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To amend sections 3503.15, 3505.21, 3509.02, 3509.03, 1  
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3511.01, 2  
3511.02, 3511.05, and 3511.11 of the Revised Code 3  
to require absent voter's ballot identification 4  
envelope statements to be completed for absent 5  
voter's ballots to be counted, to require boards 6  
of elections to notify absent voters that their 7  
ballots will be rejected if they do not complete 8  
the required statement, to prohibit same day voter 9  
registration and application for absent voter's 10  
ballots, to permit election observers to be 11  
appointed to serve at the board of elections or at 12  
another designated site during the time absent 13  
voter's ballots may be cast in person, and to 14  
require the Secretary of State to notify boards of 15  
elections of mismatches between voter registration 16  
information and motor vehicle records. 17  
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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3503.15, 3505.21, 3509.02, 3509.03, 19  
3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3511.01, 3511.02, 3511.05, and 20  
3511.11 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 21

**Sec. 3503.15.** (A) The secretary of state shall establish and 22  
maintain a statewide voter registration database that shall be 23  
continuously available to each board of elections and to other 24  
agencies as authorized by law. 25

(B) The statewide voter registration database established 26  
under this section shall be the official list of registered voters 27  
for all elections conducted in this state. 28

(C) The statewide voter registration database established 29  
under this section shall, at a minimum, include all of the 30  
following: 31

(1) An electronic network that connects all board of 32  
elections offices with the office of the secretary of state and 33  
with the offices of all other boards of elections; 34

(2) A computer program that harmonizes the records contained 35  
in the database with records maintained by each board of 36  
elections; 37

(3) An interactive computer program that allows access to the 38  
records contained in the database by each board of elections and 39  
by any persons authorized by the secretary of state to add, 40  
delete, modify, or print database records, and to conduct updates 41  
of the database; 42

(4) A search program capable of verifying registered voters 43  
and their registration information by name, driver's license 44  
number, birth date, social security number, or current address; 45

(5) Safeguards and components to ensure that the integrity, 46  
security, and confidentiality of the voter registration 47  
information is maintained. 48

(D) The secretary of state shall adopt rules pursuant to 49  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code doing all of the following: 50

(1) Specifying the manner in which existing voter 51

registration records maintained by boards of elections shall be 52  
converted to electronic files for inclusion in the statewide voter 53  
registration database; 54

(2) Establishing a uniform method for entering voter 55  
registration records into the statewide voter registration 56  
database on an expedited basis, but not less than once per day, if 57  
new registration information is received; 58

(3) Establishing a uniform method for purging canceled voter 59  
registration records from the statewide voter registration 60  
database in accordance with section 3503.21 of the Revised Code; 61

(4) Specifying the persons authorized to add, delete, modify, 62  
or print records contained in the statewide voter registration 63  
database and to make updates of that database; 64

(5) Establishing a process for annually auditing the 65  
information contained in the statewide voter registration 66  
database. 67

(E) A board of elections promptly shall purge a voter's name 68  
and voter registration information from the statewide voter 69  
registration database in accordance with the rules adopted by the 70  
secretary of state under division (D)(3) of this section after the 71  
cancellation of a voter's registration under section 3503.21 of 72  
the Revised Code. 73

(F) The secretary of state shall provide training in the 74  
operation of the statewide voter registration database to each 75  
board of elections and to any persons authorized by the secretary 76  
of state to add, delete, modify, or print database records, and to 77  
conduct updates of the database. 78

(G)(1) The statewide voter registration database established 79  
under this section shall be made available on a web site of the 80  
office of the secretary of state as follows: 81

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b) of this section, only the following information from the statewide voter registration database regarding a registered voter shall be made available on the web site:

(i) The voter's name;

(ii) The voter's address;

(iii) The voter's precinct number;

(iv) The voter's voting history.

(b) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, the web site interface of the statewide voter registration database shall permit a voter to search for the polling location at which that voter may cast a ballot.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, a process for boards of elections to notify the secretary of state of changes in the locations of precinct polling places for the purpose of updating the information made available on the secretary of state's web site under division (G)(1)(b) of this section. Those rules shall require a board of elections, during the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, to notify the secretary of state within one business day of any change to the location of a precinct polling place within the county.

(3) During the thirty days before the day of a primary or general election, not later than one business day after receiving a notification from a county pursuant to division (G)(2) of this section that the location of a precinct polling place has changed, the secretary of state shall update that information on the secretary of state's web site for the purpose of division (G)(1)(b) of this section.

(H)(1) The secretary of state and the registrar of motor

vehicles shall enter into an agreement to match information in the 112  
statewide voter registration database with motor vehicle records 113  
for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information 114  
provided on voter registration applications, as required under 42 115  
U.S. 15483. 116

(2) The secretary of state shall notify the applicable board 117  
of elections of any mismatches between voter registration 118  
information and motor vehicle records that the secretary of state 119  
receives under division (H)(1) of this section regarding persons 120  
registered to vote in the applicable county. 121

**Sec. 3505.21.** (A) As used in this section, "during the 122  
casting of the ballots" includes any time during which a board of 123  
elections permits an elector to vote an absent voter's ballot in 124  
person at the office of the board or at another site designated by 125  
the board under division (C) of section 3501.10 of the Revised 126  
Code. 127

