

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

<b>The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, et al.,</b>	:	
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<b>Relators,</b>	:	<b>Case No. _____</b>
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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>Original Action Under Article II,</b>
	:	<b>Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution</b>
<b>Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act, et al.,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Respondents.</b>	:	

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**APPENDIX 16  
TO  
CHALLENGE TO INITIATIVE PETITION  
UNDER ARTICLE II, SECTION 1g OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served via personal service on

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**EXHIBIT M-4**

**(Part 4 of the Part-Petitions from the Lucas County Board of Elections)**

Number: 000123

County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

2/3 064467

#### SUMMARY

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- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID: 2  
 VALID: 17  
 TOTAL: 19 ✓  
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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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1. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Leon</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Yeary</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4019 Southway Ct</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>

2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Bobbie</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Yeary</i>	

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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Lashonda</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>TYSON</i>	

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City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>

4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>CAROLYN</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>WILBURN</i>	

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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>PAULA</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>SWAN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4324 Baronsmede DR</i>				
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6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Laurence</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Swan</i>	

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7. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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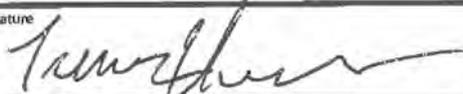
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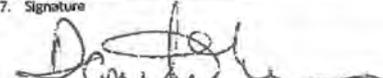
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170 Pebble Beach Dr				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Holland		43528	Lucas	10-4-15

16. Signature 	Print First Name	Jason	Initial	J.
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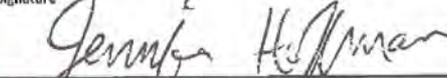
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Springfield		43615	Lucas	10/4/2015

17. Signature 	Print First Name	Danita	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Lightner		

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1800 n mecord rd 52				
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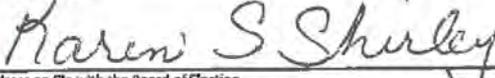
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1044 Albert st				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo, Ohio		43605	Lucas	10/04/2015

19. Signature 	Print First Name	Jennifer	Initial	JH
	Print Last Name	Hoffman		

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3530 Medford Dr.				
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Toledo		43614	Lucas	10-4-2015

20. Signature 	Print First Name	Lee Ann	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Bates		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
35th & Bowerly				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43614	Lucas	10/4/15

21. Signature 	Print First Name	Karen	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Shirley		

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1559 Glenbrook				
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22. Signature <i>Alice Ellen Conklin</i>	Print First Name <i>ALICE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>CONKLIN</i>	

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*516 DIANA DR*

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23. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>Allison</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township <i>SWANSEA</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43558</i>	County <i>Fulton</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>
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24. Signature <i>Jennifer A Knapp</i>	Print First Name <i>Jennifer A</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Knapp</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1453 maumee st.*

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25. Signature <i>Betsy Steen</i>	Print First Name <i>Betsy</i>	Initial <i>BSH</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hurrier</i>	

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*120 Pebble Beach Dr*

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26. Signature <i>Anna J Witter</i>	Print First Name <i>Andrea</i>	Initial <i>AJW</i>
	Print Last Name <i>witter</i>	

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*1120 Country view Ln. Apt. 14D*

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27. Signature <i>Donald J. Conklin</i>	Print First Name <i>DONALD</i>	Initial <i>DJ</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CONKLIN</i>	

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28. Signature <i>Kelli A. Simpson</i>	Print First Name <i>KELLY</i>	Initial <i>A.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>SIMPSON</i>	

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*1105 CLARK ST.*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, <sup>Greg Jones</sup> ~~Greg Jones~~, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 2819 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

~~Gregory Gene Jones~~  
(Signed)

~~3950 Airport Hwy #115~~  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

~~Toledo, Ohio 43611~~  
City, Village or Township

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State                              Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

Number: 000124

County: Lucas

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

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**TITLE**

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**064468**

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2. Signature <i>Kathryn Dawn</i>		Print First Name KATHRYN	Initial DAWN
Address on file with the Board of Election 9734 127th St			
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas Date of Signing 11/3/15

3. Signature <i>Mary E Baker</i>		Print First Name Mary	Initial E
Address on file with the Board of Election 5905 315th St			
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas Date of Signing 11/3/15

4. Signature <i>John Hernandez</i>		Print First Name John	Initial A
Address on file with the Board of Election 3619 KERSHAW AVE.			
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43613	County Lucas Date of Signing 11-3-15

5. Signature [Redacted]		Print First Name [Redacted]	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election [Redacted]			
City/Village/Township Genoa	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43430	County Owassa Date of Signing 11-3-15

6. Signature <i>Jose Vasquez Jr.</i>		Print First Name JOSE VASQUEZ JR.	Initial J.V.J.
Address on file with the Board of Election Toledo, Ohio 43611 4644-285th 4644 285th			
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas Date of Signing 11-3-2015

7. Signature <i>Charles Dyer</i>		Print First Name Charles	Initial CD
Address on file with the Board of Election 2525 BRENNER CT			
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8. Signature: *Jayce Carter*

Print First Name: *Jayce* Initial: *JC*  
 Print Last Name: *Carter*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2027 Keen Ave*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43611* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11-3-15*

9. Signature: *Christine Wechs*

Print First Name: *Christine* Initial: *CW*  
 Print Last Name: *Wechs*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4440 286th St.*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *OH* Zip Code: *43611* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *11-3-15*

10. Signature: *Nancy Neesh*

Print First Name: *Nancy* Initial: *NN*  
 Print Last Name: *Neesh*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4611 282nd*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *OH* Zip Code: *43611* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *11-3-15*

11. Signature: *Marlene Hatch*

Print First Name: *Marlene* Initial: *MH*  
 Print Last Name: *Hatch*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2614 108th St*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43611* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11-3-15*

12. Signature: *Kim Wachowiak*

Print First Name: *Kim* Initial: *KW*  
 Print Last Name: *Wachowiak*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *431 282nd St Toledo OH 43611*

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13. Signature: *Karena Gotha*

Print First Name: *Karena* Initial: *KG*  
 Print Last Name: *Gotha*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *21030 100th St.*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43101* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *11/3/15*

14. Signature: *Joseph Mader*

Print First Name: *Joseph* Initial: *JM*  
 Print Last Name: *Mader*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4460 286th St*

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15. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 1977 Allendale Ave		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15
16. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 2116 Lisa Ln.		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15
17. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 2220 Lehman		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15
18. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 4339 208th		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15
19. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 4551 Suder		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15
20. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>						
Address on file with the Board of Election 4639 282nd St		City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15
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22. Signature <i>Wm. P. Schoettle</i>	Print First Name <i>WILLIAM P. SCHOETTE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2229 106th</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
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**(E) Liberal Construction.**

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Haley Stromer, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

DRW Campaigns, Inc.  
3549 Court Hwy  
Flint Mi. 48507

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

(Signed) [Signature]

9795 W.C.F. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fostonia  
City, Village or Township

04  
State

44830  
Zip Code

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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#### SUMMARY

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- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
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1. Signature <i>Angel Torres</i>	Print First Name Angel	Initial <del>AT</del> AT
	Print Last Name Torres	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2222 Sherwood Ave. Apt 25

City/Village/Township Toledo OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43614	County <del>WST</del> Lucas	Date of Signing 10/31/15
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2. Signature <i>Jerry R. Limpl</i>	Print First Name Jerry	Initial A
	Print Last Name Limpl	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2721 Burwell Dr

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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <del>James H. Hannon</del>	Initial JH
	Print Last Name Hannon	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
628 Baldwin Place

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4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Veronica	Initial VH
	Print Last Name Herron	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2310 Castgore

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5. Signature <i>Kim Rhine</i>	Print First Name Kim	Initial KR
	Print Last Name Rhine	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2817 Cranford Dr

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6. Signature <i>Dorothy Otis</i>	Print First Name Dorothy	Initial DO
	Print Last Name Otis	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
1680 Fox Boro Rd

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7. Signature <i>Mark Berry</i>	Print First Name MARK	Initial MB
	Print Last Name BERRY	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3025 Glanzman Rd.

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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
	Print Last Name <i>YOUNGSTON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*711 ELLI HARBOUR LN*

City/Village/Township <i>MAUMEE</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43557</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-7-15</i>
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9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Frederick</i>	Initial <i>D</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Pace</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1101 EVANSTON AVE*

City/Village/Township <i>Tekoa</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43107</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/31/15</i>
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10. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>ROBERT</i>	Initial <i>RP</i>
	Print Last Name <i>PEREZ</i>	<i>S</i>

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*301 S. McCord Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>HOLLAND OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43528</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-1-15</i>
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11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Lowell</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Toder</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6144 E. ...*

City/Village/Township <i>Springfield</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>7</i>	Zip Code <i>43588</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-4-15</i>
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12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Victoria</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CAST</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1620 Darr St.*

City/Village/Township <i>Tekoa, OH</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>7</i>	Zip Code <i>43105</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/1/15</i>
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13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Robbie</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CAST</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1620 Darr St.*

City/Village/Township <i>Tekoa</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43105</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/1/15</i>
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14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>LAWRENCE</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>HARRIS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4350 MAY DR.*

City/Village/Township <i>MAUMEE</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43537</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-1-15</i>
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15. Signature	Print First Name <i>Beatrice</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
<i>Beatrice Harris</i>	Print Last Name <i>Harris</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4350 MAY Drive*

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16. Signature	Print First Name <i>Debra</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
<i>Debra M French</i>	Print Last Name <i>French</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*9635 Captiva Dr*

City/Village/Township <i>HOLLAND</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43560</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-1-15</i>
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17. Signature	Print First Name <i>Raushona</i>	Initial <i>Q</i>
<i>Raushona Patrick</i>	Print Last Name <i>Patrick</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*804 Richards Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Waldo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/1/15</i>
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18. Signature	Print First Name <i>TRAEONNA</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
<i>Traeonna Wagoner</i>	Print Last Name <i>WAGENER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1773 FULLINGTON RD*

City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43614-2632</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-01-15</i>
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19. Signature	Print First Name <i>MEGAN</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
<i>Megan Courland</i>	Print Last Name <i>COURLAND</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1773 Fullington Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/1/15</i>
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20. Signature	Print First Name <i>Constance Preston</i>	Initial <i>CP</i>
<i>Constance Preston</i>	Print Last Name <i>PRESTON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3960 Airport Hwy 205*

City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/1/15</i>
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21. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Redacted Signature]</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[Redacted Address]*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Gregory Gene Jones, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 1920 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Gregory Gene Jones  
(Signed)

3950 Airport Hwy #215  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo  
City, Village or Township

Ohio  
State

43615  
Zip Code

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County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

**064470**

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID: 3  
 VALID: 17  
 TOTAL: 20  
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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

**William S. Booth**  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

**Latonya D. Thurman**  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Cameron M Dudder</i>	Print First Name <i>Cameron</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Dudder</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3601 Hill Ave # 44*

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2. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>Sheeonda</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>Kimberly Belonga</i>	Print First Name <i>Kimberly</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Belonga</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*10244 Rue Dulac*

City/Village/Township <i>Whitehouse</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43571</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>
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4. Signature <i>Colinne Garza</i>	Print First Name <i>Colinne</i>	Initial <i>SG</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Garza</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4110 Carthage Rd.*

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5. Signature <i>Alexa Lang</i>	Print First Name <i>Alexa</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Lang</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3063 DOLL ST.*

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6. Signature <i>Barbara A. Szyperski</i>	Print First Name <i>BARBARA A. SZYPERSKI</i>	Initial <i>BAS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>SZYPERSKI</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3156 STAFFORD DR.*

City/Village/Township <i>OREGON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43616</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>
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7. Signature <i>Elvis Clarke</i>	Print First Name <i>Elvis</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Clarke</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3209 Kimberly Ave*

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15. Signature: *Stephanie Williams*  
 Print First Name: *STEPHANIE* Initial: *SW*  
 Print Last Name: *WILLIAMS*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1816 Joffre*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

16. Signature: *Dalasha Anderson*  
 Print First Name: *DALASHA* Initial: *DA*  
 Print Last Name: *ANDERSON*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *623 Easterly Court*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43605* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

