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To amend sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 1
3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 2
of the Revised Code to permit domestic 3
corporations and labor organizations to make 4
independent expenditures and electioneering 5
communications in support of or opposition to 6
candidates for nomination or election, to require 7
a domestic corporation or labor organization that 8
makes such expenditures to file related campaign 9
finance statements, to require reporting of 10
independent expenditures only for expenditures of 11
five hundred dollars or more, to require 12
independent expenditures of ten thousand dollars 13
or more to be reported as electioneering 14
communications, and to revise the definition of a 15
political action committee for the purpose of the 16
Campaign Finance Law. 17

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

Section 1. That sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 3517.1011, 18

3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3517.01. (A)(1) A political party within the meaning of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that, at the most recent regular state election, polled for its candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors at least five per cent of the entire vote cast for that office or that filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to any election in which it received less than five per cent of that vote, a petition signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent election, declaring their intention of organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding primary election, held in even-numbered years, that occurs more than one hundred twenty days after the date of filing. No such group of electors shall assume a name or designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election. If any political party fails to cast five per cent of the total vote cast at an election for the office of governor or president, it shall cease to be a political party.

(2) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its name.

(B) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate under section

3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive contributions and make 49
expenditures. 50

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by a 51
candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code. 52

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of 53
section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person 54
who, at any time before or after an election, receives 55
contributions or makes expenditures or other use of contributions, 56
has given consent for another to receive contributions or make 57
expenditures or other use of contributions, or appoints a campaign 58
treasurer, for the purpose of bringing about the person's 59
nomination or election to public office. When two persons jointly 60
seek the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, "candidate" 61
means the pair of candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include 62
candidates for election to the offices of member of a county or 63
state central committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a 64
national convention or conference of a political party. 65

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other than 66
a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, 67
political contributing entity, or labor organization, that is 68
intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary purpose 69
other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, political 70
parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a regular basis 71
throughout the year. "Continuing association" includes 72
organizations that are determined to be not organized for profit 73
under subsection 501 and that are described in subsection 74
501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. 75

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness 76
of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds 77
or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter 78
vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment 79
by any person other than the person to whom the services are 80

rendered for the personal services of another person, which 81
contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of 82
influencing the results of an election. Any loan, gift, deposit, 83
forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or 84
transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer of 85
funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's 86
estate, and the payment by any campaign committee, political 87
action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, 88
political contributing entity, or person other than the person to 89
whom the services are rendered for the personal services of 90
another person, that is made, received, or used by a state or 91
county political party, other than moneys a state or county 92
political party receives from the Ohio political party fund 93
pursuant to section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and the moneys a 94
state or county political party may receive under sections 95
3517.101, 3517.1012, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be 96
considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 97
3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement 98
of contributions filed under that section. 99

"Contribution" does not include any of the following: 100

(a) Services provided without compensation by individuals 101
volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person; 102

(b) Ordinary home hospitality; 103

(c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that 104
volunteer campaign worker; 105

(d) Any gift given to a state or county political party 106
pursuant to section 3517.101 of the Revised Code. As used in 107
division (B)(5)(d) of this section, "political party" means only a 108
major political party; 109

(e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of the 110
Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the direct 111

costs of producing or airing an electioneering communication; 112

(f) Any gift given to a state or county political party for 113
the party's restricted fund under division (A)(2) of section 114
3517.1012 of the Revised Code; 115

(g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit in 116
a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. 117
As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same meaning as 118
in that section. 119

(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a 120
contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an 121
election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) of 122
section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use of a 123
contribution by a state or county political party is an 124
expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the 125
purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made as 126
a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the 127
Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of expenditures 128
filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. ~~During the thirty 129
days preceding a primary or general election, any disbursement to 130
pay the direct costs of producing or airing a broadcast, cable, or 131
satellite communication that refers to a clearly identified 132
candidate shall be considered to be made for the purpose of 133
influencing the results of that election and shall be reported as 134
an expenditure or as an independent expenditure under section 135
3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised Code, as applicable, except 136
that the information required to be reported regarding 137
contributors for those expenditures or independent expenditures 138
shall be the same as the information required to be reported under 139
divisions (D)(1) and (2) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 140~~

~~As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite 141
communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" have 142
the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 143~~

(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, 144
ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal 145
motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone. 146

(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of two 147
or more persons, that has more than two thousand five hundred 148
dollars in its treasury and makes aggregate total contributions 149
and expenditures of one thousand dollars or more per calendar 150
year, and the primary or major purpose of which is to support or 151
oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or to influence 152
the result of any election through express advocacy, and that is 153
not a political party, a campaign committee, a political 154
contributing entity, or a legislative campaign fund. "Political 155
action committee" does not include ~~either of the following:~~ 156

~~(a) A~~ a continuing association that makes disbursements for 157
the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering 158
communications and that does not engage in express advocacy. 159

~~(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social~~ 160
~~purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has~~ 161
~~officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five~~ 162
~~hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an~~ 163
~~aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per~~ 164
~~calendar year.~~ 165

(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, 166
township, or district office, except an office of a political 167
party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United 168
States senator and representative. 169

(10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in section 170
1.03 of the Revised Code. 171

(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a 172
public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund 173
exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or 174

public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign fund 175
exists. 176

(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, including 177
contributions. 178

(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as in 179
section 102.01 of the Revised Code. 180

(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of 181
representatives or all of the members of the senate of the general 182
assembly who are members of the same political party. 183

(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is 184
established as an auxiliary of a state political party and 185
associated with one of the houses of the general assembly. 186

(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other 187
than money that is used to influence the results of an election or 188
is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a 189
candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 190
political party, political action committee, or political 191
contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in 192
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request 193
or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, fund, party, 194
or entity. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or 195
republication, in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any 196
written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared by 197
the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their 198
authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and 199
an expenditure by the candidate. 200

