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To amend sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 and to enact 1
sections 109.96 and 3517.093 of the Revised Code 2
to limit solicitations of and political 3
contributions by owners and certain family members 4
of owners of businesses that are seeking or that 5
have been awarded public contracts and to require 6
the Attorney General to review and approve 7
executive agency contracts for more than one 8
million dollars. 9

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 be amended and 10
sections 109.96 and 3517.093 of the Revised Code be enacted to 11
read as follows: 12

Sec. 109.96. (A) No executive agency shall award a contract 13
that will involve the spending or investing of more than one 14
million dollars of the funds in the custody of the executive 15
agency unless the attorney general has first reviewed and approved 16
the contract. 17

(B) No contract that is required to be reviewed and approved 18
by the attorney general under division (A) of this section shall 19
be submitted to the controlling board before it has been reviewed 20
and approved by the attorney general. 21

(C) The attorney general shall post on the attorney general's 22
web site a copy of each contract that the attorney general reviews 23
and approves under division (A) of this section. 24

(D) As used in this section, "executive agency" has the same 25
meaning as in section 121.60 of the Revised Code. 26

Sec. 3517.093. (A) As used in this section: 27

(1) "Family member of the holder of the state contract" means 28
both of the following: 29

(a) The spouse of any person identified in division (A)(3) of 30
this section; 31

(b) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of 32
age of any person identified in division (A)(3) of this section. 33

(2) "Holder of the public office with ultimate responsibility 34
for the award of the contract" means all of the following: 35

(a) The governor and lieutenant governor, if the contract is 36
awarded by the office of the governor; 37

(b) The governor, if the governor appoints a public officer 38
who is responsible for the award of the contract, whether or not 39
the appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the 40
senate; 41

(c) The secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 42
state, and attorney general, if the contract is awarded by the 43
respective office; 44

(d) The president of the senate, if the contract is awarded 45
by the senate; 46

(e) The speaker of the house of representatives, if the contract is awarded by the house of representatives. 47
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(3) "Holder of the state contract" means any of the following: 49
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(a) An individual who has been awarded a state contract; 51

(b) Any partner or owner of a partnership or other unincorporated business that has been awarded a state contract; 52
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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; 54
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(d) Any administrator of an estate that has been awarded a state contract; 57
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(e) Any executor of an estate that has been awarded a state contract; 59
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(f) Any trustee of a trust that has been awarded a state contract; 61
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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. 63
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(4) "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. 67
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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 the public office with ultimate 74
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responsibility for the award of the contract shall not solicit a 77
contribution from or direct a contribution by the holder of the 78
state contract or a family member of the holder of the state 79
contract to any of the following: 80

(1) Any candidate or the campaign committee of any candidate; 81

(2) A political party; 82

(3) A ballot issue committee or a political action committee 83
or other entity the primary purpose of which is to support or 84
oppose any ballot issue or question that will be presented to 85
voters throughout the entire state; 86

(4) A legislative campaign fund, if the holder of the public 87
office with ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract 88
is the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of 89
representatives. 90

(C) No candidate, campaign committee, political party, ballot 91
issue committee, political action committee, legislative campaign 92
fund, or other entity shall knowingly accept a contribution that 93
is solicited or directed in violation of division (B) of this 94
section. 95

(D) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 96
solicitations made by the holder of the public office with 97
ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract for 98
contributions to the person's own campaign committee. 99

(E)(1) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 100
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 101
contributions by the holder of the state contract before the 102
person became a partner or owner of the partnership or other 103
unincorporated business, 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 or after the person ceased to hold any of those 107
positions. 108

(2) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 109
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 110
contributions by a spouse of the holder of the state contract in 111
any of the following circumstances: 112

(a) Before the holder of the state contract became a partner 113
or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated business, 114
shareholder of the association, administrator of the estate, 115
executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or owner of more 116
than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust; 117

(b) After the holder of the state contract ceased to be a 118
partner or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated 119
business, shareholder of the association, administrator of the 120
estate, executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or owner of 121
more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust; 122

