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A BILL

Го	amend sections 3.15, 3301.01, 3301.02, 3301.03,	1
	3301.06, 3501.01, 3501.02, 3505.03, 3505.04,	2
	3513.04, and 3513.052; to enact sections	3
	3301.021 and 3301.139; and to repeal section	4
	3513.259 of the Revised Code with regard to	5
	membership and election of State Board of	6
	Education members and to make changes regarding	7
	the State Board's public meetings.	8

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

Section 1. That sections 3.15, 3301.01, 3301.02, 3301.03,	9
3301.06, 3501.01, 3501.02, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04, and	10
3513.052 be amended and sections 3301.021 and 3301.139 of the	11
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	12
Sec. 3.15. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division	13
(B) of this section, at all times during one's term of office:	14
(1) Each member of the general assembly and each elected	15
voting member of the state board of education shall be a	16

resident of the district the member represents.	17
(2) Each judge and each elected officer of a court shall	18
be a resident of the territory of that court.	19
(3) Each person holding an elective office of a political	20
subdivision shall be a resident of that political subdivision.	21
(4) Each member of a municipal legislative authority who	22
represents a ward shall be a resident of the ward the member	23
represents, and each member of a board of education of a city	24
school district who represents a subdistrict shall be a resident	25
of the subdistrict the member represents.	26
(B) Any person who fails to meet any of the requirements	27
of division (A) of this section that apply to the person shall	28
forfeit the office. Division (A) of this section applies to	29
persons who have been either elected or appointed to an elective	30
office. Division (A) of this section does not apply to a member	31
of the general assembly or the state board of education, to a	32
member of a municipal legislative authority who represents a	33
ward, or to a member of a board of education of a city school	34
district who represents a subdistrict, during the remainder of	35
the member's existing term of office after there is a change in	36
the member's district's, ward's, or subdistrict's boundaries	37
that leaves the member's permanent residence outside the	38
district, ward, or subdistrict.	39
Sec. 3301.01. (A)—There is hereby created the state board	40
of education consisting of <u>nineteen_fifteen_members_with_eleven_</u>	41
elected members, one each to be elected in accordance with	42
section 3301.03 of the Revised Code from each of the districts	43
established in accordance with division (B) of this section, and	44

with eight members to be appointed by the governor with the-

advice and consent of the senatecongressional district.	46
In addition to the nineteen_fifteen_elected or appointed-	47
members, the chairperson of the committee of the senate that	48
primarily deals with education and the chairperson of the	49
committee of the house of representatives that primarily deals	50
with education shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the	51
board.	52
(B) (1) The territory of each state board of education	53
district for each elected voting member of the board shall-	54
consist of the territory of three contiguous senate districts as-	55
established in the most recent apportionment for members of the-	56
general assembly, but the territory of no senate district shall-	57
be part of the territory of more than one state board of	58
education district. Each state board of education district shall	59
be as compact as practicable. The districts shall include, when	60
practicable, some districts that primarily consist of territory	61
in rural areas and some districts that primarily consist of	62
territory in urban areas.	63
(2) If, after the apportionment for members of the general	64
assembly is made in any year, the general assembly does not	65
during that year enact legislation establishing state board of	66
education districts in accordance with division (B)(1) of this-	67
section, the governor shall designate the boundaries of the	68
districts in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section no	69
later than the thirty first day of January of the year next-	70
succeeding such apportionment. Upon making such designation, the	71
governor shall give written notice of the boundaries of the-	72
districts to each member of the state board of education,	73
including the nonvoting ex officio members; the superintendent-	74
of public instruction; the president of the senate; the speaker-	75

of the house of representatives; and the board of elections of	76
each county in each new district. On the first day of February	77
in any year in which the governor designates the boundaries of	78
state board of education districts under this section, the state-	79
board of education districts as they existed prior to that date-	80
shall cease to exist and the new districts shall be created.	81

Sec. 3301.02. (A) Elected voting Voting members of the 82 state board of education shall be elected as required by 83 expiration of respective terms, each for a term of four years or 84 until a successor is elected and qualified. One elected member 85 shall be elected from each district respectively in which the 86 term of office of a board member expires on the first day of 87 January following the election. The term of office of each 88 member so elected shall begin on the first day of January 89 immediately following this election. 90

(B) At any time the boundaries of state board of education-91 congressional districts are changed under division (B) of 92 section 3301.01 of the Revised Code, a member of the state board 93 whose term will not expire within two years of the time the 94 change in boundaries is made shall represent, for the remainder 9.5 of the term for which the member was elected, the state board-96 district containing the largest portion of the population of the 97 district from which the member was elected. If more than one 98 member whose term will not so expire would represent the same 99 district under the provisions of this section, either the 100 general assembly, if the general assembly enacted legislation-101 establishing those districts under division (B)(2) of section-102 3301.01 of the Revised Code, or the governor, if the governor 103 designated the bounderies of the districts under that division, 104 shall designate which member shall represent each district for 105 the balance of the members' terms. 106

