county, as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant 1662
to division (CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the family 1663
court division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1664

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1665
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1666
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1667
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1668
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1669
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1670
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1671
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1672
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1673
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1674
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1675
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1676
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1677
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1678
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1679

support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1680
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1681
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1682
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1683
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1684
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1685
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1686
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1687
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1688
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1689
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1690
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1691
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1692
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1693
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1694
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1695
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1696
section. 1697

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1698
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1699
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1700
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1701
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1702
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1703
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1704
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1705
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1706
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1707
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1708
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1709
probate division. 1710

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1711
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1712
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1713
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1714
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1715
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1716
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1717
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1718
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1719
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1720
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1721
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1722
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1723
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1724
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1725
of common pleas. 1726

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1727
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1728
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1729
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1730
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1731
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1732
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1733
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1734
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1735

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 1736
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 1737
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 1738
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 1739
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 1740
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 1741

at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 1742
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 1743
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 1744
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 1745
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 1746
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 1747
the following dates: 1748

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 1749
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 1750
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 1751
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 1752
before the election; 1753

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 1754
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 1755
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 1756
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 1757
day before the filing of the statement; 1758

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 1759
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 1760
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 1761
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 1762
the last day of December of the previous year; 1763

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 1764
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 1765
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 1766
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 1767
day of June of that year. 1768

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 1769
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 1770

section in connection with the nomination or election of the 1771
committee's candidate. 1772

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this 1773
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 1774
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1775
party, or political contributing entity that has received 1776
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 1777
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 1778
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 1779
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 1780
statement required under division (A)(2) of this section. 1781

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 1782
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 1783
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 1784
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 1785
required by division (A)(1) of this section for the general 1786
election instead of the statement required by division (A)(2) of 1787
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 1788
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 1789
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 1790
days before the general election. 1791

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 1792
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 1793
required to file the statement required by division (A)(1) of 1794
this section. 1795

No statement under division (A)(3) of this section shall 1796
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 1797
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1798
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 1799
postgeneral election statement under division (A)(2) of this 1800

section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 1801
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 1802
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1803
party, or political contributing entity. 1804

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 1805
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 1806
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 1807
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 1808
(A) (4) of this section. 1809

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 1810
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 1811
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 1812
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 1813
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 1814
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 1815
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 1816
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 1817
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 1818

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 1819
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 1820
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 1821
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 1822
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1823
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 1824
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 1825
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 1826
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 1827
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1828
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 1829

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 1830

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

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly
statement not later than three business days after the last day
of the month covered by the statement. During the period
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and
extending through the day of that general election, each time
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions
received from that contributor during that period to equal or
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that

contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 1862
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 1863
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 1864
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 1865
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 1866
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 1867
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 1868
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 1869
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 1870
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 1871
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 1872
required by this section. 1873

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 1874
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 1875
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 1876
and (D) (6) of this section and division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of section 1877
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 1878
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 1879
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 1880
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 1881
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 1882
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 1883
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 1884
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 1885
Revised Code. 1886

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 1887
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 1888
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 1889
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 1890
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 1891
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 1892

final statement of contributions and a final statement of 1893
expenditures, if contributions have been received or 1894
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 1895
previously filed statement. 1896

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 1897
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 1898
section shall contain the following information: 1899

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 1900
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1901
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 1902
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 1903
and expenditure statement; 1904

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 1905
candidate's full name and address; 1906

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 1907
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 1908
(1) of this section. 1909

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 1910
a general, primary, or special election; 1911

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 1912
include the following information: 1913

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 1914

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 1915
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1916
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 1917
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 1918
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 1919
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 1920

apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section.

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

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

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

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

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall include a description of and the value of each in-kind contribution received at that activity from any person who made one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing association that is recognized by a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or address of any members who paid those dues.

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized separately from all other contributions. The information required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided

for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 1981
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(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 1983
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 1984
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 1985
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 1986
required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that 1987
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 1988
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 1989
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 1990
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 1991
this division: 1992

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 1993
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 1994

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 1995
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 1996
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 1997
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 1998
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 1999
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 2000

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 2001
following information: 2002

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 2003

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 2004
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2005
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 2006
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 2007
political action committee under division (D)(1) of this 2008
section; 2009

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;	2010 2011
(d) The amount of each expenditure.	2012
(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (H) <u>(F)</u> of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.	2025 2026 2027 2028 2029
(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.	2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035
(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with the nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement	2036 2037 2038

to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 2039
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 2040
division (A) (2) of this section. 2041

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 2042
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 2043
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 2044
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 2045
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 2046
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 2047
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 2048
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 2049
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 2050
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 2051
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 2052
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 2053
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 2054
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 2055
national convention or conference of a political party. 2056

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 2057
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 2058
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 2059
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 2060
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 2061

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 2062
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 2063
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 2064
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 2065
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 2066
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 2067
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 2068

electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 2069
board of elections under division (A) of this section, ~~divisions~~ 2070
division (E), ~~(F), and (G)~~ of section 3517.106, division (D) of 2071
section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division 2072
(C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 2073
3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this 2074
section, ~~divisions~~ division (E), ~~(F), and (G)~~ of section 2075
3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of 2076
section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 2077
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 2078
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 2079
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 2080
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 2081
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 2082
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 2083
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 2084
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 2085
format. 2086

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 2087
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 2088
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 2089
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 2090
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 2091
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 2092
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 2093
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 2094
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 2095
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 2096
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 2097
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 2098
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 2099

training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 2100
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 2101
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 2102
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 2103
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 2104
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 2105
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 2106
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 2107
appropriate. 2108

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 2109
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 2110
the information required by divisions (B)(1) to (4), (C)(2), 2111
and, if appropriate, (C)(3) of this section. Each statement 2112
shall be signed as required by division (C)(1) of this section. 2113

(D)(1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 2114
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 2115
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 2116
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 2117
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 2118
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 2119
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 2120
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2121
party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall 2122
be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, 2123
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2124
party, or political contributing entity is required to file 2125
statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name 2126
of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of 2127
the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates 2128
are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under 2129
division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name 2130

of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name 2131
of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign 2132
committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration 2133
number to each political action committee that files a 2134
designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 2135
division if the political action committee is required by 2136
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 2137
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 2138
state. 2139

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 2140
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 2141
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 2142

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 2143
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 2144
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 2145
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 2146
campaign committee. 2147

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 2148
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 2149
separate from all other funds. 2150

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 2151
state candidate fund that is separate from an account that 2152
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 2153
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from 2154
all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit 2155
into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary 2156
contributions that are made to or accepted by the political 2157
party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed 2158
in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county 2159
political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions 2160

received by the party into one or more accounts that are 2161
separate from its state candidate fund and from its account that 2162
contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political 2163
party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 2164

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 2165
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 2166
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 2167
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 2168
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 2169
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 2170
are members of that political party to the house of the general 2171
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 2172
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 2173
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 2174
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 2175
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 2176
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 2177
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 2178