(B) At any primary, special, or general election, any 128  
political party supporting candidates to be voted upon at such 129  
election and any group of five or more candidates may appoint to 130  
the board of elections or to any of the precincts in the county or 131  
city one person, a qualified elector, who shall serve as observer 132  
for such party or such candidates during the casting of the 133  
ballots and during the counting of the ballots; provided that 134  
separate observers may be appointed to serve during the casting 135  
and during the counting of the ballots. No candidate, no uniformed 136  
peace officer as defined by section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, 137  
no uniformed state highway patrol trooper, no uniformed member of 138  
any fire department, no uniformed member of the armed services, no 139  
uniformed member of the organized militia, no person wearing any 140  
other uniform, and no person carrying a firearm or other deadly 141  
weapon shall serve as an observer, nor shall any candidate be 142

represented by more than one observer at any one precinct or other 143  
voting location except that a candidate who is a member of a party 144  
controlling committee, as defined in section 3517.03 of the 145  
Revised Code, may serve as an observer. ~~Any~~ 146

(C) Any political party or group of candidates appointing 147  
observers shall notify the board of elections of the names and 148  
addresses of its appointees and ~~the precincts~~ each precinct or 149  
other location at which they shall serve. Notification of of 150  
observers appointed to serve on the day of an election shall take 151  
place not less than eleven days before the day of the election on 152  
forms prescribed by the secretary of state and may be amended by 153  
filing an amendment with the board of elections at any time until 154  
four p.m. of the day before the election. Notification of 155  
observers appointed to serve at the office of the board or at 156  
another location during the time absent voter's ballots may be 157  
cast in person shall take place not less than eleven days before 158  
absent voter's ballots are required to be ready for use pursuant 159  
to section 3509.01 of the Revised Code on forms prescribed by the 160  
secretary of state and may be amended by filing an amendment with 161  
the board of elections at any time until four p.m. of the day 162  
before the observer is appointed to serve. The observer serving on 163  
behalf of a political party shall be appointed in writing by the 164  
chairperson and secretary of the respective controlling party 165  
committee. Observers serving for any five or more candidates shall 166  
have their certificates signed by those candidates. Observers 167  
appointed to a precinct may file their certificates of appointment 168  
with the presiding judge of the precinct at the meeting on the 169  
evening prior to the election, or with the presiding judge of the 170  
precinct on the day of the election. ~~Upon~~ Observers appointed to 171  
the office of the board or another designated site to observe the 172  
casting of absent voter's ballots in person prior to the day of 173  
the election may file their certificates with the director of the 174  
board of elections the day before or on the day that the observers 175

are scheduled to serve at the office of the board or other 176  
designated site. 177

Upon the filing of a certificate, the person named as 178  
observer in the certificate shall be permitted to be in and about 179  
the applicable polling place ~~for the precinct~~ during the casting 180  
of the ballots and shall be permitted to watch every proceeding of 181  
the judges of elections from the time of the opening until the 182  
closing of the polls. The observer also may inspect the counting 183  
of all ballots in the polling place or board of elections from the 184  
time of the closing of the polls until the counting is completed 185  
and the final returns are certified and signed. Observers 186  
appointed to serve at the board of elections on the day of an 187  
election under this section may observe at the board of elections 188  
and may observe at any precinct in the county. The judges of 189  
elections shall protect such observers in all of the rights and 190  
privileges granted to them by Title XXXV of the Revised Code. 191

(D) No persons other than the judges of elections, the 192  
observers, a police officer, other persons who are detailed to any 193  
precinct on request of the board of elections, or the secretary of 194  
state or the secretary of state's legal representative shall be 195  
admitted to the polling place, or any room in which a board of 196  
elections is counting ballots, after the closing of the polls 197  
until the counting, certifying, and signing of the final returns 198  
of each election have been completed. 199

(E) Not later than four p.m. of the twentieth day prior to an 200  
election at which questions are to be submitted to a vote of the 201  
people, any committee that in good faith advocates or opposes a 202  
measure may file a petition with the board of any county asking 203  
that the petitioners be recognized as the committee entitled to 204  
appoint observers to the count at the election. If more than one 205  
committee alleging themselves to advocate or oppose the same 206  
measure file such a petition, the board shall decide and announce 207

by registered mail to each committee not less than twelve days 208  
immediately preceding the election which committee is recognized 209  
as being entitled to appoint observers. The decision shall not be 210  
final, but any aggrieved party may institute mandamus proceedings 211  
in the court of common pleas of the county in which the board has 212  
jurisdiction to compel the judges of elections to accept the 213  
appointees of such aggrieved party. Any such recognized committee 214  
may appoint an observer to the count in each precinct. Committees 215  
appointing observers shall notify the board of elections of the 216  
names and addresses of its appointees and the precincts at which 217  
they shall serve. Notification shall take place not less than 218  
eleven days before the election on forms prescribed by the 219  
secretary of state and may be amended by filing an amendment with 220  
the board of elections at any time until four p.m. on the day 221  
before the election. A person so appointed shall file the person's 222  
certificate of appointment with the presiding judge in the 223  
precinct in which the person has been appointed to serve. 224  
Observers shall file their certificates before the polls are 225  
closed. In no case shall more than six observers be appointed for 226  
any one election in any one precinct. If more than three questions 227  
are to be voted on, the committees which have appointed observers 228  
may agree upon not to exceed six observers, and the judges of 229  
elections shall appoint such observers. If such committees fail to 230  
agree, the judges of elections shall appoint six observers from 231  
the appointees so certified, in such manner that each side of the 232  
several questions shall be represented. 233

(F) No person shall serve as an observer at any precinct or 234  
other voting location unless the board of elections of the county 235  
in which such observer is to serve has first been notified of the 236  
name, address, and precinct or other location at which such 237  
observer is to serve. Notification to the board of elections shall 238  
be given by the political party, group of candidates, or committee 239  
appointing such observer as prescribed in this section. No such 240



observers shall receive any compensation from the county, 241  
municipal corporation, or township, and they shall take the 242  
following oath, to be administered by one of the judges of 243  
elections: 244

"You do solemnly swear that you will faithfully and 245  
impartially discharge the duties as an official observer, assigned 246  
by law; that you will not cause any delay to persons offering to 247  
vote; and that you will not disclose or communicate to any person 248  
how any elector has voted at such election." 249