(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a 201
person advocating the election or defeat of an identified 202
candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in 203
coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request 204
or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the campaign 205

committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As used in 206
division (B)(17) of this section: 207

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, unincorporated 208
business organization or association, political action committee, 209
political contributing entity, separate segregated fund, 210
association, corporation, labor organization, or other 211
organization or group of persons, ~~but not a labor organization or~~ 212
~~a corporation unless the labor organization or corporation is a~~ 213
~~political contributing entity.~~ 214

(b) "Advocating" means any communication containing a message 215
advocating election or defeat. 216

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the 217
candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate 218
appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent by 219
unambiguous reference. 220

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, 221
or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the campaign 222
committee or agent of the candidate" means made pursuant to any 223
arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate, the 224
candidate's campaign committee, or the candidate's agent prior to 225
the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the 226
communication. An expenditure is presumed to be so made when it is 227
any of the following: 228

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, 229
projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure 230
by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or 231
agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made; 232

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, 233
authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an 234
officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has 235
been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the 236

candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent;	237
(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct voter registration or voter education efforts.	238 239 240 241
(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, or means any person who has been placed in a position with the candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expenditures.	242 243 244 245 246 247 248
(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide organization in which employees participate and that exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.	249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257
(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act.	258 259
(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et seq., as amended.	260 261 262
(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code.	263 264 265
(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.	266 267

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that contains 268
express words advocating the nomination, election, or defeat of a 269
candidate or that contains express words advocating the adoption 270
or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by a final 271
judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. 272

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in section 273
3517.1011 of the Revised Code. 274

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, 275
including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully 276
make contributions and expenditures and that is not an individual 277
or a political action committee, continuing association, campaign 278
committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, designated 279
state campaign committee, or state candidate fund. For purposes of 280
this division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of 281
the Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of 282
competent jurisdiction. 283

Sec. 3517.105. (A)(1) As used in this section, "public 284
political advertising" means advertising to the general public 285
through a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, poster, yard 286
sign, or outdoor advertising facility, by direct mail, or by any 287
other means of advertising to the general public. 288

(2) For purposes of this section and section 3517.20 of the 289
Revised Code, a person is a member of a political action committee 290
if the person makes one or more contributions to that political 291
action committee, and a person is a member of a political 292
contributing entity if the person makes one or more contributions 293
to, or pays dues, membership fees, or other assessments to, that 294
political contributing entity. 295

(B)(1) Whenever a candidate, a campaign committee, a 296
political action committee or political contributing entity with 297
ten or more members, a corporation, a labor organization, or a 298

legislative campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, or 299
whenever a political action committee or political contributing 300
entity with fewer than ten members makes an independent 301
expenditure ~~in excess of one hundred dollars for a local~~ 302
~~candidate, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars for a candidate~~ 303
~~for the office of member of the general assembly, or in excess of~~ 304
five hundred dollars ~~for a statewide candidate, or more~~ for the 305
purpose of financing communications advocating the election or 306
defeat of an identified candidate or solicits without the 307
candidate's express consent a contribution for or against an 308
identified candidate through public political advertising, a 309
statement shall appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous 310
manner in the advertising that does both of the following: 311

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 312
political advertising is not authorized by the candidate or the 313
candidate's campaign committee; 314

(b) Clearly identifies the candidate, campaign committee, 315
political action committee, political contributing entity, 316
corporation, labor organization, or legislative campaign fund that 317
has paid for the communication or public political advertising in 318
accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised Code. 319

(2)(a) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B)(2)(c) of this 320
section, whenever any campaign committee, legislative campaign 321
fund, political action committee, political contributing entity, 322
or political party makes an independent expenditure of five 323
hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 324
candidate, the committee, entity, fund, or party shall report the 325
independent expenditure and identify the candidate on a statement 326
prescribed by the secretary of state and filed by the committee, 327
entity, fund, or party as part of its statement of contributions 328
and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 3517.10 and 329
division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 330

(b) ~~Whenever~~ Subject to division (B)(2)(c) of this section, 331
whenever any individual, partnership, corporation, labor 332
organization, or other entity, except a ~~corporation, labor~~ 333
~~organization,~~ campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 334
political action committee, political contributing entity, or 335
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures of 336
five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 337
candidate, the individual, partnership, corporation, labor 338
organization, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 339
state in the case of a statewide candidate, or with the board of 340
elections in the county in which the candidate files the 341
candidate's petitions for nomination or election for district or 342
local office, not later than the dates specified in divisions 343
(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 344
and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a statement 345
itemizing all independent expenditures made during the period 346
since the close of business on the last day reflected in the last 347
previously filed such statement, if any. The statement shall be 348
made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or shall be 349
filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to division (G) 350
of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized or required 351
by that division. The statement shall indicate the date and the 352
amount of each independent expenditure and the candidate on whose 353
behalf it was made and shall be made under penalty of election 354
falsification. 355

(c) Any independent expenditure of ten thousand dollars or 356
more in support of or opposition to any candidate that is made 357
during the period beginning on the ninetieth day before the 358
primary election and ending on the day of the general election 359
shall be deemed an electioneering communication for the purpose of 360
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code and shall be reported in 361
accordance with the requirements of that section. 362

(d) If a corporation or labor organization files a statement 363
under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, the statement 364
also shall identify the source of any amounts the corporation or 365
labor organization received during the period since the close of 366
business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed 367
such statement that, in the aggregate, exceed five thousand 368
dollars and that were not received in the ordinary course of 369
business and were not received in exchange for goods and services 370
provided by the corporation or labor organization. 371

(C)(1) Whenever a corporation, labor organization, campaign 372
committee, political action committee with ten or more members, or 373
legislative campaign fund makes an independent expenditure, or 374
whenever a political action committee with fewer than ten members 375
makes an independent expenditure ~~in excess of one hundred dollars~~ 376
~~for a local ballot issue or question, or in excess of five hundred~~ 377
~~dollars for a statewide ballot issue or question, or more~~ for the 378
purpose of financing communications advocating support of or 379
opposition to an identified ballot issue or question or solicits 380
without the express consent of the ballot issue committee a 381
contribution for or against an identified ballot issue or question 382
through public political advertising, a statement shall appear or 383
be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner in the advertising 384
that does both of the following: 385