17. Signature: *Kaydell Kurfess*  
 Print First Name: *KAYDELL* Initial: *KK*  
 Print Last Name: *KURFESS*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *728 Cuddy Rd*  
 City/Village/Township: *Holland* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43528* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

18. Signature: *Santo Marquez*  
 Print First Name: *Santo* Initial: *SM*  
 Print Last Name: *MARQUEZ*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *754 Dearborn*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43605* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

19. Signature: *Roger W. Gaiser*  
 Print First Name: *ROGER* Initial: *RG*  
 Print Last Name: *GAISER*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *3920 Douglas Apt-2*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43606* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

20. Signature: *Jeanne Phillips*  
 Print First Name: *JEANNE* Initial: *JP*  
 Print Last Name: *PHILLIPS*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1847 Fernwood*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

21. Signature: *Scott Mahoney*  
 Print First Name: *SCOTT* Initial: *SM*  
 Print Last Name: *MAHONEY*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *3317 EIPA DR*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-13-15*

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22. Signature <i>Linda M. Lowry</i>	Print First Name <i>Linda</i>	Initial <i>D</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Lowry</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>641 Fernwood Toledo OH</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

23. Signature <i>K.L. Hughes</i>	Print First Name <i>Kerha</i>	Initial <i>KH</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hughes</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3228 Blackstone</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>043608</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

24. Signature <i>Katherine Dally</i>	Print First Name <i>Katherine</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Dalley</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2431 Sylvania Ave</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43613</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

25. Signature <i>Joseph Hardin</i>	Print First Name <i>Joseph</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hardin</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3555 E. Manhattan Apt # 24</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43611</i>	County <i>OHIO Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

26. Signature <i>Vashon Howard</i>	Print First Name <i>Vashon</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Howard</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2479 Lawton Ave</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43620</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

27. Signature <i>Brittney Styer</i>	Print First Name <i>Brittney</i>	Initial <i>N.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Styer</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>103 Ralph St.</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43609</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-13-15</i>	

28. Signature <i>Raymond Mueller</i>	Print First Name <i>RAYMOND</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MUELLER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>437 Southview Dr</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43612</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/13/15</i>	

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#### **Section 194.01**

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If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

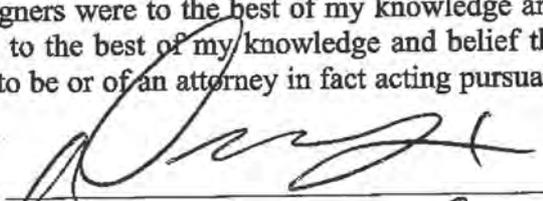
STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Deric Williams, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

  
(Signed)

1334 Woodland  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo  
City, Village or Township

Ohio  
State

43607  
Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

704  
Number: 000129

County: Lucas

**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064473

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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VALID: 17  
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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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Signature	County	City or Village	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct	Month / Day / Year
1. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name WALTER					Initial C.
Print Last Name DAY					
Address on file with the Board of Election 241 16th Apt 812					
City/Village/Township TOLEDO OHIO	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-24-15	
2. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name Shirley					Initial M
Print Last Name Widman					
Address on file with the Board of Election 3555 Seaman					
City/Village/Township Oregon OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43014	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-24-15	
3. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name Childreth					Initial A
Print Last Name Sherman-Werge					
Address on file with the Board of Election 2531 Auburn					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/24/15	
4. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name JOSEPH					Initial JJB
Print Last Name Becker					
Address on file with the Board of Election 6265 W. HARRIS ST.					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43605	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-24-15	
5. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name Joseph					Initial M
Print Last Name Jaffe					
Address on file with the Board of Election 6444 Longelbow					
City/Village/Township Sylvania	Ward/Precinct 9	Zip Code 43560	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-24-15	
6. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name Matthew					Initial R.
Print Last Name Brink					
Address on file with the Board of Election 1202 1/2 Front St.					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43605	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
7. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name Thomas					Initial R
Print Last Name SPROUSE					
Address on file with the Board of Election 5734 Corduroy Rd					
City/Village/Township Oregon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43616	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-21-15	

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8. Signature: *Allen Burdick*

Print First Name: ALLEN  
Print Last Name: BURDICK  
Initial: C

Address on file with the Board of Election: 610 STICKNEY AVE APT 3405

City/Village/Township: Toledo, Ohio  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43604  
County: Lucas  
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9. Signature: *[Signature]*

Print First Name: JEREMY  
Print Last Name: CAPERTON  
Initial: J

Address on file with the Board of Election: 307 Whittemore St

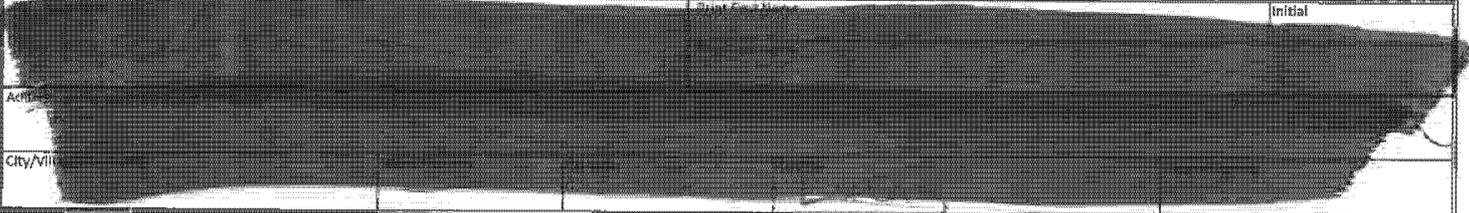
City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43605  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 9-21-15

10. Signature: *Kenneth L Gray*

Print First Name: KENNETH  
Print Last Name: GRAY  
Initial: L

Address on file with the Board of Election: 141 Elgin

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43605  
County: Lucas  
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12. Signature: *Milo Terry*

Print First Name: MILO TERRY  
Print Last Name: TERRY  
Initial: M

Address on file with the Board of Election: 2934 Kearsy St Apt H

City/Village/Township: Maumee  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43537  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 9/23/15

13. Signature: *Mari M. Gill*

Print First Name: MARI M. GILL  
Print Last Name: GILL  
Initial: M

Address on file with the Board of Election: 5564 Forest Green Dr

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43615-4778  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 9-24-15

14. Signature: *Marlene D Robinson*

Print First Name: MARLENE D ROBINSON  
Print Last Name: ROBINSON  
Initial: MRD

Address on file with the Board of Election: 3057 West Course Maumee, OH 43537

City/Village/Township: Maumee  
Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: 43537  
County: Lucas  
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15. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name JOSHUA	Initial L
	Print Last Name NELSON	
Address on file with the Board of Election 820 COLWELL ST		
City/Village/Township MAUMEE	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code OH
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9/24/15
16. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name CHAMMAINE	Initial
	Print Last Name McCLellan	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1220 Birch		
City/Village/Township Maumee	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43537
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-24-15
17. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Carole A Jambard-Sweet	Initial A
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 808 Village Trail		
City/Village/Township Maumee	Ward/Precinct SH	Zip Code 43537
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9/24/15
18. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name KRONER	Initial K
	Print Last Name PANSKY	
Address on file with the Board of Election 5952 Edgewater		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9/24/15
19. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name JULIA	Initial A
	Print Last Name FELHAUER	
Address on file with the Board of Election 3051 Muirfield Ave		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43614
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9.24.15
[REDACTED]		
21. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name EUGENE	Initial V
	Print Last Name HARRISON	
Address on file with the Board of Election 4515 STENGEL		
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22. Signature <i>Stanley Wolfe</i>	Print First Name <b>STANLEY</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name <b>WOLFE</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>226 W. Broadway</i>					
City/Village/Township <b>Meximas</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43537</b>	County <b>LUCAS</b>	Date of Signing <b>9-24-2010</b>	

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Angie Sears  
(Signed)  
18 City Park Ave  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Tol, Oh 43609 #41  
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	Print Last Name <i>Coleman</i>	

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City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43610</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/10/15</i>

2. Signature <i>Michelle Vance</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle</i>	Initial <i>K</i>
	Print Last Name <i>VANCE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1162 Everett</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43608</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>

3. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>		
Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>[Redacted]</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

4. Signature <i>Theresa Peoples</i>	Print First Name <i>Theresa</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>PEOPLES</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>544 Action Ave.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43620</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9.10.15</i>

5. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>		
Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>				
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6. Signature <i>Debbie Wynne</i>	Print First Name <i>Debbie</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Wynne</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>958 Post</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43628</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>

7. Signature <i>Sherry Barnett</i>	Print First Name <i>Sherry</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>BARNETT</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2368 Maplewood</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43620</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>

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8. Signature <i>Christopher Jones</i>	Print First Name <i>Christopher</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Jones</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>852 Vance</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo, Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43610</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>Sep 18, 2015</i>

9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Heather Hirschfeld</i>	Initial <i>HH</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hirschfeld</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1617 Mulberry</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43608</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>Sep 10 2015</i>

10. Signature <i>Nathan Bowling</i>	Print First Name <i>Nathan</i>	Initial <i>NB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bowling</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6252 Gardner</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Maumee</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43557</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>Sept 17, 2015</i>

11. Signature <i>John Whitlow</i>	Print First Name <i>John Whitlow</i>	Initial <i>JW</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Whitlow</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2153 West Central</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43601</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/12/15</i>

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13. Signature <i>Melindie Calhoun</i>	Print First Name <i>Melindie Calhoun</i>	Initial <i>MC</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CALHOUN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2238 Whitmer</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43606</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>7-13-15</i>

14. Signature <i>Wanda Smith-Martin</i>	Print First Name <i>Wanda Smith-Martin</i>	Initial <i>WSM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>SMITH-MARTIN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>14 Central</i>				
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	Print Last Name	JACKSON		

Address on file with the Board of Election 1110 Alldays Ave				
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Toledo		43607	LUCAS	9-14-15

23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	John	Initial	JP
	Print Last Name	Pitts		

Address on file with the Board of Election 3123 LAGRANGE				
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24. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Andrea	Initial	AG
	Print Last Name	Gonzales		

Address on file with the Board of Election 385 Sheldon				
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Toledo	A	43605	LUCAS	9/15/15

25. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Mynett	Initial	MH
	Print Last Name	HARRIS		

Address on file with the Board of Election 1533 Pinewood				
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
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The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
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615 Cherry #716

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	Print Last Name <i>Castle</i>	

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City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43101</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-2-15</i>

Signature <i>MARIE MAURECE</i>	Print First Name <i>MARIE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>MAURECE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5743 Bambo Ln</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>431023</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-2-15</i>

3. Signature <i>Ashley Casey</i>	Print First Name <i>Ashley</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Casey</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1140 Gribbin Ln</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43012</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/2/15</i>

4. Signature <i>Shannon Stephenson</i>	Print First Name <i>SHANNON</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>STEPHENSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4216 Arnette Dr.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43606</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/2/15</i>

5. Signature <i>Holly Meda</i>	Print First Name <i>Holly</i>	Initial <i>HM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Meda</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3355 W. Alexis Rd #204</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43127</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-2-15</i>

6. Signature <i>Wanda Wallace</i>	Print First Name <i>Wanda</i>	Initial <i>WW</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Wallace</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4356 Oak Creek Lane Toledo OH 43615</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-2-15</i>

7. Signature <i>Rosemary Silver</i>	Print First Name <i>Rosemary</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Silver</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>941 S Reynolds Lot 12 Toledo</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-3-15</i>

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8. Signature *Besslyn A. Underwood*

Print First Name *ROSALYN* Initial *A.*  
 Print Last Name *UNDERWOOD*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1066 Metcalf Rd.*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *4C* Zip Code *43615* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *11-3-15*

9. Signature *Franklin P. Underwood Jr.*

Print First Name *Franklin* Initial *D.*  
 Print Last Name *Underwood Jr.*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1066 Metcalf Rd.*

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10. Signature *Mary O. Andres*

Print First Name *Mary* Initial *J*  
 Print Last Name *Andres*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1050 Markham*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *4C* Zip Code *43615* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *11-3-15*

11. Signature *Wilhene McCarver*

Print First Name *Wilhene* Initial   
 Print Last Name *McCarver*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4545 Anglin*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *21600* Zip Code *43615* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *11/03/15*