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 2179
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 2180
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 2181
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 2182
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 2183
(4) of this section. 2184

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 2185
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 2186
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 2187
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 2188
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 2189
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 2190

at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 2191

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 2192
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 2193
following: 2194

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 2195
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 2196
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 2197
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 2198
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 2199
of the Revised Code; 2200

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 2201
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 2202
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2203
disbursement information in the statements described in division 2204
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 2205
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 2206
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2207
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 2208
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 2209
of transmission. 2210

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division ~~(H)~~ 2211
(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make 2212
available online to the public through the internet the 2213
contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 2214
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 2215
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 2216

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 2217
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 2218
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 2219

transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 2220
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 2221
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 2222

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 2223
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 2224
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 2225
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 2226
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 2227
3517.11 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ 2228

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 2229
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 2230

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 2231
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 2232
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 2233
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 2234
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 2235
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 2236
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 2237
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 2238
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 2239
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 2240
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 2241

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 2242
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 2243
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 2244
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 2245
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 2246
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 2247
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 2248
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 2249

the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 2250
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 2251
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 2252

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 2253
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 2254
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 2255
section, that committee is considered to have met the 2256
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 2257
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 2258
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 2259
written request for the information required under division (B) 2260
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 2261
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 2262
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 2263

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 2264
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 2265
name and address of the committee and the registration number 2266
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 2267

(F) As used in this section: 2268

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 2269
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 2270
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 2271
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 2272
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 2273
post-office box. 2274

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 2275
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 2276
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 2277
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 2278

highway name and number. 2279

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 2280
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 2281
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 2282
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 2283
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 2284
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 2285
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 2286
to that address. 2287

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 2288
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 2289
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 2290
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 2291
committee: 2292

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 2293
section; 2294

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 2295
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 2296
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 2297

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 2298
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 2299
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 2300
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 2301
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 2302
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 2303
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 2304
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 2305
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 2306
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 2307

box number. 2308

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 2309
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 2310
for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 2311
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 2312
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 2313
the supreme court. 2314

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 2315
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 2316
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 2317
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 2318
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 2319

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 2320
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 2321
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 2322
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 2323
Revised Code. 2324

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 2325
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 2326
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 2327
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 2328
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 2329
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 2330
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 2331
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 2332
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 2333
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 2334
combined reporting periods. 2335

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 2336

election, if either the total contributions received by or the 2337
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 2338
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 2339
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 2340
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 2341
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 2342
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 2343
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 2344
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 2345
election periods. 2346

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 2347
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 2348
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 2349
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 2350
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 2351
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 2352
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 2353
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 2354
candidates. 2355

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 2356
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 2357
business from any funds of the partnership or other 2358
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 2359

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 2360
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 2361
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 2362
member making the contribution. 2363

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 2364
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 2365
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 2366

business, provided that the information includes one of the 2367
following: 2368

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 2369
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 2370
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 2371
the partners, owners, or members; or 2372

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 2373
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 2374
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 2375
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 2376
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 2377
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 2378
the contribution. 2379

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 2380
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 2381
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 2382
section. 2383

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 2384
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 2385
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 2386
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 2387
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 2388
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 2389

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 2390
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 2391
partnership or other unincorporated business. 2392

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 2393
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 2394
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 2395

a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 2396
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 2397

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 2398
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 2399
candidate or holds office. 2400

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 2401
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 2402
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 2403
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 2404
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 2405
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 2406
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 2407
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 2408
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 2409
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 2410
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 2411
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 2412
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 2413
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 2414
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 2415

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 2416
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 2417
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 2418
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 2419
be a write-in candidate. 2420

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 2421
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 2422
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 2423
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 2424

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 2425
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 2426
limitations described in that division during an election 2427
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 2428
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 2429
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 2430
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 2431
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 2432
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 2433
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 2434
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 2435
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 2436
write-in candidate. 2437

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 2438
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 2439
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 2440
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 2441
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 2442
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 2443
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 2444
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 2445

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 2446
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 2447
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 2448
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 2449
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 2450
making those contributions, for each filing period under 2451
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 2452
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 2453
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 2454
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 2455

one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 2456
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 2457
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 2458
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 2459
receives from all other contributors. 2460

Sec. 3517.105. (A) (1) As used in this section, "public 2461
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 2462
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, 2463
yard sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or 2464
by any other means of advertising to the general public. 2465

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of 2466
the Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action 2467
committee if the person makes one or more contributions to that 2468
political action committee, and a person is a member of a 2469
political contributing entity if the person makes one or more 2470
contributions to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other 2471
assessments to, that political contributing entity. 2472

(B) (1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 2473
political action committee or political contributing entity with 2474
ten or more members, or a legislative campaign fund makes an 2475
independent expenditure, or whenever a political action 2476
committee or political contributing entity with fewer than ten 2477
members makes an independent expenditure in excess of one 2478
hundred dollars for a local candidate, in excess of two hundred 2479
fifty dollars for a candidate for the office of member of the 2480
general assembly, or in excess of five hundred dollars for a 2481
statewide candidate, for the purpose of financing communications 2482
advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or 2483
solicits without the candidate's express consent a contribution 2484
for or against an identified candidate through public political 2485

advertising, a statement shall appear or be presented in a clear 2486
and conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 2487
following: 2488

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 2489
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 2490
candidate's campaign committee; 2491

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 2492
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 2493
legislative campaign fund that has paid for the communication or 2494
public political advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 2495
of the Revised Code. 2496

(2) (a) Whenever any campaign committee, legislative 2497
campaign fund, political action committee, political 2498
contributing entity, or political party makes an independent 2499
expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate, the 2500
committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the independent 2501
expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement prescribed 2502
by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, entity, 2503
fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions and 2504
expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 2505
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 2506

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 2507
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 2508
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, political 2509
contributing entity, or political party, makes one or more 2510
independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any 2511
candidate, the individual, partnership, or other entity shall 2512
file with the secretary of state in the case of a statewide 2513
candidate, or with the board of elections in the county in which 2514
the candidate files the candidate's petitions for nomination or 2515

election for district or local office, not later than the dates 2516
specified in divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 2517
3517.10 of the Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided 2518
in that section, a statement itemizing all independent 2519
expenditures made during the period since the close of business 2520
on the last day reflected in the last previously filed such 2521
statement, if any. The statement shall be made on a form 2522
prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be filed by 2523
electronic means of transmission pursuant to division ~~(C)~~(E) of 2524
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 2525
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 2526
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on 2527
whose behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of 2528
election falsification. 2529