(a) Clearly indicates that the communication or public 386
political advertising is not authorized by the identified ballot 387
issue committee; 388

(b) Clearly identifies the corporation, labor organization, 389
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action 390
committee that has paid for the communication or public political 391
advertising in accordance with section 3517.20 of the Revised 392
Code. 393

(2)(a) Whenever any corporation, labor organization, campaign 394

committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 395
political action committee makes an independent expenditure of 396
five hundred dollars or more in support of or opposition to any 397
ballot issue or question, the corporation or labor organization 398
shall report the independent expenditure in accordance with 399
division (C) of section 3599.03 of the Revised Code, and the 400
campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or 401
political action committee shall report the independent 402
expenditure and identify the ballot issue or question on a 403
statement prescribed by the secretary of state and filed by the 404
committee, fund, or party as part of its statement of 405
contributions and expenditures pursuant to division (A) of section 406
3517.10 and division (A) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. 407

(b) Whenever any individual, partnership, or other entity, 408
except a corporation, labor organization, campaign committee, 409
legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or 410
political party, makes one or more independent expenditures ~~in~~ 411
~~excess of one~~ of five hundred dollars or more in support of or 412
opposition to any ballot issue or question, the individual, 413
partnership, or other entity shall file with the secretary of 414
state in the case of a statewide ballot issue or question, or with 415
the board of elections in the county that certifies the issue or 416
question for placement on the ballot in the case of a district or 417
local issue or question, not later than the dates specified in 418
divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 3517.10 of the 419
Revised Code, and, except as otherwise provided in that section, a 420
statement itemizing all independent expenditures made during the 421
period since the close of business on the last day reflected in 422
the last previously filed such statement, if any. The statement 423
shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state or 424
shall be filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to 425
division (G) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code as authorized 426
or required by that division. The statement shall indicate the 427

date and the amount of each independent expenditure and the ballot 428
issue or question in support of or opposition to which it was made 429
and shall be made under penalty of election falsification. 430

(3) No person, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, 431
political action committee, corporation, labor organization, or 432
other organization or association shall use or cause to be used a 433
false or fictitious name in making an independent expenditure in 434
support of or opposition to any candidate or any ballot issue or 435
question. A name is false or fictitious if the person, campaign 436
committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, 437
corporation, labor organization, or other organization or 438
association does not actually exist or operate, if the 439
corporation, labor organization, or other organization or 440
association has failed to file a fictitious name or other 441
registration with the secretary of state, if it is required to do 442
so, or if the person, campaign committee, legislative campaign 443
fund, or political action committee has failed to file a 444
designation of the appointment of a treasurer, if it is required 445
to do so by division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 446
Code. 447

(D) Any expenditure by a political party for the purpose of 448
financing communications advocating the election or defeat of a 449
candidate for judicial office shall be deemed to be an independent 450
expenditure subject to the provisions of this section. 451

Sec. 3517.1011. (A) As used in this section: 452

(1) "Address" has the same meaning as in section 3517.10 of 453
the Revised Code. 454

(2) "Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" means a 455
communication that is publicly distributed by a television 456
station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite 457
system. 458

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. 459
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(4) "Contribution" means any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, that is made, received, or used to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications. 461
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(5)(a) "Coordinated electioneering communication" means any electioneering communication that is made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee prior to the airing, broadcasting, or cablecasting of the communication. An electioneering communication is presumed to be a "coordinated electioneering communication" when it is either of the following: 469
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(i) Based on information about a candidate's plans, projects, or needs provided to the person making the disbursement by the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, by an officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, or by a former officer, former agent, former employee, or former consultant of the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, with a view toward having the communication made; 480
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(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, authorized to raise or expend funds on behalf of a candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, who is, or has been, an 488
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officer, agent, employee, or consultant of the candidate or of the 491
candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, receiving 492
any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate or 493
the candidate's campaign committee or from an officer, agent, 494
employee, or consultant of the candidate or of the candidate's 495
campaign committee. 496

(b) An electioneering communication shall not be presumed to 497
be a "coordinated electioneering communication" under division 498
(A)(5)(a)(ii) of this section if the communication is made through 499
any person who provides a service that does not affect the content 500
of the communication, such as communications placed through the 501
efforts of a media buyer, unless that person also affects the 502
content of the communication. 503

(6) "Disclosure date" means both of the following: 504

(a) The first date during any calendar year by which a person 505
makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 506
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten 507
thousand dollars; 508

(b) The same day of the week of each remaining week in the 509
same calendar year as the day of the week of the initial 510
disclosure date established under division (A)(6)(a) of this 511
section, if, during that remaining week, the person makes 512
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing 513
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of one dollar. 514

(7)(a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, 515
cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly 516
identified candidate and that is made during either of the 517
following periods of time: 518

(i) If the person becomes a candidate before the day of the 519
primary election at which candidates will be nominated for 520
election to that office, between the date that the person becomes 521

a candidate and the thirtieth day prior to that primary election, 522
and between the date of the primary election and the thirtieth day 523
prior to the general election at which a candidate will be elected 524
to that office; 525

(ii) If the person becomes a candidate after the day of the 526
primary election at which candidates were nominated for election 527
to that office, between the date of the primary election and the 528
thirtieth day prior to the general election at which a candidate 529
will be elected to that office. 530

(b) "Electioneering communication" does not include any of 531
the following: 532

(i) A communication that is publicly disseminated through a 533
means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or satellite 534
television or radio station. For example, "electioneering 535
communication" does not include communications appearing in print 536
media, including a newspaper or magazine, handbill, brochure, 537
bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, billboard, and other written 538
materials, including mailings; communications over the internet, 539
including electronic mail; or telephone communications. 540