(c) Before the two were married; 123

(d) After the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 124
marriage, or annulment; 125

(e) After the granting of an order in an action brought 126
solely for legal separation. 127

(3) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 128
solicitations of contributions from or the directing of 129
contributions by a child seven years of age through seventeen 130
years of age of the holder of the state contract in either of the 131
following circumstances: 132

(a) Before the holder of the state contract became a partner 133
or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated business, 134
shareholder of the association, administrator of the estate, 135
executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or owner of more 136

<u>than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust;</u>	137
<u>(b) After the holder of the state contract ceased to be a</u>	138
<u>partner or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated</u>	139
<u>business, shareholder of the association, administrator of the</u>	140
<u>estate, executor of the estate, trustee of the trust, or owner of</u>	141
<u>more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust.</u>	142
Sec. 3517.13. (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide	143
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement	144
required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised	145
Code.	146
(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail	147
to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign	148
committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office	149
of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to	150
file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as	151
required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	152
As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same	153
meaning as in division (F)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised	154
Code.	155
(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and	156
accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section	157
3517.10 of the Revised Code.	158
(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and	159
accurate statement required under division (A)(2) of section	160
3517.10 of the Revised Code.	161
(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and	162
accurate statement required under division (A)(3) or (4) of	163
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.	164
(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly	165
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or	166

3517.107 of the Revised Code.	167
(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person	168
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special,	169
or general election.	170
(G)(1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent	171
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other	172
information required to be reported by a provision in sections	173
3517.08 to 3517.13 and 3517.17 of the Revised Code.	174
(2)(a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign	175
committee, political action committee, political contributing	176
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person	177
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or	178
airing electioneering communications in the name of another	179
person.	180
(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of	181
another when either of the following applies:	182
(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership or	183
other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is	184
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other	185
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner	186
making the contribution as required under division (I) of section	187
3517.10 of the Revised Code.	188
(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's spouse's	189
name or in both of their names.	190
(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or	191
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for political	192
advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person would charge	193
if the campaign committee were a general rate advertiser whose	194
advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same	195
area as that encompassed by the particular office that the	196

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 or other
unincorporated business, 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-;	228
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<u>(i) The individual;</u>	230
<u>(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated business;</u>	231
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<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	233
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	234
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	235
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	236
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (I)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	237
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<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section.</u>	239
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<u>(b) 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 a 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 or other unincorporated business, 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 holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee:</u>	242
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<u>(i) The individual;</u>	257

<u>(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other</u>	258
<u>unincorporated business;</u>	259
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	260
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	261
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	262
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	263
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u>	264
<u>(I)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	265
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u>	266
<u>of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(1)(b)(i) to (vi)</u>	267
<u>of this section.</u>	268
<u>(2)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this</u>	269
<u>section, if any agency or department of this state or any</u>	270
<u>political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of</u>	271
<u>goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing</u>	272
<u>more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by</u>	273
<u>competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or</u>	274
<u>which is by force account, to any individual, partnership or other</u>	275
<u>unincorporated business, association, including, without</u>	276
<u>limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter</u>	277
<u>1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, none of the following</u>	278
<u>shall, beginning on the date the contract is awarded and extending</u>	279
<u>until one year following the conclusion of that contract, make one</u>	280
<u>or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars</u>	281
<u>to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility</u>	282
<u>for the award of that contract:</u>	283
<u>(i) The individual;</u>	284
<u>(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other</u>	285
<u>unincorporated business;</u>	286
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	287

<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	288
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	289
<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	290
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions</u> <u>(I)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	291 292
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years</u> <u>of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(2)(a)(i) to (vi)</u> <u>of this section.</u>	293 294 295
<u>(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this</u> <u>section, if any agency or department of this state or any</u> <u>political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of</u> <u>goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing</u> <u>more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by</u> <u>competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or</u> <u>which is by force account, to any individual, partnership or other</u> <u>unincorporated business, association, including, without</u> <u>limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter</u> <u>1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, no combination of any</u> <u>of the following shall, beginning on the date the contract is</u> <u>awarded and extending until one year following the conclusion of</u> <u>that contract, make one or more contributions totaling in excess</u> <u>of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having</u> <u>ultimate responsibility for the award of that contract:</u>	296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310
<u>(i) The individual;</u>	311
<u>(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other</u> <u>unincorporated business;</u>	312 313
<u>(iii) Any shareholder of the association;</u>	314
<u>(iv) Any administrator of the estate;</u>	315
<u>(v) Any executor of the estate;</u>	316