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Code, as they existed before the effective date of this section,	137
apply to the appointed members of the board during that period,	138
provided that the governor shall not appoint members of the	139
board to serve terms beginning on or after January 1, 2025.	140
(3) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the state board of	141
education shall consist of fifteen elected members.	142
(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of	143
this section, members of the state board of education shall	144
first be elected from each congressional district at the general	145
election held on November 5, 2024.	146
(2) An elected member of the board whose term began before	147
the effective date of this section and expires on January 1,	148
2027, shall represent the congressional district in which the	149
member resides as of October 6, 2024, for the remainder of the	150
member's term. No member shall be elected to the board from that	151
congressional district in 2024.	152
(3) A member of the board who is elected on November 5,	153
2024, to represent a congressional district shall serve a four-	154
year term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on January 1,	155
2029.	156
(4) A member of the board who is elected on November 3,	157
2026, to succeed a member of the board whose term began before	158
the effective date of this section, as described in division (B)	159
(2) of this section, and is elected to represent a congressional	160
district shall serve a four-year term beginning on January 1,	161
2027, and ending on January 1, 2031.	162
Sec. 3301.03. (A) Each elected voting member of the state	163
board of education shall be a qualified elector residing in the-	164
territory composing the district from which the member is	165

elected, and shall be nominated and elected to office as	166
provided by Title XXXV of the Revised Code. Each appointed	167
voting member of the board shall be a qualified elector residing-	168
in the state. At least four of the appointed voting members	169
shall represent rural school districts in the state, as	170
evidenced by the member's current place of residence and at	171
<pre>least one of the following:</pre>	172
(A) The member's children attend, or at one time attended,	173
school in a rural district;	174
(B) The member's past or present occupation is associated	175
with rural areas of the state;	176
(C) The member possesses other credentials or experience	177
demonstrating knowledge and familiarity with rural school	178
districts.	179
(B) No elected or appointed voting member of the board	180
shall, during the member's term of office, hold any other office	181
of trust or profit or be an employee or officer of any public or	182
private elementary or secondary school. Before entering on the	183
duties of office, each elected and appointed -voting member shall	184
subscribe to the official oath of office.	185
(C) Each voting member of the state board of education	186
shall be paid a salary fixed pursuant to division (J) of section	187
124.15 of the Revised Code, together with the member's actual	188
and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in the performance	189
of the member's official duties or in the conduct of authorized	190
board business, and while en route to and from the member's home	191
for such purposes.	192
(D) As used in this section only, "office of trust or	193
<pre>profit" means:</pre>	194

(1) A federal or state elective office or an elected	195
office of a political subdivision of the state;	196
(2) A position on a board or commission of the state that	197
is appointed by the governor;	198
(3) An office set forth in section 121.03, 121.04, or	199
121.05 of the Revised Code;	200
(A) In office of the government of the United Chates that	201
(4) An office of the government of the United States that	201
is appointed by the president of the United States.	202
Sec. 3301.06. A vacancy in the state board of education	203
may be caused by death, nonresidence, resignation, removal from	204
office, failure of a person elected to qualify within ten days	205
after the organization of the board or of the person's election,	206
removal from the district of election or from residence in the	207
state, or absence from any two consecutive regular meetings of	208
the board if such absence is caused by reasons declared	209
insufficient by a vote of twelve members of the board. When a	210
vacancy occurs in the office of an elected a voting member, the	211
governor shall, within a period of thirty days and with the	212
advice and consent of the senate, appoint a qualified person	213
residing in the district in which the vacancy occurred to fill	214
the vacancy until the next general election at which members of	215
the state board of education are elected, at which time a	216
qualified elector residing in the district in which the vacancy	217
occurred shall be elected for the unexpired term. Such member	218
shall assume office at the next succeeding meeting of the board.	219
When a vacancy occurs in the office of an appointed member, the-	220
governor shall, within a period of thirty days and with the	221
advice and consent of the senate, appoint a qualified person to-	222
serve the remainder of the term.	223

Sec. 3301.139. (A) The state board of education shall	224
convene at least one public meeting each month to conduct	225
hearings on any rules proposed to be adopted by the director of	226
education and workforce under section 3301.13 of the Revised	227
Code.	228
(B) The state board shall hold at least one hearing on	229
each proposed rule prior to its adoption by the director. During	230
a hearing about a proposed rule, the state board shall accept	231
public testimony and written comments about the rule. Based on	232
the hearings it holds regarding a rule, the state board shall	233
prepare a report regarding that rule. The report shall include a	234
summary of the public testimony and written comments submitted	235
during the hearings. The department of education and workforce	236
shall post that report on its publicly accessible web site.	237
(C) The director, the deputy director of primary and	238
secondary education, or the deputy director of career-technical	239
education shall attend each public meeting conducted by the	240
state board under this section.	241
(D) The director shall assign employees of the department	242
to assist the state board in performing its duties under this	243
section.	244
Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code	245
relating to elections and political communications:	246
(A) "General election" means the election held on the	247
first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November.	248
(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held	249
on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each	250
odd-numbered year.	251
(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on	252

the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each
even-numbered year.

