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A BILL

To amend section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to
require an entity to include with the form to be
filed with the Secretary of State when
appointing a campaign treasurer a notarized
signature of that treasurer acknowledging the
appointment and to amend the version of section
3517.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to
take effect January 1, 2021, to continue the
provisions of this act on and after that
effective date.

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

Section 1. That section 3517.10 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this
division, every campaign committee, political action committee,
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political
contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on

a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 20
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 21
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 22
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 23
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 24
the following dates: 25

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 26
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 27
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 28
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 29
before the election; 30

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 31
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 32
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 33
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 34
day before the filing of the statement; 35

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 36
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 37
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 38
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 39
the last day of December of the previous year; 40

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 41
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 42
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 43
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 44
day of June of that year. 45

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the 46
statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this 47
section in connection with the nomination or election of the 48

committee's candidate. 49

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this 50
section shall not be required of any campaign committee, 51
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 52
party, or political contributing entity that has received 53
contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made 54
expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of 55
business on the twentieth day before the election. Those 56
contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the 57
statement required under division (A)(2) of this section. 58

If an election to select candidates to appear on the 59
general election ballot is held within sixty days before a 60
general election, the campaign committee of a successful 61
candidate in the earlier election may file the statement 62
required by division (A)(1) of this section for the general 63
election instead of the statement required by division (A)(2) of 64
this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election 65
statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures 66
for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty 67
days before the general election. 68

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days 69
before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not 70
required to file the statement required by division (A)(1) of 71
this section. 72

No statement under division (A)(3) of this section shall 73
be required for any year in which a campaign committee, 74
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 75
party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 76
postgeneral election statement under division (A)(2) of this 77
section. However, a statement under division (A)(3) of this 78

section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 79
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 80
party, or political contributing entity. 81

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 82
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 83
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 84
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 85
(A) (4) of this section. 86

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 87
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 88
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 89
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 90
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 91
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 92
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 93
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 94
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 95

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 96
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 97
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 98
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 99
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 100
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 101
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 102
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 103
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 104
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 105
fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 106

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 107
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 108

committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 109
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 110
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 111
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 112
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 113
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 114
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 115
under this section and made under penalty of election 116
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 117
this section, as applicable. 118

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 119
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 120
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 121
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 122
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 123
statement not later than three business days after the last day 124
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 125
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 126
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 127
extending through the day of that general election, each time 128
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 129
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 130
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 131
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 132
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 133
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 134
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 135
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 136
supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 137
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 138
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 139

the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 140
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 141
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 142
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 143
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 144
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 145
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 146
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 147
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 148
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 149
required by this section. 150

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 151
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 152
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 153
and (D) (6) of this section and division (H) (1) of section 154
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 155
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 156
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 157
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 158
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 159
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 160
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 161
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 162
Revised Code. 163

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 164
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 165
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 166
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 167
election falsification, with the official with whom it files a 168
statement under division (A) of this section after filing a 169
final statement of contributions and a final statement of 170

expenditures, if contributions have been received or 171
expenditures made since the period reflected in its last 172
previously filed statement. 173

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (7) of 174
this section, each statement required by division (A) of this 175
section shall contain the following information: 176

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, 177
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 178
party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer 179
of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution 180
and expenditure statement; 181

(2) (a) In the case of a campaign committee, the 182
candidate's full name and address; 183

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the 184
registration number assigned to the committee under division (D) 185
(1) of this section. 186

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be 187
a general, primary, or special election; 188

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall 189
include the following information: 190

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution; 191

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political 192
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 193
action committee, or political contributing entity from whom 194
contributions are received and the registration number assigned 195
to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 196
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 197
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 198

political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 199
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 200
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 201
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 202
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 203
the contributor provided under division (E)(1) of this section. 204

(ii) If a political action committee, political 205
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 206
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 207
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 208
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 209
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 210
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 211
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 212
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 213
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 214

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 215
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 216
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 217
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 218
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 219
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 220
(A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 221
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 222
of which the employees are members, if any. 223