12. Signature *Henry Triplet*

Print First Name *Henry* Initial   
 Print Last Name *Triplet*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1059 Markham Ct*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *4C* Zip Code *43615* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *11-3-15*

13. Signature *Sharon Grubb*

Print First Name *SHARON* Initial *SKG*  
 Print Last Name *GRUBB*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*112 Bernick*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *4C* Zip Code *43615* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *11-3-15*

14. Signature *Rick Hatzidakis*

Print First Name *Rickey* Initial *RH*  
 Print Last Name *Hatzidakis*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5001 South ave lot-3D*

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15. Signature 	Print First Name Greg	Initial
	Print Last Name Hayes	

Address on file with the Board of Election 5656 Greenwood Dr				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43615	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15

16. Signature 	Print First Name Ericabeau	Initial
	Print Last Name Guizaman	CAUC

Address on file with the Board of Election 901 S. Reynolds Rd Lot 213				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43615	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15

17. Signature 	Print First Name Sam	Initial
	Print Last Name Hancock	

Address on file with the Board of Election 5621 Greenwood Pt.				
City/Village/Township Toledo OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43615	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15

18. Signature 	Print First Name Brittany	Initial BH
	Print Last Name Hahnlen	

Address on file with the Board of Election 901 S. Reynolds Rd.				
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19. Signature 	Print First Name Timothy	Initial T.P
	Print Last Name Perkins	

Address on file with the Board of Election 5148 Norwanch rd Apt 2D				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43615	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11/3/15

20. Signature 	Print First Name Rosalind	Initial
	Print Last Name Patton	

Address on file with the Board of Election 1209 Greystone Pl				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct CHO	Zip Code 43615	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15

21. Signature 	Print First Name Ellen	Initial
	Print Last Name White	

Address on file with the Board of Election 1149 Rockcress Drive				
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Waley Stromen, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 2821 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

[Signature]  
(Signature)

4795 W. C. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fosteria  
City, Village or Township

MI 44830  
State Zip Code

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

**064476**

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID: 1  
 VALID: 20  
 TOTAL: 21  
 MJV

## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

**William S. Booth**  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

**Latonya D. Thurman**  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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	John	J
	Print Last Name	
	Disher	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
3729 146th ST				
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Toledo		OHIO	Lucas	11-3-15

2. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	EDWARD R WERNER	
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
28566 Woodland				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
PERRYSBURG		43551	WOOD	11-3-15

3. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	JENNIFER	L
	Print Last Name	
	MESZAROS	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
4558 290th ST				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		Ohio	LUCAS	11-3-15

4. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Katherine	KEG
	Print Last Name	
	Greenhart	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
4328 Onondaga Ave.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		42111	Lucas	11-3-15

5. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Matthew	M
	Print Last Name	
	Nawrak	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
4677 283rd ST				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
TOLEDO		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15

6. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Josh	A
	Print Last Name	
	Beck	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
2052 Ottawa River Rd.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	Lucas	11-3-15

7. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	DAVID	W
	Print Last Name	
	YOUNG	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
2671 102 ST				
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8. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	Adam Seger	AS		
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
1942 Rose Lawn Dr	Seger			
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo OH		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15
9. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	Kim	KS		
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
1937 Northtown Dr	Simmons			
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15
10. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	Maureen			
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
2515 Bay View Ct	Ciesinski			
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15
11. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	CINDY DAWSON			
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
4469 285th St.	DAWSON			
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43614	LUCAS	11-3-15
12. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	Lynn Boden			
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
2330 Lehman	Boden			
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15
13. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	LYNN M. MATTOX			
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
2116 Northridge Dr.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
TOLEDO		43611	LUCAS	11-3-15
14. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
	JENNIFER			
Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name			
4643 286th	GLASSFORD			
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15. Signature <i>Michael Breder</i>	Print First Name Michael	Initial
	Print Last Name Breder	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4722 291st St				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15

16. Signature <i>Sony Renda</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2507 Melva Ct				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct 0	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15

17. Signature <i>Tracy Cl. Jahim</i>	Print First Name Tracy	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4649 290th St.				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15

18. Signature <i>O. Ray Heath</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name O. RAY HEATH	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4611 282nd St. To, O., 43611				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-3-15

19. Signature <i>Todd M Hatch</i>	Print First Name Todd	Initial
	Print Last Name Hatch	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2614-108th St.				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct OH	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 11-03-15

20. Signature <i>Martin D. Wachowick</i>	Print First Name MARTIN D. WACHOWICK	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4431 282nd St.				
City/Village/Township TOLEDO	Ward/Precinct 0410	Zip Code 43611	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 11-03-15

21. Signature <i>Karen Schaeffer</i>	Print First Name Karen	Initial
	Print Last Name Schaeffer	

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### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
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The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Haley Stronach declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**

**3549 Dort Hwy**

**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

(Signed) 

9795 W. Cr. 28

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Easton  
City, Village or Township

OH  
State

44838  
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County: Lucas

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

**Ohio Drug Price Relief Act**

**064477**

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
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Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Mitch Rize</i>	Print First Name	<i>Mitchell</i>	Initial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Print Last Name	<i>Rize</i>		
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43609</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10/22/15</i>
2. Signature <i>Danette Wyatt</i>	Print First Name	<i>Danette</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Wyatt</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1 Hidden Valley Dr. Apt #9</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43605</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10-22-15</i>
3. Signature <i>Kelsey Soldner</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kelsey</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Soldner</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5958 Bear Creek Drive</i>				
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<i>Sylvania</i>		<i>43560</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10/27/15</i>
4. Signature <i>Darren Todd</i>	Print First Name	<i>Darren</i>	Initial	<i>M</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Todd</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1215 East Talon</i>				
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<i>Oregon</i>		<i>43016</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10/27/15</i>
5. Signature <i>Janelli Pope</i>	Print First Name	<i>Janelli</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Pope</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1105 Lincoln</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43607</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10/28/15</i>
6. Signature <i>Chloe Turner</i>	Print First Name	<i>Chloe</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Turner</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5614 Plantation</i>				
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7. Signature <i>Mary Jane Kuble</i>	Print First Name	<i>Mary Jane</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Kuble</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3604 Beverly Dr.</i>				
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8. Signature <i>Korey Middlebrooks</i>	Print First Name <i>Korey</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Middlebrooks</i>	

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*1011 Lidden Lane*

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9. Signature <i>Clara Jones</i>	Print First Name <i>Clara</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Jones</i>	

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*154 Chesterfield Ln #7*

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10. Signature <i>Michela S. Buzonich</i>	Print First Name <i>Michela</i>	Initial <i>MGB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Buzonich</i>	

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*1035 N. Westwood Ave*

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11. Signature <del><i>[Signature]</i></del>	Print First Name <i>Khadijatou</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Abdoulaye</i>	

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*3450 Gibraltar Height Apt 08*

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12. Signature <i>Anna Carlson</i>	Print First Name <i>Anna</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Carlson</i>	

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*3010 Village Loop*

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13. Signature <i>Javis Glasman</i>	Print First Name <i>Javis</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Glasman</i>	

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*3002 W. Bancroft*

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14. Signature <i>Kristyn Nichols</i>	Print First Name <i>Kristyn</i>	Initial <i>K.N</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Nichols</i>	

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*2545 W. Sylvania Ave*

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	Print Last Name <i>Carroll</i>	

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26. Signature <i>Lauren Hidebrand</i>	Print First Name <i>Lauren</i>	Initial <i>LH</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hidebrand</i>	

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*414 Arcadia Ave*

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17. Signature <i>Jasmine Glaze</i>	Print First Name <i>Jasmine</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Glaze</i>	

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18. Signature <i>Wendy Washburn</i>	Print First Name <i>Wendy</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Washburn</i>	

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*4345 Ashland*

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*3211 W. [Redacted]*

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20. Signature <i>Cheryl Mauer</i>	Print First Name <i>Cheryl</i>	Initial <i>CM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Mauer</i>	

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21. Signature <i>Leslie Pawelczyk</i>	Print First Name <i>Leslie</i>	Initial <i>LP</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Pawelczyk</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Williams</i>	

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[Signature]  
(Signed)  
9795 W. Cf. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Festonia  
City, Village or Township  
OH 44830  
State Zip Code

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Number: 0000134

County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064478

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID: 3  
 VALID: 18  
 TOTAL: 21  
 MJV

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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3. Signature <i>Michelle Atkinson</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle</i>	Print Last Name <i>ATKINSON</i>	Initial <i>MA</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6509 Derby Shire Ct</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>04-7A</i>	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>
Date of Signing <i>11/06/15</i>			
4. Signature <i>Maribeth Bagnasco</i>	Print First Name <i>MARIBETH</i>	Print Last Name <i>BAGNASCO</i>	Initial <i>—</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>335 HAURE ST LOWER</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>TOL.</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43609</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>
Date of Signing <i>11-6-15</i>			
5. Signature <i>Robin Schmidt</i>	Print First Name <i>Robin</i>	Print Last Name <i>Schmidt</i>	Initial <i>S.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2566 Eastgate #5</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>04-7A</i>	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>
Date of Signing <i>11-6-15</i>			
6. Signature <i>Kim A. Schmitt</i>	Print First Name <i>KIM</i>	Print Last Name <i>SCHMITT</i>	Initial <i>A.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2560 EASTGATE #5</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>04-7A</i>	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>
Date of Signing <i>11/6/15</i>			
7. Signature <i>Robin Armstrong</i>	Print First Name <i>ROBIN</i>	Print Last Name <i>ARMSTRONG</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3664 Beverly dr</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>04</i>	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>
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8. Signature	Print First Name
	Justin

Address	City/Village/Township	County	Zip Code	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing	Initial
	Parisburg	OH	43951	Stardusky		11/16/15	M

9. Signature	Print First Name

Address	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
285	Toledo		43614	Wood	11/16/15

10. Signature	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Initial
	Nicole	Duhart	NJD

Address on file with the Board of Election	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
260 Waterford Village Dr.	Sylvania OH		43560	Lucas	11/7/15

11. Signature	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Initial
	Charlene	Dyer	A

Address on file with the Board of Election	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
2811 Kenclade #101	Toledo		43606	Lucas	11-7-15

12. Signature	Print First Name

Address	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
	Dayton	OH	45449	Montgomery	11-7-15

13. Signature	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Initial
	Jeanette	Utter	

Address on file with the Board of Election	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
2309 Byrne way	Toledo	DH	43614	LUCAS	10-7-15

14. Signature	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Initial
	DEBORAS S	MILLER	S

Address on file with the Board of Election	City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
3129 Sheraton pl	Lucas Toledo	Ohio	43615	LUCAS	11-7-15

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15. Signature 	Print First Name LaQualle	Initial L.S.	Print Last Name Sims		
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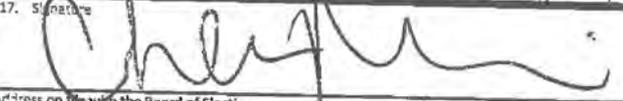
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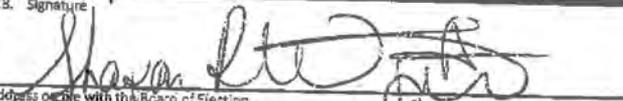
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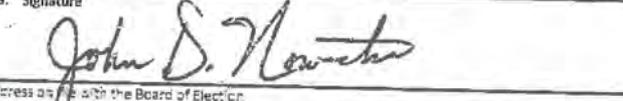
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18. Signature 	Print First Name Sharon	Initial R	Print Last Name Wynn		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 2953 Walnut Cir Apt B-4					
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19. Signature 	Print First Name JOHN	Initial D.	Print Last Name Nowicki		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 2016 OAKLAWN DR.					
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20. Signature 	Print First Name Toby	Initial T.A.	Print Last Name Drowillard		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 4928 Glendale AVE.					
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21. Signature 	Print First Name GRETCHEN	Initial	Print Last Name THOMAS		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 2233 Foxbourne Rd #27					
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22. Signature: [Redacted]

Address on file with the Board of Election: [Redacted]

City/Village/Township: [Redacted]

Ward/Precinct: [Redacted]

Zip Code: [Redacted]

County: [Redacted]

Date of Signing: [Redacted]

Initial: L.