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- (D) "Special election" means any election other than those 255 elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special 256 election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first 257 Monday in May or November, on the first Tuesday after the first 258 Monday in August in accordance with section 3501.022 of the 259 Revised Code, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal 260 or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except 261 262 that in any year in which a presidential primary election is held, no special election shall be held in May, except as 263 authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on 264 the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. 265
- (E) (1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election 266 held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of 267 political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose 268 of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of 269 political parties and as delegates and alternates to the 270 conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be 271 held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each 272 year except in years in which a presidential primary election is 273 held. 274
- (2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary 275 election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which 276 an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and 277 alternates to the national conventions of the major political 278 parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless 279 otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included 280 in references to primary elections. In years in which a 2.81 presidential primary election is held, all primary elections 282

shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in	283
March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county	284
charter.	285
(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting	286
the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised	287
Code for the formation and existence of a political party.	288
(1) "Major political party" means any political party	289
organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for	290
governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less	291
than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at	292
the most recent regular state election.	293
(2) "Minor political party" means any political party	294
organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the	295
following requirements:	296
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the	297
political party's candidate for governor or nominees for	298
presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not	299
less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office	300
at the most recent regular state election. A political party	301
that meets the requirements of this division remains a political	302
party for a period of four years after meeting those	303
requirements.	304
(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of	305
state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of	306
division $(F)(2)(a)$ of this section, a petition that meets the	307
requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code.	308
A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor	309
political party until the time of the first election for	310
governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months	311

subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election	312
the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the	313
office of governor or president.	314
(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political	315
party in a precinct" means that political party whose candidate	316
for election to the office of governor at the most recent	317
regular state election at which a governor was elected received	318
more votes than any other person received for election to that	319
office in such precinct at such election.	320
(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in	321
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement	322
on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special	323
election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who	324
claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to	325
being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a	326
primary, general, or special election to be held in this state.	327
(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims	328
not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has	329
been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special	330
election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and	331
nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the	332
Revised Code.	333
(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name	334
is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to	335
be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates	336
for judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of common	337
pleas, for member of any board of education other than the state	338
board of education, for municipal or township offices in which	339
primary elections are not held for nominating candidates by	340

political parties, and for offices of municipal corporations

having charters that provide for separate ballots for elections	342
for these offices.	343
(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be	344
a member of a political party and who has been certified to	345
appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special	346
election as the nominee of a political party because the	347
candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party	348
for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated	349
under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in	350
accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code.	351
(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not	352
limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling	353
committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a	354
district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a	355
precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political	356
party.	357
(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue	358
certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on	359
an official ballot at a general or special election to be held	360
in this state.	361
(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having	362
the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.	363
(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.	364
(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an	365
elector which shall determine the precinct in which the elector	366
may vote.	367
(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county	368
established by the board of elections of such county within	369
which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein	370

may vote at the same polling place.	371
(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each	372
precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such	373
precinct may vote.	374
(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of	375
elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of	376
the Revised Code.	377
(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township,	378
city, village, or school district.	379
(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of	380
the following:	381
(1) Secretary of state;	382
(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the	383
division of elections in the capacity of attorney,	384
administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections	385
administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;	386
(3) Director of a board of elections;	387
(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;	388
(5) Member of a board of elections;	389
(6) Employees of a board of elections;	390
(7) Precinct election officials;	391
(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a	392
temporary or part-time basis.	393
(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board	394
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state,	395
informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who	396

wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status	397
of the application; the information necessary to complete or	398
update the application, if any; and if the application is	399
complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.	400
(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board	401
of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to	402
a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current	403
address.	404
(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the	405
state that provides public assistance or that provides state-	406
funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to	407
persons with disabilities and that is required by the National	408
Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed	409
and administered by the secretary of state for registering	410
voters, or any other public or government office or agency that	411
implements a program designed and administered by the secretary	412
of state for registering voters, including the department of job	413
and family services, the program administered under section	414
3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department of health, the	415
department of mental health and addiction services, the	416
department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for	417
Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the	418
secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not	419
include public high schools and vocational schools, public	420
libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.	421
(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the	422
"National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42	423
U.S.C.A. 1973gg.	424
(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights	425

Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended.

