Exhibit 4
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To extend absent voting for the March 17, 2020, primary election to June 2, 2020, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code:

(A) During the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending at 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 2020, no board of elections, and no election official, shall do any of the following:

(1) Count any ballots cast in the March 17, 2020, primary election, or in any special election held on the day of the primary election;

(2) Release the count or any portion of the count of any ballots cast in the March 17, 2020, primary election, or in any special election held on the day of the primary election;

(3) Process any voter registration application submitted...
after February 18, 2020, for the purpose of allowing the applicant to vote in the March 17, 2020, primary election or in any special election held on the day of the primary election.

(B)(1) An elector who has not already cast a ballot in the March 17, 2020, primary election, or in any special election held on the day of the primary election, and who was registered to vote in this state as of February 18, 2020, may cast ballots for that election by applying to the office of the board of elections to cast absent voter's ballots by mail under division (C) of this section or by casting ballots in person on June 2, 2020, under division (D) of this section, except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section. The Secretary of State shall mail an application for absent voter's ballots, return postage prepaid, to each such elector.

(2) An elector who was registered to vote in this state as of February 18, 2020, and who cast a ballot at any time before the effective date of this section in the March 17, 2020, primary election, or in any special election held on the day of the primary election, shall have the elector's ballot counted if it is received at the office of the board not later than the applicable deadline specified in division (E) of this section and is otherwise eligible to be counted.

(C)(1) An elector described in division (B)(1) of this section may apply to the office of the board of elections for absent voter's ballots. If the elector is eligible to cast absent voter's ballots with the assistance of election officials under section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, the elector may include with the elector's application a request that the board of elections assist the elector in casting the elector's ballots in accordance with that section. All applications for absent
voter's ballots submitted under this section shall be received
at the office of the board not later than May 26, 2020, except
that an application submitted by an elector described in
division (B)(1) of this section who would be eligible to apply
for absent voter's ballots not later than 3:00 p.m. on the day
of an election under section 3509.08 of the Revised Code shall
be received at the office of the board not later than 3:00 p.m.
on June 2, 2020. Any application received after the applicable
deadline shall be invalid.

   (2) If a board of elections receives an application for
absent voter's ballots under this section that does not contain
all of the required information, the board promptly shall notify
the applicant of the additional information required to be
provided by the applicant to complete that application. In order
for the application to be valid, the applicant shall provide
that additional information to the board not later than the
applicable deadline under division (C)(1) of this section.

   (3) If the board of elections determines that an
application submitted under this section is valid, the board
promptly shall mail absent voter's ballots to the elector,
return postage prepaid. The Secretary of State shall reimburse
the board for the cost of prepaying return postage under this
division, in accordance with Section 2 of this act. If the
elector is eligible to cast ballots in the manner described in
section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, the board instead shall
deliver absent voter's ballots to the elector in accordance with
that section.

   (4) If the board of elections determines that an
application submitted under this section is not valid because
the applicant is an elector who has moved or had a change of
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name without updating the elector's registration, as described in section 3503.16 of the Revised Code, or for any other reason, the board promptly shall mail a provisional ballot to the applicant, return postage prepaid. The Secretary of State shall reimburse the board for the cost of prepaying return postage under this division, in accordance with Section 2 of this act.

If the applicant would be eligible to cast absent voter's ballots in the manner described in section 3509.08 of the Revised Code if the application were valid, the board instead shall deliver a provisional ballot to the applicant in accordance with that section. The board shall include all of the following with the provisional ballot:

(a) The reason the applicant has received a provisional ballot instead of absent voter's ballots;

(b) Instructions for the applicant to complete the provisional ballot affirmation, including an option to submit a copy of a form of identification described in section 3505.182 of the Revised Code;

(c) Instructions for the applicant to return the provisional ballot in the same manner as absent voter's ballots and a return envelope in which the applicant may return the provisional ballot;

(d) Instructions for the applicant to ascertain the status of the applicant's provisional ballot, as described in section 3505.181 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section, an elector described in division (B)(1) of this section may cast ballots in person in the county where the elector resides between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on
June 2, 2020. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the
locations and procedures to be used for in-person voting on that
day.