23. Signature: TR [Redacted]

Address on file with the Board of Election: 215 1/2 E. 7th St

City/Village/Township: Painesville, OH

Ward/Precinct: [Redacted]

Zip Code: 43857

County: Wood

Date of Signing: 1-7-15

Initial: [Redacted]

24. Signature: Carl Schnapp

Address on file with the Board of Election: 2325 Roubels Rd

City/Village/Township: Siltburg

Ward/Precinct: [Redacted]

Zip Code: 43613

County: Lucas

Date of Signing: 1-7-15

Print First Name: CAROL

Print Last Name: SCHNAPP

Initial: L

25. Signature: Douglas Porter

Address on file with the Board of Election: 3157 HEATHERWOOD

City/Village/Township: Toledo

Ward/Precinct: [Redacted]

Zip Code: 43614

County: LUCAS

Date of Signing: 11/7/15

Print First Name: DOUGLAS

Print Last Name: PORTER

Initial: D

26. Signature: Brynja Jean Eisenhauer

Address on file with the Board of Election: 2329 Deer Path

City/Village/Township: Toledo

Ward/Precinct: OH

Zip Code: 43614

County: Lucas

Date of Signing: 11/7/15

Print First Name: BRYNJA JEAN EISENHAUER

Print Last Name: EISENHAUER

Initial: BJE

27. Signature: Andrea N. Stuart

Address on file with the Board of Election: 4122 Angola Rd.

City/Village/Township: Toledo

Ward/Precinct: OH

Zip Code: 43615

County: Lucas

Date of Signing: 11/7/15

Print First Name: Andrea

Print Last Name: Stuart

Initial: AS

28. Signature: Candace Gill

Address on file with the Board of Election: 3217 Island

City/Village/Township: To

Ward/Precinct: OH

Zip Code: 43614

County: Lucas

Date of Signing: 11/7/15

Print First Name: Candace Gill

Print Last Name: Gill

Initial: CG

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
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Terry Dickerson  
(Signed)

8800 Henry CT  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fredericksburg  
City, Village or Township

VA 22408  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000135

County: ~~Curtice, Ohio~~  
LUCAS

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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	Address on file with the Board of Election 160 East Ave.				
	City/Village/Township Curtice	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43412	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/15/15
✓	2. Signature <i>Michael Jones</i>	Print First Name Michael	Print Last Name Jones	Initial MJ	
	Address on file with the Board of Election 619 Underwood				
	City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/15/15
✓	3. Signature <i>S. Farrow</i>	Print First Name Stephanie	Print Last Name Farrow	Initial S	
	Address on file with the Board of Election 829 E Bancroft St				
	City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43608	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/13/15
✓	4. Signature <i>Quintina Wells</i>	Print First Name Quintina	Print Last Name Wells	Initial Q	
	Address on file with the Board of Election 3119 Enright				
	City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43608	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/14/15
MR	5. Signature <i>Mariah Byrnes</i>	Print First Name Marah	Print Last Name Byrnes	Initial	
	Address on file with the Board of Election 1207 Western				
	City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43608	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/14/15
MR	6. Signature <i>Heather Whisenand</i>	Print First Name Heather	Print Last Name Whisenand	Initial	
	Address on file with the Board of Election 3601 Hill Ave lot 212				
	City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/14/15
BL	7. Signature <i>[Blacked out]</i>	Print First Name [Blacked out]	Print Last Name [Blacked out]	Initial	
	Address on file with the Board of Election [Blacked out]				
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8. Signature <i>Kelly Marino</i>	Print First Name <i>Kelly</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Marino</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2146 Elliott Ave*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/14/15</i>
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9. Signature <i>Robert Hutchison</i>	Print First Name <i>Robert</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hutchison</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*435 Oaklawn*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-14-15</i>
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10. Signature <i>Melody Hawkins</i>	Print First Name <i>Melody</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>HAWKINS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2310 West*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>OHIO</i>	Zip Code <i>43608</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-14-15</i>
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11. Signature <i>Robert Johnson</i>	Print First Name <i>Robert P</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>JOHNSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*929 Bluff St*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-14-15</i>
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12. Signature <i>Dewanna Crisp</i>	Print First Name <i>Dewanna Crisp</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>CRISP</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1621 Belmont*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43107</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-14-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[Redacted]*

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14. Signature <i>Leahline Edwards</i>	Print First Name <i>Leahline</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Edwards</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*705 Newmarket*

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15. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name BERNARD CLARK	Initial BC
Address on file with the Board of Election 2109 CALUMET		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607
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16. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name ALBERT	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 105 17th St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604
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17. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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18. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Chyna	Initial C
Address on file with the Board of Election 810 Cherry St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604
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19. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Timothy	Initial E
Address on file with the Board of Election 318 N Detroit		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607
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20. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name PAMELA	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 3315 MAYO		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611
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21. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name CALDWAN STUART	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 230 18th St		
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22. Signature 	Print First Name Justin	Initial JR
	Print Last Name Reed	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2301 13th St 1		
City/Village/Township Tol	Ward/Precinct H3	Zip Code 43004
County Lucas	Date of Signing 02/16/15	

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23. Signature 	Print First Name SHARONDA	Initial SF
	Print Last Name Fisher	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1115 DORRST		
City/Village/Township TOLLEDO	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607
County LUCAS	Date of Signing 10-15-15	

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24. Signature 	Print First Name DAVID LOCKETT	Initial DL
	Print Last Name Lockett	
Address on file with the Board of Election 3377 Lagrange		
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

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### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
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The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

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I, Michelle Smith, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 24 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Michelle Smith  
(Signed)

702 North Erie Apt 13  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Detroit  
City, Village or Township

MI                      48204  
State                      Zip Code

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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**064480**

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1. Signature <i>Paula Davis</i>	Print First Name	<i>Paula</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Davis</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5001 South Ave. # 223</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo, OH</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>43614</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/6/15</i>

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2. Signature <i>Whitney Cade</i>	Print First Name	<i>Whitney C</i>	Initial	<i>W</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Cade</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1719 Navarre</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo, OH</i>		<i>43605</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/6/15</i>

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3. Signature <i>Pat Powell</i>	Print First Name	<i>Pat</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Powell</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1436 Piedally</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Maumee</i>		<i>43537</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-6-15</i>

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4. Signature <i>Patricia Keeper</i>	Print First Name	<i>Patricia</i>	Initial	<i>PK</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Keeper</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>504 Garden St.</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Maumee</i>		<i>43537</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-6-15</i>

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5. Signature <i>Jack Byers</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jack</i>	Initial	<i>J</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Byers</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7-3 Ginton</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43612</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-12-15</i>

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6. Signature	Print First Name	<i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election				
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7. Signature <i>Robert Shittler</i>	Print First Name	<i>Robert</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Shittler</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2000 Locust St.</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>[Redacted]</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-7-15</i>

*[Handwritten initials]*

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8. Signature <i>Harley Maddox</i>	Print First Name	<i>Harley</i>	Initial	<i>HM</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Maddox</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5501 South Ave lot. 152</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43615</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>

9. Signature <i>Tamara Bengela</i>	Print First Name	<i>Tamara</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Bengela</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6142 Holliday</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>

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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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12. Signature <i>Madelive Meyer</i>	Print First Name	<i>MADELIVE</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>MEYER</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6123 BENSES Hwy</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>43617</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>

13. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>[Redacted]</i>		<i>43012</i>	<i>[Redacted]</i>	<i>[Redacted]</i>

14. Signature <i>Robert Mackensturm</i>	Print First Name	<i>Robert</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Mackensturm</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6844 Hampford Cir</i>				
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22. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Geen</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Bancroft</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2850 Pickle Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>oregon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43616</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>
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23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>David</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>KIPPLEN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3046 PICKLE*

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24. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>JEROME</i>	Initial <i>W</i>
	Print Last Name <i>TOMC</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1039 VALLEY SIDE DR.*

City/Village/Township <i>MAUMEE</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43537</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>
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25. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Susan</i>	Initial <i>SKK</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kelly</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*552 Greenfield Dr.*

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26. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>TERESA</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>BARNER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4668 Hill Ave*

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27. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Tonia</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Pace</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2135 Airport Hwy*

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28. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Rachel</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Gombos</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2423 S. Holland Sylvanree*

City/Village/Township <i>Newman</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>04</i>	Zip Code <i>43537</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-9-15</i>
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

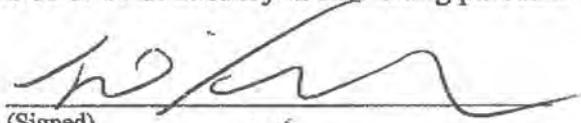
STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Terry Dickerson, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 22 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.



(Signed)

8800 Hendy Ct

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Frederickson

City, Village or Township

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State

22408

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064481

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID: 11  
 VALID: 11  
 TOTAL: 22 ✓  
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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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2. Signature <i>John Sanders</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial <i>JS</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1235 Sibley Kn</i>		Print Last Name <i>SANDERS</i>
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>OH</i>
County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-8-15</i>	


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4. Signature <i>Michael fuller</i>	Print First Name <i>Michael</i>	Initial <i>MF</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>810 Underwood</i>		Print Last Name <i>Fuller</i>
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-8-15</i>	

5. Signature <i>Anthony Porter</i>	Print First Name <i>Anthony</i>	Initial <i>AP</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6602 Dorr St Apt 211</i>		Print Last Name <i>Porter</i>
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-8-15</i>	

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5. Signature <i>K Fullard</i>	Print First Name <i>Kimberly</i>	Initial <i>KT</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1122 Country Creek</i>		Print Last Name <i>Fullard</i>
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>
County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/8/2015</i>	

7. Signature <i>Robert McDonald</i>	Print First Name <i>ROBERT</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>540 Richards Road</i>		Print Last Name <i>McDonald</i>
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
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8. Signature <i>Jacoby Smith</i>	Print First Name <i>Jacoby Smith</i>	Initial <i>JS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Smith</i>	

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*3901 Airport Hwy*

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9. Signature <i>Bobbi Hawkins</i>	Print First Name <i>Bobbi Hawkins</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Hawkins</i>	

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*2023 Eiler Rd*

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10. Signature <i>Adrienne Vidales</i>	Print First Name <i>Adrienne</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Vidales</i>	

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*4118 Dorchester*

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11. Signature <i>Marchelle Turner</i>	Print First Name <i>Marchelle</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Turner</i>	

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*4118 Dorchester*

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12. Signature <i>Dakota Vidales</i>	Print First Name <i>Dakota</i>	Initial <i>D</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Vidales</i>	

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13. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
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14. Signature <i>Jennifer King</i>	Print First Name <i>Jennifer</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>King</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*428 deline dr*

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22. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Rebecca* Initial: *L*

Print Last Name: *HISOR*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4670 Southairre Dr*

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23. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Aaron* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Grumley*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1651 N. Reynolds rd.*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo, Lucas* Ward/Precinct: *04* Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11/8/15*

24. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Charles Snyder* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Snyder*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *5154 Newhart CR*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11/8/15*

25. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Amber* Initial: *L*

Print Last Name: *Moses*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *5154 Newhart Circle*

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26. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *MARCIA* Initial: *M*

Print Last Name: *WALKER*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1004 Reynolds*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11-8-15*

27. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Denise* Initial: *R*

Print Last Name: *Myers*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *7240 Sylvania ave.*

City/Village/Township: *Sylvania* Ward/Precinct: *OH* Zip Code: *43560* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11/8/15*

28. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *BERON M. SPARKS* Initial: *M*

Print Last Name: *SPARKS*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *6377 Hill*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *OH* Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *11/8/15*

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- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

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If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

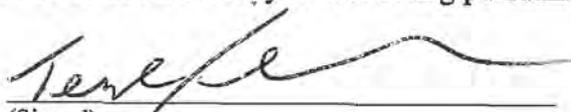
STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Terry Dickerson, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.