(AA)(1) "Photo identification" means one of the following	427
documents that includes the individual's name and photograph and	428
is not expired:	429
(a) An Ohio driver's license, state identification card,	430
or interim identification form issued by the registrar of motor	431
vehicles or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or 4507. of	432
the Revised Code;	433
(b) A United States passport or passport card;	434
(c) A United States military identification card, Ohio	435
national guard identification card, or United States department	436
of veterans affairs identification card.	437
(2) A "copy" of an individual's photo identification means	438
images of both the front and back of a document described in	439
division (AA)(1) of this section, except that if the document is	440
a United States passport, a copy of the photo identification	441
means an image of the passport's identification page that	442
includes the individual's name, photograph, and other	443
identifying information and the passport's expiration date.	444
(BB) "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued	445
by the registrar or a deputy registrar under Chapter 4506. or	446
4507. of the Revised Code that authorizes an individual to	447
drive. "Driver's license" includes a driver's license,	448
commercial driver's license, probationary license, restricted	449
license, motorcycle operator's license, or temporary instruction	450
permit identification card. "Driver's license" does not include	451
a nonrenewable license issued under section 4507.09 of the	452
Revised Code.	453
(CC) "State identification card" means a card issued by	454
the registrar or a deputy registrar under sections 4507.50 to	455

4507.52 of the Revised Code.	456
(DD) "Interim identification form" means the document	457
issued by the registrar or a deputy registrar to an applicant	458
for a driver's license or state identification card that	459
contains all of the information otherwise found on the license	460
or card and that an applicant may use as a form of	461
identification until the physical license or card arrives in the	462
mail.	463
Sec. 3501.02. General elections in the state and its	464
political subdivisions shall be held as follows:	465
(A) For the election of electors of president and vice-	466
president of the United States, in the year of 1932 and every	467
four years thereafter;	468
(B) For the election of a member of the senate of the	469
United States, in the years 1932 and 1934, and every six years	470
after each of such years; except as otherwise provided for	471
filling vacancies;	472
(C) For the election of representatives in the congress of	473
the United States and of elective state and county officers	474
including elected members of the state board of education, in	475
the even-numbered years; except as otherwise provided for	476
filling vacancies;	477
(D) For municipal and township officers, members of boards	478
of education, judges and clerks of municipal courts, in the odd-	479
numbered years;	480
(E) Proposed constitutional amendments or proposed	481
measures submitted by the general assembly or by initiative or	482
referendum petitions to the voters of the state at large may be	483
submitted to the general election in any year occurring at least	484

sixty days, in case of a referendum, and ninety one hundred	485
twenty-five days, in the case of an initiated measure,	486
subsequent to the filing of the petitions therefor. Proposed	487
constitutional amendments submitted by the general assembly to	488
the voters of the state at large may be submitted at a special	489
election occurring on the day in any year specified by division	490
(E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a	491
primary election, when a special election on that date is	492
designated by the general assembly in the resolution adopting	493
the proposed constitutional amendment.	494
No special election shall be held on a day other than the	495
day of a general election, unless a law or charter provides	496
otherwise, regarding the submission of a question or issue to	497
the voters of a county, township, city, village, or school	498
district.	499
(F)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code	500
to the contrary, any question or issue, except a candidacy, to	501
be voted upon at an election shall be certified, for placement	502
upon the ballot, to the board of elections not later than four	503
p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the election.	504
(2) Any question or issue that is certified for placement	505
on a ballot on or after the effective date of this amendment	506
July 2, 2010, shall be certified not later than the ninetieth	507
day before the day of the applicable election, notwithstanding	508
any deadlines appearing in any section of the Revised Code	509
governing the placement of that question or issue on the ballot.	510
Sec. 3505.03. (A) On the office type ballot shall be	511
printed the names of all candidates for election to offices,	512
except the office of judge of a municipal court, county court,	513

or court of common pleas, who were nominated at the most recent

primary election as candidates of a political party or who were	515
nominated in accordance with section 3513.02 of the Revised	516
Code, and the names of all candidates for election to offices	517
who were nominated by nominating petitions, except candidates	518
for the office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or	519
court of common pleas, for member of the state board of	520
education, for member of a board of education other than the	521
state board of education, for municipal offices, and for	522
township offices.	523
(B) The face of the ballot below the stub shall be	524
substantially in the following form:	525
"OFFICIAL OFFICE TYPE BALLOT	526
(1) To vote for a candidate record your vote in the manner	527
provided next to the name of such candidate.	528
(2) If you tear, soil, deface, or erroneously mark this	529
ballot, return it to the precinct election officers or, if you	530
cannot return it, notify the precinct election officers, and	531
obtain another ballot."	532
(C) The order in which the offices shall be listed on the	533
ballot shall be prescribed by, and certified to each board of	534
elections by, the secretary of state; provided that for state,	535
district, and county offices the order from top to bottom shall	536
be as follows: governor and lieutenant governor, attorney	537
general, auditor of state, secretary of state, treasurer of	538
state, chief justice of the supreme court, justice of the	539
supreme court, United States senator, representative to	540
congress, state senator, state representative, judge of a court	541
of appeals, member of the state board of education, county	542
commissioner, county auditor, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the	543