(C) (1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, 2530
campaign committee, political action committee with ten or more 2531
members, or legislative campaign fund makes an independent 2532
expenditure, or whenever a political action committee with fewer 2533
than ten members makes an independent expenditure in excess of 2534
one hundred dollars for a local ballot issue or question, or in 2535
excess of five hundred dollars for a statewide ballot issue or 2536
question, for the purpose of financing communications advocating 2537
support of or opposition to an identified ballot issue or 2538
question or solicits without the express consent of the ballot 2539
issue committee a contribution for or against an identified 2540
ballot issue or question through public political advertising, a 2541
statement shall appear or be presented in a clear and 2542
conspicuous manner in the advertising that does both of the 2543
following: 2544

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 2545
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 2546

issue committee; 2547

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor 2548
organization, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or 2549
political action committee that has paid for the communication 2550
or public political advertising in accordance with section 2551
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 2552

(2) (a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, 2553
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 2554
or political action committee makes an independent expenditure 2555
in support of or opposition to any ballot issue or question, the 2556
corporation or labor organization shall report the independent 2557
expenditure in accordance with division (C) of section 3599.03 2558
of the Revised Code, and the campaign committee, legislative 2559
campaign fund, political party, or political action committee 2560
shall report the independent expenditure and identify the ballot 2561
issue or question on a statement prescribed by the secretary of 2562
state and filed by the committee, fund, or party as part of its 2563
statement of contributions and expenditures pursuant to division 2564
(A) of section 3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of 2565
the Revised Code. 2566

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 2567
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 2568
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 2569
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures in 2570
excess of one hundred dollars in support of or opposition to any 2571
ballot issue or question, the individual, partnership, or other 2572
entity shall file with the secretary of state in the case of a 2573
statewide ballot issue or question, or with the board of 2574
elections in the county that certifies the issue or question for 2575
placement on the ballot in the case of a district or local issue 2576

or question, not later than the dates specified in divisions (A) 2577
(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 2578
and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a statement 2579
itemizing all independent expenditures made during the period 2580
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the 2581
last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 2582
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 2583
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 2584
division ~~(G)~~(E) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as 2585
authorized or required by that division. The statement shall 2586
indicate the date and the amount of each independent expenditure 2587
and the ballot issue or question in support of or opposition to 2588
which it was made and shall be made under penalty of election 2589
falsification. 2590

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 2591
fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 2592
organization, or other organization or association shall use or 2593
cause to be used a false or fictitious name in making an 2594
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any 2595
candidate or any ballot issue or question. A name is false or 2596
fictitious if the person, campaign committee, legislative 2597
campaign fund, political action committee, corporation, labor 2598
organization, or other organization or association does not 2599
actually exist or operate, if the corporation, labor 2600
organization, or other organization or association has failed to 2601
file a fictitious name or other registration with the secretary 2602
of state, if it is required to do so, or if the person, campaign 2603
committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 2604
committee has failed to file a designation of the appointment of 2605
a treasurer, if it is required to do so by division (D) (1) of 2606
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 2607

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose 2608
of financing communications advocating the election or defeat of 2609
a candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an 2610
independent expenditure subject to the provisions of this 2611
section. 2612

Sec. 3517.106. (A) As used in this section: 2613

(1) "Statewide office" means any of the offices of 2614
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 2615
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, chief justice of 2616
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court. 2617

(2) "Addendum to a statement" includes an amendment or 2618
other correction to that statement. 2619

(B)~~(1)~~ The secretary of state shall store all of the 2620
following information on computer~~the~~: 2621

(1) The information contained in statements of 2622
contributions and expenditures and monthly statements required 2623
to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and in 2624
statements of independent expenditures required to be filed 2625
under section 3517.105 of the Revised Code ~~by any of the~~ 2626
~~following:~~ 2627

~~(a) The campaign committees of candidates for statewide~~ 2628
~~office;~~ 2629

~~(b) The political action committees and political~~ 2630
~~contributing entities described in division (A) (1) of section~~ 2631
~~3517.11 of the Revised Code;~~ 2632

~~(c) Legislative campaign funds;~~ 2633

~~(d) State political parties;~~ 2634

(e) Individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor organizations, or other entities that make independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question;	2635
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(f) The campaign committees of candidates for the office of member of the general assembly;	2639
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(g) County political parties, with respect to their state candidate funds. <u>with the secretary of state and the information transmitted to the secretary of state by boards of elections under division (E) (2) of this section;</u>	2641
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(2) The secretary of state shall store on computer the information contained in disclosure of electioneering communications statements required to be filed under section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.;	2645
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(3) The secretary of state shall store on computer the information contained in deposit and disbursement statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code.;	2649
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(4) The secretary of state shall store on computer the gift and disbursement information contained in statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code.;	2653
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(5) The secretary of state shall store on computer the information contained in donation and disbursement statements required to be filed with the office of the secretary of state under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.	2657
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(C) (1) The secretary of state shall make available to the campaign committees, political action committees, political contributing entities, legislative campaign funds, political	2661
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parties, individuals, partnerships, corporations, labor 2664
organizations, treasurers of transition funds, and other 2665
~~entities described in division (B) of this section that are~~ 2666
permitted or required to file statements by electronic means of 2667
transmission, and to members of the news media and other 2668
interested persons, for a reasonable fee, computer programs that 2669
are compatible with the secretary of state's method of storing 2670
the information contained in the statements. 2671

(2) The secretary of state shall make the information 2672
required to be stored under division (B) of this section 2673
available on computer at the secretary of state's office so 2674
that, to the maximum extent feasible, individuals may obtain at 2675
the secretary of state's office any part or all of that 2676
information for any given year, subject to the limitation 2677
expressed in division (D) of this section. 2678

(D) The secretary of state shall keep the information 2679
stored on computer under division (B) of this section for at 2680
least six years. 2681

(E) (1) Subject to division ~~(I)~~ (J) of this section and 2682
subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, 2683
and verified the successful operation of any system the 2684
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of 2685
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 2686
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2687
statements by electronic means of transmission, ~~the each of the~~ 2688
following entities shall be permitted or required to file 2689
statements by electronic means of transmission, as applicable: 2690

(a) The campaign committee of each candidate for statewide 2691
office may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 2692
the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission or, if the 2693

total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 2694
of the expenditures made by the campaign committee for the 2695
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 2696
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 2697
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 2698
transmission. 2699

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 2700
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 2701
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file 2702
the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2703
in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3517.11 of the 2704
Revised Code or by electronic means of transmission to the 2705
office of the secretary of state or, if the total amount of the 2706
contributions received by the campaign committee for the 2707
applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of 2708
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand 2709
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of 2710
transmission to the office of the secretary of state. 2711

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for an office 2712
other than a statewide office, the office of member of the 2713
general assembly, or the office of judge of a court of appeals 2714
may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the 2715
Revised Code by electronic means of transmission to the 2716
secretary of state or the board of elections, as applicable. 2717