<u>(vi) Any trustee of the trust;</u>	317
<u>(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (I)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section;</u>	318 319
<u>(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any person identified in divisions (I)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section.</u>	320 321 322
(J)(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 a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person <u>any of the following</u> has made, as an individual, 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 holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.:	323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338
<u>(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust;</u>	339 340
<u>(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust;</u>	341 342
<u>(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.</u>	343 344 345
<u>(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this</u>	346

section, no agency or department of this state or any political 347
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 348
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such a contract or 349
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 350
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 351
hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a 352
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 353
Revised Code, if any combination of the following has made, within 354
the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only 355
owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling 356
in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public 357
office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the 358
contract or to the public officer's campaign committee: 359

(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 360
business trust; 361

(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the 362
corporation or business trust; 363

(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of 364
age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 365
business trust. 366

(2)(a) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 367
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 368
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 369
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 370
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 371
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 372
which is by force account, to a corporation or business trust, 373
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of 374
the Revised Code, none of the following shall, beginning on the 375
date the contract is awarded and extending until one year 376
following the conclusion of that contract, make one or more 377

contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 378
holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the 379
award of that contract: 380

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation 381
or business trust; 382

(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 383
corporation or business trust; 384

(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of 385
age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 386
business trust. 387

(b) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 388
section, if any agency or department of this state or any 389
political subdivision has awarded a contract for the purchase of 390
goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing 391
more than five hundred dollars, except a contract let by 392
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 393
which is by force account, to a corporation or business trust, 394
except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of 395
the Revised Code, no combination of any of the following shall, 396
beginning on the date the contract is awarded and extending until 397
one year following the conclusion of that contract, make one or 398
more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to 399
the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for 400
the award of that contract: 401

(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 402
business trust; 403

(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the 404
corporation or business trust; 405

(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of 406
age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 407

business trust.

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(K)(1) 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)~~(2) 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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(L) Divisions (I), (J), (Y), and (Z) of this section do not
apply to contributions made by a political action committee that
is established by or affiliated with any partnership or other
unincorporated business, association, estate, trust, corporation,
or business trust.

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(M)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to
contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the sinking
fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of education,
boards of county commissioners, or boards of township trustees, ~~or~~
~~other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils,~~
~~boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities created~~

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~~by law,~~ by the supreme court or courts of appeals, by county 439
courts consisting of more than one judge, courts of common pleas 440
consisting of more than one judge, or municipal courts consisting 441
of more than one judge, or by a division of any court if the 442
division consists of more than one judge. This division shall 443
apply to the specified entity only if the members of the entity 444
act collectively in the award of a contract for goods or services. 445

(2) ~~Divisions~~ For the purpose of divisions (I) and, (J), (Y), 446
and (Z) of this section do not apply to actions of, contracts 447
approved by the controlling board shall be considered to be 448
awarded solely by the agency or department that submitted the 449
contract to the controlling board. 450

(N)(1) Divisions (I) ~~and, (J), (Y), and (Z)~~ of this section 451
apply to contributions made to the holder of a public office 452
having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to 453
the public officer's campaign committee, during the time the 454
person holds the office and during any time such person was a 455
candidate for the office. Those divisions ~~do not~~ apply to 456
contributions made to, or to the campaign committee of, a 457
candidate for ~~or holder of the office other than the holder of the~~ 458
~~office at the time of the award of the contract~~ the public office 459
having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract 460
during any such time the person is a candidate for that office. 461
For the purpose of this division, a person becomes a candidate for 462
the public office having ultimate authority for the award of the 463
contract when the person becomes a candidate for that office by 464
filing a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a 465
write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, through party 466
nomination at a primary election, or by the filling of a vacancy 467
under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code. 468