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 224
than money; 225

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution; 226

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and 227

expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a 228
contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or 229
less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a 230
contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the 231
Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries 232
of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from 233
the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars 234
or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total 235
contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall 236
include a description of and the value of each in-kind 237
contribution received at that activity from any person who made 238
one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded 239
two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, 240
together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with 241
that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, 242
legislative campaign fund, political party, or political 243
contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from 244
each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one 245
social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts 246
deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the 247
wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five 248
dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing 249
association that is recognized by a state or local committee of 250
a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a 251
contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by 252
members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or 253
address of any members who paid those dues. 254

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized 255
separately from all other contributions. The information 256
required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided 257
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 258

income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income.	259
(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected officer, if a person doing business with the state elected officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution to the campaign committee of that officer, the information required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in this division:	260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269
(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.	270 271
(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than five thousand dollars during a calendar year.	272 273 274 275 276 277
(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the following information:	278 279
(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure;	280
(b) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D)(1) of this section;	281 282 283 284 285 286
(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was	287

made;	288
(d) The amount of each expenditure.	289
(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) 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.	290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301
(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.	302 303 304 305 306
(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.	307 308 309 310 311 312
(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 to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made	313 314 315 316

under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 317
division (A) (2) of this section. 318

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 319
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 320
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 321
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 322
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 323
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 324
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 325
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 326
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 327
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 328
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 329
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 330
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 331
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 332
national convention or conference of a political party. 333

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 334
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 335
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 336
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 337
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 338

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 339
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 340
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 341
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 342
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 343
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 344
structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 345
electronic means of transmission under division (A) of this 346

section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, 347
division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 348
3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) 349
and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to 350
division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of 351
section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division 352
(B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and 353
divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, 354
the statements required to be stored on computer by the 355
secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the 356
Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of 357
state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to 358
store the information contained in the statements on computer. 359
Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily 360
available to whoever is required to file the statements in that 361
format. 362

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 363
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 364
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 365
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 366
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 367
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 368
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 369
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 370
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 371
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 372
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 373
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 374
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 375
training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 376
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 377

for candidates, campaign committees, political action 378
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 379
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 380
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 381
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 382
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 383
appropriate. 384

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 385
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 386
the information required by divisions (B) (1) to (4), (C) (2), 387
and, if appropriate, (C) (3) of this section. Each statement 388
shall be signed as required by division (C) (1) of this section. 389

(D) (1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 390
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 391
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 392
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 393
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 394
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 395
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 396
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 397
party, or political contributing entity, and a notarized 398
signature of the treasurer acknowledging the appointment. That 399
designation shall be filed with the official with whom the 400
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 401
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 402
is required to file statements under section 3517.11 of the 403
Revised Code. The name of a campaign committee shall include at 404
least the last name of the campaign committee's candidate. If 405
two or more candidates are the beneficiaries of a single 406
campaign committee under division (B) of section 3517.081 of the 407
Revised Code, the name of the campaign committee shall include 408

at least the last name of each candidate who is a beneficiary of 409
that campaign committee. The secretary of state shall assign a 410
registration number to each political action committee that 411
files a designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this 412
division if the political action committee is required by 413
division (A) (1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file 414
the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of 415
state. 416

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D) (1) of this 417
section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from 418
whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed. 419

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of 420
the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all 421
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 422
separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or 423
campaign committee. 424

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all 425
monetary contributions received by the committee into an account 426
separate from all other funds. 427

(c) A state or county political party may establish a 428
state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A 429
state or county political party may deposit into its state 430
candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are 431
made to or accepted by the political party subject to the 432
applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 433
of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall 434
deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party 435
into one or more accounts that are separate from its state 436
candidate fund. 437

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 438
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 439
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 440
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 441
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 442
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 443
are members of that political party to the house of the general 444
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 445
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 446
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 447
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 448
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 449
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 450
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 451

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 452
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 453
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 454
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 455
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 456
(4) of this section. 457

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 458
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 459
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 460
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 461
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 462
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 463
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 464

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 465
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 466
following: 467

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 468
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 469
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 470
of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 471
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised 472
Code; 473