(d) A political action committee and a political 2718
contributing entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2719
3517.11 of the Revised Code, a legislative campaign fund, and a 2720
state political party may file the statements prescribed by 2721
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of 2722
transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the 2723

total amount of the contributions received or the total amount 2724
of the expenditures made by the political action committee, 2725
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 2726
state political party for the applicable reporting period as 2727
specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 2728
exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file those statements by 2729
electronic means of transmission. 2730

(e) A county political party shall file the statements 2731
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect 2732
to its state candidate fund by electronic means of transmission 2733
to the office of the secretary of state. 2734

(f) A county political party may file all other statements 2735
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic 2736
means of transmission to the board of elections. 2737

(g) A political action committee or political contributing 2738
entity described in division (A) (3) of section 3517.11 of the 2739
Revised Code may file the statements prescribed by section 2740
3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic means of transmission 2741
to the board of elections. 2742

(h) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 2743
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 2744
statewide candidate or a statewide ballot issue or question as 2745
provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 2746
of the Revised Code may file the statement specified in that 2747
division by electronic means of transmission to the office of 2748
the secretary of state or, if the total amount of independent 2749
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 2750
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 2751
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 2752

(i) Any individual, partnership, or other entity that 2753
makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a 2754
candidate or ballot issue other than a statewide candidate or a 2755
statewide ballot issue as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) 2756
(2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may file the 2757
statement specified in that division by electronic means of 2758
transmission to the board of elections. 2759

(2) A board of elections that receives a statement by 2760
electronic means of transmission shall transmit that statement 2761
to the secretary of state within five business days after 2762
receiving the statement. If the board receives an addendum or an 2763
amended statement from an entity that filed a statement with the 2764
board by electronic means of transmission, the board shall 2765
transmit the addendum or amended statement to the secretary of 2766
state not later than the close of business on the day the board 2767
received the addendum or amended statement. 2768

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this division~~ (E) 2769
(3) (b) of this section, within five business days after a 2770
statement filed by a ~~campaign committee of a candidate for~~ 2771
~~statewide office~~ under division (E) (1) of this section is 2772
received by the secretary of state by electronic or other means 2773
of transmission, the secretary of state shall make available 2774
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 2775
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section, the contribution and 2776
expenditure information in that statement. ~~The~~ 2777

(b) ~~The~~ secretary of state shall not make available online 2778
to the public through the internet any contribution or 2779
expenditure information contained in a statement for any 2780
candidate until the secretary of state is able to make available 2781
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 2782

expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 2783
office, or until the applicable filing deadline for that 2784
statement has passed, whichever is sooner. As soon as the 2785
secretary of state has available all of the contribution and 2786
expenditure information for all candidates for a particular 2787
office, or as soon as the applicable filing deadline for a 2788
statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the secretary of 2789
state shall simultaneously make available online to the public 2790
through the internet the information for all candidates for that 2791
office. 2792

(4) (a) If a statement filed by electronic means of 2793
transmission is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the 2794
examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy 2795
pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 2796
Code, the ~~campaign committee entity that filed the statement~~ 2797
shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to 2798
the statement that provides the information necessary to 2799
complete or correct the statement or, if required ~~by the~~ 2800
~~secretary of state~~ under that division, an amended statement. 2801

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 2802
receives ~~from a campaign committee of a candidate for statewide~~ 2803
~~office~~ an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by 2804
electronic or other means of transmission ~~under this division or~~ 2805
~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code~~, the 2806
secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure 2807
information in the addendum or amended statement available 2808
online to the public through the internet as provided in 2809
division ~~(I)~~ (G) of this section. 2810

~~(2) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 2811
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 2812

~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance
statements by electronic means of transmission, a political
action committee and a political contributing entity described
in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative campaign
fund, and a state political party may file the statements
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by electronic
means of transmission or, if the total amount of the
contributions received or the total amount of the expenditures
made by the political action committee, political contributing
entity, legislative campaign fund, or state political party for
the applicable reporting period as specified in division (A) of
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten thousand
dollars, shall file those statements by electronic means of
transmission.~~

~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a
political action committee or a political contributing entity
described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, a legislative
campaign fund, or a state political party is received by the
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission,
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this
section, the contribution and expenditure information in that
statement.~~

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the political
action committee, political contributing entity, legislative
campaign fund, or state political party shall file by electronic~~

~~means of transmission any addendum to the statement that~~ 2844
~~provides the information necessary to complete or correct the~~ 2845
~~statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that~~ 2846
~~division, an amended statement.~~ 2847

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state~~ 2848
~~receives from a political action committee or a political~~ 2849
~~contributing entity described in division (B) (1) (b) of this~~ 2850
~~section, a legislative campaign fund, or a state political party~~ 2851
~~an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by~~ 2852
~~electronic or other means of transmission under this division or~~ 2853
~~division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the~~ 2854
~~secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure~~ 2855
~~information in the addendum or amended statement available~~ 2856
~~online to the public through the internet as provided in~~ 2857
~~division (I) of this section.~~ 2858

~~(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented,~~ 2859
~~tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the~~ 2860
~~secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of~~ 2861
~~this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section~~ 2862
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance~~ 2863
~~statements by electronic means of transmission, a county~~ 2864
~~political party shall file the statements prescribed by section~~ 2865
~~3517.10 of the Revised Code with respect to its state candidate~~ 2866
~~fund by electronic means of transmission to the office of the~~ 2867
~~secretary of state.~~ 2868

~~Within five business days after a statement filed by a~~ 2869
~~county political party with respect to its state candidate fund~~ 2870
~~is received by the secretary of state by electronic means of~~ 2871
~~transmission, the secretary of state shall make available online~~ 2872
~~to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I)~~ 2873

~~of this section, the contribution and expenditure information in that statement.~~ 2874
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~~If a statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, a county political party shall file by electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement that provides the information necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under that division, an amended statement.~~ 2876
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~~Within five business days after the secretary of state receives from a county political party an addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information in the addendum or amended statement available online to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this section.~~ 2884
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~~(F) (1) Subject to division (L) of this section and subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals may file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (A) (2) of section~~ 2893
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~~3517.11 of the Revised Code or by electronic means of~~ 2904
~~transmission to the office of the secretary of state or, if the~~ 2905
~~total amount of the contributions received by the campaign~~ 2906
~~committee for the applicable reporting period as specified in~~ 2907
~~division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code exceeds ten~~ 2908
~~thousand dollars, shall file those statements by electronic~~ 2909
~~means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.~~ 2910

