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A BILL

To amend sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 and to enact  
section 3517.093 of the Revised Code to limit  
solicitations of and political contributions by  
owners and certain family members of owners of  
businesses that are seeking or that have been  
awarded public contracts.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 be amended and  
section 3517.093 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as  
follows:

Sec. 3517.093. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Family member of the holder of the state contract" means  
both of the following:

(a) The spouse of any person identified in division (A)(2) of  
this section;

(b) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of  
age of any person identified in division (A)(2) of this section.

(2) "Holder of the state contract" means any of the  
following:

(a) An individual who has been awarded a state contract;

(b) Any partner of a partnership that has been awarded a state contract; 20  
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(c) Any shareholder of an association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, that has been awarded a state contract; 22  
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(d) Any administrator of an estate that has been awarded a state contract; 25  
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(e) Any executor of an estate that has been awarded a state contract; 27  
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(f) Any trustee of a trust that has been awarded a state contract; 29  
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(g) Any owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, that has been awarded a state contract. 31  
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(3) "State contract" means a contract awarded by any agency or department of this state, the administrator of workers' compensation, or the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation, other than a contract awarded by competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars. 35  
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(4) "Statewide office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general. 42  
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(B) Beginning on the date a state contract is awarded and extending until one year following the conclusion of that contract, the holder of a statewide office, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate shall not solicit a contribution from or direct a contribution by the 45  
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holder of the state contract or a family member of the holder of 50  
the state contract to any of the following: 51

(1) Any candidate or the campaign committee of any candidate; 52

(2) A political party; 53

(3) A ballot issue committee or a political action committee 54  
or other entity the primary purpose of which is to support or 55  
oppose any ballot issue or question that will be presented to 56  
voters throughout the entire state. 57

(C) No candidate, campaign committee, political party, ballot 58  
issue committee, political action committee, or other entity shall 59  
knowingly accept a contribution in violation of division (B) of 60  
this section. 61

(D) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 62  
solicitations made by the holder of a statewide office, the 63  
speaker of the house of representatives, or the president of the 64  
senate for contributions to the person's own campaign committee. 65

(E)(1) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 66  
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 67  
contributions by the holder of the state contract before the 68  
person became a partner of the partnership, shareholder of the 69  
association, administrator of the estate, executor of the estate, 70  
trustee of the trust, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a 71  
corporation or business trust or after the person ceased to hold 72  
any of those positions. 73

(2) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 74  
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 75  
contributions by a spouse of the holder of the state contract in 76  
any of the following circumstances: 77

(a) Before the holder of the state contract became a partner 78  
of the partnership, shareholder of the association, administrator 79

of the estate, executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or 80  
owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business 81  
trust; 82

(b) After the holder of the state contract ceased to be a 83  
partner of the partnership, shareholder of the association, 84  
administrator of the estate, executor of the estate, trustee of 85  
the trust, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation 86  
or business trust; 87

(c) Before the two were married; 88

(d) After the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 89  
marriage, or annulment; 90

(e) After the granting of an order in an action brought 91  
solely for legal separation. 92

(3) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 93  
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 94  
contributions by a child seven years of age through seventeen 95  
years of age of the holder of the state contract in either of the 96  
following circumstances: 97

(a) Before the holder of the state contract became a partner 98  
of the partnership, shareholder of the association, administrator 99  
of the estate, executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or 100  
owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business 101  
trust; 102

(b) After the holder of the state contract ceased to be a 103  
partner of the partnership, shareholder of the association, 104  
administrator of the estate, executor of the estate, trustee of 105  
the trust, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation 106  
or business trust. 107

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide 108  
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 109

required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 110  
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(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail 112  
to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign 113  
committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office 114  
of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to 115  
file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as 116  
required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 117

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same 118  
meaning as in division (F)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 119  
Code. 120

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 121  
accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 122  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 123

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 124  
accurate statement required under division (A)(2) of section 125  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 126

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 127  
accurate statement required under division (A)(3) or (4) of 128  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 129

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly 130  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or 131  
3517.107 of the Revised Code. 132

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 133  
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 134  
or general election. 135

(G)(1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 136  
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 137  
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 138  
3517.08 to 3517.13 and 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 139

(2)(a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications in the name of another person.