(ii) A communication that appears in a news story, 541
commentary, public service announcement, bona fide news 542
programming, or editorial distributed through the facilities of 543
any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, 544
unless those facilities are owned or controlled by any political 545
party, political committee, or candidate; 546

(iii) A communication that constitutes an expenditure or an 547
independent expenditure under section 3517.01 of the Revised Code; 548

(iv) A communication that constitutes a candidate debate or 549
forum or that solely promotes a candidate debate or forum and is 550
made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum. 551

(8) "Filing date" has the same meaning as in section 3517.109 552

of the Revised Code.	553
(9) "Immigration and Nationality Act" means the Immigration and Nationality Act, 110 Stat. 309 (1996), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as amended.	554 555 556
(10) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any political organization considered exempt from income taxation under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.	557 558 559 560
(11) "Political committee" means any of the following:	561
(a) Any committee, club, association, or other group of persons that receives contributions aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year or that makes expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year;	562 563 564 565 566
(b) Any separate segregated fund;	567
(c) Any state, county, or local committee of a political party that does any of the following:	568 569
(i) Receives contributions aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	570 571
(ii) Makes payments that do not constitute contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of five thousand dollars during a calendar year;	572 573 574
(iii) Makes contributions or expenditures aggregating in excess of one thousand dollars during a calendar year.	575 576
(12) "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast, or otherwise disseminated for a fee.	577 578
(13) "Refers to a clearly identified candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference to the person such as "the chief justice,"	579 580 581 582

"the governor," "member of the Ohio senate," "member of the Ohio
house of representatives," "county auditor," "mayor," or "township
trustee" or through an unambiguous reference to the person's
status as a candidate.

(B) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be
considered to have made a disbursement if the person has entered
into a contract to make the disbursement.

(C) Any person intending to make a disbursement or
disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing
electioneering communications, prior to making the first
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing an
electioneering communication, shall file a notice with the office
of the secretary of state that the person is intending to make
such disbursements.

(D)(1) Every person that makes a disbursement or
disbursements for the direct costs of producing and airing
electioneering communications aggregating in excess of ten
thousand dollars during any calendar year shall file, within
twenty-four hours of each disclosure date, a disclosure of
electioneering communications statement containing the following
information:

(a) The full name and address of the person making the
disbursement, of any person sharing or exercising direction or
control over the activities of the person making the disbursement,
and of the custodian of the books and accounts of the person
making the disbursement;

(b) The principal place of business of the person making the
disbursement, if not an individual;

(c) The amount of each disbursement of more than one dollar
during the period covered by the statement and the identity of the
person to whom the disbursement was made;

(d) The nominations or elections to which the electioneering 614
communications pertain and the names, if known, of the candidates 615
identified or to be identified; 616

(e) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated bank 617
account that consists of funds contributed solely by individuals 618
who are United States citizens or nationals or lawfully admitted 619
for permanent residence as defined in section 101(a)(20) of the 620
Immigration and Nationality Act directly to the account for 621
electioneering communications, the information specified in 622
division (D)(2) of this section for all contributors who 623
contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred dollars or more to 624
the segregated bank account and whose contributions were used for 625
making the disbursement or disbursements required to be reported 626
under division (D) of this section during the period covered by 627
the statement. Nothing in this division prohibits or shall be 628
construed to prohibit the use of funds in such a segregated bank 629
account for a purpose other than electioneering communications. 630

(f) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not described 631
in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, the information specified 632
in division (D)(2) of this section for all contributors who 633
contributed an aggregate amount of two hundred dollars or more to 634
the person making the disbursement and whose contributions were 635
used for making the disbursement or disbursements required to be 636
reported under division (D) of this section during the period 637
covered by the statement. 638

(2) For each contributor for which information is required to 639
be reported under division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, all 640
of the following shall be reported: 641

(a) The month, day, and year that the contributor made the 642
contribution or contributions aggregating two hundred dollars or 643
more; 644

(b)(i) The full name and address of the contributor, and, if the contributor is a political action committee, the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code;

(ii) If the contributor is an individual, the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any;

(iii) If the contribution is transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of two or more employees that exceed in the aggregate one hundred dollars during the period specified in division (D)(1)(e) or (f) of this section, as applicable, the full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization of which the employees are members, if any.

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

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

(3) Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of section 3517.10 and division (H)(1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a person shall file the disclosure of electioneering communications statement prescribed under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state.

Within five business days after the secretary of state receives a disclosure of electioneering communications statement under this division, the secretary of state shall make available online to the public through the internet, as provided in division (I) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the contribution and

disbursement information in that statement. 676

If a filed disclosure of electioneering communications 677
statement is found to be incomplete or inaccurate after its 678
examination for completeness and accuracy pursuant to division 679
(B)(3)(a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code, the person shall 680
file by electronic means of transmission to the office of the 681
secretary of state any addendum, amendment, or other correction to 682
the statement that provides the information necessary to complete 683
or correct the statement or, if required by the secretary of state 684
under that division, an amended statement. 685

Within five business days after the secretary of state 686
receives an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a 687
disclosure of electioneering communications statement or an 688
amended statement by electronic means of transmission under this 689
division or division (B)(3)(a) of section 3517.11 of the Revised 690
Code, the secretary of state shall make the contribution and 691
disbursement information in the addendum, amendment, or other 692
correction to the statement or amended statement available online 693
to the public through the internet as provided in division (I) of 694
section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. 695

(E)(1) Any person who makes a contribution for the purpose of 696
funding the direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 697
communication under this section shall provide the person's full 698
name and address to the recipient of the contribution at the time 699
the contribution is made. 700

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution or contributions 701
aggregating two hundred dollars or more for the purpose of funding 702
the direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering 703
communication under this section shall provide the name of the 704
individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is 705
self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the 706
individual's business, if any, to the recipient of the 707

contribution at the time the contribution is made. 708

(F) In each electioneering communication, a statement shall 709
appear or be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner that does 710
both of the following: 711