~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, within five~~ 2911
~~business days after a statement filed by a campaign committee of~~ 2912
~~a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or~~ 2913
~~a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a~~ 2914
~~court of appeals is received by the secretary of state by~~ 2915
~~electronic or other means of transmission, the secretary of~~ 2916
~~state shall make available online to the public through the~~ 2917
~~internet, as provided in division (I) of this section, the~~ 2918
~~contribution and expenditure information in that statement. The~~ 2919
~~secretary of state shall not make available online to the public~~ 2920
~~through the internet any contribution or expenditure information~~ 2921
~~contained in a statement for any candidate until the secretary~~ 2922
~~of state is able to make available online to the public through~~ 2923
~~the internet the contribution and expenditure information for~~ 2924
~~all candidates for a particular office, or until the applicable~~ 2925
~~filing deadline for that statement has passed, whichever is~~ 2926
~~sooner. As soon as the secretary of state has available all of~~ 2927
~~the contribution and expenditure information for all candidates~~ 2928
~~for a particular office, or as soon as the applicable filing~~ 2929
~~deadline for a statement has passed, whichever is sooner, the~~ 2930
~~secretary of state shall simultaneously make available online to~~ 2931
~~the public through the internet the information for all~~ 2932
~~candidates for that office.~~ 2933

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission~~ 2934

~~is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of~~ 2935
~~the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division~~ 2936
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the campaign~~ 2937
~~committee shall file by electronic means of transmission to the~~ 2938
~~office of the secretary of state any addendum to the statement~~ 2939
~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct~~ 2940
~~the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under~~ 2941
~~that division, an amended statement.~~ 2942

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state~~ 2943
~~receives from a campaign committee of a candidate for the office~~ 2944
~~of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a~~ 2945
~~candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals an~~ 2946
~~addendum to the statement or an amended statement by electronic~~ 2947
~~or other means of transmission under this division or division~~ 2948
~~(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the secretary~~ 2949
~~of state shall make the contribution and expenditure information~~ 2950
~~in the addendum or amended statement available online to the~~ 2951
~~public through the internet as provided in division (I) of this~~ 2952
~~section.~~ 2953

~~(2)-(5) If a campaign committee for the office of member~~ 2954
~~of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate~~ 2955
~~for the office of judge of a court of appeals files a statement,~~ 2956
~~addendum, or amended statement is not filed by electronic means~~ 2957
~~of transmission to the office of the secretary of state but is~~ 2958
~~filed by printed version only under division (A) (2) of section~~ 2959
~~3517.11 of the Revised Code with the appropriate board of~~ 2960
~~elections, the campaign committee of a candidate for the office~~ 2961
~~of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a~~ 2962
~~candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall~~ 2963
~~file two copies of the printed version of the statement,~~ 2964
~~addendum, or amended statement with the board of elections. The~~ 2965

board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified 2966
mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the 2967
close of business on the day the board of elections receives the 2968
statement, addendum, or amended statement. 2969

~~(G) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 2970
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 2971
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to division (H) (1) of 2972
this section and divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 2973
3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 2974
statements by electronic means of transmission, any individual, 2975
partnership, or other entity that makes independent expenditures 2976
in support of or opposition to a statewide candidate or a 2977
statewide ballot issue or question as provided in division (B) 2978
(2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code may 2979
file the statement specified in that division by electronic 2980
means of transmission or, if the total amount of independent 2981
expenditures made during the reporting period under that 2982
division exceeds ten thousand dollars, shall file the statement 2983
specified in that division by electronic means of transmission. 2984~~

~~Within five business days after a statement filed by an 2985
individual, partnership, or other entity is received by the 2986
secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission, 2987
the secretary of state shall make available online to the public 2988
through the internet, as provided in division (I) of this 2989
section, the expenditure information in that statement. 2990~~

~~If a statement filed by electronic means of transmission 2991
is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after the examination of 2992
the statement for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 2993
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the 2994
individual, partnership, or other entity shall file by 2995~~

~~electronic means of transmission any addendum to the statement~~ 2996
~~that provides the information necessary to complete or correct~~ 2997
~~the statement or, if required by the secretary of state under~~ 2998
~~that division, an amended statement.~~ 2999

~~Within five business days after the secretary of state~~ 3000
~~receives from an individual, partnership, or other entity~~ 3001
~~described in division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105~~ 3002
~~of the Revised Code an addendum to the statement or an amended~~ 3003
~~statement by electronic or other means of transmission under~~ 3004
~~this division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the~~ 3005
~~Revised Code, the secretary of state shall make the expenditure~~ 3006
~~information in the addendum or amended statement available~~ 3007
~~online to the public through the internet as provided in~~ 3008
~~division (I) of this section.~~ 3009

~~(H)~~(F)(1) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant 3010
to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe one or 3011
more techniques by which a person who executes and transmits to 3012
the secretary of state or a board of elections by electronic 3013
means a statement of contributions and expenditures, a statement 3014
of independent expenditures, a disclosure of electioneering 3015
communications statement, a deposit and disbursement statement, 3016
a gift and disbursement statement, or a donation and 3017
disbursement statement, an addendum to any of those statements, 3018
an amended statement of contributions and expenditures, an 3019
amended statement of independent expenditures, an amended 3020
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, an 3021
amended deposit and disbursement statement, an amended gift and 3022
disbursement statement, or an amended donation and disbursement 3023
statement, under this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3024
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 3025
Code shall electronically sign the statement, addendum, or 3026

amended statement. Any technique prescribed by the secretary of 3027
state pursuant to this division shall create an electronic 3028
signature that satisfies all of the following: 3029

(a) It is unique to the signer. 3030

(b) It objectively identifies the signer. 3031

(c) It involves the use of a signature device or other 3032
means or method that is under the sole control of the signer and 3033
that cannot be readily duplicated or compromised. 3034

(d) It is created and linked to the electronic record to 3035
which it relates in a manner that, if the record or signature is 3036
intentionally or unintentionally changed after signing, the 3037
electronic signature is invalidated. 3038

(2) An electronic signature prescribed by the secretary of 3039
state under division ~~(H)~~(F)(1) of this section shall be attached 3040
to or associated with the statement of contributions and 3041
expenditures, the statement of independent expenditures, the 3042
disclosure of electioneering communications statement, the 3043
deposit and disbursement statement, the gift and disbursement 3044
statement, or the donation and disbursement statement, the 3045
addendum to any of those statements, the amended statement of 3046
contributions and expenditures, the amended statement of 3047
independent expenditures, the amended disclosure of 3048
electioneering communications statement, the amended deposit and 3049
disbursement statement, the amended gift and disbursement 3050
statement, or the amended donation and disbursement statement 3051
that is executed and transmitted by electronic means by the 3052
person to whom the electronic signature is attributed. The 3053
electronic signature that is attached to or associated with the 3054
statement, addendum, or amended statement under this division 3055

shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the 3056
campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been 3057
handwritten in ink on a printed form. 3058

~~(I)~~ (G) The secretary of state shall make all of the 3059
following information available online to the public by any 3060
means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible through the 3061
internet: 3062

(1) The contribution and expenditure, the contribution and 3063
disbursement, the deposit and disbursement, the gift and 3064
disbursement, or the donation and disbursement information in 3065
all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended 3066
statements that are filed with the secretary of state by 3067
electronic or other means of transmission under this section or 3068
section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3069
3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code~~available online to~~ 3070
~~the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and~~ 3071
~~accessible through the internet;~~ 3072

