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To amend section 3505.04 of the Revised Code to place 1
the office of chief justice of the supreme court 2
and justice of the supreme court first and second, 3
respectively, in order on the nonpartisan ballot. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3505.04 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3505.04. On the nonpartisan ballot shall be printed the 7
names of all nonpartisan candidates for election to judicial 8
office, office of member of the state board of education, office 9
of member of a board of education, municipal or township offices 10
for municipal corporations and townships in which primary 11
elections are not held for nomination of candidates by political 12
parties, and municipal offices of municipal corporations having 13
charters which provide for separate ballots for elections for such 14
municipal offices. 15

Such ballots shall have printed across the top, and below the 16
stubs, "Official Nonpartisan Ballot." 17

The order in which the offices are listed on the ballot shall 18
be prescribed by, and certified to each board of elections by, the 19
secretary of state; provided that the office of ~~member~~ chief 20

justice of the state board of education supreme court shall be 21
listed first on the ballot, then the office of supreme court 22
justice, then the office of member of the state board of 23
education, then state, district, and county judicial offices shall 24
be listed on the ballot in such order, followed by municipal and 25
township offices, and by offices of member of a board of 26
education, in the order stated. 27

Within the rectangular space within which the title of each 28
judicial office is printed on the ballot and immediately below 29
such title shall be printed the date of the commencement of the 30
term of the office, if a full term, as follows: "Full term 31
commencing(Date).....," or the date of the end of the 32
term of the office, if an unexpired term, as follows: "Unexpired 33
term ending(Date)....." 34

The secretary of state shall prescribe the information and 35
directions to the voter to be printed on the ballot within the 36
rectangular space in which the title of office of member of the 37
state board of education appears. 38

Within the rectangular space within which the title of each 39
office for member of a board of education is printed on the ballot 40
shall be printed "For Member of Board of Education," and the 41
number to be elected, directions to the voter as to voting for 42
one, two, or more, and, if the office to be voted for is member of 43
a board of education of a city school district, words shall be 44
printed in said space on the ballot to indicate whether candidates 45
are to be elected from subdistricts or at large. 46

The names of all nonpartisan candidates for an office shall 47
be arranged in a group under the title of that office, and shall 48
be rotated and printed on the ballot as provided in section 49
3505.03 of the Revised Code. 50

No name or designation of any political party nor any words, 51

designations, or emblems descriptive of a candidate or ~~his~~ the 52
candidate's political affiliation, or indicative of the method by 53
which such candidate was nominated or certified, shall be printed 54
under or after any nonpartisan candidate's name which is printed 55
on the ballot. 56

Section 2. That existing section 3505.04 of the Revised Code 57
is hereby repealed. 58