(1) Clearly indicates that the electioneering communication 712
is not authorized by the candidate or the candidate's campaign 713
committee; 714

(2) Clearly identifies the person making the disbursement for 715
the electioneering communication in accordance with section 716
3517.20 of the Revised Code. 717

(G) Any coordinated electioneering communication is an 718
in-kind contribution, subject to the applicable contribution 719
limits prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, to the 720
candidate by the person making disbursements to pay the direct 721
costs of producing or airing the communication. 722

~~(H) No person shall make, during the thirty days preceding a 723
primary election or during the thirty days preceding a general 724
election, any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that 725
refers to a clearly identified candidate using any contributions 726
received from a corporation or labor organization. 727~~

Sec. 3517.13. (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide 728
candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement 729
required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised 730
Code. 731

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail 732
to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign 733
committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office 734
of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to 735
file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as 736
required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. 737

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership or 768
other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is 769
reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other 770
unincorporated business and the name of the partner or owner 771
making the contribution as required under division (I) of section 772
3517.10 of the Revised Code. 773

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's spouse's 774
name or in both of their names. 775

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or 776
other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for political 777
advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person would charge 778
if the campaign committee were a general rate advertiser whose 779
advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same 780
area as that encompassed by the particular office that the 781
candidate of the campaign committee is seeking. The rate shall 782
take into account the amount of space used, as well as the type of 783
advertising copy submitted by or on behalf of the campaign 784
committee. All discount privileges otherwise offered by a 785
newspaper or periodical to general rate advertisers shall be 786
available upon equal terms to all campaign committees. 787

No person within this state, operating a radio or television 788
station or network of stations in this state, shall charge a 789
campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that exceeds: 790

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a 791
primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of a 792
general or special election in which the candidate of the campaign 793
committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of the station 794
for the same class and amount of time for the same period; 795

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use of 796
that station by its other users. 797

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 798

section, no agency or department of this state or any political 799
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 800
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 801
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 802
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 803
hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, 804
including, without limitation, a professional association 805
organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or 806
trust if the individual has made or the individual's spouse has 807
made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or 808
trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as an individual, 809
within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions 810
totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the 811
public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the 812
contract or to the public officer's campaign committee. 813

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this 814
section, no agency or department of this state or any political 815
subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by 816
competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or 817
which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more 818
than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five 819
hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a 820
professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the 821
Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the 822
corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has 823
made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, 824
taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one 825
or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars 826
to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility 827
for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign 828
committee. 829

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if 830

a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is 831
appointed by the governor, whether or not the appointment is 832
subject to the advice and consent of the senate, excluding members 833
of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards 834
of trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the 835
governor, the office of the governor is considered to have 836
ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract. 837

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if 838
a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is 839
appointed by the elected chief executive officer of a municipal 840
corporation, or appointed by the elected chief executive officer 841
of a county operating under an alternative form of county 842
government or county charter, excluding members of boards, 843
commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of 844
trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the 845
chief executive officer, the office of the chief executive officer 846
is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the 847
contract. 848

(M)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 849
contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the sinking 850
fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of education, 851
boards of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, or 852
other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, 853
boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities created 854
by law, by the supreme court or courts of appeals, by county 855
courts consisting of more than one judge, courts of common pleas 856
consisting of more than one judge, or municipal courts consisting 857
of more than one judge, or by a division of any court if the 858
division consists of more than one judge. This division shall 859
apply to the specified entity only if the members of the entity 860
act collectively in the award of a contract for goods or services. 861

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 862

actions of the controlling board. 863

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to 864
contributions made to the holder of a public office having 865
ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the 866
public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person 867
holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate 868
for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions made 869
to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or holder of 870
the office other than the holder of the office at the time of the 871
award of the contract. 872

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to 873
contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, 874
trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or 875
business trust made before the person held any of those positions 876
or after the person ceased to hold any of those positions in the 877
partnership, association, estate, trust, corporation, or business 878
trust whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being 879
determined, nor to contributions of the person's spouse made 880
before the person held any of those positions, after the person 881
ceased to hold any of those positions, before the two were 882
married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of 883
marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an 884
action brought solely for legal separation. Those divisions do not 885
apply to contributions of the spouse of an individual whose 886
eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined made 887
before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of 888
divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the 889
granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal 890
separation. 891

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall 892
convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a 893
beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the 894

beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of 895
value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without 896
limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary 897
personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the 898
following: 899

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses 900
incurred by the beneficiary; 901

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 902
expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as 903
the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, 904
expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or 905
bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public 906
office would normally be expected; 907

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior 908
expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the 909
following: 910

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a 911
candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot 912
issue; 913

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action 914
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 915
fund, campaign committee, or other candidate; 916

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, 917
political action committee, political contributing entity, 918
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee; 919

(d) Attending a political party convention or other political 920
meeting. 921

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 922
whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to 923
make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit 924

procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account. 925

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept, 926
and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a 927
campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of 928
this section to the extent that the expense previously was 929
reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is 930
reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or 931
reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the 932
beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division 933
(O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or 934
reimbursement received from the other source. 935

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept 936
for personal or business use anything of value from a political 937
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 938
legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the 939
candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign 940
committee, and no person shall knowingly give to a candidate or 941
public official or employee anything of value from a political 942
party, political action committee, political contributing entity, 943
legislative campaign fund, or such a campaign committee, except 944
for the following: 945

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary and 946
necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law incurred 947
by the candidate or public official or employee while engaged in 948
any legitimate activity of the political party, political action 949
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 950
fund, or such campaign committee. Without limitation, reimbursable 951
expenses under this division include those incurred while doing 952
any of the following: 953