**Sec. 3509.02.** (A) Any qualified elector who has been 250  
registered to vote for at least thirty days before the first day 251  
absent voter's ballots are required to be ready for use pursuant 252  
to section 3509.01 of the Revised Code may vote by absent voter's 253  
ballots at an election. 254

(B) Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the 255  
office of the board of elections or, if pursuant to division (C) 256  
of section 3501.10 of the Revised Code the board has designated 257  
another location in the county at which registered electors may 258  
vote, at that other location on account of personal illness, 259  
physical disability, or infirmity, and who moves from one precinct 260  
to another within a county, changes the elector's name and moves 261  
from one precinct to another within a county, or moves from one 262  
county to another county within the state, on or prior to the day 263  
of a general, primary, or special election and has not filed a 264  
notice of change of residence or change of name may vote by absent 265  
voter's ballots in that election as specified in division (G) of 266  
section 3503.16 of the Revised Code. 267

**Sec. 3509.03.** Except as provided in section 3509.031 or 268  
division (B) of section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, any qualified 269  
elector desiring to vote absent voter's ballots at an election 270

shall make written application for those ballots to the director	271
of elections of the county in which the elector's voting residence	272
is located. The application need not be in any particular form but	273
shall contain all of the following:	274
(A) The elector's name;	275
(B) The elector's signature;	276
(C) The address at which the elector is registered to vote;	277
(D) The elector's date of birth;	278
(E) One of the following:	279
(1) The elector's driver's license number;	280
(2) The last four digits of the elector's social security	281
number;	282
(3) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo	283
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of	284
a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,	285
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of an	286
election mailed by a board of elections under section 3501.19 of	287
the Revised Code or a notice of voter registration mailed by a	288
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that	289
shows the name and address of the elector.	290
(F) A statement identifying the election for which absent	291
voter's ballots are requested;	292
(G) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a	293
qualified elector <u>and has been registered to vote for at least</u>	294
<u>thirty days before the first day absent voter's ballots are</u>	295
<u>required to be ready for use pursuant to section 3509.01 of the</u>	296
<u>Revised Code;</u>	297
(H) If the request is for primary election ballots, the	298
elector's party affiliation;	299

(I) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 300  
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed. 301

A voter who will be outside the United States on the day of 302  
any election during a calendar year may use a single federal post 303  
card application to apply for absent voter's ballots. Those 304  
ballots shall be sent to the voter for use at the primary and 305  
general elections in that year and any special election to be held 306  
on the day in that year specified by division (E) of section 307  
3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, 308  
designated by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting 309  
constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly to the 310  
voters of the state unless the voter reports a change in the 311  
voter's voting status to the board of elections or the voter's 312  
intent to vote in any such election in the precinct in this state 313  
where the voter is registered to vote. A single federal postcard 314  
application shall be processed by the board of elections pursuant 315  
to section 3509.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the voter 316  
had applied separately for absent voter's ballots for each 317  
election. When mailing absent voter's ballots to a voter who 318  
applied for them by single federal post card application, the 319  
board shall enclose notification to the voter that the voter must 320  
report to the board subsequent changes in the voter's voting 321  
status or the voter's subsequent intent to vote in any such 322  
election in the precinct in this state where the voter is 323  
registered to vote. Such notification shall be in a form 324  
prescribed by the secretary of state. As used in this section, 325  
"voting status" means the voter's name at the time the voter 326  
applied for absent voter's ballots by single federal post card 327  
application and the voter's address outside the United States to 328  
which the voter requested that those ballots be sent. 329

Each application for absent voter's ballots shall be 330  
delivered to the director not earlier than the first day of 331

January of the year of the elections for which the absent voter's 332  
ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the 333  
day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, 334  
whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve noon of the third 335  
day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be 336  
voted, or not later than the close of regular business hours on 337  
the day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to 338  
be voted if the application is delivered in person to the office 339  
of the board. 340

**Sec. 3509.04.** (A) If a director of a board of elections 341  
receives an application for absent voter's ballots that does not 342  
contain all of the required information, the director promptly 343  
shall notify the applicant of the additional information required 344  
to be provided by the applicant to complete that application. 345

(B) Upon receipt by the director of elections of an 346  
application for absent voter's ballots that contain all of the 347  
required information, as provided by sections 3509.03 and 3509.031 348  
and division (G) of section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, the 349  
director, if the director finds that the applicant is a qualified 350  
elector, shall deliver to the applicant in person or mail directly 351  
to the applicant by special delivery mail, air mail, or regular 352  
mail, postage prepaid, proper absent voter's ballots. The director 353  
shall deliver or mail with the ballots an unsealed identification 354  
envelope upon the face of which shall be printed a the following 355  
form ~~substantially as follows~~: 356

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 357

I, .....(Name of voter), declare under 358  
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 359  
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 360  
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in 361  
the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 362

My voting residence in Ohio is	363
.....	364
(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number)	365
of ..... (City, Village, or Township)	366
Ohio, which is in Ward ..... Precinct .....	367
in that city, village, or township.	368
The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope	369
are primary election ballots of the ..... Party.	370
Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at the	371
..... (general, special, or primary) election to be held on	372
the ..... day of ....., ....	373
My date of birth is ..... (Month and Day),	374
..... (Year).	375
(Voter must provide one of the following:)	376
My driver's license number is ..... (Driver's	377
license number).	378
The last four digits of my Social Security Number are	379
..... (Last four digits of Social Security Number).	380
..... In lieu of providing a driver's license number or the	381
last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am enclosing a	382
copy of one of the following in the return envelope in which this	383
identification envelope will be mailed: a current and valid photo	384
identification, a military identification, or a current utility	385
bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other	386
government document, other than a notice of an election mailed by	387
a board of elections under section 3501.19 of the Revised Code or	388
a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections,	389
that shows my name and address.	390
I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification,	391
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe.	392