(Signed)

6800 Henry Ct

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
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City, Village or Township

VA

State

22408

Zip Code

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Number: 000139

County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064483

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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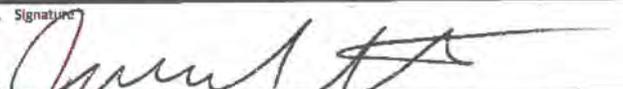
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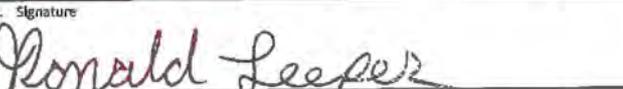
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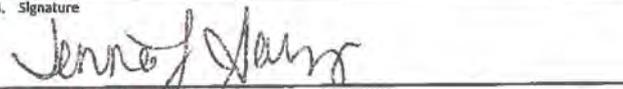
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1. Signature 	Print First Name	JAMES	Initial	MS
	Print Last Name	STUARTAK		

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TOLEDO		43614	LUCAS	10/17/15	

2. Signature 	Print First Name	KONALD	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Leeper		

Address on file with the Board of Election 2511 PLUM LEAF LN.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43614	LUCAS	10/17/15	

3. Signature 	Print First Name	Jenna	Initial	JS
	Print Last Name	Sauer		

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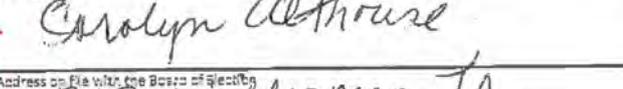
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5. Signature 	Print First Name	ROBERT	Initial	
	Print Last Name	SUTTON		

Address on file with the Board of Election 9575 MANUEE-WEAVER RD					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
SPENCERVILLE	4	43542	LUCAS	10/18/15	

6. Signature 	Print First Name	Jennifer	Initial	JK
	Print Last Name	KING		

Address on file with the Board of Election 7050 Woxford Hill					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Holland	8	43528	LUCAS	10/19/15	

7. Signature 	Print First Name	ALTHOUSE	Initial	CA
	Print Last Name	Carolyn		

Address on file with the Board of Election 313 Wilderness Tr.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
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8. Signature 	Print First Name	Katie	Initial	J
	Print Last Name	Milen		

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City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
0C 51288 Harbor Ridge Amanda	IN	46530	Lucas	10-18-15

9. Signature 	Print First Name	Charles	Initial	CJM
	Print Last Name	Miller		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
✓ 4750 Park Place Blvd. Sylvania		43560	Lucas	10/18/2015

10. Signature 	Print First Name	Stephanie	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Hulbert		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
✓ 7520 Finzel Road Whitewhore		43571	Lucas	10/18/15

11. Signature				
Address on file with the Board of Election				
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12. Signature 	Print First Name	Jonathan	Initial	JR
	Print Last Name	Roberts		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
✓ 6637 Mill Ridge Mansfield	04	43537	Lucas	10/18/15

13. Signature 	Print First Name	JAMES	Initial	R.
	Print Last Name	BRENIZER		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
✓ 8435 Stable Court HOLLAND	15	43528	LUCAS	10/18/15

14. Signature 	Print First Name	CLIFF	Initial	
	Print Last Name	RUNYAN		

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✓ 11961 REED RD WHITE HOUSE		43571	LUCAS	10-18-15

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15. Signature <i>Thomas M. Curley</i>	Print First Name Thomas	Initial M
	Print Last Name Curley	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2719 Laverne				
City/Village/Township Oregon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43616	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-18-2015

16. Signature <i>Brittany Jones</i>	Print First Name Brittany	Initial BJ
	Print Last Name Johnson	

Address on file with the Board of Election 11090 South Ave				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43609	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-18-15

17. Signature <i>Fenton W.G. McKenzie</i>	Print First Name Fenton	Initial W.G.
	Print Last Name McKenzie	

Address on file with the Board of Election 1929 Key St. Apt E				
City/Village/Township Maumee	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43537	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/18/2015

18. Signature <i>Jessie Geis</i>	Print First Name Jessie	Initial B
	Print Last Name Geis	

Address on file with the Board of Election 705 Diana Dr.				
City/Village/Township Molland	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 43528	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-18-15

19. Signature <i>Bennett Moulton</i>	Print First Name Kenneth Moulton	Initial K
	Print Last Name Moulton	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4602 Tolbridge Green				
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20. Signature <i>Raikesha C. Hicks</i>	Print First Name Raikesha	Initial C
	Print Last Name Hicks	

Address on file with the Board of Election 914 Vance				
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21. Signature <i>Lynn Carver</i>	Print First Name LYNN	Initial L
	Print Last Name CARVER	

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Print Last Name <i>Sharp</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1708 Watkins dr.*

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23. Signature <i>Susan Zuelke</i>	Print First Name <i>Susan</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
Print Last Name <i>Zuelke</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2840 Northwood*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>01</i>	Zip Code <i>43606</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/18/15</i>
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24. Signature <i>Michelle A. Buschwind</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
Print Last Name <i>Buschwind</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*444 Mayfair Blvd*

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I, Gregory Gene Jones, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 23 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Gregory Gene Jones  
(Signed)

3950 Airport Hwy #115  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
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Toledo  
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Ohio 43615  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000140

County: Sarona Lucas

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

**064484**

**SUMMARY**

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MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

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Address on file with the Board of Election 439 W Delaware					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43610	County Lucas		Date of Signing 9-22-15
6. Signature 					
Address on file with the Board of Election 568 Colima Dr.					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43609	County LUCAS		Date of Signing 9/22/15
7. Signature 					
Address on file with the Board of Election 105 17th ST					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 47604	County LUCAS		Date of Signing 9-22-15

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16. Signature <i>Madal Perkins</i>	Print First Name <i>MADAL</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>PERKINS</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1255 S. Byrne Rd. D113</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43614</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/22/15</i>	

17. Signature <i>Alicia King</i>	Print First Name <i>Alicia</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>King</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2224 Sanford St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43606</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>	

18. Signature <i>Phyllis Cathladge</i>	Print First Name <i>Phyllis</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Cathladge</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>146 Birmingham Terrace</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>Oh</i>	Zip Code <i>43105</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9.22.15</i>	

19. Signature <i>Frankie Miles III</i>	Print First Name <i>Frankie</i>	Initial <i>FM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Miles</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1258 Vance St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>	

20. Signature <i>David Walker</i>	Print First Name <i>David</i>	Initial <i>DW</i>
	Print Last Name <i>WALKER</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>995 Post St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43610</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>	

21. Signature <i>Clarice Nelson</i>	Print First Name <i>Clarice</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Nelson</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1016 Jefferson Ave Apt 3F</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43804</i>
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22. Signature: *Stephanie McNeal*  
 Print First Name: *Stephanie* Initial: *L*  
 Print Last Name: *McNEAL*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1010 Jefferson #1C*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *Sept 22-15*

23. Signature: *Marshall Nelson*  
 Print First Name: *Marshall* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *Nelson*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *213 13th St*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-22-15*

24. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Jessie Jackson* Initial: *J*  
 Print Last Name: *Jackson*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *238 2nd St*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43606* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-22-15*

25. Signature: *Marquis J. McKinney*  
 Print First Name: *Marquis* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *McKinney*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1940 Mansfield St.*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43613* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9/27/15*

26. Signature: *Michael Dentey*  
 Print First Name: *Michael* Initial: *S*  
 Print Last Name: *Dentey*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *633 Keo St*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9/22/15*

27. Signature: *Ricardo Thornton*  
 Print First Name: *Ricardo* Initial: *C*  
 Print Last Name: *Thornton*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *2312 Warsaw*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43609* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9/22/15*

28. Signature: *Leslie Linear*  
 Print First Name: *Leslie* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *Linear*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *2943 Powhatan Toledo Ohio*  
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
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The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

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- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

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(Signed)

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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#### SUMMARY

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2. Signature 	Print First Name Amati	Initial AS
	Print Last Name Simmons	

Address on file with the Board of Election 326 Macon St				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43620	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/23/15

3. Signature 	Print First Name Shamari	Initial SS
	Print Last Name Syph	

Address on file with the Board of Election 544 Carver Blvd				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/23/15

4. Signature 	Print First Name Madeline	Initial M
	Print Last Name Simpkins	

Address on file with the Board of Election 1557 Bow St.				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43609	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/23/15

5. Signature 	Print First Name Monique	Initial
	Print Last Name Chin	

Address on file with the Board of Election 3445 N. Main				
City/Village/Township Sylvania	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43560	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9/23/15

6. Signature 	Print First Name Danielle	Initial DB
	Print Last Name Bowen	

Address on file with the Board of Election 708 Bowman				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43409	County Lucas	Date of Signing 9-23-15

7. Signature 	Print First Name Erika	Initial
	Print Last Name Williams	

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8. Signature <i>Sharece A. Gregory</i>	Print First Name	Sharece	Initial	A.
	Print Last Name	Gregory		
Address on file with the Board of Election 528 Dryden Dr.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43612	LUCAS	9/23/15

9. Signature <i>Leah P. Thames</i>	Print First Name	Leah P. Thames	Initial	LT
	Print Last Name	Thames		
Address on file with the Board of Election 1981 Wicker Ln				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	LUCAS	9/23/15

10. Signature <i>Mario</i>	Print First Name	MARIO	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	VAICATI		
Address on file with the Board of Election <del>881</del> 2349 Berden AVE				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
TOLEDO		43613	LUCAS	9/23/15

11. Signature <i>Thaimi Ruiz</i>	Print First Name	Thaimi	Initial	
	Print Last Name	RUIZ		
Address on file with the Board of Election 904 Vinton				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	9-23-15

12. Signature <i>Janneya Wilson</i>	Print First Name	Janneya	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Wilson		
Address on file with the Board of Election Toledo 934 Lincoln Ave				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
934 Lincoln Ave		43607	LUCAS	9/23/15

13. Signature <i>Jena Cosper</i>	Print First Name	Jena	Initial	JC
	Print Last Name	COSPER		
Address on file with the Board of Election 3409 Gibraltar Apt 02				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	9/23/15

14. Signature <i>Brinda G. King</i>	Print First Name	Brinda	Initial	
	Print Last Name	GRIFFIN KING		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2114 South				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	9/23/15

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15. Signature: *Delama Forsyth*  
 Print First Name: *Delama*  
 Print Last Name: *Forsyth*  
 Initial: *M*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *117 Jefferson Ave Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *00* Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9/23/2015*

16. Signature: *Stevie Green*  
 Print First Name: *Darrick*  
 Print Last Name: *Green*  
 Initial:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *375 Hill Ave Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-23-2015*

17. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *James Lawrence*  
 Print Last Name: *JAMES*  
 Initial:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *514 Platt Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43608* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-23-15*

18. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Asia*  
 Print Last Name: *Werner*  
 Initial: *AW*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *815 Pinewood Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-23-15*

19. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *LAVITA*  
 Print Last Name: *HARRIS*  
 Initial:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1434 FRANKLIN Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43604* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *9-23-15*

20. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Weltha*  
 Print Last Name: *Maulsby*  
 Initial:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1723 Duncan Rd Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43613* County: *Sueco* Date of Signing: *9/23/15*

21. Signature: *[Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Sharon*  
 Print Last Name: *Hawk*  
 Initial:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1223 N. Erie St. APT B Toledo*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9/23/15*

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22. Signature	Print First Name Doroshia	Initial D
Print Last Name Carter		

Address on file with the Board of Election 1337 Arondele				
City/Village/Township Folsom	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43107	County Lucas	Date of Signing 09/23/19

23. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
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24. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

25. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
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26. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

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27. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

28. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
Print Last Name		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Unique L. McAdams declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 22 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Unique L. McAdams

(Signed)

405 Martin Ln.

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo

City, Village or Township

Ohio

State

43604

Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064486

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID = 3  
 VALID = 20 ✓  
 TOTAL = 23

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

**William S. Booth**  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

**Latonya D. Thurman**  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature 	Print First Name	Zach	Initial	N
	Print Last Name	Herron		
Address on file with the Board of Election 5339 Fleet St.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43615	Lucas	10-22-2015

2. Signature 	Print First Name	Taylor	Initial	T
	Print Last Name	Kirkland		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2721 Midwood Avenue				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43106	Lucas	10-22-15

3. Signature 	Print First Name	Dylan	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	Engels		
Address on file with the Board of Election 5308 305th St				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43611	Lucas	10/22/15

4. Signature 	Print First Name	Demetrius	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Foster-Phoenix		
Address on file with the Board of Election 316 Machen				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43620	Lucas	10/22/15