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to 954
another candidate, political party, or ballot issue; 955

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative campaign 956
fund, campaign committee, or another candidate; 957

(c) Attending a political party convention or other political 958
meeting. 959

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for actual 960
and valuable personal services rendered under a written contract 961
to the political party, political action committee, political 962
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign 963
committee for any legitimate activity of the political party, 964
political action committee, political contributing entity, 965
legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. 966

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, and 967
it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public 968
official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly 969
give to a candidate or public official or employee from a 970
political party, political action committee, political 971
contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign 972
committee other than the candidate's or public official's or 973
employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for 974
activities primarily related to the candidate's or public 975
official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for 976
contributions to the candidate's or public official's or 977
employee's campaign committee. 978

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred 979
whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either 980
made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a 981
credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or 982
services on account. 983

(R)(1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not prohibit 984
a campaign committee from making direct advance or post payment 985
from contributions to vendors for goods and services for which 986

reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this section, 987
except that no campaign committee shall pay its candidate or other 988
beneficiary for services personally performed by the candidate or 989
other beneficiary. 990

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division (O), 991
(P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that may not 992
be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types of expenses 993
for the purpose of allocating for payment or reimbursement those 994
expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may be by any reasonable 995
accounting method, considering all of the surrounding 996
circumstances. 997

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this 998
section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that allowed 999
by the internal revenue service at the time the travel occurs may 1000
be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel expenses 1001
allowable. 1002

(S)(1) As used in division (S) of this section: 1003

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in 1004
section 3517.092 of the Revised Code. 1005

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the 1006
Federal Election Campaign Act. 1007

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign 1008
committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal 1009
Election Campaign Act. 1010

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office 1011
and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal 1012
office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's 1013
federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the 1014
federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate 1015
for state elective office. 1016

(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, disbursement for the direct costs of producing and airing electioneering communications, or independent expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a

contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1047
producing and airing electioneering communications, or independent 1048
expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate for any 1049
elective office in this state, including an office of a political 1050
party. 1051

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action 1052
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1053
fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate 1054
segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, 1055
expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of producing and 1056
airing electioneering communications, or independent expenditure 1057
from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any 1058
candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a 1059
contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1060
producing and airing electioneering communications, or independent 1061
expenditure in violation of this division to return the 1062
contribution, expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of 1063
producing and airing electioneering communications, or independent 1064
expenditure or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, 1065
expenditure, disbursement for the direct costs of producing and 1066
airing electioneering communications, or independent expenditure, 1067
then to return instead the value of it, to the contributor. 1068

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign 1069
national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the 1070
Federal Election Campaign Act. 1071

(X)(1) No state or county political party shall transfer any 1072
moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the political 1073
party into which contributions may be made or from which 1074
contributions or expenditures may be made. 1075

(2)(a) No state or county political party shall deposit a 1076
contribution or contributions that it receives into its restricted 1077
fund. 1078

(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 gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor organization in a calendar year.

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

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

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

campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or 1110
lieutenant governor. 1111

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the 1112
employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct 1113
business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by 1114
competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than 1115
five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred 1116
dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional 1117
association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if 1118
an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or 1119
business trust, or the spouse of the owner, has made, as an 1120
individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into 1121
consideration only owners for all of such period, one or more 1122
contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the 1123
campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to 1124
the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor 1125
or lieutenant governor. 1126

(AA)(1) No foreign corporation shall make an independent 1127
expenditure, make a disbursement for the direct costs of producing 1128
and airing electioneering communications, or make a contribution 1129
to another entity for the purpose of funding the direct costs of 1130
producing and airing electioneering communications. 1131

(2) For the purpose of division (AA) of this section, the 1132
determination of whether a corporation is a foreign corporation 1133
shall be made as of the date the independent expenditure, 1134
disbursement for the direct costs of producing or airing 1135
electioneering communications, or contribution to another entity 1136
for the purpose of funding the direct costs of producing or airing 1137
electioneering communications is made. 1138

(3) As used in division (AA) of this section, "foreign 1139
corporation" has the same meaning as defined by section 7701 of 1140
the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 7701. 1141

Sec. 3517.992. This section establishes penalties only with 1142
respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after August 1143
24, 1995. 1144

(A)(1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates division 1145
(A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, 1146
or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates any of those 1147
divisions, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for 1148
each day of violation. 1149

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X)(5) of section 1150
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one 1151
hundred dollars for each day of violation. 1152

(B) A political party that violates division (F)(1) of 1153
section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than 1154
one hundred dollars for each day of violation. 1155

(C) Whoever violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.101 or 1156
division (G) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1157
not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person 1158
who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the 1159
nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or 1160
both. 1161

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the 1162
Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount 1163
contributed. 1164

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the 1165
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. 1166

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 1167
3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1168
first degree. 1169

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that 1170
violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code 1171

shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure. 1172
1173

(H) A state or county political party that violates division 1174
(G) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not 1175
more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use. 1176

(I)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section 1177
3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the 1178
individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount 1179
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 1180
amount permitted by that division. 1181

(2) Any political action committee that violates division 1182
(B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1183
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 1184
the amount permitted by that division. 1185

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or 1186
(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1187
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 1188
the amount permitted by that division. 1189

(4)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1190
(B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1191
amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed 1192
in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable. 1193

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or 1194
state candidate fund of a state political party or county 1195
political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 1196
of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times 1197
the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount 1198
permitted by that division, as applicable. 1199

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates division 1200
(B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1201
amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of 1202

the amount permitted by that division. 1203

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of 1204
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1205
equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the 1206
amount permitted by that division. 1207

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) 1208
of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3517.102 1209
of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 1210
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 1211
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by 1212
that division meets either of the following conditions: 1213

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 1214
it is accepted. 1215

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 1216
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 1217
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 1218
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 1219
has been received. 1220