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(Signature of Voter) 394

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 395  
THE FIFTH DEGREE." 396

The director shall mail with the ballots and the unsealed 397  
identification envelope an unsealed return envelope upon the face 398  
of which shall be printed the official title and post-office 399  
address of the director. In the upper left corner on the face of 400  
the return envelope, several blank lines shall be printed upon 401  
which the voter may write the voter's name and return address, and 402  
beneath these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words 403  
"check if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the 404  
voter will be outside the United States on the day of the 405  
election. The return envelope shall be of such size that the 406  
identification envelope can be conveniently placed within it for 407  
returning the identification envelope to the director. 408

**Sec. 3509.05.** (A) When an elector receives an absent voter's 409  
ballot pursuant to the elector's application or request, the 410  
elector shall, before placing any marks on the ballot, note 411  
whether there are any voting marks on it. If there are any voting 412  
marks, the ballot shall be returned immediately to the board of 413  
elections; otherwise, the elector shall cause the ballot to be 414  
marked, folded in a manner that the stub on it and the 415  
indorsements and facsimile signatures of the members of the board 416  
of elections on the back of it are visible, and placed and sealed 417  
within the identification envelope received from the director of 418  
elections for that purpose. Then, the elector shall cause the 419  
statement of voter on the outside of the identification envelope 420  
to be completed and signed, under penalty of election 421  
falsification. 422

If the elector does not provide the elector's driver's 423

license number or the last four digits of the elector's social 424  
security number on the statement of voter on the identification 425  
envelope, the elector also shall include in the return envelope 426  
with the identification envelope a copy of the elector's current 427  
valid photo identification, a copy of a military identification, 428  
or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government 429  
check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice 430  
of an election mailed by a board of elections under section 431  
3501.19 of the Revised Code or a notice of voter registration 432  
mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the 433  
Revised Code, that shows the name and address of the elector. 434

The elector shall mail the identification envelope to the 436  
director from whom it was received in the return envelope, postage 437  
prepaid, or the elector may personally deliver it to the director, 438  
or the spouse of the elector, the father, mother, father-in-law, 439  
mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the 440  
whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, 441  
adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or 442  
niece of the elector may deliver it to the director. The return 443  
envelope shall be transmitted to the director in no other manner, 444  
except as provided in section 3509.08 of the Revised Code. 445

Each elector who will be outside the United States on the day 446  
of the election shall check the box on the return envelope 447  
indicating this fact. 448

When absent voter's ballots are delivered to an elector at 449  
the office of the board, the elector may retire to a voting 450  
compartment provided by the board and there mark the ballots. 451  
Thereupon, the elector shall fold them, place them in the 452  
identification envelope provided, seal the envelope, fill in and 453  
sign the statement on the envelope under penalty of election 454  
falsification, and deliver the envelope to the director of the 455

board. 456

Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this 457  
section, all other envelopes containing marked absent voter's 458  
ballots shall be delivered to the director not later than the 459  
close of the polls on the day of an election. Absent voter's 460  
ballots delivered to the director later than the times specified 461  
shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed 462  
identification envelopes in which they are delivered to the 463  
director, until the time provided by section 3505.31 of the 464  
Revised Code for the destruction of all other ballots used at the 465  
election for which ballots were provided, at which time they shall 466  
be destroyed. 467

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of 468  
this section, any return envelope that indicates that the voter 469  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election shall 470  
be delivered to the director prior to the eleventh day after the 471  
election. Ballots delivered in such envelopes that are received 472  
after the close of the polls on election day through the tenth day 473  
thereafter shall be counted on the eleventh day at the board of 474  
elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) of 475  
section 3509.06 of the Revised Code. Any such ballots that are 476  
signed or postmarked after the close of the polls on the day of 477  
the election or that are received by the director later than the 478  
tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 479  
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 480  
provided in division (A) of this section. 481

(2) In any year in which a presidential primary election is 482  
held, any return envelope that indicates that the voter will be 483  
outside the United States on the day of the presidential primary 484  
election shall be delivered to the director prior to the 485  
twenty-first day after that election. Ballots delivered in such 486  
envelopes that are received after the close of the polls on 487



election day through the twentieth day thereafter shall be counted 488  
on the twenty-first day at the board of elections in the manner 489  
provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of the 490  
Revised Code. Any such ballots that are signed or postmarked after 491  
the close of the polls on the day of that election or that are 492  
received by the director later than the twentieth day following 493  
that election shall not be counted, but shall be kept by the board 494  
in the sealed identification envelopes as provided in division (A) 495  
of this section. 496

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of 497  
this section, any return envelope that is postmarked within the 498  
United States prior to the day of the election shall be delivered 499  
to the director prior to the eleventh day after the election. 500  
Ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked prior to the day of the 501  
election that are received after the close of the polls on 502  
election day through the tenth day thereafter shall be counted on 503  
the eleventh day at the board of elections in the manner provided 504  
in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code. 505  
Any such ballots that are received by the director later than the 506  
tenth day following the election shall not be counted, but shall 507  
be kept by the board in the sealed identification envelopes as 508  
provided in division (A) of this section. 509

(2) Division (C)(1) of this section shall not apply to any 510  
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 511  
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 512

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of 513  
this section, if a board of elections determines, prior to the 514  
close of the polls on the day of the election, that the statement 515  
of voter on a voter's absent voter's ballot identification 516  
envelope is incomplete, the board shall notify the absent voter by 517  
mail or by telephone that the voter's absent ballot will be 518  
rejected unless the voter appears at the office of the board and 519

completes the statement prior to the close of the polls on the day 520  
of the election. 521