court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county	544
treasurer, county engineer, and coroner. The offices of governor	545
and lieutenant governor shall be printed on the ballot in a	546
manner that requires a voter to cast one vote jointly for the	547
candidates who have been nominated by the same political party	548
or petition.	549
(D) Within the rectangular space within which the title of	550
each judicial office listed in division (C) of this section is	551
printed on the ballot and immediately below the title shall be	552
printed the date of the commencement of the term of the office,	553
if it is a full term, as follows: "Full term commencing	554
(Date)," or the date of the end of the term of the	555
office, if it is an unexpired term, as follows: "Unexpired term	556
ending(Date)"	557
(E)(1) The names of all candidates for an office shall be	558
arranged in a group under the title of that office, and, except	559
for absentee ballots or when the number of candidates for a	560
particular office is the same as the number of candidates to be	561
elected for that office, shall be rotated from one precinct to	562
another. On absentee ballots, the names of all candidates for an	563
office shall be arranged in a group under the title of that	564
office and shall be so alternated that each name shall appear,	565
insofar as may be reasonably possible, substantially an equal	566
number of times at the beginning, at the end, and in each	567
intermediate place, if any, of the group in which such name	568
belongs, unless the number of candidates for a particular office	569
is the same as the number of candidates to be elected for that	570
office.	571
(2) The method of printing the ballots to meet the	572

rotation requirement of this section shall be as follows: the

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least common multiple of the number of names in each of the 574 several groups of candidates shall be used, and the number of 575 changes made in the printer's forms in printing the ballots 576 shall correspond with that multiple. The board of elections 577 shall number all precincts in regular serial sequence. In the 578 first precinct, the names of the candidates in each group shall 579 be listed in alphabetical order. In each succeeding precinct, 580 the name in each group that is listed first in the preceding 581 precinct shall be listed last, and the name of each candidate 582 shall be moved up one place. In each precinct using paper 583 ballots, the printed ballots shall then be assembled in tablets. 584

(F) Under the name of each candidate nominated at a 585 primary election, nominated by petition under section 3517.012 586 of the Revised Code, or certified by a party committee to fill a 587 vacancy under section 3513.31 of the Revised Code shall be 588 printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 589 candidate's name is printed, the name of the political party by 590 which the candidate was nominated or certified. Under the name 591 of each candidate appearing on the ballot who filed a nominating 592 petition and requested a ballot designation as a nonparty 593 candidate under section 3513.257 of the Revised Code shall be 594 printed, in less prominent type face than that in which the 595 candidate's name is printed, the designation of "nonparty 596 candidate." Under the name of each candidate appearing on the 597 ballot who filed a nominating petition and requested a ballot 598 designation as an other-party candidate under section 3513.257 599 of the Revised Code shall be printed, in less prominent type 600 face than that in which the candidate's name is printed, the 601 designation of "other-party candidate." No designation shall 602 appear under the name of a candidate appearing on the ballot who 603 filed a nominating petition and requested that no ballot 604

designation appear under the candidate's name under section	605
3513.257 of the Revised Code, or who filed a nominating petition	606
and failed to request a ballot designation either as a nonparty	607
candidate or as an other-party candidate under that section.	608
(G) Except as provided in this section, no words,	609
designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or the	610
candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the method	611
by which the candidate was nominated or certified, shall be	612
printed under or after a candidate's name that is printed on the	613
ballot.	614
Sec. 3505.04. On the nonpartisan ballot shall be printed	615
the names of all nonpartisan candidates for election to the	616
office of judge of a municipal court, county court, or court of	617
common pleas, the office of member of the state board of	618
education, the office of member of a board of education other	619
than the state board of education, municipal or township offices	620
for municipal corporations and townships in which primary	621
elections are not held for nomination of candidates by political	622
parties, and municipal offices of municipal corporations having	623
charters which provide for separate ballots for elections for	624
such municipal offices.	625
Such ballots shall have printed across the top, and below	626
the stubs, "Official Nonpartisan Ballot."	627
The order in which the offices are listed on the ballot	628
shall be prescribed by, and certified to each board of elections	629
by, the secretary of state; provided that the office of member-	630
of the state board of education county judicial offices shall be	631
listed first on the ballot, then county judicial offices,	632
followed by municipal and township offices, and by offices of	633
member of a board of education other than the state board of	634

<pre>education, in the order stated.</pre>	635
Within the rectangular space within which the title of	636
each judicial office is printed on the ballot and immediately	637
below such title shall be printed the date of the commencement	638
of the term of the office, if a full term, as follows: "Full	639
term commencing(Date)," or the date of the end of	640
the term of the office, if an unexpired term, as follows:	641
"Unexpired term ending(Date)"	642
The secretary of state shall prescribe the information and	643
directions to the voter to be printed on the ballot within the	644
rectangular space in which the title of office of member of the	645
state board of education appears.	646
Within the rectangular space within which the title of	647
each office for member of a board of education other than the	648
state board of education is printed on the ballot shall be	649
printed "For Member of Board of Education," and the number to be	650
elected, directions to the voter as to voting for one, two, or	651
more, and, if the office to be voted for is member of a board of	652
education of a city school district, words shall be printed in	653
said space on the ballot to indicate whether candidates are to	654
be elected from subdistricts or at large.	655
The names of all nonpartisan candidates for an office	656
shall be arranged in a group under the title of that office, and	657
shall be rotated and printed on the ballot as provided in	658
section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.	659
No name or designation of any political party nor any	660
words, designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or	661
the candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the	662
method by which such candidate was nominated or certified shall	663

be printed under or after any nonpartisan candidate's name which
is printed on the ballot.