(2) Divisions (I) ~~and, (J), (Y), and (Z)~~ of this section do 469
not apply to contributions of a partner, shareholder, 470

administrator, executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per 471
cent of a corporation or business trust made before the person 472
held any of those positions or after the person ceased to hold any 473
of those positions in the partnership or other unincorporated 474
business, association, estate, trust, corporation, or business 475
trust whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being 476
determined, nor to contributions of the person's spouse made 477
before the person held any of those positions, after the person 478
ceased to hold any of those positions, before the two were 479
married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 480
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 481
action brought solely for legal separation. Those divisions do not 482
apply to contributions of the spouse of an individual whose 483
eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined made 484
before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of 485
divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the 486
granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal 487
separation. 488

(0) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall 489
convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a 490
beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the 491
beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of 492
value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without 493
limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary 494
personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the 495
following: 496

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 497
incurred by the beneficiary; 498

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 499
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as 500
the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 501
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 502

bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public	503
office would normally be expected;	504
(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior	505
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the	506
following:	507
(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a	508
candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot	509
issue;	510
(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action	511
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign	512
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;	513
(c) Participating in the activities of a political party,	514
political action committee, political contributing entity,	515
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;	516
(d) Attending a political party convention or other political	517
meeting.	518
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred	519
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to	520
make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit	521
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account.	522
(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept,	523
and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a	524
campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of	525
this section to the extent that the expense previously was	526
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is	527
reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or	528
reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the	529
beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division	530
(O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or	531
reimbursement received from the other source.	532

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept 533
for personal or business use anything of value from a political 534
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 535
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the 536
candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign 537
committee, and no person shall knowingly give to a candidate or 538
public official or employee anything of value from a political 539
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 540
legislative campaign fund, or such a campaign committee, except 541
for the following: 542

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary and 543
necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law incurred 544
by the candidate or public official or employee while engaged in 545
any legitimate activity of the political party, political action 546
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 547
fund, or such campaign committee. Without limitation, reimbursable 548
expenses under this division include those incurred while doing 549
any of the following: 550

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 551
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 552

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative campaign 553
fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 554

(c) Attending a political party convention or other political 555
meeting. 556

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for actual 557
and valuable personal services rendered under a written contract 558
to the political party, political action committee, political 559
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 560
committee for any legitimate activity of the political party, 561
political action committee, political contributing entity, 562
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. 563

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, and 564
it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 565
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 566
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 567
political party, political action committee, political 568
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 569
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 570
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 571
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 572
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 573
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 574
employee's campaign committee. 575

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 576
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 577
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 578
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 579
services on account. 580

(R)(1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not prohibit 581
a campaign committee from making direct advance or post payment 582
from contributions to vendors for goods and services for which 583
reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this section, 584
except that no campaign committee shall pay its candidate or other 585
beneficiary for services personally performed by the candidate or 586
other beneficiary. 587

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division (O), 588
(P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that may not 589
be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types of expenses 590
for the purpose of allocating for payment or reimbursement those 591
expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may be by any reasonable 592
accounting method, considering all of the surrounding 593
circumstances. 594

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) A state candidate fund;

(b) A legislative campaign fund; 625

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of 626
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 627
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 628
board of education, or member of the general assembly. 629

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or 630
campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in 631
division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a 632
contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section. 633

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required under 634
section 3517.12 of the Revised Code. 635

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement 636
required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 637
Code. 638

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly 639
through any other person or entity, make a contribution, 640
expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either 641
expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or 642
independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate 643
for any elective office in this state, including an office of a 644
political party. 645

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 646
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 647
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 648
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 649
expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. 650
The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, 651
entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, 652
or independent expenditure in violation of this division to return 653
the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or, if 654
it is not possible to return the contribution, expenditure, or 655

independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it, 656
to the contributor. 657

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 658
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 659
Federal Election Campaign Act. 660