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of another when either of the following applies:

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner making the contribution as required under division (I) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's spouse's name or in both of their names.

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same area as that encompassed by the particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign committees.

No person within this state, operating a radio or television station or network of stations in this state, shall charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that exceeds:

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of a general or special election in which the candidate of the campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of the station for the same class and amount of time for the same period;

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use of that station by its other users.

(I)(1)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this section, no agency or department of this state or any political subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust if ~~the individual has made or the individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them~~ any of the following has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee-:

- (i) The individual;
- (ii) Any partner of the partnership;
- (iii) Any shareholder of the association;
- (iv) Any administrator of the estate;
- (v) Any executor of the estate;
- (vi) Any trustee of the trust;

<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u>	201
<u>(I)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	202
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u>	203
<u>of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(1)(a)(i) to (vi)</u>	204
<u>of this section.</u>	205
<u>(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this</u>	206
<u>section, no agency or department of this state or any political</u>	207
<u>subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by</u>	208
<u>competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such a contract or</u>	209
<u>which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more</u>	210
<u>than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five</u>	211
<u>hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association,</u>	212
<u>including, without limitation, a professional association</u>	213
<u>organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or</u>	214
<u>trust if any combination of the following has made, within the two</u>	215
<u>previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in</u>	216
<u>excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public office</u>	217
<u>having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to</u>	218
<u>the public officer's campaign committee:</u>	219
<u>(i) The individual;</u>	220
<u>(ii) Any partner of the partnership;</u>	221
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	222
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	223
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	224
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	225
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u>	226
<u>(I)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	227
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u>	228
<u>of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(1)(b)(i) to (vi)</u>	229
<u>of this section.</u>	230



(2)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 231  
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 232  
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 233  
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 234  
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 235  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 236  
which is by force account, to any individual, partnership, 237  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 238  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 239  
estate, or trust, none of the following shall, for one year 240  
following the award of that contract, make one or more 241  
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 242  
holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the 243  
award of that contract: 244

(i) The individual; 245

(ii) Any partner of the partnership; 246

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 247

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 248

(v) Any executor of the estate; 249

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 250

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 251

(I)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section; 252

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 253  
of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) 254  
of this section. 255

(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 256  
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 257  
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 258  
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 259  
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 260

<u>competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or</u>	261
<u>which is by force account, to any individual, partnership,</u>	262
<u>association, including, without limitation, a professional</u>	263
<u>association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code,</u>	264
<u>estate, or trust, no combination of any of the following shall,</u>	265
<u>for one year following the award of that contract, make one or</u>	266
<u>more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to</u>	267
<u>the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for</u>	268
<u>the award of that contract:</u>	269
<u>(i) The individual;</u>	270
<u>(ii) Any partner of the partnership;</u>	271
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	272
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	273
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	274
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	275
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u>	276
<u>(I)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	277
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u>	278
<u>of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(2)(b)(i) to (vi)</u>	279
<u>of this section.</u>	280
(J)(1)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this	281
section, no agency or department of this state or any political	282
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by	283
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or	284
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more	285
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five	286
hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a	287
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the	288
Revised Code, if <del>an owner of more than twenty per cent of the</del>	289
<del>corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person</del> <u>any of</u>	290

the following has made, as an individual, within the two previous 291  
calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of 292  
that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 293  
thousand dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate 294  
responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public 295  
officer's campaign committee-: 296

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation 297  
or business trust; 298

(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 299  
corporation or business trust; 300

(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of 301  
age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 302  
business trust. 303

(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 304  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 305  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 306  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such a contract or 307  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 308  
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 309  
hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a 310  
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 311  
Revised Code, if any combination of the following has made, within 312  
the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only 313  
owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling 314  
in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public 315  
office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the 316  
contract or to the public officer's campaign committee: 317

(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 318  
business trust; 319

(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the 320  
corporation or business trust; 321

(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of 322  
age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 323  
business trust. 324

(2)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 325  
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 326  
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 327  
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 328  
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 329  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 330  
which is by force account, to a corporation or business trust, 331  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of 332  
the Revised Code, none of the following shall, for one year 333  
following the award of that contract, make one or more 334  
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 335  
holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the 336  
award of that contract: 337

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation 338  
or business trust; 339

(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 340  
corporation or business trust; 341

(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of 342  
age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 343  
business trust. 344

(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 345  
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 346  
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 347  
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 348  
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 349  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 350  
which is by force account, to a corporation or business trust, 351  
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of 352

the Revised Code, no combination of any of the following shall,  
for one year following the award of that contract, make one or  
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to  
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for  
the award of that contract:

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(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or  
business trust;

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(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the  
corporation or business trust;

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(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of  
age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or  
business trust.

