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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 of the Revised Code to limit to \$500 the amount of political contributions that may be made by or accepted from the principals and key employees of an entity that is applying for a license or other authorization, or that is licensed or otherwise authorized, to operate video lottery terminal games or a casino in this state.

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

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

**Sec. 3517.13.** (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as

required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 20

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same 21  
meaning as in division (F)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 22  
Code. 23

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 24  
accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 25  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 26

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 27  
accurate statement required under division (A)(2) of section 28  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 29

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and 30  
accurate statement required under division (A)(3) or (4) of 31  
section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 32

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly 33  
fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or 34  
3517.107 of the Revised Code. 35

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person 36  
totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, 37  
or general election. 38

(G)(1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent 39  
contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other 40  
information required to be reported by a provision in sections 41  
3517.08 to 3517.13 and 3517.17 of the Revised Code. 42

(2)(a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign 43  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 44  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 45  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 46  
airing electioneering communications in the name of another 47  
person. 48

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of 49

another when either of the following applies: 50

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership or 51  
other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 52  
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 53  
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 54  
making the contribution as required under division (I) of section 55  
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 56

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's spouse's 57  
name or in both of their names. 58

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 59  
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for political 60  
advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person would charge 61  
if the campaign committee were a general rate advertiser whose 62  
advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same 63  
area as that encompassed by the particular office that the 64  
candidate of the campaign committee is seeking. The rate shall 65  
take into account the amount of space used, as well as the type of 66  
advertising copy submitted by or on behalf of the campaign 67  
committee. All discount privileges otherwise offered by a 68  
newspaper or periodical to general rate advertisers shall be 69  
available upon equal terms to all campaign committees. 70

No person within this state, operating a radio or television 71  
station or network of stations in this state, shall charge a 72  
campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that exceeds: 73

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 74  
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of a 75  
general or special election in which the candidate of the campaign 76  
committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of the station 77  
for the same class and amount of time for the same period; 78

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use of 79  
that station by its other users. 80

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 81  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 82  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 83  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 84  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 85  
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 86  
hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, 87  
including, without limitation, a professional association 88  
organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or 89  
trust if the individual has made or the individual's spouse has 90  
made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or 91  
trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as an individual, 92  
within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions 93  
totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the 94  
public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the 95  
contract or to the public officer's campaign committee. 96

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 97  
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 98  
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 99  
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 100  
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 101  
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 102  
hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a 103  
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 104  
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 105  
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 106  
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 107  
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one 108  
or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars 109  
to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility 110  
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign 111  
committee. 112

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

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

(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, boards of township trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a division of any court if the division consists of more than one judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a contract for goods or services.

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 145  
actions of the controlling board. 146

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 147  
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 148  
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 149  
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 150  
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 151  
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions made 152  
to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or holder of 153  
the office other than the holder of the office at the time of the 154  
award of the contract. 155

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 156  
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, 157  
trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or 158  
business trust made before the person held any of those positions 159  
or after the person ceased to hold any of those positions in the 160  
partnership, association, estate, trust, corporation, or business 161  
trust whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being 162  
determined, nor to contributions of the person's spouse made 163  
before the person held any of those positions, after the person 164  
ceased to hold any of those positions, before the two were 165  
married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 166  
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 167  
action brought solely for legal separation. Those divisions do not 168  
apply to contributions of the spouse of an individual whose 169  
eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined made 170  
before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of 171  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the 172  
granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal 173  
separation. 174

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall 175  
convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a 176

beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the 177  
beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of 178  
value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without 179  
limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary 180  
personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the 181  
following: 182

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 183  
incurred by the beneficiary; 184

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 185  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as 186  
the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 187  
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 188  
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 189  
office would normally be expected; 190

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 191  
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 192  
following: 193

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a 194  
candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot 195  
issue; 196

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 197  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 198  
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 199

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 200  
political action committee, political contributing entity, 201  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 202

(d) Attending a political party convention or other political 203  
meeting. 204

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 205  
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to 206

make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 207  
procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account. 208

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept, 209  
and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a 210  
campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of 211  
this section to the extent that the expense previously was 212  
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is 213  
reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or 214  
reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the 215  
beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division 216  
(O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or 217  
reimbursement received from the other source. 218

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept 219  
for personal or business use anything of value from a political 220  
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 221  
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the 222  
candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign 223  
committee, and no person shall knowingly give to a candidate or 224  
public official or employee anything of value from a political 225  
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 226  
legislative campaign fund, or such a campaign committee, except 227  
for the following: 228

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary and 229  
necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law incurred 230  
by the candidate or public official or employee while engaged in 231  
any legitimate activity of the political party, political action 232  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 233  
fund, or such campaign committee. Without limitation, reimbursable 234  
expenses under this division include those incurred while doing 235  
any of the following: 236

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 237  
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 238