(2) The contribution and expenditure or the deposit and 3073
disbursement information in all statements that are filed with a 3074
board of elections by electronic means of transmission, and in 3075
all addenda to those statements and all amended versions of 3076
those statements, under this section or section 3517.10, 3077
3517.105, 3517.1012, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 3078

~~(J)~~ (H) (1) As used in this division, "library" means a 3079
library that is open to the public and that is one of the 3080
following: 3081

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under 3082
section 715.13 of the Revised Code; 3083

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated 3084

under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code. 3085

(2) The secretary of state shall notify all libraries of 3086
the location on the internet at which the contribution and 3087
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 3088
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 3089
disbursement information in campaign finance statements required 3090
to be made available online to the public through the internet 3091
pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(G) of this section may be accessed. 3092

If that location is part of the world wide web and if the 3093
secretary of state has notified a library of that world wide web 3094
location as required by this division, the library shall include 3095
a link to that world wide web location on each internet- 3096
connected computer it maintains that is accessible to the 3097
public. 3098

(3) If the system the secretary of state prescribes for 3099
the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of 3100
transmission pursuant to division ~~(H)~~(F)(1) of this section and 3101
divisions (C) (6) (b) and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 3102
Code includes filing those statements through the internet via 3103
the world wide web, the secretary of state shall notify all 3104
libraries of the world wide web location at which those 3105
statements may be filed. 3106

If those statements may be filed through the internet via 3107
the world wide web and if the secretary of state has notified a 3108
library of that world wide web location as required by this 3109
division, the library shall include a link to that world wide 3110
web location on each internet-connected computer it maintains 3111
that is accessible to the public. 3112

~~(K)~~(I) It is an affirmative defense to a complaint or 3113

charge brought against any campaign committee, political action 3114
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 3115
fund, or political party, any individual, partnership, or other 3116
entity, any person making disbursements to pay the direct costs 3117
of producing or airing electioneering communications, or any 3118
treasurer of a transition fund, for the failure to file by 3119
electronic means of transmission a campaign finance statement as 3120
required by this section or section 3517.10, 3517.105, 3121
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 3122
Code that all of the following apply to the campaign committee, 3123
political action committee, political contributing entity, 3124
legislative campaign fund, or political party, the individual, 3125
partnership, or other entity, the person making disbursements to 3126
pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 3127
communications, or the treasurer of a transition fund that 3128
failed to so file: 3129

(1) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3130
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3131
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3132
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3133
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3134
treasurer of a transition fund attempted to file by electronic 3135
means of transmission the required statement prior to the 3136
deadline set forth in the applicable section. 3137

(2) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3138
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3139
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3140
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3141
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3142
treasurer of a transition fund was unable to file by electronic 3143
means of transmission due to an expected or unexpected shutdown 3144

of the whole or part of the electronic campaign finance 3145
statement-filing system, such as for maintenance or because of 3146
hardware, software, or network connection failure. 3147

(3) The campaign committee, political action committee, 3148
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or 3149
political party, the individual, partnership, or other entity, 3150
the person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of 3151
producing or airing electioneering communications, or the 3152
treasurer of a transition fund filed by electronic means of 3153
transmission the required statement within a reasonable period 3154
of time after being unable to so file it under the circumstance 3155
described in division ~~(K)~~(I) (2) of this section. 3156

~~(I)~~(J) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules 3157
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to permit a 3158
campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office that 3159
makes expenditures of less than twenty-five thousand dollars 3160
during the filing period or a campaign committee for the office 3161
of member of the general assembly or the office of judge of a 3162
court of appeals that would otherwise be required to file 3163
campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission 3164
under division (E) ~~or (F)~~ of this section to file those 3165
statements by paper with the office of the secretary of state. 3166
Those rules shall provide for all of the following: 3167

(a) An eligible campaign committee that wishes to file a 3168
campaign finance statement by paper instead of by electronic 3169
means of transmission shall file the statement on paper with the 3170
office of the secretary of state not sooner than twenty-four 3171
hours after the end of the filing period set forth in section 3172
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is covered by the applicable 3173
statement. 3174

(b) The statement shall be accompanied by a fee, the 3175
amount of which the secretary of state shall determine by rule. 3176
The amount of the fee established under this division shall not 3177
exceed the data entry and data verification costs the secretary 3178
of state will incur to convert the information on the statement 3179
to an electronic format as required under division ~~(I)~~(G) of 3180
this section. 3181

(c) The secretary of state shall arrange for the 3182
information in campaign finance statements filed pursuant to 3183
division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section to be made available online to 3184
the public through the internet in the same manner, and at the 3185
same times, as information is made available under divisions 3186
(E), ~~(F)~~, and ~~(I)~~(G) of this section for candidates whose 3187
campaign committees file those statements by electronic means of 3188
transmission. 3189

(d) The candidate of an eligible campaign committee that 3190
intends to file a campaign finance statement pursuant to 3191
division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section shall file a notice indicating 3192
that the candidate's campaign committee intends to so file and 3193
stating that filing the statement by electronic means of 3194
transmission would constitute a hardship for the candidate or 3195
for the eligible campaign committee. 3196

(e) An eligible campaign committee that files a campaign 3197
finance statement on paper pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J) of this 3198
section shall review the contribution and information made 3199
available online by the secretary of state with respect to that 3200
paper filing and shall notify the secretary of state of any 3201
errors with respect to that filing that appear in the data made 3202
available on that web site. 3203

(f) If an eligible campaign committee whose candidate has 3204

filed a notice in accordance with rules adopted under division 3205
~~(I)~~(J) (1) (d) of this section subsequently fails to file that 3206
statement on paper by the applicable deadline established in 3207
rules adopted under division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) (a) of this section, 3208
penalties for the late filing of the campaign finance statement 3209
shall apply to that campaign committee for each day after that 3210
paper filing deadline, as if the campaign committee had filed 3211
the statement after the applicable deadline set forth in 3212
division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 3213

(2) The process for permitting campaign committees that 3214
would otherwise be required to file campaign finance statements 3215
by electronic means of transmission to file those statements on 3216
paper with the office of the secretary of state that is required 3217
to be developed under division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) of this section shall 3218
be in effect and available for use by eligible campaign 3219
committees for all campaign finance statements that are required 3220
to be filed on or after June 30, 2005. Notwithstanding any 3221
provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, if the process 3222
the secretary of state is required to develop under division (L) 3223
(1) of this section is not in effect and available for use on 3224
and after June 30, 2005, all penalties for the failure of 3225
campaign committees to file campaign finance statements by 3226
electronic means of transmission shall be suspended until such 3227
time as that process is in effect and available for use. 3228