(2) A board of elections shall not be required to notify 522  
voters under division (D)(1) of this section for any absent 523  
voter's ballots that the board receives after the eighth day 524  
before the day of the election. 525

If a board of elections chooses to notify voters under 526  
division (D)(1) of this section of incomplete absent voter's 527  
ballot envelope statements for absent voter's ballots received 528  
after the eighth day before the day of the election, the board 529  
shall notify all voters whose absent voter's ballot envelope 530  
statements are incomplete that their absent voter's ballot 531  
envelopes will be rejected unless the voter appears at the office 532  
of the board and completes the statement prior to the close of the 533  
polls on the day of the election. 534

**Sec. 3509.06.** (A) The board of elections shall determine 535  
whether absent voter's ballots shall be counted in each precinct, 536  
at the office of the board, or at some other location designated 537  
by the board, and shall proceed accordingly under division (B) or 538  
(C) of this section. 539

(B) When the board of elections determines that absent 540  
voter's ballots shall be counted in each precinct, the director 541  
shall deliver to the presiding judge of each precinct on election 542  
day identification envelopes purporting to contain absent voter's 543  
ballots of electors whose voting residence appears from the 544  
statement of voter on the outside of each of those envelopes, to 545  
be located in such presiding judge's precinct, and which were 546  
received by the director not later than the close of the polls on 547  
election day. The director shall deliver to such presiding judge a 548  
list containing the name and voting residence of each person whose 549  
voting residence is in such precinct to whom absent voter's 550

ballots were mailed. 551

(C) When the board of elections determines that absent 552  
voter's ballots shall be counted at the office of the board of 553  
elections or at another location designated by the board, special 554  
election judges shall be appointed by the board for that purpose 555  
having the same authority as is exercised by precinct judges. The 556  
votes so cast shall be added to the vote totals by the board, and 557  
the absent voter's ballots shall be preserved separately by the 558  
board, in the same manner and for the same length of time as 559  
provided by section 3505.31 of the Revised Code. 560

(D) Each of the identification envelopes purporting to 561  
contain absent voter's ballots delivered to the presiding judge of 562  
the precinct or the special judge appointed by the board of 563  
elections shall be handled as follows: The election officials 564  
shall compare the signature of the elector on the outside of the 565  
identification envelope with the signature of that elector on the 566  
elector's registration form and verify that the absent voter's 567  
ballot is eligible to be counted under section 3509.07 of the 568  
Revised Code. Any of the precinct officials may challenge the 569  
right of the elector named on the identification envelope to vote 570  
the absent voter's ballots upon the ground that the signature on 571  
the envelope is not the same as the signature on the registration 572  
form, that the identification envelope statement of voter has not 573  
been completed, or upon any other of the grounds upon which the 574  
right of persons to vote may be lawfully challenged. If no such 575  
challenge is made, or if such a challenge is made and not 576  
sustained, the presiding judge shall open the envelope without 577  
defacing the statement of voter and without mutilating the ballots 578  
in it, and shall remove the ballots contained in it and proceed to 579  
count them. 580

The name of each person voting who is entitled to vote only 581  
an absent voter's presidential ballot shall be entered in a 582

pollbook or poll list or signature pollbook followed by the words 583  
"Absentee Presidential Ballot." The name of each person voting an 584  
absent voter's ballot, other than such persons entitled to vote 585  
only a presidential ballot, shall be entered in the pollbook or 586  
poll list or signature pollbook and the person's registration card 587  
marked to indicate that the person has voted. 588

The date of such election shall also be entered on the 589  
elector's registration form. If any such challenge is made and 590  
sustained, the identification envelope of such elector shall not 591  
be opened, shall be endorsed "Not Counted" with the reasons the 592  
ballots were not counted, and shall be delivered to the board. 593

(E) Special election judges, employees or members of the 594  
board of elections, or observers shall not disclose the count or 595  
any portion of the count of absent voter's ballots prior to the 596  
time of the closing of the polling places. No person shall 597  
recklessly disclose the count or any portion of the count of 598  
absent voter's ballots in such a manner as to jeopardize the 599  
secrecy of any individual ballot. 600

(F) Observers may be appointed under section 3505.21 of the 601  
Revised Code to witness the examination and opening of 602  
identification envelopes and the counting of absent voters' 603  
ballots under this section. 604

**Sec. 3509.07.** If election officials find that the statement 605  
accompanying an absent voter's ballot or absent voter's 606  
presidential ballot is incomplete or insufficient, that the 607  
signatures do not correspond with the person's registration 608  
signature, that the applicant is not a qualified elector in the 609  
precinct, that the ballot envelope contains more than one ballot 610  
of any one kind, or any voted ballot that the elector is not 611  
entitled to vote, that Stub A is detached from the absent voter's 612  
ballot or absent voter's presidential ballot, or that the elector 613

has not included with the elector's ballot any identification 614  
required under section 3509.05 or 3511.09 of the Revised Code, the 615  
vote shall not be accepted or counted. The vote of any absent 616  
voter may be challenged for cause in the same manner as other 617  
votes are challenged, and the election officials shall determine 618  
the legality of that ballot. Every ballot not counted shall be 619  
endorsed on its back "Not Counted" with the reasons the ballot was 620  
not counted, and shall be enclosed and returned to or retained by 621  
the board of elections along with the contested ballots. 622