5. Signature 	Print First Name	Ashley	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Kath		
Address on file with the Board of Election 961 S. Reynolds Rd #18				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo	C	43614	Lucas	10/22/15

6. Signature 	Print First Name	Shelby	Initial	S
	Print Last Name	Spurling		
Address on file with the Board of Election 6387 Glenhurst Dr. Ap. 5				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Maree		43507	LUCAS	10-22-15

7. Signature 	Print First Name	Terin	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Jones		
Address on file with the Board of Election 855 E. Strecker St.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43608	Lucas	10-26-15

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8. Signature <i>Marie Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>Marie</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Miller</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3105 Villa Dr.*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43614</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
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9. Signature <i>Ronnie Robinson</i>	Print First Name <i>Ronnie</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>ROBINSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*617 Hampton*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43609</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-29-15</i>
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Signature	County	City or Village	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct	Month / Day / Year
15. Signature <i>Molly Hogan</i>					
Print First Name MOLLY		Print Last Name HOGAN		Initial MH	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2539 104th Street					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/22/15	
16. Signature <i>Latasha Howard</i>					
Print First Name Latasha		Print Last Name Howard		Initial D	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2429 Georgetown Ave					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43613	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-22-15	
17. Signature <i>Cesar Martinez</i>					
Print First Name Cesar		Print Last Name Martinez		Initial T.B	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2739 mechanic St.					
City/Village/Township Oregon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43410	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-22-15	
18. Signature <i>Carl D Landrum</i>					
Print First Name Carl		Print Last Name Landrum		Initial FL	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2155 Thornapple Dr.					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43614	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-22-15	
19. Signature <i>Tommy Ostrowski</i>					
Print First Name Tommy		Print Last Name Ostrowski		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2912 Peacewood RD					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43613	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-22-15	
20. Signature <i>Mark L Hicks</i>					
Print First Name Mark <del>Hicks</del>		Print Last Name Hicks		Initial K	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1464 N. Ontario					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/22/15	
21. Signature <i>Andy Thomas</i>					
Print First Name Andy		Print Last Name Thomas		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2030 Ashland Ave Apt. 108					
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43620	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/22/15	

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22. Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name: <i>Major</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Smith</i>		Initial: <i>MSJ</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>1314 Blum</i>					
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>43607</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10/26/15</i>	
23. Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name: <i>Maryn's</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Kyran</i>		Initial: <i>MK</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>795 Woodstock</i>					
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo OH</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>43607</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10/26/2015</i>	
24. Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
Print First Name: <i>Tyler M. Coffee</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Coffee</i>		Initial: <i>TMC</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>1832 Cone St</i>					
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo, OH</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>43607</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10/26/2015</i>	
25. Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>					
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Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>4606 South Village Dr.</i>					
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Halcy Stroman, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

DRW Campaigns Inc  
3549 Dort Hwy Flint MI 48507  
(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

[Signature]  
(Signed)  
9795 W. Cr. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Foster OH  
City, Village or Township  
44830  
State Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

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County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064487

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

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2. Signature <i>Andrew Eliff</i>	Print First Name Andrew	Initial L
	Print Last Name Eliff	

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3. Signature <i>Keilona Robbins</i>	Print First Name Keilona	Initial S
	Print Last Name Robbins	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2241 Rockspring Road

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4. Signature <i>Roosevelt Hatcher</i>	Print First Name Roosevelt	Initial
	Print Last Name Hatcher	

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5. Signature <i>Mercedes Broadnax-Neal</i>	Print First Name MERCEDES	Initial
	Print Last Name BROADNAX-NEAL	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
116 W. Park St.

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6. Signature <i>Fredrick Bull</i>	Print First Name Fredrick	Initial
	Print Last Name Bull	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
8 Shultsbury # 6

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7. Signature <i>Lisa McIntire</i>	Print First Name LISA	Initial m.
	Print Last Name MCINTIRE	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
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11. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
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<i>Pamela Meek</i>	<i>Pamela Meek</i>				<i>PM</i>
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<i>1000 Proxey Ave</i>					
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<i>Toledo</i>	<i>OT10</i>	<i>43609</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>11-5-2015</i>	

13. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
<i>[Redacted Signature]</i>	<i>Stephen</i>		<i>[Redacted]</i>		<i>Se</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election					
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14. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
<i>[Redacted Signature]</i>	<i>Amber</i>		<i>Gilbert</i>		<i>AG</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election					
<i>618 Corners</i>					
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22. Signature <i>Celestine Watts</i>					
Print First Name <i>Celestine</i>					Initial <i>CLW</i>
Print Last Name <i>Watts</i>					
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4133 Bennett Rd</i>					
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Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>					Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>					
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24. Signature <i>Rick Arthur</i>					
Print First Name <i>Rick</i>					Initial <i>RA</i>
Print Last Name <i>Arthur</i>					
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25. Signature <i>Frederick Smith</i>					
Print First Name <i>Frederick</i>					Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
Print Last Name <i>Smith</i>					
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2362 Cheyenne Blvd</i>					
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26. Signature <i>Clay Spencer</i>					
Print First Name <i>CLAY</i>					Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
Print Last Name <i>SPENCER</i>					
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4623 LAKESIDE DR.</i>					
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27. Signature <i>Charles J. Smith Jr.</i>					
Print First Name <i>Charles</i>					Initial <i>J.</i>
Print Last Name <i>Smith</i>					<i>Jr.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1813 Brownstone # 711</i>					
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28. Signature <i>Norma Polster</i>					
Print First Name <i>Norma</i>					Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
Print Last Name <i>Polster</i>					
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5870 Southwick</i>					
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15. Signature <i>Vera Salazar</i>	Print First Name	<i>Vera</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Salazar</i>		
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16. Signature <i>Candace R. Couturier</i>	Print First Name	<i>Candace</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Couturier</i>		
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17. Signature <i>Jana Wenzel</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jana</i>	Initial	<i>J</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Wenzel</i>		
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18. Signature <i>Catherine Washington</i>	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
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19. Signature <i>Rachel Watson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rachel</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Watson</i>		
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20. Signature <i>Emily Guth</i>	Print First Name	<i>Emily</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Guth</i>		
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21. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Ra</i>	Initial	<i>R.P.</i>
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>P.O. [Redacted]</i>				
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(Signed)

4800 Henry CT  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fredericksburg  
City, Village or Township

VA 22408  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000144

County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064488

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#### SUMMARY

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INVALID = 10  
 VALID = 13  
 TOTAL = 23 ✓ 13/23

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Papato Beauty</i>	Print First Name <i>Dakota</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Beauty</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>962 Willow</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
2. Signature <i>Marcell Johnson</i>	Print First Name <i>Marcell</i>	Initial <i>D</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Johnson</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>41 Dickens Dr.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-27-15</i>
3. Signature <i>Kloria Brown</i>	Print First Name <i>Kloria</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Brown</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>953 Belmont</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
4. Signature <i>Richard Walker Syph</i>	Print First Name <i>Richard</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Walker-Syph</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>605 Lodge</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43609</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
5. Signature <i>Stephanie Aguirre</i>	Print First Name <i>Stephanie</i>	Initial <i>SA</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Aguirre</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>331 Torch apt 5</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Dragon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43616</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
6. Signature <i>Stephan Wells</i>	Print First Name <i>Stephan</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Wells</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <del>331 Torch</del> <i>2838 upon ave</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43606</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>
7. Signature <i>Cynthia Kregel</i>	Print First Name <i>Cynthia</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kregel</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2558--102nd St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>1</i>	Zip Code <i>43611</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/27/15</i>

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8. Signature	Print Name			Initial
Address				
City/Village/Township				

9. Signature	Print Name			Initial
Address				
City/Village/Township	44816	Huron	10-27-15	

10. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
	Addie		Jonesque		
Address on file with the Board of Election					
928 N. Byrne Rd					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43607	Lucas	10-27-15	

11. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
	Artwan		Page		
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1951 Sussex Pl.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43007	Lucas	10-27-15	

12. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
	Kabeem		Nictolcon		K
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1530 Ridgewood					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		417608	US	10-27-15	

13. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
	Terry		Strada		TS
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1519 Glenbrook Dr.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43614	Lucas	10/27/15	

14. Signature	Print First Name		Print Last Name		Initial
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15. Signature 	Print First Name	Bramlio	Initial	B.W.
	Print Last Name	Watson		

Address on file with the Board of Election 471 Stillman St					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		431005	Lucas	10/27/15	

16. Signature 	Print First Name	Jennifer	Initial	JD
	Print Last Name	Dorlack		

Address on file with the Board of Election 11021 Aiken Court					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43609	Lucas	10/27/15	

17. Signature 	Print First Name	Stephen	Initial	S
	Print Last Name	Simmons		

Address on file with the Board of Election 700 Spencer APT 303					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43609	Lucas	10/28/15	

18. Signature 	Print First Name	Ricky	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Hennesy		

Address on file with the Board of Election 2018 South					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43609	Lucas	10-28-15	

19. Signature 	Print First Name	Roderick	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Allen		

Address on file with the Board of Election 4316 Bowen					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo Ohio		43613	Lucas	10/28/15	

20. Signature 	Print First Name	Adriane	Initial	AB
	Print Last Name	Bethel		

Address on file with the Board of Election 5001 South Ave lot 258					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43615	Lucas	10-28-15	

21. Signature 	Print First Name	William	Initial	WA
	Print Last Name	Ackerman		

Address on file with the Board of Election 2830 131st St #32					
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22. Signature [Redacted]

Address [Redacted]

City [Redacted]

23. Signature *Jurlean Johnson*

Print First Name *Jurlean* Initial *J*

Print Last Name *Johnson*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2917 Burnett*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43610* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *10/28/15*

24. Signature *James Tucker*

Print First Name *James* Initial *J*

Print Last Name *Tucker*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4017 Fox Fire Ct*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *10/28/15*

25. Signature *Travenus Williams*

Print First Name *Travenus* Initial *T*

Print Last Name *Williams*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4418 AIRPORT Hwy # 37*

City/Village/Township *TOLEDO* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43615* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10-28-15*

26. Signature [Redacted]

Address on file with the Board of Election [Redacted]

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27. Signature *Latoria Garrett*

Print First Name *LATORIA* Initial *L.G.*

Print Last Name *Garrett*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4414 Acton dr*

City/Village/Township *Toledo, OH* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43603* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10-28-2015*

28. Signature *Mella McCarver*

Print First Name *Mella* Initial *M*

Print Last Name *McCarver*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1520 Foster*

City/Village/Township *Toledo H* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43615* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10-28-15*

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
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(Signed) 

9795 W. Cf. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fostoria  
City, Village or Township

OH 44830  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000145

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1. Signature <i>Autumn Johnson</i>	Print First Name Autumn	Initial AJ
	Print Last Name Johnson	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2106 Upton Ave

City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43007	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/22/15
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2. Signature <i>Carol Holton</i>	Print First Name Carol	Initial S.
	Print Last Name HOLTON	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
4129 Caroline Avenue

City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43612	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10-22-15
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3. Signature <i>Allison Rybinski</i>	Print First Name Allison	Initial M
	Print Last Name Rybinski	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3343 Island Ave

City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43614	County Lucas	Date of Signing 10/22/15
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4. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial

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5. Signature <i>Janice Coleman</i>	Print First Name Janice Coleman	Initial JC
	Print Last Name Coleman	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3918 Peere

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6. Signature <i>Katlynn Sprad</i>	Print First Name Katlynn	Initial
	Print Last Name Sprad	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
4649 Wickford

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7. Signature <i>Eliverta Azizi</i>	Print First Name Eliverta	Initial
	Print Last Name Azizi	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3917 Homewood Ave Apt 1