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 474
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 475
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 476
disbursement information in the statements described in division 477
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 478
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 479
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 480
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 481
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 482
of transmission. 483

(7) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (I) of 484
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 485
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 486
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 487
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 488
disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, 489
amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended 490
statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or 491
other means of transmission under this section, division (B) (2) 492
(b) or (C) (2) (b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 493
3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the 494
Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information 495
from the internet after a reasonable period of time. 496

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 497

legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 498
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 499
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 500
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 501
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 502
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 503
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 504
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 505
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 506
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 507

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 508
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 509
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 510
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 511
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 512
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 513
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 514
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 515
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 516
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 517
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 518

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 519
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 520
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 521
section, that committee is considered to have met the 522
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 523
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 524
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 525
written request for the information required under division (B) 526
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 527
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 528

section from whoever transmits the contribution. 529

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 530
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 531
name and address of the committee and the registration number 532
assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section. 533

(F) As used in this section: 534

(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 535
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 536
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 537
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 538
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 539
post-office box. 540

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of 541
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 542
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 543
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 544
highway name and number. 545

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 546
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 547
fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 548
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 549
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 550
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 551
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 552
to that address. 553

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 554
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 555
received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has 556
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 557

committee:	558
(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this section;	559 560
(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address.	561 562 563
(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post-office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office box number.	564 565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572 573 574
(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.	575 576 577 578 579 580
(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, or coroner.	581 582 583 584 585
(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever	586

and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 587
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 588
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 589
Revised Code. 590

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 591
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 592
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 593
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 594
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 595
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 596
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 597
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 598
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 599
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 600
combined reporting periods. 601

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 602
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 603
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 604
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 605
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 606
the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 607
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 608
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 609
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 610
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 611
election periods. 612

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 613
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 614
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 615
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 616

to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 617
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 618
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 619
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 620
candidates. 621

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 622
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 623
business from any funds of the partnership or other 624
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 625

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 626
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 627
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 628
member making the contribution. 629

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 630
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 631
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 632
business, provided that the information includes one of the 633
following: 634

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 635
date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 636
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 637
the partners, owners, or members; or 638

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 639
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 640
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 641
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 642
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 643
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 644
the contribution. 645

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 646
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 647
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I) (1) of this 648
section. 649

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 650
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 651
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 652
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 653
contribution under division (I) (1) of this section together with 654
the information provided under division (I) (2) of this section. 655

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 656
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 657
partnership or other unincorporated business. 658

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 659
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 660
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 661
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 662
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 663

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 664
any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a 665
candidate or holds office. 666

(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 667
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 668
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 669
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 670
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 671
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 672
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 673
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 674

sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 675
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 676
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 677
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 678
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 679
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 680
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 681

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 682
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 683
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 684
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 685
be a write-in candidate. 686

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 687
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 688
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 689
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 690

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 691
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 692
limitations described in that division during an election 693
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 694
committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 695
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 696
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 697
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 698
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 699
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 700
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 701
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 702
write-in candidate. 703

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 704

period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 705
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 706
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 707
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 708
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 709
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 710
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 711

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 712
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 713
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 714
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 715
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 716
making those contributions, for each filing period under 717
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 718
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 719
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 720
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 721
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 722
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 723
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 724
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 725
receives from all other contributors. 726

Section 2. That existing section 3517.10 of the Revised 727
Code is hereby repealed. 728

Section 3. That the version of section 3517.10 of the 729
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, 730
be amended to read as follows: 731

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 732
division, every campaign committee, political action committee, 733
legislative campaign fund, political party, and political 734

contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made 735
an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of 736
any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question 737
at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on 738
a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of 739
transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of 740
the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made 741
under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail 742
the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of 743
the following dates: 744

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect 745
contributions received and expenditures made from the close of 746
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 747
statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day 748
before the election; 749

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect 750
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 751
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 752
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh 753
day before the filing of the statement; 754

(3) The last business day of January of every year to 755
reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from 756
the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 757
previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on 758
the last day of December of the previous year; 759

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect 760
the contributions received and expenditures made from the close 761
of business on the last day reflected in the last previously 762
filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last 763
day of June of that year. 764

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the statements prescribed under divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section in connection with the nomination or election of the committee's candidate.