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(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if  
a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is  
appointed by the governor, whether or not the appointment is  
subject to the advice and consent of the senate, ~~excluding members~~  
~~of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards~~  
~~of trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the~~  
~~governor,~~ the office of the governor is considered to have  
ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract.

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(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if  
a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is  
appointed by the elected chief executive officer of a municipal  
corporation, or appointed by the elected chief executive officer  
of a county operating under an alternative form of county  
government or county charter, excluding members of boards,  
commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of  
trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the  
chief executive officer, the office of the chief executive officer  
is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the  
contract.

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(M)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 384  
contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the sinking 385  
fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of education, 386  
boards of county commissioners, or boards of township trustees, ~~or~~ 387  
~~other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils,~~ 388  
~~boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities created~~ 389  
~~by law,~~ by the supreme court or courts of appeals, by county 390  
courts consisting of more than one judge, courts of common pleas 391  
consisting of more than one judge, or municipal courts consisting 392  
of more than one judge, or by a division of any court if the 393  
division consists of more than one judge. This division shall 394  
apply to the specified entity only if the members of the entity 395  
act collectively in the award of a contract for goods or services. 396

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 397  
actions of the controlling board. 398

(N)(1) Divisions (I) ~~and~~, (J), (Y), and (Z) of this section 399  
apply to contributions made to the holder of a public office 400  
having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to 401  
the public officer's campaign committee, during the time the 402  
person holds the office and during any time such person was a 403  
candidate for the office. Those divisions ~~do not~~ apply to 404  
contributions made to, or to the campaign committee of, a 405  
candidate for ~~or holder of the office other than the holder of the~~ 406  
~~office at the time of the award of the contract~~ the public office 407  
having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract 408  
during any such time the person is a candidate for that office. 409  
For the purpose of this division, a person becomes a candidate for 410  
the public office having ultimate authority for the award of the 411  
contract when the person becomes a candidate for that office by 412  
filing a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a 413  
write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, through party 414  
nomination at a primary election, or by the filling of a vacancy 415

under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 416

(2) Divisions (I) ~~and~~, (J), (Y), and (Z) of this section do 417  
not apply to contributions of a partner, shareholder, 418  
administrator, executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per 419  
cent of a corporation or business trust made before the person 420  
held any of those positions or after the person ceased to hold any 421  
of those positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, 422  
corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a 423  
contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the person's 424  
spouse made before the person held any of those positions, after 425  
the person ceased to hold any of those positions, before the two 426  
were married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, 427  
dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an 428  
order in an action brought solely for legal separation. Those 429  
divisions do not apply to contributions of the spouse of an 430  
individual whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being 431  
determined made before the two were married, after the granting of 432  
a decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or 433  
after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for 434  
legal separation. 435

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall 436  
convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a 437  
beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the 438  
beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of 439  
value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without 440  
limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary 441  
personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the 442  
following: 443

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 444  
incurred by the beneficiary; 445

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 446  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as 447

the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 448  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 449  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 450  
office would normally be expected; 451

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 452  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 453  
following: 454

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a 455  
candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot 456  
issue; 457

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 458  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 459  
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 460

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 461  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 462  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 463

(d) Attending a political party convention or other political 464  
meeting. 465

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 466  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to 467  
make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 468  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account. 469

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept, 470  
and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a 471  
campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of 472  
this section to the extent that the expense previously was 473  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is 474  
reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or 475  
reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the 476  
beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division 477



(O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or 478  
reimbursement received from the other source. 479