(X)(1) No state or county political party shall transfer any 661
moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the political 662
party into which contributions may be made or from which 663
contributions or expenditures may be made. 664

(2)(a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 665
contribution or contributions that it receives into its restricted 666
fund. 667

(b) No state or county political party shall make a 668
contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund. 669

(3)(a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a gift 670
or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's money or 671
property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one 672
state or county political party for the party's restricted fund in 673
a calendar year. 674

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift or 675
gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than ten 676
thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor organization in 677
a calendar year. 678

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 679
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or county 680
political party. 681

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly fail 682
to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 683
Revised Code. 684

(Y) ~~The~~ (1)(a) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of 685

this section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the 686
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 687
any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 688
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 689
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 690
dollars to any individual, partnership or other unincorporated 691
business, association, including, without limitation, a 692
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 693
Revised Code, estate, or trust, if ~~the individual has made, or the~~ 694
~~individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder,~~ 695
~~administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of~~ 696
~~those individuals~~ any of the following has made, as an individual, 697
within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions 698
totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign 699
committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the 700
campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or 701
lieutenant governor: 702

(i) The individual; 703

(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other 704
unincorporated business; 705

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 706

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 707

(v) Any executor of the estate; 708

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 709

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 710
(Y)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section; 711

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 712
of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(a)(i) to (vi) 713
of this section. 714

(b) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of this 715

section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the 716
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 717
any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 718
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 719
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 720
dollars to any individual, partnership or other unincorporated 721
business, association, including, without limitation, a 722
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 723
Revised Code, estate, or trust if any combination of the following 724
has made, within the two previous calendar years, one or more 725
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 726
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 727
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 728
or lieutenant governor: 729

(i) The individual; 730

(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other 731
unincorporated business; 732

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 733

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 734

(v) Any executor of the estate; 735

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 736

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 737
(Y)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section; 738

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 739
of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) 740
of this section. 741

(2)(a) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of this 742
section, if the administrator of workers' compensation or the 743
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a 744
contract for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred 745

dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars, except 746
a contract awarded by competitive bidding, to any individual, 747
partnership or other unincorporated business, association, 748
including, without limitation, a professional association 749
organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or 750
trust, none of the following shall, beginning on the date the 751
contract is awarded and extending until one year following the 752
conclusion of that contract, make one or more contributions 753
totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign 754
committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the 755
campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or 756
lieutenant governor: 757

(i) The individual; 758

(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other 759
unincorporated business; 760

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 761

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 762

(v) Any executor of the estate; 763

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 764

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 765
(Y)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) of this section; 766

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 767
of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(2)(a)(i) to (vi) 768
of this section. 769

(b) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of this 770
section, if the administrator of workers' compensation or the 771
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation has awarded a 772
contract for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred 773
dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars, except 774
a contract awarded by competitive bidding, to any individual, 775

partnership or other unincorporated business, association, 776
including, without limitation, a professional association 777
organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or 778
trust, no combination of any of the following shall, beginning on 779
the date the contract is awarded and extending until one year 780
following the conclusion of that contract, make one or more 781
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 782
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 783
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 784
or lieutenant governor: 785

(i) The individual; 786

(ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other 787
unincorporated business; 788

(iii) Any shareholder of the association; 789

(iv) Any administrator of the estate; 790

(v) Any executor of the estate; 791

(vi) Any trustee of the trust; 792

(vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions 793
(Y)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section; 794

(viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years 795
of age of any person identified in divisions (Y)(2)(b)(i) to (vi) 796
of this section. 797

(Z) The (1)(a) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of 798
this section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the 799
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 800
business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 801
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 802
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 803
dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional 804
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if 805

~~an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or~~ 806
~~business trust, or the spouse of the owner, any of the following~~ 807
has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar 808
years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such 809
period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 810
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 811
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate 812
for the office of governor or lieutenant governor: 813

(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation 814
or business trust; 815

(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 816
corporation or business trust; 817

(iii) A child seven years of age through seventeen years of 818
age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 819
business trust. 820