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

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

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

No statement under division (A) (3) of this section shall be required for any year in which a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political

party, or political contributing entity is required to file a 795
postgeneral election statement under division (A) (2) of this 796
section. However, a statement under division (A) (3) of this 797
section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, 798
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 799
party, or political contributing entity. 800

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 801
chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign 802
committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in 803
this state, shall be required to file a statement under division 804
(A) (4) of this section. 805

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the 806
next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees 807
required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of this 808
section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and 809
the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The 810
campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial 811
office is required to file a statement under division (A) (4) of 812
this section if that campaign committee receives, during that 813
period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars. 814

No statement under division (A) (4) of this section shall 815
be required of a campaign committee, a political action 816
committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a 817
political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign 818
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 819
fund, political party, or political contributing entity is 820
required to file a postprimary election statement under division 821
(A) (2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A) 822
(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign 823
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 824

fund, political party, or political contributing entity. 825

No statement under division (A) (3) or (4) of this section 826
shall be required if the campaign committee, political action 827
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 828
political contributing entity has no contributions that it has 829
received and no expenditures that it has made since the last 830
date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, 831
the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 832
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 833
shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed 834
under this section and made under penalty of election 835
falsification, on the date required in division (A) (3) or (4) of 836
this section, as applicable. 837

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file 838
a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the 839
months of July, August, and September in the year of the general 840
election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign 841
committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly 842
statement not later than three business days after the last day 843
of the month covered by the statement. During the period 844
beginning on the nineteenth day before the general election in 845
which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and 846
extending through the day of that general election, each time 847
the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices 848
of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the 849
office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 850
state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a 851
contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions 852
received from that contributor during that period to equal or 853
exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee 854
of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the 855

supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that 856
causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that 857
contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, 858
the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement 859
reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two- 860
business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign 861
committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall 862
also be included in the postprimary election statement required 863
to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A) (2) of 864
this section. A two-business-day statement required by this 865
paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after 866
receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this 867
paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements 868
required by this section. 869

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, 870
tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the 871
secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C) (6) (b) 872
and (D) (6) of this section and division (F) (1) of section 873
3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance 874
statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign 875
committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day 876
statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of 877
transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a 878
pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of 879
contributions and expenditures by electronic means of 880
transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the 881
Revised Code. 882

If a campaign committee or political action committee has 883
no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to 884
terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a 885
form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of 886

election falsification, with the official with whom it files a statement under division (A) of this section after filing a final statement of contributions and a final statement of expenditures, if contributions have been received or expenditures made since the period reflected in its last previously filed statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) (i) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity from whom contributions are received and the registration number assigned

to the political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 915
section. The requirement of filing the full address does not 916
apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a 917
political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to 918
a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its 919
fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this 920
section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be 921
considered as being met if the address filed is the same address 922
the contributor provided under division (E) (1) of this section. 923

(ii) If a political action committee, political 924
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 925
party that is required to file campaign finance statements by 926
electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the 927
Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 928
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 929
receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one 930
hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, 931
if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 932
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any; 933

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 934
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly 935
receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 936
of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and 937
salaries of two or more employees that exceeds in the aggregate 938
one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division 939
(A) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the 940
employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization 941
of which the employees are members, if any. 942

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other 943
than money; 944

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution;	945
(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.	946 947 948 949 950 951 952 953 954 955 956 957 958 959 960 961 962 963 964 965 966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973
Contributions that are other income shall be itemized separately from all other contributions. The information	974 975

required under division (B) (4) of this section shall be provided 976
for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other 977
income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income. 978

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected 979
officer, if a person doing business with the state elected 980
officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution 981
to the campaign committee of that officer, the information 982
required under division (B) (4) of this section in regard to that 983
contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered 984
a part of the committee's statement of contributions as required 985
under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a 986
separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in 987
this division: 988