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept 480  
for personal or business use anything of value from a political 481  
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 482  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the 483  
candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign 484  
committee, and no person shall knowingly give to a candidate or 485  
public official or employee anything of value from a political 486  
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 487  
legislative campaign fund, or such a campaign committee, except 488  
for the following: 489

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary and 490  
necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law incurred 491  
by the candidate or public official or employee while engaged in 492  
any legitimate activity of the political party, political action 493  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 494  
fund, or such campaign committee. Without limitation, reimbursable 495  
expenses under this division include those incurred while doing 496  
any of the following: 497

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 498  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 499

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative campaign 500  
fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 501

(c) Attending a political party convention or other political 502  
meeting. 503

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for actual 504  
and valuable personal services rendered under a written contract 505  
to the political party, political action committee, political 506  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 507  
committee for any legitimate activity of the political party, 508

political action committee, political contributing entity, 509  
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. 510

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, and 511  
it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 512  
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 513  
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 514  
political party, political action committee, political 515  
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 516  
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 517  
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 518  
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 519  
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 520  
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 521  
employee's campaign committee. 522

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 523  
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 524  
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 525  
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 526  
services on account. 527

(R)(1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not prohibit 528  
a campaign committee from making direct advance or post payment 529  
from contributions to vendors for goods and services for which 530  
reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this section, 531  
except that no campaign committee shall pay its candidate or other 532  
beneficiary for services personally performed by the candidate or 533  
other beneficiary. 534

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division (O), 535  
(P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that may not 536  
be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types of expenses 537  
for the purpose of allocating for payment or reimbursement those 538  
expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may be by any reasonable 539

accounting method, considering all of the surrounding 540  
circumstances. 541

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 542  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that allowed 543  
by the internal revenue service at the time the travel occurs may 544  
be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel expenses 545  
allowable. 546

(S)(1) As used in division (S) of this section: 547

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 548  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 549

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the 550  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 551

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign 552  
committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal 553  
Election Campaign Act. 554

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 555  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 556  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 557  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 558  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate 559  
for state elective office. 560

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for 561  
state elective office and who previously sought nomination or 562  
election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from 563  
that person's federal campaign committee for that person's 564  
nomination or election to the federal office. 565

(T)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(6)(c) of 566  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political 567  
party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a 568  
state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the 569

following:	570
(a) A state candidate fund;	571
(b) A legislative campaign fund;	572
(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, or member of the general assembly.	573 574 575 576
(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section.	577 578 579 580
(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code.	581 582
(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	583 584 585
(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly through any other person or entity, make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate for any elective office in this state, including an office of a political party.	586 587 588 589 590 591 592
(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure,	593 594 595 596 597 598 599

or independent expenditure in violation of this division to return 600  
the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or, if 601  
it is not possible to return the contribution, expenditure, or 602  
independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it, 603  
to the contributor. 604

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 605  
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 606  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 607

(X)(1) No state or county political party shall transfer any 608  
moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the political 609  
party into which contributions may be made or from which 610  
contributions or expenditures may be made. 611

(2)(a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 612  
contribution or contributions that it receives into its restricted 613  
fund. 614

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 615  
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 616

(3)(a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a gift 617  
or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's money or 618  
property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one 619  
state or county political party for the party's restricted fund in 620  
a calendar year. 621

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift or 622  
gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than ten 623  
thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor organization in 624  
a calendar year. 625

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 626  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or county 627  
political party. 628

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly fail 629

to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code. 630  
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(Y) ~~The~~(1)(a) ~~Subject to division (N) of this section, the~~ administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, if ~~the individual has made, or the individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of those individuals~~ any of the following has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor: 632  
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(i) The individual; 649

(ii) Any partner of the partnership; 650

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 651

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 652

(v) Any executor of the estate; 653

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 654

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section; 655  
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(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section. 657  
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(b) Subject to division (N) of this section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust if any combination of the following has made, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor:

- (i) The individual;
- (ii) Any partner of the partnership;
- (iii) Any shareholder of the association;
- (iv) Any administrator of the estate;
- (v) Any executor of the estate;
- (vi) Any trustee of the trust;
- (vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section.