(b) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (N) of this 821
section, the administrator of workers' compensation and the 822
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 823
any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 824
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 825
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 826
dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional 827
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if 828
any combination of the following has made, within the two previous 829
calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of 830
that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 831
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 832
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate 833
for the office of governor or lieutenant governor: 834

(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 835
business trust; 836

(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 837
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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. 839
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(2)(a) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (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 a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, none of the following shall, beginning on the date the contract is awarded and extending until one year following the conclusion of that contract, make 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: 842
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(i) An owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 856
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(ii) A spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; 858
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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. 860
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(b) Subject to divisions (L), (M)(2), and (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 863
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a contract awarded by competitive bidding, to a corporation or 868
business trust, except a professional association organized under 869
Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, no combination of any of the 870
following shall, beginning on the date the contract is awarded and 871
extending until one year following the conclusion of that 872
contract, make one or more contributions totaling in excess of one 873
thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or 874
lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate 875
for the office of governor or lieutenant governor: 876

(i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 877
business trust; 878

(ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the 879
corporation or business trust; 880

(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of 881
age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 882
business trust. 883

Sec. 3517.992. This section establishes penalties only with 884
respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after August 885
24, 1995. 886

(A)(1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates division 887
(A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, 888
or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates any of those 889
divisions, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for 890
each day of violation. 891

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X)(5) of section 892
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 893
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 894

(B) A political party that violates division (F)(1) of 895
section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than 896
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 897

(C) Whoever violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.101 or 898
division (G) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 899
not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person 900
who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 901
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 902
both. 903

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the 904
Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount 905
contributed. 906

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the 907
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. 908

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 909
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 910
first degree. 911

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that 912
violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code 913
shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper 914
expenditure. 915

(H) A state or county political party that violates division 916
(G) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not 917
more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 918

(I)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section 919
3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the 920
individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount 921
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 922
amount permitted by that division. 923

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 924
(B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 925
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 926
the amount permitted by that division. 927

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or 928
(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 929
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 930
the amount permitted by that division. 931

(4)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 932
(B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 933
amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed 934
in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 935

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 936
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 937
political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 938
of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 939
the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 940
permitted by that division, as applicable. 941

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates division 942
(B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 943
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 944
the amount permitted by that division. 945

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of 946
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 947
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 948
amount permitted by that division. 949

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) 950
of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3517.102 951
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 952
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 953
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by 954
that division meets either of the following conditions: 955

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 956
it is accepted. 957

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 958
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 959
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 960
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 961
has been received. 962

(J)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C)(1), 963
(2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 964
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 965
of the amount permitted by that division. 966

(2)(a) Any county political party that violates division 967
(C)(4)(a)(ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 968
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted. 969

(b) Any county political party that violates division 970
(C)(4)(a)(i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 971
fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times 972
the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 973
division. 974

(c) Any state political party that violates division 975
(C)(4)(b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 976
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 977
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 978
division. 979

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 980
(C)(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 981
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 982
amount permitted by that division. 983

(4) Any political action committee or political contributing 984
entity that violates division (C)(7) of section 3517.102 of the 985
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 986
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 987
division. 988

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of 989
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 of 990
the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 991
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 992
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to be 993
accepted by that division meets either of the following 994
conditions: 995

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 996
its acceptance. 997

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 998
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 999
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 1000
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 1001
has been received. 1002

(K)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1003
(F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1004
twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 1005

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1006
(F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 1007
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 1008
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 1009
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 1010
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 1011

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1012
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 1013

(M)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 1014
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 1015
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1016

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 1017
division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall 1018

be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 1019
violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the 1020
contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a 1021
contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 1022
3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any 1023
amount so accepted. 1024

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the 1025
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 1026
amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets 1027
transferred in violation of that division. 1028

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 1029
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 1030
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 1031
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 1032
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted, 1033
used, or kept in violation of that section. 1034

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 1035
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 1036
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1037
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 1038
violation of that section. 1039

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who violates 1040
division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1041
not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 1042