(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate;	239 240
(c) Attending a political party convention or other political meeting.	241 242
(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written contract to the political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee.	243 244 245 246 247 248 249
Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly give to a candidate or public official or employee from a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for activities primarily related to the candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for contributions to the candidate's or public official's or employee's campaign committee.	250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261
For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or services on account.	262 263 264 265 266
(R)(1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for which	267 268 269

reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this section, 270  
except that no campaign committee shall pay its candidate or other 271  
beneficiary for services personally performed by the candidate or 272  
other beneficiary. 273

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division (O), 274  
(P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that may not 275  
be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types of expenses 276  
for the purpose of allocating for payment or reimbursement those 277  
expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may be by any reasonable 278  
accounting method, considering all of the surrounding 279  
circumstances. 280

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 281  
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that allowed 282  
by the internal revenue service at the time the travel occurs may 283  
be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel expenses 284  
allowable. 285

(S)(1) As used in division (S) of this section: 286

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 287  
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 288

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the 289  
Federal Election Campaign Act. 290

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign 291  
committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal 292  
Election Campaign Act. 293

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 294  
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 295  
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 296  
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 297  
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate 298  
for state elective office. 299

(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;

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

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

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

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

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly through any other person or entity, make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate

for any elective office in this state, including an office of a political party.

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in violation of this division to return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it, to the contributor.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift or 361  
gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than ten 362  
thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor organization in 363  
a calendar year. 364

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any 365  
moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or county 366  
political party. 367

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly fail 368  
to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the 369  
Revised Code. 370

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 371  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 372  
any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 373  
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 374  
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 375  
dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, 376  
without limitation, a professional association organized under 377  
Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, if the 378  
individual has made, or the individual's spouse has made, or any 379  
partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or trustee, or the 380  
spouses of any of those individuals has made, as an individual, 381  
within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions 382  
totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign 383  
committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the 384  
campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or 385  
lieutenant governor. 386

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 387  
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 388  
business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 389  
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 390  
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 391  
dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional 392

association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if 393  
an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 394  
business trust, or the spouse of the owner, has made, as an 395  
individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into 396  
consideration only owners for all of such period, one or more 397  
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 398  
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 399  
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 400  
or lieutenant governor. 401

(AA)(1) No principal and no key employee of an entity that is 402  
applying for a license or other authorization, or that is licensed 403  
or otherwise authorized, to operate video lottery terminal games 404  
in this state pursuant to sections 3770.03 and 3770.21 of the 405  
Revised Code or to operate a casino pursuant to Article XV, 406  
Section 6(c) of the Ohio Constitution shall make a contribution or 407  
contributions exceeding five hundred dollars to a campaign 408  
committee, political action committee, political contributing 409  
entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person 410  
making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or 411  
airing electioneering communications in a primary election period 412  
or in a general election period. 413

(2) No campaign committee, political action committee, 414  
political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, 415  
political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct 416  
costs of producing or airing electioneering communications shall 417  
accept a contribution or contributions exceeding five hundred 418  
dollars in a primary election period or in a general election 419  
period from a principal or a key employee of an entity that is 420  
applying for a license or other authorization, or that is licensed 421  
or otherwise authorized, to operate video lottery terminal games 422  
in this state pursuant to sections 3770.03 and 3770.21 of the 423  
Revised Code or to operate a casino pursuant to Article XV, 424

Section 6(c) of the Ohio Constitution. 425

(3)(a) Each entity that is applying for a license or other 426  
authorization to operate video lottery terminal games or a casino 427  
in this state shall file with the secretary of state and, if the 428  
entity has a facility in this state, with the board of elections 429  
of the county in which the facility is located, a list of all 430  
principals and all key employees not later than thirty days after 431  
submitting the application. 432

(b) Each entity that is licensed or otherwise authorized to 433  
operate video lottery terminal games or a casino in this state 434  
shall file with the secretary of state and with the board of 435  
elections of the county in which the facility is located a list of 436  
all principals and all key employees not later than the first day 437  
of January and the first day of July of each year. 438

(4) As used in division (AA) of this section: 439

(a) "Key employee" means an individual who is employed in a 440  
director or department head capacity by an entity that is applying 441  
for a license or other authorization, or that is licensed or 442  
otherwise authorized, to operate video lottery terminal games or a 443  
casino in this state and who is empowered to make discretionary 444  
decisions that regulate video lottery terminal game or casino 445  
operations, including the general manager and assistant manager of 446  
the facility, director of video lottery terminal game or casino 447  
operations, director of cage or credit operations, director of 448  
surveillance, director of marketing, director of management 449  
information systems, director of security, comptroller, and any 450  
employee who supervises the operations of such departments or to 451  
whom such directors or department heads report. "Key employee" 452  
also includes any other positions designated by the state lottery 453  
commission or casino control commission based on analyses of a 454  
facility's job descriptions. 455

(b) "Principal" means any of the following, with respect to an entity that is applying for a license or other authorization, or that is licensed or otherwise authorized, to operate video lottery terminal games or a casino in this state:

(i) An officer;

(ii) A director;

(iii) A person who directly holds a beneficial interest in or ownership of the securities of such an entity or has the ability to elect a majority of the board of directors of, or to otherwise control, such an entity;

(iv) A lender, other than a bank or lending institution, that makes a loan or holds a mortgage or other lien of such an entity that is acquired in the ordinary course of business;

(v) An underwriter of such an entity;

(vi) Any other individual or employee of such entity that the state lottery commission or casino control commission determines.