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G ✓ Signature	Kathryn Andrzejewski		Print First Name	Kathryn	Initial	K
	Andrzejewski Andrzejewski		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 4190 pton Ave.						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
Toledo		43613	Lucas	10/22/15		
NR ✓ Signature	Lindsay Hill		Print First Name	Lindsay	Initial	LH
	Hill		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 26 Stratton St.						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
Toledo		43605	Lucas	10-22-15		
✓ Signature	Damien Scott		Print First Name	Damien	Initial	DS
	SCOTT		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 4527 Overland Pkwy						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
Toledo		43612	LUCAS	10-22-15		
NR ✓ Signature	Rebecca Miller		Print First Name	Rebecca	Initial	RAM
	Miller		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 2720 Ainsdale Dr apt 204						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
Toledo		43606	Lucas	10-22-15		
B ✓ Signature	[Redacted]		Print First Name	[Redacted]	Initial	[Redacted]
	[Redacted]		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election [Redacted]						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
[Redacted]		[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		
✓ Signature	Chad Bran		Print First Name	Chad	Initial	CB
	Bran		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 1047 Wall St.						
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing		
Murree		43537	Lucas	10/22/15		
✓ Signature	Renae Davenport		Print First Name	Renae	Initial	RD
	Davenport		Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Election 3625 146th St.						
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Toledo		43611	Lucas	10/22/15		

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16. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	Samuel	Initial	SD
Address							
[Redacted Address]							
City/Village/Township							
Toledo							

17. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	Patrick E.	Initial	P
				Print Last Name	Cook		
Address on file with the Board of Election							
2336 Bardon Ave.							
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing			
Toledo		43615	Lucas	10/23/15			

18. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	Tyler	Initial	T
				Print Last Name	DeArmond		
Address on file with the Board of Election							
5212 Arbor Way							
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing			
Sylvania		43360	Lucas	10/23/15			

19. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	Kristen Ly	Initial	
				Print Last Name	Whitensky		
Address on file with the Board of Election							
1707 Perth St							
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing			
Toledo, OH		43607	Lucas	10/23/15			

20. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	Brianne	Initial	
				Print Last Name	Whitensky		
Address on file with the Board of Election							
2253 108th St							
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing			
Toledo		43611	Lucas	10/23/15			

21. Signature	[Redacted Signature]			Print First Name	[Redacted]	Initial	
				Print Last Name	[Redacted]		
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Print First Name Liam Initial R.P.R  
 Print Last Name Rogers

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2250 Charlestown Ave.

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23. Signature 

Print First Name Kristen Initial K.M  
 Print Last Name Matson

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2125 Campus Rd. #1040B HAV

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24. Signature 

Print First Name Cody Initial CT  
 Print Last Name Towrick

Address on file with the Board of Election  
635 Northfield Dr

City/Village/Township Toledo Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code 43537 County Lucas Date of Signing 10/23/15

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25. Signature 

Print First Name Lawrence Initial LG  
 Print Last Name Gray

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2819 Budeben Dr.

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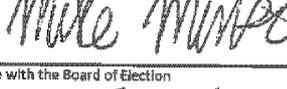
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Print First Name Kris Initial KE  
 Print Last Name EICK

Address on file with the Board of Election  
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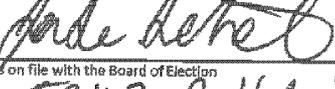
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Print First Name Michael Initial MM  
 Print Last Name Minor

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2517 Georgetown Avenue

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28. Signature 

Print First Name Jake Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Last Name Schmidt

Address on file with the Board of Election  
5947 Pebble Stone Rd.

City/Village/Township Sylvania Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code 43560 County Lucas Date of Signing 10/23/15

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
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**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Haley Stroman, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 <sup>23</sup> electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

  
(Signed)  
9795 W. Cf. 28  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Eastoria  
City, Village or Township  
OR 44830  
State Zip Code

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

#### SUMMARY

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- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
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1. Signature <i>Charles E Fix</i>	Print First Name Charles	Initial E.
	Print Last Name Fix	
Address on file with the Board of Election 16 Naugatuck way		
City/Village/Township Waterville	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43566
County Lucas	Date of Signing Aug 30, 2015	

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2. Signature <i>Claudia Young-El</i>	Print First Name Claudia	Initial R
	Print Last Name Young-El	
Address on file with the Board of Election 829 1/2 S 14th St.		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604
County Lucas	Date of Signing 8-30-15	

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3. Signature <i>Yolanda Riggs</i>	Print First Name Yolanda	Initial J
	Print Last Name Riggs	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1957 Clinton St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43609
County Lucas	Date of Signing 8/30/15	

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4. Signature <i>Melanie Patton</i>	Print First Name MELANIE	Initial
	Print Last Name PATTON	
Address on file with the Board of Election 5928 Douglas Rd		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct 5th	Zip Code 43613
County LUCAS	Date of Signing 8-30-15	

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5. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial A
Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>[Redacted]</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code
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6. Signature <i>Kelly</i>	Print First Name Kesh	Initial T
	Print Last Name KELLY	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1337 Moore St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43608
County Lucas	Date of Signing 8-30-15	

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7. Signature <i>Jason Zakel</i>	Print First Name Jason	Initial
	Print Last Name ZAKEL	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1101 OAKWOOD		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607
County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-30-2015	

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8. Signature <i>Jason Nemitz</i>	Print First Name <i>Jason</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Nemitz</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*230 8th St*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-30-15</i>
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9. Signature <i>Michael Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>Michael</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Miller</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*230 139th St*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-30-15</i>
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10. Signature <i>Natalie N. Weathers</i>	Print First Name <i>Natalie</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Weathers</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*292 Krower*

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11. Signature <i>Robert Weathers</i>	Print First Name <i>Robert</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Weathers</i>	

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12. Signature <i>Carletta Weathers</i>	Print First Name <i>CARLETTA</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name <i>WEATHERS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*875 11th*

City/Village/Township <i>TOL</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-30-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Bernadine Townsend</i>	Print First Name <i>Bernadine</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Townsend</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*837 South 13th Street*

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14. Signature <i>Derek Johnson</i>	Print First Name <i>DEREK</i>	Initial <i>D</i>
	Print Last Name <i>JOHNSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2911 14th St*

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15. Signature <i>Leah Saum</i>	Print First Name	LEAH	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	SAUM		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
911 S. 18TH

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		431004	LUCAS	8/30/15

16. Signature <i>Kelly Clark</i>	Print First Name	Kelly	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Clark		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
212 Avondale Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43604	LUCAS	8-30-15

17. Signature <i>Kris Coltrane</i>	Print First Name	Kris	Initial	RC
	Print Last Name	Coltrane		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
746 Boalt

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	8/30/15

18. Signature <i>Debra Ramos</i>	Print First Name	Debra	Initial	DR
	Print Last Name	RAMOS		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
1018 Jefferson

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	8-30-15

19. Signature <i>Nicole Batchelor</i>	Print First Name	Nicole	Initial	NB
	Print Last Name	BATCHELOR		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
1018 Jefferson

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43609	LUCAS	8-30-15

20. Signature <i>Heather Sigurdson</i>	Print First Name	Heather	Initial	HLS
	Print Last Name	SIGURDSON		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2058 Arkansas St.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Oregon		43616	LUCAS	8-30-15

21. Signature <i>Lucinda Springer</i>	Print First Name	LUCINDA	Initial	
	Print Last Name	SPRINGER		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
7518 Erie St

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Sylvania		43560	LUCAS	8/30/15

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22. Signature <i>MARGE PUGH</i>	Print First Name <b>MARGE</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name <b>PUGH</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7518 Erie Selvania</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Selvania</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43560</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>8/30/15</i>	

Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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Address					
[REDACTED]					
Date of Signing <i>1/15</i>					

Print First Name	Initial
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Address					
[REDACTED]					
Date of Signing <i>15</i>					

25. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Address					
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Address on file with the Board of Election					
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City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

27. Signature <i>Josh Cornett</i>	Print First Name <b>Josh</b>	Initial <b>O</b>
	Print Last Name <b>Cornett</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2015 N. McCord</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-30-15</i>	

28. Signature <i>Don Bohnert</i>	Print First Name <b>Don</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name <b>BOHNERT</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2015 N McCord</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-30-15</i>	

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

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##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

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##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Michelle Smith, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 <sup>23</sup> electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Michelle Smith  
(Signed)

702 North Erie Apt 513  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Blacks Dni  
City, Village or Township

Dni 48604  
State Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**



## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

**William S. Booth**  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

**Latonya D. Thurman**  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219



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8. Signature <i>Walter E. Dickerson</i>	Print First Name <i>WALTER</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>DICKERSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5744 KUDYARK RD.*

City/Village/Township <i>SILVANIA</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43560</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>
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9. Signature <i>Michelle M. Andrews</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle M.</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>ANDREWS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1507 JERSEY RD.*

City/Village/Township <i>OREGON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43066-3613</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>24 SEP 15</i>
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10. Signature <i>Melissa Bobek</i>	Print First Name <i>Melissa</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>BOBEK</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*7339 Sawmill Run*

City/Village/Township <i>Holland</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43528</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>
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11. Signature <i>Edward Moore</i>	Print First Name <i>Edward</i>	Initial <i>EM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MOORE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*29 C. Oakland*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43603</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>
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12. Signature <i>Rahib Akil</i>	Print First Name <i>Rahib</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>AKI</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5875 germa*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43613</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Rose Belcher</i>	Print First Name <i>Rose</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Belcher</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*856 Bemis Ln.*

City/Village/Township <i>Holland</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43528</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>
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14. Signature <i>Crystal Williamsen</i>	Print First Name <i>Crystal</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Williamsen</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*552 Bryson Ave*

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15. Signature <i>Brittany DeBolt</i>	Print First Name <i>BRITTANY</i>	Initial <i>BR</i>
	Print Last Name <i>DEBOLT</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>636 oswald st</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>
	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-29-15</i>

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16. Signature <i>Yolanda Evans</i>	Print First Name <i>Yolanda</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>EVANS</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>240 21st #501</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>
	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-29-15</i>

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17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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18. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
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22. Signature: *G Pamela L. Vernon*

Print First Name: Pamela Initial: L  
 Print Last Name: Vernon

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1679 Park Forest Dr.

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43614 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9-24-15

23. Signature: *G Peggy Miller*

Print First Name: Peggy Initial:   
 Print Last Name: Miller

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1203 Cuba St

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43615 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9-24-15

24. Signature: *Mr. S. Santos*

Print First Name: Nicholas Initial: S  
 Print Last Name: Santos

Address on file with the Board of Election: 208 White St.

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43605 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9/27/15

25. Signature: *MR. Stephinea Smith*

Print First Name: Stephinea Initial: SS  
 Print Last Name: Smith

Address on file with the Board of Election: 115 Carol Ln

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43615 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9/29/15

26. Signature: *Nancy Sieja*

Print First Name: Nancy Initial: S  
 Print Last Name: Sieja

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1949 Thornapple

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43614 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9-24-15

27. Signature: *Pamela Vernon*

Print First Name: LARRY Initial:   
 Print Last Name: VERNON

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1679 Park Forest

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43614 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9-24-15

28. Signature: *Randy Decker*

Print First Name: Randy Initial: F  
 Print Last Name: Decker

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1465 VMC

City/Village/Township: Toledo Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: 43607 County: Lucas Date of Signing: 9/24/15

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#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064493

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 TOTAL = 23 ✓

*M. J. Salt*  
 12-23-2015

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1. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name GIANU KUCERA	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election 4211 Barnham				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43607	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-8-15

2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name PATRICIA L. ANDERSON	Initial L
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2146 CONSAK ST.				
City/Village/Township TOLEDO	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43605	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 09-08-15

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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Leah	Initial KMG
	Print Last Name Rayford	

Address on file with the Board of Election 367 Burger				
City/Village/Township 701. Ok.	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43605	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-8-15

6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name PATRICIA	Initial PC
	Print Last Name COUSINO	PC

Address on file with the Board of Election 367 Burger				
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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name K AULINE	Initial K.A.
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election [REDACTED]				
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43605	County LUCAS	Date of Signing

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8. Signature *Samantha Daniel* Print First Name *Samantha* Initial *SSRD*  
Print Last Name *Daniel*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2406 Woodford*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-8-15*

9. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Deja* Initial *DJE*  
Print Last Name *Harris*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*7027 Bakerwell Street*

City/Village/Township *City Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-8-15*

10. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Wanasha* Initial *L*  
Print Last Name *Jenkins*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*Consuel St*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-9-15*

11. Signature *[Redacted]* Print First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township \_\_\_\_\_ Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-9-15*

12. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Dominique* Initial *D*  
Print Last Name *Worthy*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2610 Consuel St*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43605* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-8-15*

13. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Christopher* Initial *L*  
Print Last Name *Lynn*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1702 Dunion Road*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code *43613* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-8-15*

14. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Andion* Initial *J*  
Print Last Name *Silvester*

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3420 145th*

City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct *0A* Zip Code *43611* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *9-8-15*

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25. Signature <i>Mary Moore</i>	Print First Name <i>Mary</i>	Initial <i>mm</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MOORE</i>	

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*3420 145th*

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26. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
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Date of Signing  
*09/08/16*

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27. Signature <i>Michael E. Foley</i>	Print First Name <i>MICHAEL E. Foley</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Foley</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*474 E. Weber St*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43608</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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28. Signature <i>BK. Lawson</i>	Print First Name <i>BYRON</i>	Initial <i>BKL</i>
	Print Last Name <i>LAUSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1201 Champlain*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43604</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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29. Signature <i>Morris</i>	Print First Name <i>MORRIS</i>	Initial <i>MM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MORRIS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1600 Dorr St Apt 182*

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20. Signature <i>Tonya Brown</i>	Print First Name <i>TONYA</i>	Initial <i>W.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>BROWN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3337 Arlington ave*

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21. Signature <i>Loretta M. Bowles</i>	Print First Name <i>Loretta</i>	Initial <i>M.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bowles</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*621 Prouty Ave.*

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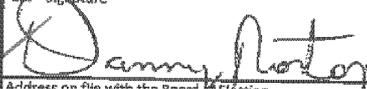
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Print First Name Stephanie	Initial S.S.
Print Last Name Smith	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
330 Spencer St.