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 3229
the contrary, any eligible campaign committee that files 3230
campaign finance statements on paper with the office of the 3231
secretary of state pursuant to division ~~(I)~~(J) (1) of this 3232
section shall be deemed to have filed those campaign finance 3233
statements by electronic means of transmission to the office of 3234
the secretary of state. 3235

Sec. 3517.1011. (A) As used in this section:	3236
(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	3237 3238
(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a communication that is publicly distributed by a television station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite system.	3239 3240 3241 3242
(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.	3243 3244
(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications.	3245 3246 3247 3248 3249 3250 3251 3252 3253
(5) (a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" when it is either of the following:	3254 3255 3256 3257 3258 3259 3260 3261 3262 3263 3264

(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, 3265
projects, or needs provided to the person making the 3266
disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 3267
committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the 3268
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former 3269
officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of 3270
the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view 3271
toward having the communication made; 3272

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 3273
authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or 3274
the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 3275
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 3276
the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, 3277
receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 3278
candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or from an 3279
officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of 3280
the candidate's campaign committee. 3281

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed 3282
to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under 3283
division (A) (5) (a) (ii) of this section if the communication is 3284
made through any person who provides a service that does not 3285
affect the content of the communication, such as communications 3286
placed through the efforts of a media buyer, unless that person 3287
also affects the content of the communication. 3288

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 3289

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a 3290
person makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or 3291
airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of 3292
ten thousand dollars; 3293

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 3294
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 3295
disclosure date established under division (A)(6)(a) of this 3296
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 3297
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 3298
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one 3299
dollar. 3300

(7)(a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 3301
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 3302
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 3303
following periods of time: 3304

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of 3305
the primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 3306
election to that office, between the date that the person 3307
becomes a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary 3308
election, and between the date of the primary election and the 3309
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 3310
will be elected to that office; 3311

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of 3312
the primary election at which candidates were nominated for 3313
election to that office, between the date of the primary 3314
election and the thirtieth day prior to the general election at 3315
which a candidate will be elected to that office. 3316

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 3317
the following: 3318

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through 3319
a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or 3320
satellite television or radio station. For example, 3321
"electioneering communication" does not include communications 3322

appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, 3323
handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, 3324
billboard, and other written materials, including mailings; 3325
communications over the internet, including electronic mail; or 3326
telephone communications. 3327

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 3328
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 3329
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 3330
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 3331
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 3332
party, political committee, or candidate; 3333

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or 3334
an independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised 3335
Code; 3336

(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate 3337
or forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and 3338
is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or 3339
forum. 3340

(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3341
3517.109 of the Revised Code. 3342

(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the 3343
Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 3344
1101 et seq., as amended. 3345

(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of 3346
the Revised Code and includes any political organization 3347
considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the 3348
Internal Revenue Code. 3349

(11) "Political committee" means any of the following: 3350

(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year; 3351-3355

(b) Any separate segregated fund; 3356

(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following: 3357-3358

(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year; 3359-3360

(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year; 3361-3363

(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year. 3364-3365

(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee. 3366-3367

(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief justice," "the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member of the Ohio house of representatives," "county auditor," "mayor," or "township trustee" or through an unambiguous reference to the person's status as a candidate. 3368-3375

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered into a contract to make the disbursement. 3376-3378

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or 3379
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 3380
electioneering communications, prior to making the first 3381
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an 3382
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the 3383
office of the secretary of state that the person is intending to 3384
make such disbursements. 3385

(D) (1) Every person that makes a disbursement or 3386
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing 3387
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 3388
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within 3389
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of 3390
electioneering communications statement containing the following 3391
information: 3392

(a) The full name and address of the person making the 3393
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or 3394
control over the activities of the person making the 3395
disbursement, and of the custodian of the books and accounts of 3396
the person making the disbursement; 3397

(b) The principal place of business of the person making 3398
the disbursement, if not an individual; 3399

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one 3400
dollar during the period covered by the statement and the 3401
identity of the person to whom the disbursement was made; 3402

(d) The nominations or elections to which the 3403
electioneering communications pertain and the names, if known, 3404
of the candidates identified or to be identified; 3405

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated 3406
bank account that consists of funds contributed solely by 3407

individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or 3408
lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in section 3409
101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act directly to 3410
the account for electioneering communications, the information 3411
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 3412
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 3413
dollars or more to the segregated bank account and whose 3414
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 3415
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 3416
section during the period covered by the statement. Nothing in 3417
this division prohibits or shall be construed to prohibit the 3418
use of funds in such a segregated bank account for a purpose 3419
other than electioneering communications. 3420

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not 3421
described in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, the information 3422
specified in division (D)(2) of this section for all 3423
contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred 3424
dollars or more to the person making the disbursement and whose 3425
contributions were used for making the disbursement or 3426
disbursements required to be reported under division (D) of this 3427
section during the period covered by the statement. 3428

(2) For each contributor for which information is required 3429
to be reported under division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, 3430
all of the following shall be reported: 3431

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 3432
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 3433
more; 3434

(b)(i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, 3435
if the contributor is a political action committee, the 3436
registration number assigned to the political action committee 3437

under division (D) (1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code; 3438

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the 3439
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 3440
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 3441
individual's business, if any; 3442

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to 3443
section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from 3444
the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in 3445
the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in 3446
division (D) (1) (e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the 3447
full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the 3448
labor organization of which the employees are members, if any. 3449

(c) A description of the contribution, if other than 3450
money; 3451

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 3452

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 3453
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 3454
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 3455
and (D) (6) of section 3517.10 and division ~~(H)~~ (F) (1) of section 3456
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 3457
statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall 3458
file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement 3459
prescribed under divisions (D) (1) and (2) of this section by 3460
electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary 3461
of state. 3462

Within five business days after the secretary of state 3463
receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement 3464
under this division, the secretary of state shall make available 3465
online to the public through the internet, as provided in 3466

division ~~(I)~~(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the 3467
contribution and disbursement information in that statement. 3468

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 3469
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 3470
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 3471
(B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person 3472
shall file by electronic means of transmission to the office of 3473
the secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other 3474
correction to the statement that provides the information 3475
necessary to complete or correct the statement or, if required 3476
by the secretary of state under that division, an amended 3477
statement. 3478

Within five business days after the secretary of state 3479
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 3480
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 3481
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 3482
division or division (B) (3) (a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 3483
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 3484
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 3485
correction to the statement or amended statement available 3486
online to the public through the internet as provided in 3487
division ~~(I)~~(G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 3488

(E) (1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose 3489
of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 3490
electioneering communication under this section shall provide 3491
the person's full name and address to the recipient of the 3492
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 3493

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or 3494
contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the 3495
purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing an 3496

electioneering communication under this section shall provide 3497
the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if 3498
the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and 3499
the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient 3500
of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. 3501

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement 3502
shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner 3503
that does both of the following: 3504