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

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

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

(B) A political party that violates division (F)(1) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than



one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 485

(C) Whoever violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.101 or 486  
division (G) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 487  
not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person 488  
who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 489  
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 490  
both. 491

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the 492  
Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount 493  
contributed. 494

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the 495  
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. 496

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 497  
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 498  
first degree. 499

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that 500  
violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code 501  
shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper 502  
expenditure. 503

(H) A state or county political party that violates division 504  
(G) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not 505  
more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 506

(I)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section 507  
3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the 508  
individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount 509  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 510  
amount permitted by that division. 511

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 512  
(B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 513  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 514

the amount permitted by that division. 515

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or 516  
(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 517  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 518  
the amount permitted by that division. 519

(4)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 520  
(B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 521  
amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed 522  
in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 523

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 524  
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 525  
political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 526  
of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 527  
the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 528  
permitted by that division, as applicable. 529

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates division 530  
(B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 531  
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 532  
the amount permitted by that division. 533

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of 534  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 535  
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 536  
amount permitted by that division. 537

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) 538  
of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3517.102 539  
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 540  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 541  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by 542  
that division meets either of the following conditions: 543

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 544  
it is accepted. 545

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of 577  
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 of 578  
the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 579  
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 580  
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to be 581  
accepted by that division meets either of the following 582  
conditions: 583

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 584  
its acceptance. 585

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 586  
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 587  
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 588  
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 589  
has been received. 590

(K)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 591  
(F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 592  
twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 593

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 594  
(F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 595  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 596  
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 597  
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 598  
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 599

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 600  
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 601

(M)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 602  
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 603  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 604

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 605  
division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall 606  
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 607

violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the 608  
contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a 609  
contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 610  
3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any 611  
amount so accepted. 612

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the 613  
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 614  
amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets 615  
transferred in violation of that division. 616

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 617  
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 618  
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 619  
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 620  
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted, 621  
used, or kept in violation of that section. 622

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 623  
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 624  
of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 625  
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 626  
violation of that section. 627

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who violates 628  
division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 629  
not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 630

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 631  
of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 632  
dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating division 633  
(I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the contract 634  
awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall be 635  
rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 636

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 637  
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 of 638

the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 639  
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person 640  
who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 641  
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 642

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 643  
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 644  
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 645  
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 646  
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of the 647  
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 648

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 649  
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 650

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 651  
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 652  
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 653

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 654  
declaration of no limits under division (D)(2) of section 3517.103 655  
of the Revised Code that, before filing that declaration, accepts 656  
a contribution or contributions that exceed the limitations 657  
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, shall return 658  
that contribution or those contributions to the contributor. 659

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration 660  
of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 661  
3517.109 or the declaration of primary-day finances or declaration 662  
of year-end finances required by division (E) of section 3517.1010 663  
of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each 664  
day of violation. 665

(Y) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess 666  
funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of 667  
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by 668  
division (C) of that section or under division (B) of section 669

3517.1010 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division 670  
(C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for 671  
deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under 672  
division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code all funds not 673  
disposed of pursuant to those divisions. 674

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 675  
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 676  
fund, political party, or other entity that violates any provision 677  
of sections 3517.09 to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no 678  
penalty is provided for under any other division of this section 679  
shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 680

(AA)(1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(1) of section 681  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 682  
three times the amount contributed, expended, or promised in 683  
violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever 684  
amount is greater. 685

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(2) of section 686  
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 687  
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of that 688  
division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater. 689

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 690  
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than 691  
ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand dollars for 692  
each day of violation. 693

(CC)(1) Subject to division (CC)(2) of this section, whoever 694  
violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code 695  
shall be fined an amount up to three times the amount disbursed 696  
for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation 697  
of that division. 698

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections commission 699  
or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease making 700

communications in violation of division (H) of section 3517.1011 701  
of the Revised Code who again violates that division shall be 702  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount disbursed for the 703  
direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that 704  
division. 705

(DD)(1) Any corporation or labor organization that violates 706  
division (X)(3)(a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 707  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount given in excess of 708  
the amount permitted by that division. 709

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 710  
division (X)(3)(b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 711  
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 712  
of the amount permitted by that division. 713

(EE)(1) Whoever violates division (AA)(1) of section 3517.13 714  
of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 715  
the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that 716  
division. 717

(2) Whoever violates division (AA)(2) of section 3517.13 of 718  
the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 719  
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 720  
division. 721

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3517.13 and 3517.992 of the 722  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 723