

§ 3517.02. Election of controlling committees; filing of organizational information.

All members of controlling committees of a major or intermediate political party shall be elected by direct vote of the members of the party, except as otherwise provided in section 3517.05 of the Revised Code. Their names shall be placed upon the official ballot, and, notwithstanding division (B) of section 3513.23 of the Revised Code, the persons receiving the highest number of votes for committeepersons shall be the members of those controlling committees. Each member of a controlling committee shall be a resident and qualified elector of the district, ward, or precinct that the member is elected to represent. All members of controlling committees of a minor political party shall be determined in accordance with party rules.

Each political party shall file with the office of the secretary of state a copy of its constitution and bylaws, if any, within thirty days of adoption or amendment. Each party shall also file with the office of the secretary of state a list of members of its controlling committees and other party officials within thirty days of their election or appointment.

HISTORY: GC § 4785-62; 113 v 307(335), § 62; Bureau of Code Revision, 10-1-53; 134 v S 460 (Eff 3-23-72); 140 v S 358 (Eff 4-3-84); 141 v H 160, § 1 (Eff 7-12-85); 141 v H 160, § 3 (Eff 5-31-92); 144 v H 700, § 10 (Eff 4-1-92); 149 v H 445. Eff 12-23-2002.

§ 3517.04. Organizational procedures of central committees.

The members-elect of each major political party state central committee shall, except as otherwise provided in this section, meet following the declaration of the results by the boards of elections of the election of members of the state central committees, at a suitable place and time to be designated by the retiring chairman of the committee in accordance with party rules. In the case of a county central committee, the meeting shall be held not earlier than six nor later than fifteen days following the declaration of the results by the board of elections of the election of members of county central committees in that county. Notice of any meeting held pursuant to this section, giving the place and time, shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring secretary of the committee by mail and a copy of the notice shall be posted in the office of the secretary of state or board of elections, as the case may be, at least five days prior to any such meeting. The meeting shall be called to order by the retiring chairman or secretary or if there is no such officer, or if such officer is absent, then by a member of such committee designated by the secretary of state in the case of the state committees, and by a member of the board of elections of the same political party, designated by the board, in the case of county committees. A temporary chairman and secretary shall be chosen and the committee shall proceed to organize by the election of a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary, and such other officers as the rules provide.

HISTORY: GC § 4785-64; 113 v 307(336), § 64; 123 v 380; Bureau of Code Revision, 10-1-53; 134 v S 460 (Eff 3-23-72); 137 v H 655 (Eff 10-19-78); 141 v H 555 (Eff 2-26-86); 143 v S 6. Eff 10-30-89.

[§ 3513.05.1] § 3513.051. County central committee may determine that candidates for committee need not file petition.

(A) The county central committee of a political party in a particular county may determine, not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the next primary election at which candidates for member of the county central committee are elected, that each person desiring to become a candidate for election as a member of the county central committee of that party in that county shall file a declaration of candidacy as required by [section 3513.05](#) of the Revised Code but is not required to file a petition as required by that section. If the county central committee of a political party so determines, each person desiring to become a candidate for election as a member of the county central committee of that party in that county is not required to file a petition as required by that section but shall comply with all other applicable requirements of that section.

(B) If the county central committee of a political party in a particular county has determined pursuant to division (A) of this section that each person desiring to become a candidate for election as a member of the county central committee of that party in that county is not required to file a petition as required by [section 3513.05](#) of the Revised Code, the county central committee of that political party in that county may subsequently determine that each person desiring to become a candidate for election as a member of the county central committee of that party in that county shall file that petition. The county central committee shall make that determination not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the next primary election at which candidates for member of the county central committee are elected. After the committee makes that determination, each person desiring to become a candidate for election as a member of the county central committee of that party in that county shall file the petition required by [section 3513.05](#) of the Revised Code and shall meet all other applicable requirements of that section.

HISTORY: 148 v H 157. Eff 9-20-99.

§ 3501.18. Division of subdivision into precincts; polling places.