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Sec. 3513.04. Candidates for party nominations to state, 666 district, county, and municipal offices or positions, for which 667 party nominations are provided by law, and for election as 668 members of party controlling committees shall have their names 669 printed on the official primary ballot by filing a declaration 670 of candidacy and paying the fees specified for the office under 671 divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code, 672 except that the joint candidates for party nomination to the 673 offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall, for the two 674 of them, file one declaration of candidacy. The joint candidates 675 also shall pay the fees specified for the joint candidates under 676 divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. 677

The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the 678 declaration of candidacy of a candidate for party nomination to 679 the office of governor unless the declaration of candidacy also 680 shows a joint candidate for the same party's nomination to the 681 office of lieutenant governor, shall not accept for filing the 682 declaration of candidacy of a candidate for party nomination to 683 the office of lieutenant governor unless the declaration of 684 candidacy also shows a joint candidate for the same party's 685 nomination to the office of governor, and shall not accept for 686 filing a declaration of candidacy that shows a candidate for 687 party nomination to the office of governor or lieutenant 688 governor who, for the same election, has already filed a 689 declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 690 write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by the filling of 691 a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any 692 693 other state office or any federal or county office.

No person who seeks party nomination for an office or	694
position at a primary election by declaration of candidacy or by	695
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and no person	696
who is a first choice for president of candidates seeking	697
election as delegates and alternates to the national conventions	698
of the different major political parties who are chosen by	699
direct vote of the electors as provided in this chapter shall be	700
permitted to become a candidate by nominating petition,	701
including a nominating petition filed under section 3517.012 of	702
the Revised Code, by declaration of intent to be a write-in	703
candidate, or by filling a vacancy under section 3513.31 of the	704
Revised Code at the following general election for any office	705
other than the office of member of the state board of education,	706
office of member of a city, local, or exempted village board of	707
education, office of member of a governing board of an	708
educational service center, or office of township trustee.	709
Sec. 3513.052. (A) No person shall seek nomination or	710
election to any of the following offices or positions at the	711
same election by filing a declaration of candidacy and petition,	712
a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a	713
nominating petition, or by becoming a candidate through party	714
nomination in a primary election, or by the filling of a vacancy	715
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code:	716
(1) Two or more state offices;	717
(2) Two or more county offices;	718

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(3) A state office and a county office;

(4) A federal office and a state or county office;

offices, positions as a member of a city, local, or exempted

(5) Any combination of two or more municipal or township

village board of education, or positions as a member of a	723
governing board of an educational service center.	724
(B) The secretary of state or a board of elections shall	725
not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, a	726
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a	727
nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if	728
that person, for the same election, has already filed a	729
declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-	730
in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a	731
candidate through party nomination at a primary election or by	732
the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the	733
Revised Code for:	734
(1) Any federal, state, or county office, if the	735
declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a write-in	736
candidate, or nominating petition is for a state or county	737
office;	738
(2) Any municipal or township office, or for member of a	739
city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for	740
member of a governing board of an educational service center, if	741
the declaration of candidacy, declaration of intent to be a	742
write-in candidate, or nominating petition is for a municipal or	743
township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted	744
village board of education, or for member of a governing board	745
of an educational service center.	746
(C)(1) If the secretary of state determines, before the	747
day of the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination	748
to more than one office at that election in violation of	749
division (A) of this section, the secretary of state shall do	750
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one of the following:

(a) If each office or the district for each office for	752
which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single	753
county and none of those offices is a federal office, the	754
secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that	755
county. The board then shall determine the date on which the	756
person first sought to become a candidate for each of those	757
offices by filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of	758
intent to be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy	759
under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote	760
promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each	761
office for which the person sought to become a candidate after	762
the date on which the person first sought to become a candidate	763
for any of those offices. If the board determines that the	764
person sought to become a candidate for more than one of those	765
offices on the same date, the board shall vote promptly to	766
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would	767
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that	768
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order	769
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.	770

(b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 771 seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 772 district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 773 which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 774 secretary of state shall determine the date on which the person 775 first sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by 776 filing a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to 777 be a write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under 778 section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state 779 shall order the board of elections of each county in which the 780 person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that 781 person as a candidate for each office for which the person 782

sought to become a candidate after the date on which the person 783 first sought to become a candidate for any of those offices. If 784 the secretary of state determines that the person sought to 785 become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 786 same date, the secretary of state shall order the board of 787 elections of each county in which the person is seeking to 788 789 appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the 790 highest office for which that person seeks nomination, according 791 to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the 792 Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote 793 promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance 794 with the order of the secretary of state. 795

