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declared losing candidate or nominee or each of the declared losing candidates or nominees entitled to file a request prior to the commencement of a recount, as provided in section 3515.03 of the Revised Code, may file with the board a written request to stop the recount and not recount the ballots from the precincts so listed that have not been recounted prior to the time of the request. If, upon the request, the board finds that results of the votes in the precincts recounted, if substituted for the results of the votes in those precincts as shown in the abstract of the votes in those precincts, would not cause the applicant, if a person for whom votes were cast for nomination or election, to be declared nominated or elected or if an election upon a question or issue would not cause a result contrary to the result as declared prior to such recount, it shall grant the request and shall not recount the ballots of the precincts listed in the application for recount that have not been recounted prior to that time. If the board finds otherwise, it shall deny the request and shall continue to recount ballots until the ballots from all of the precincts listed in the application for recount have been recounted; provided that, if the request is denied, it may be renewed from time to time. Upon any such renewal, the board shall consider and act upon the request in the same manner as provided in this section in connection with an original request.

As used in this section, "chad" and "punch card ballot" have the same meanings as in section 3506.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3515.041. As required by 3 U.S.C. 5, any recount of votes conducted under this chapter for the election of presidential electors shall be completed not later than six days before the time fixed under federal law for the meeting of those presidential electors.

Sec. 3515.07. The charges for making a recount of votes of precincts listed in an application for a recount filed with the board of elections shall be fixed by the board and shall include all expenses incurred by ~~such~~ the board because of ~~such~~ the application other than the regular operating expenses ~~which~~ that the board would have incurred if the application had not been filed. The total amount of charges so fixed divided by the number of precincts listed in ~~such~~ the application, the votes of which were recounted, shall be the charge per precinct for the recount of the votes of the precincts listed in ~~such~~ the application, the votes of which were recounted; provided that the charges per precinct so fixed shall not be more than ~~ten nor~~ fifty or less than five dollars for each precinct the votes of which were recounted.

Such charge per precinct shall be deducted by the board from the money deposited with the board by the applicant for the recount at the time of filing

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SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the amendments made to sections 303.12, 519.12, 3375.03, 3501.38, 3505.18, 3513.07, 3513.09, and 3513.261 and the enactment of section 3501.382 of the Revised Code by this act that permit a disabled voter to appoint an attorney in fact and authorize an attorney in fact to sign election documents on behalf of that voter shall take effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the amendments made to sections 3501.26, 3501.30, 3501.33, 3501.35, 3505.16, 3505.25, 3505.26, 3505.27, 3505.32, 3506.12, 3506.13, 3509.06, 3515.04, 3515.13, 3523.05, and 3599.38 and the provisions enacted in sections 3501.90, 3505.183, and 3505.21 of the Revised Code by this act that permit the appointment of election observers and eliminate the appointment of election challengers and witnesses shall take effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the amendments made to sections 3501.01, 3503.14, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.28, 3505.18, 3509.03, 3509.031, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3511.02, and 3511.09 and the provisions enacted in 3501.19, sections 3505.181, 3505.182, and 3505.183 of Revised Code by this act that require a voter to provide identification and that specify the acceptable forms of identification shall take effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the amendments made to section 3501.10 of the Revised Code establishing restrictions on the number of branch offices at which boards of elections may permit a voter to cast a ballot shall take effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the provisions enacted in section 3503.15 of the Revised Code that require the statewide voter registration database to be made available on a web site of the office of the Secretary of State shall take effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 9. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the amendments made to sections 3501.05, 3503.16, 3503.19,

NEWS RELEASE



Governor Bob Taft

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL

COLUMBUS (January 31, 2006) – Governor Bob Taft today signed the following bill, which will be filed with the Secretary of State’s office.

Amended Substitute House Bill 3, sponsored by Representative Kevin DeWine (R-Fairborn), contains comprehensive elections reform addressing the following subject matters: absentee voting, campaign finance, election calendar, initiative and referendum protections, poll activities, provisional voting, recounts and voter registration. The bill goes into effect 90 daysafter it is signed by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State.

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