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering 3505
communication is not authorized by the candidate or the 3506
candidate's campaign committee; 3507

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement 3508
for the electioneering communication in accordance with section 3509
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 3510

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an in- 3511
kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution limits 3512
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 3513
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 3514
costs of producing or airing the communication. 3515

(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding 3516
a primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 3517
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 3518
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 3519
received from a corporation or labor organization. 3520

Sec. 3517.11. (A) (1) Campaign committees of candidates for 3521
statewide office or the state board of education, political 3522
action committees or political contributing entities that make 3523
contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are 3524
required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of 3525

the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action 3526
committees or political contributing entities that make 3527
contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of 3528
the general assembly, political action committees or political 3529
contributing entities that make contributions to state and 3530
national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, 3531
political action committees or political contributing entities 3532
that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection 3533
with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or 3534
political contributing entities that make contributions to other 3535
political action committees or political contributing entities, 3536
political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth 3537
in division (A) (3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, 3538
and state and national political parties shall file the 3539
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 3540
with the secretary of state. 3541

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(F)~~ (E) of 3542
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of 3543
candidates for all other offices shall file the statements 3544
prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board 3545
of elections where their candidates are required to file their 3546
petitions or other papers for nomination or election. 3547

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of 3548
member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a 3549
candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall 3550
file two copies of the printed version of any statement, 3551
addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file 3552
pursuant to division ~~(F)~~ (E) or ~~(H)~~ (J) of section 3517.106 3553
of the Revised Code but files by printed version only with the 3554
appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall 3555
send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy 3556

to the secretary of state before the close of business on the 3557
day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or 3558
amended statement. 3559

(3) Political action committees or political contributing 3560
entities that only contribute to a county political party, 3561
contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination 3562
or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, 3563
subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the 3564
general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures 3565
in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted 3566
only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall 3567
file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised 3568
Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county 3569
contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district 3570
having a population greater than that of any other county 3571
contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, 3572
as the case may be. 3573

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) ~~(3)~~ (1) (e) 3574
of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state 3575
candidate funds, county political parties shall file the 3576
statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code 3577
with the board of elections of their respective counties. 3578

(B) (1) The official with whom petitions and other papers 3579
for nomination or election to public office are filed shall 3580
furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of 3581
sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 3582
3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other 3583
materials that the secretary of state may require. Each 3584
candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their 3585
receipt in writing. 3586

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which 3587
statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the 3588
Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every 3589
candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 3590
3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code of the requirements and 3591
applicable penalties of those sections. The secretary of state 3592
shall notify all candidates required to file those statements 3593
with the secretary of state's office either by certified mail, 3594
or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet 3595
identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary 3596
mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board of 3597
elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any 3598
candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board 3599
on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to 3600
be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of 3601
state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the 3602
candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The 3603
board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of 3604
state. The board shall notify all other candidates required to 3605
file those statements with it either by certified mail, or, if 3606
the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of 3607
record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by 3608
that internet identifier of record. 3609

(3) (a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 3610
3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code that is found to be 3611
incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted 3612
shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who 3613
filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the 3614
incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary 3615
of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the 3616
office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the 3617

office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and 3618
accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness 3619
and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates 3620
for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign 3621
committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of 3622
appeals file pursuant to division ~~(F)~~ (E) or ~~(L)~~ (J) of section 3623
3517.106 of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of 3624
elections where a statement filed for a candidate for the office 3625
of member of the general assembly or for a candidate for the 3626
office of judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the 3627
statement to be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall 3628
immediately notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or 3629
inaccurate nature. If either an officer at the board of 3630
elections or the secretary of state finds a statement filed for 3631
a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or 3632
for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals to 3633
be incomplete or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall 3634
send the notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature 3635
of the statement. 3636

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the 3637
case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a 3638
monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual 3639
statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement 3640
prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by 3641
division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105 or section 3642
3517.107 of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an 3643
addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement 3644
providing the information necessary to complete or correct the 3645
statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of 3646
filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 3647
statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to 3648

the office of the secretary of state or a board of elections 3649
pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient 3650
of the notice described in this division file by electronic 3651
means of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the 3652
information necessary to complete or correct the statement. 3653

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an 3654
addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following 3655
or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be 3656
filed: 3657

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 3658
3517.10 of the Revised Code; 3659

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications 3660
statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the 3661
Revised Code; 3662

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed 3663
under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 3664

(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under 3665
section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code; 3666

(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under 3667
section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. 3668

An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement 3669
that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 3670
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same 3671
manner as the statement. 3672

The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3673
3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code 3674
pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and 3675
expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure 3676

of electioneering communications statements, deposit and 3677
disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and 3678
donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of 3679
transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or 3680
other corrections to those statements by electronic means of 3681
transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic 3682
means of transmission. 3683

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state 3684
receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an 3685
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an 3686
amended statement under division (B) (3) (a) of this section, the 3687
secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), ~~(F)~~, and (G), ~~and~~ 3688
~~(I)~~ of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of 3689
the Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure, 3690
contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift 3691
and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in 3692
that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement 3693
available online to the public through the internet. 3694

(4) (a) The secretary of state or the board of elections 3695
shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 3696
3517.08 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 3697

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual 3698
or entity not associated with the secretary of state and 3699
experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this 3700
state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any 3701
statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the 3702
Revised Code. 3703

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or 3704
entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination 3705
shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is 3706

conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the 3707
secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be 3708
reported to the secretary of state. 3709

(C) (1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing 3710
of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to 3711
3517.17 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any 3712
addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any 3713
amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other 3714
correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is 3715
incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to 3716
comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is 3717
to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with 3718
the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the 3719
Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has 3720
jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly 3721
report the failure or violation to the board of elections and 3722
the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney 3723
in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the 3724
Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the 3725
commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with 3726
sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code. 3727

(2) For purposes of division (C) (1) of this section, a 3728
statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 3729
statement or an amended statement required to be filed under 3730
sections 3517.081 to 3517.17 of the Revised Code is incomplete 3731
or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, 3732
amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to 3733
disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations 3734
that are received or deposits that are made that are required to 3735
be reported under sections 3517.10, 3517.107, 3517.108, 3736
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised 3737

Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, 3738
or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent 3739
of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or 3740
deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made 3741
during the reporting period. 3742

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be 3743
issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall 3744
enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until 3745
that person or that person's campaign committee, as appropriate, 3746
has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 3747
3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code. 3748

Section 2. That existing sections 2301.02, 2301.03, 3749
3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, and 3517.11 of the 3750
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 3751

Section 3. Sections 3517.10, 3517.105, 3517.106, 3752
3517.1011, and 3517.11 of this act shall take effect one year 3753
after the first day of January that occurs after the act is 3754
filed with the Secretary of State. 3755