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in 989
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 990

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer 991
of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state 992
elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on 993
behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or 994
services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than 995
five thousand dollars during a calendar year. 996

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the 997
following information: 998

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure; 999

(b) The full name and address of each person, political 1000
party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1001
action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the 1002
expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the 1003
political action committee under division (D) (1) of this 1004

section; 1005

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was 1006
made; 1007

(d) The amount of each expenditure. 1008

(C) (1) The statement of contributions and expenditures 1009
shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a 1010
statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by 1011
electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or 1012
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature 1013
of the person who executes the statement and transmits the 1014
statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in 1015
division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be 1016
attached to or associated with the statement and shall be 1017
binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign 1018
finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten 1019
in ink on a printed form. 1020

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of 1021
election falsification, shall include with it a list of each 1022
anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was 1023
received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific 1024
donor. 1025

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate 1026
who holds public office shall contain a designation of each 1027
contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under 1028
the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space 1029
provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall 1030
affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made. 1031

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive 1032
contributions or make expenditures in connection with the 1033

nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement 1034
to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made 1035
under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in 1036
division (A) (2) of this section. 1037

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to 1038
become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become 1039
certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for 1040
placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or 1041
special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time 1042
prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes 1043
expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive 1044
contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing 1045
about the person's nomination or election to public office, 1046
shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this 1047
section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C) 1048
(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to 1049
an election to the offices of member of a county or state 1050
central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a 1051
national convention or conference of a political party. 1052

(6) (a) The statements required to be filed under this 1053
section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign 1054
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1055
fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the 1056
disposition intended to be made of that balance. 1057

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for 1058
all statements required to be filed under this section and shall 1059
furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several 1060
counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of 1061
those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall 1062
prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file 1063

structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by 1064
electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state or a 1065
board of elections under division (A) of this section, division 1066
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 1067
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 1068
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 1069
Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, division 1070
(E) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, 1071
division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 1072
3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the 1073
Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer 1074
by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 1075
of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the 1076
secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary 1077
of state to store the information contained in the statements on 1078
computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is 1079
readily available to whoever is required to file the statements 1080
in that format. 1081

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for 1082
training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by 1083
electronic means of transmission and regarding associated 1084
technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political 1085
action committees, legislative campaign funds, political 1086
parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, 1087
partnerships, or other entities, for persons making 1088
disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing 1089
electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition 1090
funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic 1091
means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 1092
3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the 1093
Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, 1094

training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state 1095
shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs 1096
for candidates, campaign committees, political action 1097
committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or 1098
political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, 1099
and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the 1100
direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 1101
communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as 1102
appropriate. 1103

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day 1104
statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain 1105
the information required by divisions (B)(1) to (4), (C)(2), 1106
and, if appropriate, (C)(3) of this section. Each statement 1107
shall be signed as required by division (C)(1) of this section. 1108

(D)(1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an 1109
expenditure, every campaign committee, political action 1110
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1111
political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and 1112
shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a 1113
designation of that appointment, including the full name and 1114
address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, 1115
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1116
party, or political contributing entity, and a notarized 1117
signature of the treasurer acknowledging the appointment. That 1118
designation shall be filed with the official with whom the 1119
campaign committee, political action committee, legislative 1120
campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity 1121
is required to file statements under section 3517.11 of the 1122
Revised Code. The name of a campaign committee shall include at 1123
least the last name of the campaign committee's candidate. If 1124
two or more candidates are the beneficiaries of a single 1125

campaign committee under division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration number to each political action committee that files a designation of the appointment of a treasurer under this division if the political action committee is required by division (A)(1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of state.