**Sec. 3511.01.** Any section of the Revised Code to the contrary 623  
notwithstanding, any person serving in the armed forces of the 624  
United States, or the spouse or dependent of any person serving in 625  
the armed forces of the United States who resides outside this 626  
state for the purpose of being with or near such service member, 627  
who will be eighteen years of age or more on the day of a general 628  
or special election ~~and who~~, is a citizen of the United States, 629  
and has been registered to vote for at least thirty days before 630  
the first day armed service absent voter's ballots are required to 631  
be ready for use pursuant to section 3511.03 of the Revised Code 632  
may vote armed service absent voter's ballots in such general or 633  
special election as follows: 634

(A) If the service member is the voter, ~~he~~ the service member 635  
may vote only in the precinct in which ~~he~~ the service member has a 636  
voting residence in the state, and that voting residence shall be 637  
that place in the precinct in which ~~he~~ the service member resided 638  
immediately preceding the commencement of such service, provided 639  
that the time during which ~~he~~ the service member continuously 640  
resided in the state immediately preceding the commencement of 641  
such service plus the time subsequent to such commencement and 642  
prior to the day of such general, special, or primary election is 643  
equal to or exceeds thirty days. 644

(B) If the spouse or dependent of a service member is the voter, ~~he~~ the spouse or dependent may vote only in the precinct in which ~~he~~ the spouse or dependent has a voting residence in the state, and that voting residence shall be that place in the precinct in which ~~he~~ the spouse or dependent resided immediately preceding the time of leaving the state for the purpose of being with or near the service member, provided that the time during which ~~he~~ the spouse or dependent continuously resided in the state immediately preceding the time of leaving the state for the purpose of being with or near the service member plus the time subsequent to such leaving and prior to the day of such general, special, or primary election is equal to or exceeds thirty days.

(C) If the service member or ~~his~~ the service member's spouse or dependent establishes a permanent residence in a precinct other than the precinct in which ~~he~~ the person resided immediately preceding the commencement of ~~his~~ the service member's service, the voting residence of both the service member and ~~his~~ the service member's spouse or dependent shall be the precinct of such permanent residence, provided that the time during which ~~he~~ the service member continuously resided in the state immediately preceding the commencement of such service plus the time subsequent to such commencement and prior to the day of such general, special, or primary election is equal to or exceeds thirty days.

**Sec. 3511.02.** Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code to the contrary, whenever any person applies for registration as a voter on a form adopted in accordance with federal regulations relating to the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973ff (1986), this application shall be sufficient for voter registration and as a request for an absent voter's ballot. Armed service absent voter's ballots may be obtained by any person meeting the requirements of section 3511.01

of the Revised Code by applying to the director of the board of 677  
elections of the county in which the person's voting residence is 678  
located, in one of the following ways: 679

(A) That person may make written application for those 681  
ballots. The person may personally deliver the application to the 682  
director or may mail it, send it by facsimile machine, or 683  
otherwise send it to the director. The application need not be in 684  
any particular form but shall contain all of the following 685  
information: 686

(1) The elector's name; 687

(2) The elector's signature; 688

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to vote; 689

(4) The elector's date of birth; 690

(5) One of the following: 691

(a) The elector's driver's license number; 692

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 693  
number; 694

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 695  
identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of 696  
a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 697  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of an 698  
election mailed by a board of elections under section 3501.19 of 699  
the Revised Code or a notice of voter registration mailed by a 700  
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that 701  
shows the name and address of the elector. 702

(6) A statement identifying the election for which absent 703  
voter's ballots are requested; 704

(7) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a 705  
qualified elector and has been registered to vote for at least 706

thirty days before the first day armed service absent voter's 707  
ballots are required to be ready for use pursuant to section 708  
3511.03 of the Revised Code; 709

(8) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 710  
services voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6; 711

(9) A statement of the elector's length of residence in the 712  
state immediately preceding the commencement of service or 713  
immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near the 714  
service member, whichever is applicable; 715

(10) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 716  
elector's party affiliation; 717

(11) If the elector desires ballots to be mailed to the 718  
elector, the address to which those ballots shall be mailed; 719

(12) If the elector desires ballots to be sent to the elector 720  
by facsimile machine, the telephone number to which they shall be 721  
so sent. 722

(B) A voter or any relative of a voter listed in division (C) 723  
of this section may use a single federal post card application to 724  
apply for armed service absent voter's ballots for use at the 725  
primary and general elections in a given year and any special 726  
election to be held on the day in that year specified by division 727  
(E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a 728  
primary election, designated by the general assembly for the 729  
purpose of submitting constitutional amendments proposed by the 730  
general assembly to the voters of the state. A single federal 731  
postcard application shall be processed by the board of elections 732  
pursuant to section 3511.04 of the Revised Code the same as if the 733  
voter had applied separately for armed service absent voter's 734  
ballots for each election. 735

(C) Application to have armed service absent voter's ballots 736  
mailed or sent by facsimile machine to such a person may be made 737



by the spouse when the person is a service member, or by the 738  
father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, 739  
grandmother, brother or sister of the whole blood or half blood, 740  
son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, 741  
stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of such a person. The 742  
application shall be in writing upon a blank form furnished only 743  
by the director or on a single federal post card as provided in 744  
division (B) of this section. The form of the application shall be 745  
prescribed by the secretary of state. The director shall furnish 746  
that blank form to any of the relatives specified in this division 747  
desiring to make the application, only upon the request of such a 748  
relative made in person at the office of the board or upon the 749  
written request of such a relative mailed to the office of the 750  
board. The application, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant, 751  
shall contain all of the following: 752

(1) The full name of the elector for whom ballots are 753  
requested; 754

(2) A statement that the elector is an absent uniformed 755  
services voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6; 756

(3) The address at which the elector is registered to vote; 757

(4) A statement identifying the elector's length of residence 758  
in the state immediately preceding the commencement of service, or 759  
immediately preceding the date of leaving to be with or near a 760  
service member, as the case may be; 761