(R)(1) Whoever violates division (I) ~~or (1)~~, (J)(1), (Y)(1), 1043
or (Z)(1) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1044
not more than one thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found 1045
guilty of violating division (I) ~~or (1)~~, (J)(1), (Y)(1), or (Z)(1) 1046
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the contract awarded in 1047
violation of ~~either of those divisions~~ the applicable division 1048
shall be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 1049

(2) Whoever violates division (I)(2), (J)(2), (Y)(2), or (Z)(2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by the applicable division. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating division (I)(2), (J)(2), (Y)(2), or (Z)(2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, any contract that makes the person subject to the applicable division may be rescinded at the discretion of the elections commission.

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

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

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

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

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration 1081
of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 1082
3517.109 or the declaration of primary-day finances or declaration 1083
of year-end finances required by division (E) of section 3517.1010 1084
of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each 1085
day of violation. 1086

(Y) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess 1087
funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of 1088
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by 1089
division (C) of that section or under division (B) of section 1090
3517.1010 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division 1091
(C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for 1092
deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under 1093
division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code all funds not 1094
disposed of pursuant to those divisions. 1095

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 1096
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1097
fund, political party, or other entity that violates any provision 1098
of sections 3517.09 to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no 1099
penalty is provided for under any other division of this section 1100
shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 1101

(AA)(1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(1) of section 1102
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1103
three times the amount contributed, expended, or promised in 1104
violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever 1105
amount is greater. 1106

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(2) of section 1107
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1108
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of that 1109
division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater. 1110

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 1111

section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than 1112
ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand dollars for 1113
each day of violation. 1114

(CC)(1) Subject to division (CC)(2) of this section, whoever 1115
violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code 1116
shall be fined an amount up to three times the amount disbursed 1117
for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation 1118
of that division. 1119

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections commission 1120
or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease making 1121
communications in violation of division (H) of section 3517.1011 1122
of the Revised Code who again violates that division shall be 1123
fined an amount equal to three times the amount disbursed for the 1124
direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that 1125
division. 1126

(DD)(1) Any corporation or labor organization that violates 1127
division (X)(3)(a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1128
fined an amount equal to three times the amount given in excess of 1129
the amount permitted by that division. 1130

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 1131
division (X)(3)(b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1132
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 1133
of the amount permitted by that division. 1134

(EE)(1) Whoever solicits or directs a contribution in 1135
violation of division (B) of section 3517.093 of the Revised Code 1136
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1137

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 1138
division (C) of section 3517.093 of the Revised Code shall return 1139
to the contributor any amount so accepted. 1140

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 of the 1141

Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1142

Section 3. Notwithstanding any provision of section 3517.13 1143
of the Revised Code to the contrary, no agency or department of 1144
this state or any political subdivision shall be prohibited from 1145
awarding a state contract, as defined in section 3517.093 of the 1146
Revised Code, to an individual, partnership or other 1147
unincorporated business, association, estate, trust, corporation, 1148
or business trust as a result of either of the following: 1149

(A) Any contribution made prior to January 1, 2007, by a 1150
child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any of 1151
the following: 1152

(1) An individual who has been awarded a state contract; 1153

(2) A partner or owner of a partnership or other 1154
unincorporated business that has been awarded a state contract; 1155

(3) A shareholder of an association, including, without 1156
limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1157
1785. of the Revised Code, that has been awarded a state contract; 1158

(4) An administrator of an estate that has been awarded a 1159
state contract; 1160

(5) An executor of an estate that has been awarded a state 1161
contract; 1162

(6) A trustee of a trust that has been awarded a state 1163
contract; 1164

(7) An owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or 1165
business trust, except a professional association organized under 1166
Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, that has been awarded a state 1167
contract. 1168

(B) Any combination of contributions made prior to January 1, 1169
2007, by any combination of the following: 1170

(1) Any person identified in divisions (A)(1) to (7) of this	1171
section;	1172
(2) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (A)(1)	1173
to (7) of this section;	1174
(3) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of	1175
age of any person identified in divisions (A)(1) to (7) of this	1176
section.	1177