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

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

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

(c) A state or county political party may establish a state candidate fund that is separate from all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are made to or accepted by the political party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party into one or more accounts that are separate from its state

candidate fund. 1156

(d) Each state political party shall have only one 1157
legislative campaign fund for each house of the general 1158
assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds 1159
or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is 1160
authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for 1161
the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who 1162
are members of that political party to the house of the general 1163
assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is 1164
associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered 1165
and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in 1166
this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 1167
3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio 1168
member, the chairperson of the state political party with which 1169
the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee. 1170

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars 1171
shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of 1172
the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of 1173
expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of the purpose of 1174
the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D) 1175
(4) of this section. 1176

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as 1177
the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed 1178
under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for 1179
a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this 1180
section shall be open to public inspection in the office where 1181
they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of 1182
at least six years after the year in which they are filed. 1183

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to 1184
section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the 1185

following: 1186

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and 1187
time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are 1188
transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary 1189
of state or a board of elections pursuant to this section or 1190
section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 1191
of the Revised Code; 1192

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and 1193
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1194
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1195
disbursement information in the statements described in division 1196
(D) (6) (a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve 1197
the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, 1198
deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1199
disbursement information in those statements for at least ten 1200
years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means 1201
of transmission. 1202

(7) (a) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (G) of 1203
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available 1204
online to the public through the internet the contribution and 1205
expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and 1206
disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and 1207
disbursement information in all of the following documents: 1208

(i) All statements, all addenda, amendments, or other 1209
corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with 1210
the secretary of state by electronic or other means of 1211
transmission under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) (b) 1212
of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 1213
3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code; 1214

(ii) All statements filed with a board of elections by 1215
electronic means of transmission, and all addenda, amendments, 1216
corrections, and amended versions of those statements, filed 1217
with the board under this section, division (B) (2) (b) or (C) (2) 1218
(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1012, or 1219
3517.11 of the Revised Code. 1220

(b) The secretary of state may remove the information from 1221
the internet after a reasonable period of time. 1222

(E) (1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, 1223
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 1224
political contributing entity that makes a contribution in 1225
connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or 1226
in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election 1227
held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and 1228
address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the 1229
contribution is made. The political action committee also shall 1230
provide the registration number assigned to the committee under 1231
division (D) (1) of this section to the recipient of the 1232
contribution at the time the contribution is made. 1233

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds 1234
one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political 1235
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political 1236
party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or 1237
candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall 1238
provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, 1239
or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's 1240
occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to 1241
the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution 1242
is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not 1243
apply to division (E) (2) of this section. 1244

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised 1245
its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information 1246
required under divisions (B) (4) (b) (ii) and (iii) of this 1247
section, that committee is considered to have met the 1248
requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not 1249
be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in 1250
connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a 1251
written request for the information required under division (B) 1252
(4) (b) (ii) of this section from the contributor or the 1253
information required under division (B) (4) (b) (iii) of this 1254
section from whoever transmits the contribution. 1255

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to 1256
make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full 1257
name and address of the committee and the registration number 1258
assigned to the committee under division (D) (1) of this section. 1259

(F) As used in this section: 1260

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 1261
this section, "address" means all of the following if they 1262
exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and 1263
number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and 1264
zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not 1265
post-office box. 1266

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) (1) of 1267
this section, if an address is required in this section, a post- 1268
office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in 1269
addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or 1270
highway name and number. 1271

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign 1272
committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 1273

fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use 1274
the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy 1275
treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, 1276
political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political 1277
party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition 1278
to that address. 1279

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's 1280
reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions 1281
received under division (B) (4) of this section, "address" has 1282
one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign 1283
committee: 1284

(i) The same meaning as in division (F) (1) (a) of this 1285
section; 1286

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the 1287
contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, 1288
and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address. 1289

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this 1290
section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following 1291
if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name 1292
and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, 1293
and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post- 1294
office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required 1295
in this section, a campaign committee, political action 1296
committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 1297
political contributing entity may use the business or residence 1298
address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office 1299
box number. 1300

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for 1301
the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate 1302

for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, 1303
treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board 1304
of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of 1305
the supreme court. 1306

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for 1307
the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the 1308
court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, 1309
sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, 1310
prosecuting attorney, or coroner. 1311