(5) The elector's date of birth; 762

(6) One of the following: 763

(a) The elector's driver's license number; 764

(b) The last four digits of the elector's social security 765  
number; 766

(c) A copy of the elector's current and valid photo 767

identification, a copy of a military identification, or a copy of 768  
a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 769  
paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of an 770  
election mailed by a board of elections under section 3501.19 of 771  
the Revised Code or a notice of voter registration mailed by a 772  
board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that 773  
shows the name and address of the elector. 774

(7) A statement identifying the election for which absent 775  
voter's ballots are requested; 776

(8) A statement that the person requesting the ballots is a 777  
qualified elector and that the elector for whom the ballots are 778  
requested has been registered to vote for at least thirty days 779  
before the first day armed service absent voter's ballots are 780  
required to be ready for use pursuant to section 3511.03 of the 781  
Revised Code; 782

(9) If the request is for primary election ballots, the 783  
elector's party affiliation; 784

(10) A statement that the applicant bears a relationship to 785  
the elector as specified in division (C) of this section; 786

(11) The address to which ballots shall be mailed or the 787  
telephone number to which ballots shall be sent by facsimile 788  
machine; 789

(12) The signature and address of the person making the 790  
application. 791

Each application for armed service absent voter's ballots 792  
shall be delivered to the director not earlier than the first day 793  
of January of the year of the elections for which the armed 794  
service absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than 795  
ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots 796  
are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than twelve 797  
noon of the third day preceding the day of the election, or not 798

later than the close of regular business hours on the day before 799  
the day of the election at which those ballots are to be voted if 800  
the application is delivered in person to the office of the board. 801

(D) If the voter for whom the application is made is entitled 802  
to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors only, the 803  
applicant shall submit to the director in addition to the 804  
requirements of divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section, a 805  
statement to the effect that the voter is qualified to vote for 806  
presidential and vice-presidential electors and for no other 807  
offices. 808

**Sec. 3511.05.** (A) The director of the board of elections 809  
shall place armed service absent voter's ballots sent by mail in 810  
an unsealed identification envelope, gummed ready for sealing. The 811  
director shall include with armed service absent voter's ballots 812  
sent by facsimile machine an instruction sheet for preparing a 813  
gummed envelope in which the ballots shall be returned. The 814  
envelope for returning ballots sent by either means shall have 815  
printed or written on its face ~~a~~ the following form ~~substantially~~ 816  
~~as follows:~~ 817

"Identification Envelope Statement of Voter 818

I, .....(Name of voter), declare under 819  
penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or 820  
ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received 821  
them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in 822  
the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. 823

My voting residence in Ohio is 824

..... 825

(Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) 826

of ..... (City, Village, or Township) 827

Ohio, which is in Ward ..... Precinct ..... 828

in that city, village, or township. 829

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope 830  
are primary election ballots of the ..... Party. 831

Ballots contained within this envelope are to be voted at the 832  
..... (general, special, or primary) election to be held on 833  
the ..... day of ....., .... 834

My date of birth is ..... (Month and Day), 835  
..... (Year). 836

(Voter must provide one of the following:) 837

My driver's license number is ..... (Driver's 838  
license number). 839

The last four digits of my Social Security Number are 840  
..... (Last four digits of Social Security Number). 841

..... In lieu of providing a driver's license number or the 842  
last four digits of my Social Security Number, I am enclosing a 843  
copy of one of the following in the return envelope in which this 844  
identification envelope will be mailed: a current and valid photo 845  
identification, a military identification, or a current utility 846  
bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other 847  
government document, other than a notice of an election mailed by 848  
a board of elections under section 3501.19 of the Revised Code or 849  
a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections, 850  
that shows my name and address. 851

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, 852  
that the statements above are true, as I verily believe. 853

..... 854  
(Signature of Voter) 855

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF 856  
THE FIFTH DEGREE." 857

(B) The director shall also mail with the ballots and the 858

unsealed identification envelope sent by mail an unsealed return 859  
envelope, gummed, ready for sealing, for use by the voter in 860  
returning the voter's marked ballots to the director. The director 861  
shall send with the ballots and the instruction sheet for 862  
preparing a gummed envelope sent by facsimile machine an 863  
instruction sheet for preparing a second gummed envelope as 864  
described in this division, for use by the voter in returning that 865  
voter's marked ballots to the director. The return envelope shall 866  
have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an inch in width, 867  
printed across its face paralleling the top, with an intervening 868  
space of one quarter of an inch between such lines. The top line 869  
shall be one and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope. 870  
Between the parallel lines shall be printed: "OFFICIAL ELECTION 871  
ARMED SERVICE ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS -- VIA AIR MAIL." Three blank 872  
lines shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face of the 873  
envelope for the use by the voter in placing the voter's complete 874  
military, naval, or mailing address on these lines, and beneath 875  
these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words "check 876  
if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the voter 877  
will be outside the United States on the day of the election. The 878  
official title and the post-office address of the director to whom 879  
the envelope shall be returned shall be printed on the face of 880  
such envelope in the lower right portion below the bottom parallel 881  
line. 882

(C) On the back of each identification envelope and each 883  
return envelope shall be printed the following: 884

"Instructions to voter: 885

If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the back 886  
of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible 887  
opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner least 888  
injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and enclosing 889  
same in the envelope for mailing them to the director of the board 890

of elections, reclose the envelope in the most practicable way, by 891  
sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank form printed below. 892

The flap on this envelope was firmly stuck to the back of the 893  
envelope when received, and required forced opening before sealing 894  
and mailing. 895

..... 896  
(Signature of voter)" 897

(D) Division (C) of this section does not apply when absent 898  
voter's ballots are sent by facsimile machine. 899