(J)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C)(1), 1221
(2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 1222
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 1223
of the amount permitted by that division. 1224

(2)(a) Any county political party that violates division 1225
(C)(4)(a)(ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code 1226
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted. 1227

(b) Any county political party that violates division 1228
(C)(4)(a)(i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be 1229
fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times 1230
the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1231
division. 1232

(c) Any state political party that violates division 1233
(C)(4)(b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1234
an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the 1235
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1236
division. 1237

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1238
(C)(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an 1239
amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the 1240
amount permitted by that division. 1241

(4) Any political action committee or political contributing 1242
entity that violates division (C)(7) of section 3517.102 of the 1243
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 1244
amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that 1245
division. 1246

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of 1247
this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 of 1248
the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not 1249
refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount 1250
transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to be 1251
accepted by that division meets either of the following 1252
conditions: 1253

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after 1254
its acceptance. 1255

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business 1256
day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or 1257
contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state 1258
that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount 1259
has been received. 1260

(K)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1261
(F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1262
twenty-five dollars for each day of violation. 1263

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division 1264
(F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the 1265
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 1266
credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess 1267
contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of 1268
section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. 1269

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code 1270
shall be fined one thousand dollars. 1271

(M)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of 1272
section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of 1273
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1274

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of 1275
division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall 1276
be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in 1277
violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the 1278
contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a 1279
contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 1280
3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any 1281
amount so accepted. 1282

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the 1283
Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the 1284
amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets 1285
transferred in violation of that division. 1286

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or 1287
contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised 1288
Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails 1289
to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section 1290
shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted, 1291
used, or kept in violation of that section. 1292

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative 1293
candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) 1294

of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount 1295
equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in 1296
violation of that section. 1297

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who violates 1298
division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined 1299
not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 1300

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 1301
of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand 1302
dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating division 1303
(I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the contract 1304
awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall be 1305
rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed. 1306

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 1307
treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 of 1308
the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee 1309
violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person 1310
who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, 1311
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 1312

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a 1313
treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 1314
3517.09 of the Revised Code, or a candidate whose campaign 1315
committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or 1316
another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of the 1317
Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 1318

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code 1319
shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 1320

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the 1321
Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or 1322
fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both. 1323

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a 1324
declaration of no limits under division (D)(2) of section 3517.103 1325

of the Revised Code that, before filing that declaration, accepts 1326
a contribution or contributions that exceed the limitations 1327
prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, shall return 1328
that contribution or those contributions to the contributor. 1329

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration 1330
of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 1331
3517.109 or the declaration of primary-day finances or declaration 1332
of year-end finances required by division (E) of section 3517.1010 1333
of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each 1334
day of violation. 1335

(Y) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess 1336
funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of 1337
section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by 1338
division (C) of that section or under division (B) of section 1339
3517.1010 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division 1340
(C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for 1341
deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under 1342
division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code all funds not 1343
disposed of pursuant to those divisions. 1344

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action 1345
committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign 1346
fund, political party, or other entity that violates any provision 1347
of sections 3517.09 to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no 1348
penalty is provided for under any other division of this section 1349
shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. 1350

(AA)(1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(1) of section 1351
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1352
three times the amount contributed, expended, or promised in 1353
violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever 1354
amount is greater. 1355

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(2) of section 1356

3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1357
three times the amount solicited or accepted in violation of that 1358
division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater. 1359

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of 1360
section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than 1361
ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand dollars for 1362
each day of violation. 1363

~~(CC)(1) Subject to division (CC)(2) of this section, whoever 1364
violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code 1365
shall be fined an amount up to three times the amount disbursed 1366
for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation 1367
of that division. 1368~~

~~(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections commission 1369
or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease making 1370
communications in violation of division (H) of section 3517.1011 1371
of the Revised Code who again violates that division shall be 1372
fined an amount equal to three times the amount disbursed for the 1373
direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that 1374
division. 1375~~

~~(DD)(1) Any corporation or labor organization that violates 1376
division (X)(3)(a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1377
fined an amount equal to three times the amount given in excess of 1378
the amount permitted by that division. 1379~~

(2) Any state or county political party that violates 1380
division (X)(3)(b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be 1381
fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess 1382
of the amount permitted by that division. 1383

(DD) Whoever knowingly violates division (AA)(1) of section 1384
3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to 1385
three times the amount expended, disbursed, or contributed in 1386
violation of that division. 1387

Sec. 3599.03. (A)(1) ~~Except to carry on activities specified~~ 1388
~~in sections 3517.082 and 3517.1011, division (A)(2) of section~~ 1389
~~3517.1012, division (B) of section 3517.1013, and section 3599.031~~ 1390
~~of the Revised Code and except as provided in divisions (D), (E),~~ 1391
~~and (F) of this section, no~~ No corporation, no nonprofit 1392
corporation, and no labor organization, directly or indirectly, 1393
shall pay or use, or offer, advise, consent, or agree to pay or 1394
use, the corporation's money or property, or the labor 1395
organization's money, including dues, initiation fees, or other 1396
assessments paid by members, or property, ~~for or in aid of or~~ 1397
~~opposition to make a contribution~~ to a political party, a 1398
candidate for election or nomination to public office, a political 1399
action committee including a political action committee of the 1400
corporation or labor organization, or a legislative campaign fund, 1401
~~or any organization that supports or opposes any such candidate,~~ 1402
~~or for any partisan political purpose,~~ shall violate any law 1403
requiring the filing of an affidavit or statement respecting such 1404
use of those funds, or shall pay or use the corporation's or labor 1405
organization's money for the expenses of a social fund-raising 1406
event for its political action committee if an employee's or labor 1407
organization member's right to attend such an event is predicated 1408
on the employee's or member's contribution to the corporation's or 1409
labor organization's political action committee. 1410

(2) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of this section shall be 1411
fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand 1412
dollars. 1413