- (c) If each office or the district for each office for 796 which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single 797 county and any of those offices is a federal office, the 798 secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 799 county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that 800 person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 801 office.
- (d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 803 seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 804 which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 805 secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 806 county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 807 disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 808 not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 809 vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 810 accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 811
 - (2) If a board of elections determines, before the day of

the primary election, that a person is seeking nomination to 813 more than one office at that election in violation of division 814 (A) of this section, the board shall do one of the following: 815

- (a) If each office or the district for each office for 816 which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within that 817 county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board 818 shall determine the date on which the person first sought to 819 become a candidate for each of those offices by filing a 820 declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 821 822 write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The board shall vote promptly to 823 disqualify that person as a candidate for each office for which 824 the person sought to become a candidate after the date on which 825 the person first sought to become a candidate for any of those 826 offices. If the board determines that the person sought to 827 become a candidate for more than one of those offices on the 828 same date, the board shall vote promptly to disqualify that 829 person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on 830 the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks 831 nomination, according to the ballot order prescribed under 832 section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 833
- (b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 834 seeking nomination is a state office or an office with a 835 district larger than a single county and none of the offices for 836 which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 837 board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 838 state then shall determine the date on which the person first 839 sought to become a candidate for each of those offices by filing 840 a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a 841 write-in candidate or by the filling of a vacancy under section 842 3513.30 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state shall order 843

the board of elections of each county in which the person is	844
seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a	845
candidate for each office for which the person sought to become	846
a candidate after the date on which the person first sought to	847
become a candidate for any of those offices. If the secretary of	848
state determines that the person sought to become a candidate	849
for more than one of those offices on the same date, the	850
secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each	851
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to	852
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would	853
oe listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that	854
person seeks nomination, according to the ballot order	855
prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board	856
of elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the	857
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the	858
secretary of state.	859

- (c) If each office or the district for each office for
 which the person is seeking nomination is wholly within a single
 county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board
 shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for
 each office that is not a federal office.

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- (d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 865 seeking nomination is a state office and any of the offices for 866 which the person is seeking nomination is a federal office, the 867 board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of 868 state then shall order the board of elections of each county in 869 which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 870 disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 871 not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 872 vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 873 accordance with the order of the secretary of state. 874

(D) (1) If the secretary of state determines, after the day 875 of the primary election and before the day of the general 876 election, that a person is seeking election to more than one 877 office at that election in violation of division (A) of this 878 section, the secretary of state shall do one of the following: 879

- (a) If each office or the district for each office for 880 which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single 881 county and none of those offices is a federal office, the 882 secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 883 county. The board then shall determine the offices for which the 884 person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The board 885 shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for 886 each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest 887 office for which that person seeks election, according to the 888 ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised 889 Code. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and 890 has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board 891 shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office 892 that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for 893 which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order 894 prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 895
- (b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 896 seeking election is a state office or an office with a district 897 larger than a single county and none of the offices for which 898 the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 899 secretary of state shall promptly investigate and determine the 900 offices for which the person seeks to appear as a candidate on 901 the ballot. The secretary of state shall order the board of 902 elections of each county in which the person is seeking to 903 appear on the ballot to disqualify that person as a candidate 904 for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the 905

highest office for which that person seeks election, according 906 to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the 907 Revised Code. Each board of elections so notified shall vote 908 promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance 909 with the order of the secretary of state. If the person sought 910 nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a 911 912 certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that would be listed 913 on the ballot below the highest office for which that person 914 seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under 915 section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. 916

- (c) If each office or the district for each office for 917 which the person is seeking election is wholly within a single 918 county and any of those offices is a federal office, the 919 secretary of state shall notify the board of elections of that 920 county. The board then shall vote promptly to disqualify that 921 person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal 922 office. If the person sought nomination at a primary election 923 and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the 924 board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any 925 office that is not a federal office. 926
- (d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is 927 seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for 928 which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the 929 secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each 930 county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to 931 disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is 932 not a federal office. Each board of elections so notified shall 933 vote promptly to disqualify the person as a candidate in 934 accordance with the order of the secretary of state. If the 935 person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet 936

been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not
issue that certificate for that person for any office that is
not a federal office.