(2) If, as of April 24, 2020, this state is still subject
to an order of the Director of Health that prohibits mass
gatherings, such as the Director of Health's order under section 3701.13 of the Revised Code "In Re: Amended Order to Limit
and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings and the Closure of Venues in the State of Ohio" issued on March 17, 2020, the Secretary of State
shall issue a directive that all in-person voting locations be closed on June 2, 2020, and that all voting under this section be conducted under division (C) of this section.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (E)(2)
and (3) of this section, absent voter's ballots cast, and
provisional ballots cast by mail, by electors who were
registered to vote in this state as of February 18, 2020, for
the March 17, 2020, primary election, or for any special
election held on the day of the primary election, shall be
eligible to be counted only if they are received at the office
of the appropriate board of elections not later than 7:30 p.m.
on June 2, 2020.

(2) Absent voter's ballots and provisional ballots
received by mail at the office of the board after 7:30 p.m. on
June 2, 2020, and not later than June 12, 2020, are eligible to
be counted if they are postmarked on or before June 1, 2020, and
are not postmarked using a postage evidencing system, including
a postage meter, as defined in 39 C.F.R. 501.1.

(3) Uniformed services and overseas absent voter's
ballots, and provisional ballots sent to uniformed services and
overseas absent voters under this section, received by mail at
the office of the board after 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 2020, and not later than June 12, 2020, are eligible to be counted if they were submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completed the ballot on June 2, 2020, regardless of whether the ballots are postmarked.

(F)(1) If the election officials find that the identification envelope statement of voter containing absent voter's ballots for the March 17, 2020, primary election, or for any special election held on the day of the primary election, is incomplete or that the information contained in that statement does not conform to the information contained in the Statewide Voter Registration Database concerning the voter, as described in section 3509.06 of the Revised Code, the voter shall provide the necessary information to the board of elections in accordance with that section not later than June 9, 2020.

(2) An individual who casts a provisional ballot under division (C) of this section and who is required under sections 3505.181 to 3505.183 of the Revised Code to provide identification or additional information to the board of elections shall provide the necessary identification or information to the board in accordance with those sections not later than June 9, 2020.

(G) The boards of elections and the Secretary of State shall complete the unofficial canvass, the canvass of the election returns, and all other post-election procedures with respect to the March 17, 2020, primary election, and any special election held on the day of the primary election, as though the polls closed for the election at 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 2020.

(H) Statements of contributions and expenditures required to be filed under division (A)(2) of section 3517.10 of the
Revised Code shall be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. on July 10, 2020.

(I) For each question or issue appearing on the ballot at a special election held on the day of the March 17, 2020, primary election, the political subdivision, committee to represent the petitioners, or other person or entity that submitted the question or issue for placement on the ballot at that election may submit the same question or issue to appear on the ballot at a special election to be held on August 4, 2020, not later than the applicable deadline to do so, before the official canvass of the results of the March 17, 2020, special election is complete. If, at the March 17, 2020, special election, the question or issue is resolved in favor of the person or entity that placed the question or issue on the ballot, the question or issue shall not appear on the August special election ballot. This division does not apply to a question or issue that may not appear on the ballot at an August special election.

Section 2. All items in this section are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2020 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2021. The appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium.
A SOS SECRETARY OF STATE

B Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

C 5RG0 050627 Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailings $10,500,000 $ 0

D TOTAL Dedicated Purpose Fund Group $10,500,000 $ 0

E TOTAL All Budget Fund Groups $10,500,000 $ 0

ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT MAILINGS

The foregoing appropriation item 050627, Absent Voter's Ballot Mailings, shall be used by the Secretary of State to pay all additional expenses, and to reimburse counties for postage and other additional expenses, incurred for the purposes of concluding the March 17, 2020, primary election by June 2, 2020.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the foregoing appropriation item 050627, Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailings, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2021.

On the effective date of this section, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer $10,500,000 cash from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund (Fund 5RG0).

Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the
source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 133rd General Assembly.

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.

**Section 3.** If any provision of this act is held invalid, or if the application of any provision of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then this act shall cease to operate.

**Section 4.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting emergency public health orders precluded in-person voting in this state on March 17, 2020. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.