(A) The board of elections may divide a political subdivision within its jurisdiction into precincts, establish, define, divide, rearrange, and combine the several election precincts within its jurisdiction, and change the location of the polling place for each precinct when it is necessary to maintain the requirements as to the number of voters in a precinct and to provide for the convenience of the voters and the proper conduct of elections. No change in the number of precincts or in precinct boundaries shall be made during the twenty-five days immediately preceding a primary or general election or between the first day of January and the day on which the members of county central committees are elected in the years in which those committees are elected. Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, each precinct shall contain a number of electors, not to exceed one thousand four hundred, that the board of elections determines to be a reasonable number after taking into consideration the type and amount of available equipment, prior voter turnout, the size and location of each selected polling place, available parking, availability of an adequate number of poll workers, and handicap accessibility and other accessibility to the polling place.

If the board changes the boundaries of a precinct after the filing of a local option election petition pursuant to sections 4301.32 to 4301.41, 4303.29, or 4305.14 of the Revised Code that calls for a local option election to be held in that precinct, the local option election shall be held in the area that constituted the precinct at the time the local option petition was filed, regardless of the change in the boundaries.

If the board changes the boundaries of a precinct in order to meet the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section in a manner that causes a member of a county central committee to no longer qualify as a representative of an election precinct in the county, of a ward of a city in the county, or of a township in the county, the member shall continue to represent the precinct, ward, or township for the remainder of the member's term, regardless of the change in boundaries.

In an emergency, the board may provide more than one polling place in a precinct. In order to provide for the convenience of the voters, the board may locate polling places for voting or registration outside the boundaries of precincts, provided that the nearest public school or public building shall be used if the board determines it to be available and suitable for use as a polling place. Except in an emergency, no change in the number or location of the polling places in a precinct shall be made during the twenty-five days immediately preceding a primary or general election.

Electors who have failed to respond within thirty days to any confirmation notice shall not be counted in determining the size of any precinct under this section.

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a board of elections shall determine all precinct boundaries using geographical units used by the United States department of commerce, bureau of the census, in reporting the decennial census of Ohio.

(2) The board of elections may apply to the secretary of state for a waiver from the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section when it is not feasible to comply with that requirement because of unusual physical boundaries or residential development practices that would cause unusual hardship for voters. The board shall identify the affected precincts and census units, explain the reason for the waiver request, and include a map illustrating where the census units will be split because of the requested waiver. If the secretary of state approves the waiver and so notifies the board of elections in writing, the board may change a precinct boundary as necessary under this section, notwithstanding the requirement in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) The board of elections may apply to the secretary of state for a waiver from the requirement of division (A) of this section regarding the number of electors in a precinct when the use of geographical units used by the United States department of commerce, bureau of the census, will cause a precinct to contain more than one thousand four hundred electors. The board shall identify the affected precincts and census units, explain the reason for the waiver request, and include a map illustrating where census units will be split because of the requested waiver. If the

secretary of state approves the waiver and so notifies the board of elections in writing, the board may change a precinct boundary as necessary to meet the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section.

HISTORY: GC § 4785-21; 113 v 307, § 21; Bureau of Code Revision, 10-1-53; 125 v 713(738) (Eff 1-1-54); 129 v 1562 (Eff 8-25-61); 130 v 821 (Eff 1-1-64); 145 v H 143 (Eff 7-22-94); 145 v S 300 (Eff 1-1-95); 146 v H 99 (Eff 8-22-95); 148 v H 283. Eff 9-29-99; 150 v H 95, § 1, eff. 9-26-03.

§ 3517.06. Lists of members of party committees filed; report of changes.

A list of the names and addresses of the members and officers of the county central committee and the county executive committee of each political party shall be filed by the secretary of each committee in the office of the board of elections of the county in which such committee exists and in the office of the secretary of state promptly after the organization of each of such committees. A list of the names and addresses of the members of the state central committee and the state executive committee of each political party shall be filed by the secretary of each committee in the office of the secretary of state promptly after the organization of each of such committees.

All changes occurring in the membership of a county central or executive committee after such filing shall be reported promptly by the secretary of such committee to the board and to the secretary of state. All changes occurring in the membership of a state central or executive committee after such filing shall be reported promptly by the secretary of such committee to the secretary of state. All such lists shall be open to public inspection at all times when the offices in which they are filed are open for business.

HISTORY: GC § 4785-66; 113 v 307(337), § 66; 122 v 325; Bureau of Code Revision. Eff 10-1-53.