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever 1312
and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be 1313
reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to 1314
division (B) (2) (a) or (C) (2) (a) of section 3517.105 of the 1315
Revised Code. 1316

(H) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) (2) of 1317
this section, if, during the combined pre-election and 1318
postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign 1319
committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or 1320
less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five 1321
hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, 1322
under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the 1323
statement required by division (A) (2) of this section. The 1324
statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions 1325
received and the total amount of expenditures made during those 1326
combined reporting periods. 1327

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary 1328
election, if either the total contributions received by or the 1329
total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee 1330
during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral 1331
election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, 1332

the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H) 1333
(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first 1334
statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the 1335
general election shall reflect all contributions received and 1336
all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary 1337
election periods. 1338

(3) Divisions (H) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 1339
if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes 1340
expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of 1341
the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election 1342
to office or if the campaign committee does not file a 1343
termination statement with its postprimary election statement in 1344
the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with 1345
its postgeneral election statement in the case of other 1346
candidates. 1347

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a 1348
partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated 1349
business from any funds of the partnership or other 1350
unincorporated business, all of the following apply: 1351

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the 1352
contribution by listing both the partnership or other 1353
unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or 1354
member making the contribution. 1355

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the 1356
contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the 1357
information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated 1358
business, provided that the information includes one of the 1359
following: 1360

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1361

date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that 1362
the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of 1363
the partners, owners, or members; or 1364

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the 1365
date of the contribution or contributions who is participating 1366
in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the 1367
contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those 1368
individuals in accordance with the information provided by the 1369
partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of 1370
the contribution. 1371

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, 1372
the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the 1373
partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this 1374
section. 1375

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an 1376
owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be 1377
accepted from any funds of the partnership or other 1378
unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the 1379
contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with 1380
the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section. 1381

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall 1382
make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the 1383
partnership or other unincorporated business. 1384

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership 1385
or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited 1386
to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, 1387
a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a 1388
limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company. 1389

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at 1390

any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a candidate or holds office. 1391
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(K) (1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment 1393
of a treasurer under division (D) (1) of this section, the 1394
campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal 1395
office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five 1396
thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any 1397
candidate for member of a board of education except member of 1398
the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any 1399
candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may 1400
sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate 1401
attesting that the committee will not accept contributions 1402
during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two 1403
thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars 1404
from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will 1405
not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in 1406
the aggregate two thousand dollars. 1407

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the 1408
secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days 1409
after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and 1410
petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to 1411
be a write-in candidate. 1412

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (3) of 1413
this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate 1414
under division (K) (1) of this section is not required to file 1415
the statements required by division (A) of this section. 1416

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K) (1) 1417
of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the 1418
limitations described in that division during an election 1419
period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign 1420

committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of 1421
this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed 1422
a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee 1423
is required to file under division (A) of this section after the 1424
committee's certificate is void, the committee shall report all 1425
contributions received and expenditures made from the time the 1426
candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and 1427
petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a 1428
write-in candidate. 1429

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election 1430
period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person 1431
files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating 1432
petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate 1433
through the day of the election at which the person seeks 1434
nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, 1435
if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of 1436
the election at which the candidate seeks office. 1437

(L) A political contributing entity that receives 1438
contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other 1439
assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, 1440
and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions 1441
received from those contributors and the number of individuals 1442
making those contributions, for each filing period under 1443
divisions (A) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than 1444
reporting information as required under division (B) (4) of this 1445
section, including, when applicable, the name of the current 1446
employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds 1447
one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, 1448
the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's 1449
business, if any. Division (B) (4) of this section applies to a 1450
political contributing entity with regard to contributions it 1451

receives from all other contributors. 1452

Section 4. That the existing version of section 3517.10 of 1453
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 1454
2021, is hereby repealed. 1455

Section 5. Section 3517.10 of the Revised Code is 1456
presented in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section 1457
as amended by both H.B. 166 and S.B. 107 of the 133rd General 1458
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1459
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1460
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1461
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1462
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1463
as presented in this act. 1464