(B)(1) No officer, stockholder, attorney, or agent of a 1414
corporation or nonprofit corporation, no member, including an 1415
officer, attorney, or agent, of a labor organization, and no 1416
candidate, political party official, or other individual shall 1417
knowingly aid, advise, solicit, or receive money or other property 1418
in violation of division (A)(1) of this section. 1419

(2) Whoever violates division (B)(1) of this section shall be 1420
fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more 1421
than one year, or both. 1422

(C)(1) A corporation, a nonprofit corporation, or a labor 1423
organization may use its funds or property to make an independent 1424
expenditure for or in aid of or opposition to a candidate or a 1425
proposed or certified ballot issue. Such use of funds or property 1426
shall be reported on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 1427
Reports 1428

(2) Reports of independent expenditures regarding a candidate 1429
shall be filed under division (B)(2)(b) of section 3517.105 of the 1430
Revised Code. 1431

(3) Reports of contributions in connection with statewide 1432
ballot issues shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports 1433
of contributions in connection with local issues shall be filed 1434
with the board of elections of the most populous county of the 1435
district in which the issue is submitted or to be submitted to the 1436
electors. Reports made pursuant to this division shall be filed by 1437
the times specified in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3517.10 1438
of the Revised Code. 1439

(D)(1) Any gift made pursuant to section 3517.101 of the 1440
Revised Code does not constitute a violation of this section or of 1441
any other section of the Revised Code. 1442

(2) Any gift made pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 1443
3517.1012 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 1444
this section. 1445

(3) Any gift made pursuant to division (B) of section 1446
3517.1013 of the Revised Code does not constitute a violation of 1447
this section. 1448

(E) Any compensation or fees paid by a financial institution 1449
to a state political party for services rendered pursuant to 1450

division (B) of section 3517.19 of the Revised Code do not 1451
constitute a violation of this section or of any other section of 1452
the Revised Code. 1453

(F)(1) ~~The use by a A~~ nonprofit corporation ~~of that uses~~ its 1454
money or property for communicating information for a political 1455
purpose ~~specified in division (A) of this section~~ is not a 1456
~~violation of that division~~ required to report that communication 1457
as an independent expenditure or an electioneering communication 1458
if the stockholders, members, donors, trustees, or officers of the 1459
nonprofit corporation are the predominant recipients of the 1460
communication. 1461

(2) The placement of a campaign sign on the property of a 1462
corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization is not a 1463
~~use of property~~ contribution in violation of division (A) of this 1464
section by that corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor 1465
organization. 1466

(3) ~~The use by a A~~ corporation or labor organization ~~of that~~ 1467
uses its money or property for communicating information for a 1468
political purpose ~~specified in division (A) of this section~~ is not 1469
~~a violation of that division~~ required to report that communication 1470
as an independent expenditure or an electioneering communication 1471
if it is not a communication made by mass broadcast such as radio 1472
or television or made by advertising in a newspaper of general 1473
circulation but is a communication sent exclusively to members, 1474
employees, officers, or trustees of that labor organization or 1475
shareholders, employees, officers, or directors of that 1476
corporation or to members of the immediate families of any such 1477
individuals or if the communication intended to be so sent 1478
exclusively is unintentionally sent as well to a de minimis number 1479
of other individuals. 1480

(G) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of section 1481
4117.10 of the Revised Code that prevail over conflicting 1482

agreements between employee organizations and public employers, 1483
this section prevails over any conflicting provisions of 1484
agreements between labor organizations and public employers that 1485
are entered into on or after ~~the effective date of this section~~ 1486
March 31, 2005, pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 1487

(H) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the 1488
same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 1489

Sec. 5727.61. Every public utility required by law to make 1490
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner under 1491
sections 5727.01 to 5727.62 of the Revised Code shall file 1492
therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 1493
affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 1494
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such public utility has 1495
not, during the preceding year, except as permitted ~~by sections~~ 1496
~~3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the Revised 1497
Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, consented, or 1498
agreed to pay or use any of its money or property ~~for or in aid of~~ 1499
~~or opposition~~ to make a contribution to a political party, a 1500
candidate for election or nomination to public office, ~~or~~ a 1501
political action committee, or legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 1502
~~organization that supports or opposes any such candidate or in any~~ 1503
~~manner used any of its money or property for any partisan~~ 1504
~~political purpose whatever,~~ or for the reimbursement or 1505
indemnification of any person for money or property so used. Such 1506
forms of affidavit as the commissioner prescribes shall be 1507
attached to or made a part of the return, statement, or report 1508
required to be made by such public utility under sections 5727.01 1509
to 5727.62 of the Revised Code. 1510

Sec. 5733.27. Every corporation required by law to make 1511
returns, statements, or reports to the tax commissioner shall file 1512
therewith, in such form as the commissioner prescribes, an 1513

affidavit subscribed and sworn to by a person or officer having 1514
knowledge of the facts setting forth that such corporation has 1515
not, during the preceding year, except as permitted ~~by sections~~ 1516
~~3517.082, 3599.03, and 3599.031~~ under Title XXXV of the Revised 1517
Code, directly or indirectly paid, used or offered, consented, or 1518
agreed to pay or use any of its money or property ~~for or in aid of~~ 1519
~~or opposition~~ to make a contribution to a political party, a 1520
candidate for election or nomination to public office, ~~or~~ a 1521
political action committee, or legislative campaign fund, ~~or~~ 1522
~~organization that supports or opposes any such candidate or in any~~ 1523
~~manner used any of its money or property for any partisan~~ 1524
~~political purpose whatever,~~ or for the reimbursement or 1525
indemnification of any person for money or property so used. Such 1526
forms of affidavit as the commissioner prescribes shall be 1527
attached to or made a part of the return, statement, or report 1528
required to be made by such corporation. 1529

Section 2. That existing sections 3517.01, 3517.105, 1530
3517.1011, 3517.13, 3517.992, 3599.03, 5727.61, and 5733.27 of the 1531
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1532