(2)(a) Subject to division (N) of this section, if the administrator of workers' compensation or the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a contract for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars, except a contract

awarded by competitive bidding, to any individual, partnership, 690  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 691  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 692  
estate, or trust, none of the following shall, for one year 693  
following the award of that contract, make one or more 694  
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 695  
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 696  
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 697  
or lieutenant governor: 698

(i) The individual; 699

(ii) Any partner of the partnership; 700

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 701

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 702

(v) Any executor of the estate; 703

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 704

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 705  
(Y)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section; 706

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 707  
of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) 708  
of this section. 709

(b) Subject to division (N) of this section, if the 710  
administrator of workers' compensation or the employees of the 711  
bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a contract for the 712  
purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or 713  
services costing more than five hundred dollars, except a contract 714  
awarded by competitive bidding, to any individual, partnership, 715  
association, including, without limitation, a professional 716  
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, 717  
estate, or trust, no combination of any of the following shall, 718  
for one year following the award of that contract, make one or 719



<u>more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to</u>	720
<u>the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or</u>	721
<u>to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of</u>	722
<u>governor or lieutenant governor:</u>	723
<u>(i) The individual;</u>	724
<u>(ii) Any partner of the partnership;</u>	725
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	726
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	727
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	728
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	729
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u>	730
<u>(Y)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	731
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u>	732
<u>of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(2)(b)(i) to (vi)</u>	733
<u>of this section.</u>	734
(Z) <del>The</del> <u>(1)(a) Subject to division (N) of this section, the</u>	735
administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the	736
bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct business with or	737
award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding,	738
for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars	739
or services costing more than five hundred dollars to a	740
corporation or business trust, except a professional association	741
organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if <del>an owner of</del>	742
<del>more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust, or</del>	743
<del>the spouse of the owner,</del> <u>any of the following</u> has made, as an	744
individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into	745
consideration only owners for all of such period, one or more	746
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the	747
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to	748
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor	749

or lieutenant governor: 750

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 751  
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(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 753  
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(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust. 755  
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(b) Subject to division (N) of this section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if any combination of the following has made, within the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor: 758  
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(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 772  
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(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 774  
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(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust. 776  
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(2)(a) Subject to division (N) of this section, if the 779

administrator of workers' compensation or the employees of the 780  
bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a contract for the 781  
purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or 782  
services costing more than five hundred dollars, except a contract 783  
awarded by competitive bidding, to a corporation or business 784  
trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 785  
1785. of the Revised Code, none of the following shall, for one 786  
year following the award of that contract, make one or more 787  
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 788  
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 789  
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 790  
or lieutenant governor: 791

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation 792  
or business trust; 793

(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 794  
corporation or business trust; 795

(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of 796  
age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 797  
business trust. 798

(b) Subject to division (N) of this section, if the 799  
administrator of workers' compensation or the employees of the 800  
bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a contract for the 801  
purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or 802  
services costing more than five hundred dollars, except a contract 803  
awarded by competitive bidding, to a corporation or business 804  
trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 805  
1785. of the Revised Code, no combination of any of the following 806  
shall, for one year following the award of that contract, make one 807  
or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars 808  
to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor 809  
or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of 810

<u>governor or lieutenant governor:</u>	811
<u>(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or</u>	812
<u>business trust;</u>	813
<u>(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the</u>	814
<u>corporation or business trust;</u>	815
<u>(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of</u>	816
<u>age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or</u>	817
<u>business trust.</u>	818
<b>Sec. 3517.992.</b> This section establishes penalties only with	819
respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after August	820
24, 1995.	821
(A)(1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates division	822
(A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code,	823
or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates any of those	824
divisions, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for	825
each day of violation.	826
(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X)(5) of section	827
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one	828
hundred dollars for each day of violation.	829
(B) A political party that violates division (F)(1) of	830
section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than	831
one hundred dollars for each day of violation.	832
(C) Whoever violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.101 or	833
division (G) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined	834
not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person	835
who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the	836
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or	837
both.	838
(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the	839

Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount  
contributed. 840  
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(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the  
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. 842  
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(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section  
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the  
first degree. 844  
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(G) A state or county committee of a political party that  
violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code  
shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper  
expenditure. 847  
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(H) A state or county political party that violates division  
(G) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not  
more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 851  
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(I)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section  
3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the  
individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the  
amount permitted by that division. 854  
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(2) Any political action committee that violates division  
(B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of  
the amount permitted by that division. 859  
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(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or  
(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of  
the amount permitted by that division. 863  
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(4)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division  
(B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an  
amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed 867  
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in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 870

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 871  
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 872  
political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 873  
of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 874  
the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 875  
permitted by that division, as applicable. 876

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates division 877  
(B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 878  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 879  
the amount permitted by that division. 880

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of 881  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 882  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 883  
amount permitted by that division. 884

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) 885  
of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3517.102 886  
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 887  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 888  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by 889  
that division meets either of the following conditions: 890

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 891  
it is accepted. 892

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 893  
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 894  
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 895  
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 896  
has been received. 897

(J)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C)(1), 898  
(2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 899

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fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess  
of the amount permitted by that division.

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(2)(a) Any county political party that violates division  
(C)(4)(a)(ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted.

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(b) Any county political party that violates division  
(C)(4)(a)(i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be  
fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times  
the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that  
division.

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(c) Any state political party that violates division  
(C)(4)(b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined  
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that  
division.

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(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division  
(C)(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an  
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the  
amount permitted by that division.

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(4) Any political action committee or political contributing  
entity that violates division (C)(7) of section 3517.102 of the  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that  
division.

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(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of  
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 of  
the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to be  
accepted by that division meets either of the following  
conditions:

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 931  
its acceptance. 932

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 933  
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 934  
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 935  
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 936  
has been received. 937

(K)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 938  
(F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 939  
twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 940

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 941  
(F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 942  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 943  
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 944  
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 945  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 946

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 947  
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 948

(M)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 949  
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 950  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 951

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 952  
division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall 953  
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 954  
violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the 955  
contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a 956  
contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 957  
3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any 958  
amount so accepted. 959

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the 960



Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the  
amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets  
transferred in violation of that division.

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or  
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised  
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails  
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted,  
used, or kept in violation of that section.

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative  
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T)  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount  
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in  
violation of that section.

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who violates  
division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined  
not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

(R) Whoever violates division (I) ~~or~~ (J), (Y), or (Z) of  
section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than  
one thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of  
violating division (I) ~~or~~ (J), (Y), or (Z) of section 3517.13 of  
the Revised Code, the contract awarded in violation of ~~either of~~  
~~those divisions~~ the applicable division shall be rescinded if its  
terms have not yet been performed.

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a  
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 of  
the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee  
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person  
who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code,  
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a

treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 992  
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 993  
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 994  
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of the 995  
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 996

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 997  
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 998

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 999  
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 1000  
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 1001

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 1002  
declaration of no limits under division (D)(2) of section 3517.103 1003  
of the Revised Code that, before filing that declaration, accepts 1004  
a contribution or contributions that exceed the limitations 1005  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, shall return 1006  
that contribution or those contributions to the contributor. 1007

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration 1008  
of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 1009  
3517.109 or the declaration of primary-day finances or declaration 1010  
of year-end finances required by division (E) of section 3517.1010 1011  
of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each 1012  
day of violation. 1013

(Y) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess 1014  
funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of 1015  
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by 1016  
division (C) of that section or under division (B) of section 1017  
3517.1010 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division 1018  
(C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for 1019  
deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under 1020  
division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code all funds not 1021  
disposed of pursuant to those divisions. 1022

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or other entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for under any other division of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

(AA)(1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(1) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater.

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater.

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand dollars for each day of violation.

(CC)(1) Subject to division (CC)(2) of this section, whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that division.

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease making communications in violation of division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that division.

(DD)(1) Any corporation or labor organization that violates 1054  
division (X)(3)(a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1055  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount given in excess of 1056  
the amount permitted by that division. 1057

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 1058  
division (X)(3)(b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1059  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 1060  
of the amount permitted by that division. 1061

(EE)(1) Whoever solicits or directs a contribution in 1062  
violation of division (B) of section 3517.093 of the Revised Code 1063  
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1064

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 1065  
division (C) of section 3517.093 of the Revised Code shall return 1066  
to the contributor any amount so accepted. 1067

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 of the 1068  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1069