**Sec. 3511.11.** (A) Upon receipt of any return envelope bearing 900  
the designation "Official Election Armed Service Absent Voter's 901  
Ballot" prior to the twenty-first day after the day of a 902  
presidential primary election or prior to the eleventh day after 903  
the day of any other election, the director of the board of 904  
elections shall open it but shall not open the identification 905  
envelope contained in it. If, upon so opening the return envelope, 906  
the director finds ballots in it that are not enclosed in and 907  
properly sealed in the identification envelope, the director shall 908  
not look at the markings upon the ballots and shall promptly place 909  
them in the identification envelope and promptly seal it. If, upon 910  
so opening the return envelope, the director finds that ballots 911  
are enclosed in the identification envelope but that it is not 912  
properly sealed, the director shall not look at the markings upon 913  
the ballots and shall promptly seal the identification envelope. 914

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of 915  
this section, if a board of elections determines, prior to the 916  
close of the polls on the day of the election, that the statement 917  
of voter on an armed service absent voter's ballot identification 918  
envelope is incomplete, the board shall notify the armed services 919  
absent voter by mail or by telephone that the voter's armed 920  
service absent voter's ballot will be rejected unless the voter 921

completes the statement prior to the close of the polls on the day 922  
of the election. 923

(2) A board of elections shall not be required to notify 924  
voters under division (B)(1) of this section for any armed service 925  
absent voter's ballots that the board receives after the eighth 926  
day before the day of the election. 927

If a board of elections chooses to notify voters under 928  
division (B)(1) of this section of incomplete armed service absent 929  
voter's ballot envelope statements for armed service absent 930  
voter's ballots received after the eighth day before the day of 931  
the election, the board shall notify all voters whose armed 932  
service absent voter's ballot envelope statements are incomplete 933  
that their armed service absent voter's ballot envelopes will be 934  
rejected unless the voter completes the statement prior to the 935  
close of the polls on the day of the election. 936

(C) Armed service absent voter's ballots delivered to the 937  
director not later than the close of the polls on election day 938  
shall be counted in the manner provided in section 3509.06 of the 939  
Revised Code. 940

~~(C)~~(D) A return envelope that indicates that the voter will 941  
be outside of the United States on the day of an election is not 942  
required to be postmarked in order for an armed service absent 943  
voter's ballot contained in it to be valid. Except as otherwise 944  
provided in this division, whether or not the return envelope 945  
containing the ballot is postmarked or contains an illegible 946  
postmark, an armed service absent voter's ballot that is received 947  
after the close of the polls on election day through the tenth day 948  
after the election day or, if the election was a presidential 949  
primary election, through the twentieth day after the election 950  
day, and that is delivered in a return envelope that indicates 951  
that the voter will be outside the United States on the day of the 952  
election shall be counted on the eleventh day after the election 953

day or, if the election was a presidential primary election, on 954  
the twenty-first day after the election day, at the office of the 955  
board of elections in the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) 956  
of section 3509.06 of the Revised Code. However, if a return 957  
envelope containing an armed service absent voter's ballot is so 958  
received and so indicates, but it is postmarked, or the 959  
identification envelope in it is signed, after the close of the 960  
polls on election day, the armed service absent voter's ballot 961  
shall not be counted. 962

~~(D)~~(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(D)~~(E)(2) 963  
of this section, any return envelope containing an armed service 964  
absent voter's ballot that is postmarked within the United States 965  
prior to the day of the election shall be delivered to the 966  
director prior to the eleventh day after the election. Armed 967  
service absent voter's ballots delivered in envelopes postmarked 968  
prior to the day of the election that are received after the close 969  
of the polls on election day through the tenth day thereafter 970  
shall be counted on the eleventh day at the board of elections in 971  
the manner provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 3509.06 of 972  
the Revised Code. Any such ballots that are received by the 973  
director later than the tenth day following the election shall not 974  
be counted, but shall be kept by the board in the sealed 975  
identification envelopes as provided in division (A) of this 976  
section. 977

(2) Division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of this section shall not apply to any 978  
mail that is postmarked using a postage evidencing system, 979  
including a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1. 980

~~(E)~~(F) The following types of armed service absent voter's 981  
ballots shall not be counted: 982

(1) Armed service absent voter's ballots contained in return 983  
envelopes that bear the designation "Official Election Armed 984  
Service Absent Voter's Ballots," that are received by the director 985



after the close of the polls on the day of the election, and that 986  
either are postmarked, or contain an identification envelope that 987  
is signed, on or after election day; 988

(2) Armed service absent voter's ballots contained in return 989  
envelopes that bear that designation, that do not indicate they 990  
are from voters who will be outside the United States on the day 991  
of the election, and that are received after the tenth day 992  
following the election or, if the election was a presidential 993  
primary election, after the twentieth day following the election; 994

(3) Armed service absent voter's ballots contained in return 995  
envelopes that bear that designation, that are received by the 996  
director within ten days after the day of the election, and that 997  
were postmarked before the day of the election using a postage 998  
evidencing system, including a postage meter, as defined in 39 999  
C.F.R. 501.1. 1000

The uncounted ballots shall be preserved in their 1001  
identification envelopes unopened until the time provided by 1002  
section 3505.31 of the Revised Code for the destruction of all 1003  
other ballots used at the election for which ballots were 1004  
provided, at which time they shall be destroyed. 1005

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3503.15, 3505.21, 3509.02, 1006  
3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3511.01, 3511.02, 1007  
3511.05, and 3511.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1008

**Section 3.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 1009  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1010  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1011  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following section, 1012  
presented in this act as the composite of the sections as amended 1013  
by the acts indicated, is the resulting version of the section in 1014  
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 1015  
this act: 1016

Section 3509.05 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am.	1017
Sub. H.B. 350 and Am. Sub. H.B. 562 of the 127th General Assembly.	1018
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