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(2) If a board of elections determines, after the day of
the primary election and before the day of the general election,
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that a person is seeking election to more than one office at
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that election in violation of division (A) of this section, the
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board of elections shall do one of the following:
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- (a) If each office or the district for each office for which the person is seeking election is wholly within that county and none of those offices is a federal office, the board shall determine the offices for which the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The board shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.
- (b) If one or more of the offices for which the person is

 seeking election is a state office or an office with a district

 larger than a single county and none of the offices for which

 person is seeking election is a federal office, the board

 shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of state

 promptly shall investigate and determine the offices for which

 the person seeks to appear as a candidate on the ballot. The

secretary of state shall order the board of elections of each	967
county in which the person is seeking to appear on the ballot to	968
disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that would	969
be listed on the ballot below the highest office for which that	970
person seeks election, according to the ballot order prescribed	971
under section 3505.03 of the Revised Code. Each board of	972
elections so notified shall vote promptly to disqualify the	973
person as a candidate in accordance with the order of the	974
secretary of state. If the person sought nomination at a primary	975
election and has not yet been issued a certificate of	976
nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that	977
person for any office that would be listed on the ballot below	978
the highest office for which that person seeks election,	979
according to the ballot order prescribed under section 3505.03	980
of the Revised Code.	981

- (c) If each office or the district for each office for which the person is seeking election is wholly within that county and any of those offices is a federal office, the board shall vote promptly to disqualify that person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal office. If the person sought nomination at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for that person for any office that is not a federal office.
- (d) If one or more of the offices for which the person is

 seeking election is a state office and any of the offices for

 which the person is seeking election is a federal office, the

 board shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of

 state shall order the board of elections of each county in which

 person is seeking to appear on the ballot to disqualify that

 person as a candidate for each office that is not a federal

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office. Each board of elections so notified shall vote promptly

to disqualify the person as a candidate in accordance with the

order of the secretary of state. If the person sought nomination

at a primary election and has not yet been issued a certificate

of nomination, the board shall not issue that certificate for

that person for any office that is not a federal office.

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- (E) When a person is disqualified as a candidate under 1004 division (C) or (D) of this section, on or before the seventieth 1005 day before the day of the applicable election, the board of 1006 elections shall remove the person's name from the ballot for any 1007 office for which that person has been disqualified as a 1008 candidate according to the directions of the secretary of state. 1009 When a person is disqualified as a candidate under division (C) 1010 or (D) of this section after the seventieth day before the day 1011 of the applicable election, the board of elections shall not 1012 remove the person's name from the ballot for any office for 1013 which that person has been disqualified as a candidate. The 1014 board of elections shall post a notice at each polling location 1015 on the day of the applicable election, and shall enclose with 1016 each absent voter's ballot given or mailed after the candidate 1017 is disqualified, a notice that votes for the person for the 1018 office for which the person has been disqualified as a candidate 1019 will be void and will not be counted. If the name is not removed 1020 from the ballots before the day of the election, the votes for 1021 the disqualified candidate are void and shall not be counted. 1022
- (F) Any vacancy created by the disqualification of a 1023 person as a candidate under division (C) or (D) of this section 1024 may be filled in the manner provided for in sections 3513.30 and 1025 3513.31 of the Revised Code.

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(G) Nothing in this section or section 3513.04, 3513.041,

3513.05, 3513.251, 3513.253, 3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.257,	1028
3513.259, or 3513.261 of the Revised Code prohibits, and the	1029
secretary of state or a board of elections shall not disqualify,	1030
a person from being a candidate for an office, if that person	1031
timely withdraws as a candidate for any offices specified in	1032
division (A) of this section for which that person first sought	1033
to become a candidate by filing a declaration of candidacy and	1034
petition, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or	1035
a nominating petition, by party nomination in a primary	1036
election, or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30	1037
or 3513.31 of the Revised Code.	1038
(H) As used in this section:	1039
(1) "State office" means the offices of governor,	1040
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state,	1041
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board	1042
of education, member of the general assembly, chief justice of	1043
the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court.	1044
(2) "Timely withdraws" means either of the following:	1045
(a) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable	1046
deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy, declaration of	1047
intent to be a write-in candidate, or nominating petition for	1048
the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become	1049
a candidate at the same election;	1050
(b) Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable	1051
deadline for the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or	1052
3513.31 of the Revised Code, if the person is seeking to become	1053
a candidate for a subsequent office at the same election under	1054
either of those sections.	1055

Section 2. That existing sections 3.15, 3301.01, 3301.02,

3301.03, 3301.06, 3501.01, 3501.02, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04,	1057
and 3513.052 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1058
Section 3. That section 3513.259 of the Revised Code is	1059
hereby repealed.	1060
Section 4. The amendment, enactment, or repeal of sections	1061
3.15, 3301.01, 3301.02, 3301.021, 3301.03, 3301.06, 3301.139,	1062
3501.01, 3501.02, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.04, 3513.052, and	1063
3513.259 of the Revised Code in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act	1064
take effect on the earliest date prescribed by law; however, the	1065
appointed members of the State Board of Education as constituted	1066
under sections 3301.01, 3301.02, 3301.03, and 3301.06 of the	1067
Revised Code, as those sections existed prior to the effective	1068
date of this section, shall remain in office until the	1069
expiration of their terms. Thereafter, their respective offices	1070
shall be abolished and no successor shall be appointed. If such	1071
appointed member vacates the office prior to the expiration of	1072
the member's term, no person shall be appointed to fill that	1073
vacancy, and that office shall be abolished.	1074