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23. Signature 

Print First Name DANNY	Initial DN
Print Last Name NORTON	

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Print Last Name Fuller	

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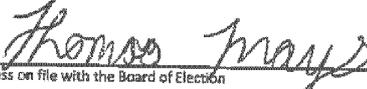
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Print First Name Pamela	Initial P.G.
Print Last Name Gaston	

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739 Buice

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Print First Name Thomas	Initial T.M.
Print Last Name MAYS	

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1344 Colton st

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Address on file with the Board of Election  
1136 Gordon St

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

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The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

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I, Parris L. Wade, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of (28) 23 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Parris L. Wade  
(Signed)

334 Spencer  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo  
City, Village or Township

OH                      43609  
State                              Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
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Number: 000150

County: Lucas

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 9/16/15 Pact interview & Reporting  
 9/17/15 Dr.'s Appointment  
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5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

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1. Signature <i>Michael Mack</i>	Print First Name <i>Michael</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MACK</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1521 Lincoln St*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43608</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Dawn Holmes</i>	Print First Name <i>Dawn</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Holmes</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3218 Cambridge*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43610</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>Terry Z Bell</i>	Print First Name <i>TERRY</i>	Initial <i>TB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>BELL</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3575 Stickney Apt #3*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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4. Signature <i>Jason Lindsay</i>	Print First Name <i>JASON</i>	Initial <i>JL</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Lindsay</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*13026 N. Erie St.*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43611</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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5. Signature <i>Nicole Annemie</i>	Print First Name <i>NICOLE</i>	Initial <i>NO</i>
	Print Last Name <i>DENNIE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*436 W Delaware*

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43610</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-8-15</i>
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6. Signature <i>Angela Z Eckel</i>	Print First Name <i>Angela</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Eckel</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*829 Geneva Tol. Oh 43609 or 222 Sackett Maumee Ohio 43537*

City/Village/Township <i>Telesco Maumee</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43609 or 43537</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>09-08-2015</i>
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7. Signature <i>Michael Paula</i>	Print First Name <i>MICHAEL</i>	Initial <i>MP</i>
	Print Last Name <i>PAIDULA M</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3149 ELM ST*

City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-9-15</i>
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10. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Carl	C.S
	Print Last Name	
	Steward	
Address on file with the Board of Election		
1712 Hamilton St		
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing
Toledo		9/11/15
Zip Code	County	
43607	Lucas	

11. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Angela	A
	Print Last Name	
	Hudson	
Address on file with the Board of Election		
3161 Brigham St.		
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing
Toledo		9-11-15
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43608	Lucas	

12. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Chiara	C
	Print Last Name	
	OLSZEJ	
Address on file with the Board of Election		
1035 N Superior		
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing
Toledo		9-11-15
Zip Code	County	
43104	LUCAS	

13. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	MARK	MK
	Print Last Name	
	KOZOFF	
Address on file with the Board of Election		
4644 288 St Toledo 70110		
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing
Toledo		9-11-15
Zip Code	County	
43011	LUCAS	

14. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
	Kevin	K
	Print Last Name	
	Thorsby	
Address on file with the Board of Election		
724 Tappan St		
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing
Maumee		9/11/15
Zip Code	County	
43537	Lucas	

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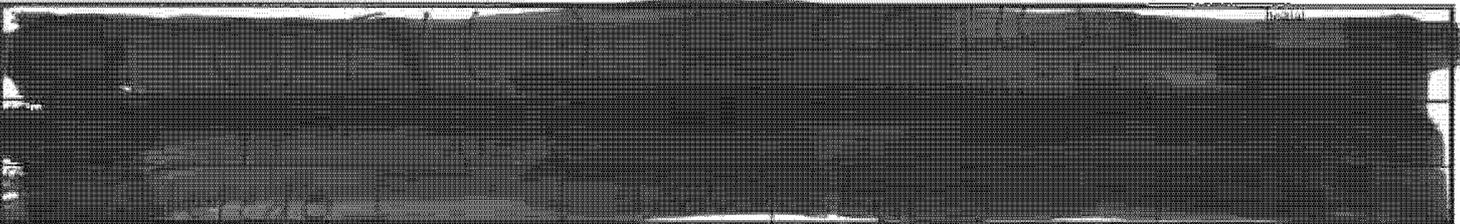
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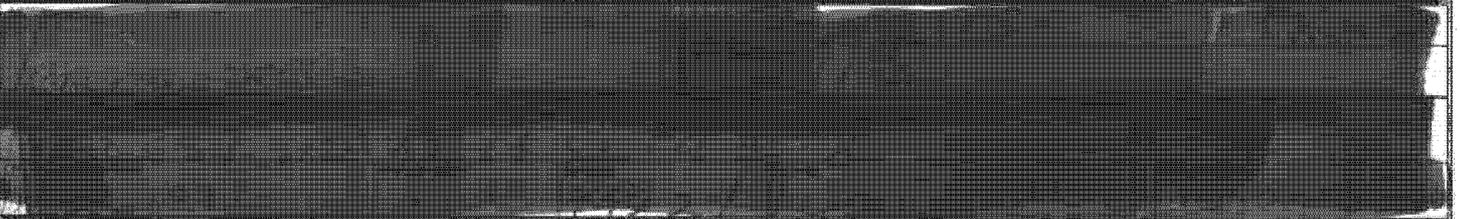
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23. Signature <i>Will Johnson</i>	Print First Name william	Initial J
	Print Last Name JOHNSON	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2086 N. 14th		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43620
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-8-15

24. Signature <i>Chyna Hildebrand</i>	Print First Name Chyna	Initial C
	Print Last Name Hildebrand	
Address on file with the Board of Election 810 Cherry St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43604
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-10-15

25. Signature <i>Joyce Anteau</i>	Print First Name Joyce ANTEAU	Initial JA
	Print Last Name ANTEAU	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2918 119th St		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43611
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-10-15



27. Signature <i>Valencia Lovett</i>	Print First Name VALENCIA	Initial G
	Print Last Name LOVETT	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1800 N. McCord Rd Apt 129		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43615
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-10-15

28. Signature <i>Amanda Luebecke</i>	Print First Name Amanda	Initial J
	Print Last Name LUEBECKE	
Address on file with the Board of Election 343 Boston Pl. #1		
City/Village/Township Toledo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43610
	County LUCAS	Date of Signing 9-10-15

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

#### Section 194.01

**(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

**(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

**(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Cecilia King, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 23 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Cecilia King  
(Signed)

436 W Delaware  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Tallevast  
City, Village or Township

OH 43010  
State Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

Number: 000151

County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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VALID	-	<u>15</u>	
TOTAL	=	<u>23</u>	✓

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

**William S. Booth**  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
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1. Signature: *Alyssa Coleman*

Print First Name: *Alyssa* Initial: *L*  
 Print Last Name: *Coleman*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *336 Melrose*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43110</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>8-28-15</i>

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2. Signature: *Danielle Williams*

Print First Name: *Danielle* Initial: *D*  
 Print Last Name: *Williams*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *119 EVERETT St.*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43108</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>8-29-15</i>

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3. Signature: *Jerrina Williams*

Print First Name: *Jerrina Williams* Initial: *J*  
 Print Last Name: *Williams*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2826 Warsaw*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43608</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>8-29-15</i>

4. Signature: *Richard Singer*

Print First Name: *Richard* Initial: *R*  
 Print Last Name: *Singer*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4155 North Lockwood*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43612</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>8-30-15</i>

5. Signature: *David Contreras*

Print First Name: *David* Initial: *D*  
 Print Last Name: *Contreras*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *38335 Dewey Hills Dr*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Bluffton</i>		<i>43108</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>8-30-15</i>

6. Signature: *Ronald McFee*

Print First Name: *Ronald* Initial: *RM*  
 Print Last Name: *McFee*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *653 Tecumseh*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43604</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>8-30-15</i>

7. Signature: *Kenneth Wright*

Print First Name: *Kenneth Wright* Initial: *KW*  
 Print Last Name: *Wright*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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8. Signature: *[Redacted]* Print First Name: *Dennis Wright* Initial: *DW*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*  
 City/Village/Township: *[Redacted]* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8/30/15*

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9. Signature: *Robert C* Print First Name: *[Redacted]* Initial: *[Redacted]*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*  
 City/Village/Township: *[Redacted]* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43611* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8/31/15*

10. Signature: *[Redacted]* Print First Name: *[Redacted]* Initial: *[Redacted]*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*  
 City/Village/Township: *[Redacted]* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

11. Signature: *Debi M Fleming*

11. Signature: *Debi M Fleming* Print First Name: *Debi* Initial: *[Redacted]*  
 Print Last Name: *Fleming*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *2405 Franklin*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43620* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8/31/15*

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12. Signature: *[Redacted]* Print First Name: *Mike* Initial: *[Redacted]*  
 Print Last Name: *Deer*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1713 Jefferson*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

13. Signature: *Guadalupe Romo*

13. Signature: *Guadalupe Romo* Print First Name: *Guadalupe* Initial: *J*  
 Print Last Name: *Romo*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *1012 Forsthe*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *DHID* Zip Code: *43605* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

14. Signature: *Eugene Dalton*

14. Signature: *Eugene Dalton* Print First Name: *EUGENE* Initial: *EHD*  
 Print Last Name: *Dalton*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: *240 21st Apt 212*  
 City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

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15. Signature: *Raleigh Harris*

Print First Name: *Raleigh* Initial: *B*  
 Print Last Name: *Harris*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2030 Ashland Toledo*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43620* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

16. Signature: *Albert Scott*

Print First Name: *Albert* Initial: *AS*  
 Print Last Name: *Scott*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *125 17th Toledo*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *Lucas* Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-2015*

17. Signature: *Edward Williams*

Print First Name: *Edward Williams* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *Williams*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *722 N. Huron St Toledo*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *Lucas* Zip Code: *Lucas* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

18. Signature: *Shaquille Armstrong*

Print First Name: *Shaquille* Initial: *SA*  
 Print Last Name: *Armstrong*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *3001 Warsaw St Toledo*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43608* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

19. Signature: *Onnie Richardson*

Print First Name: *Onnie* Initial: *OR*  
 Print Last Name: *Richardson*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2926 Warsaw St #3 Toledo, Ohio*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo, Ohio* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43608* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

20. Signature: *[Redacted]*

Print First Name: *[Redacted]* Initial: *[Redacted]*  
 Print Last Name: *[Redacted]*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43604* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

21. Signature: *Stan S. Sypulski*

Print First Name: *Stan S. Sypulski* Initial: *SSS*  
 Print Last Name: *Sypulski*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *169 E. JERRETT Toledo*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43608* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

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22. Signature: *Dawn Navano*

Print First Name: *Dawn* Initial: *DN*

Print Last Name: *Navario*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *169 E. Vouth Front*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo, OH* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43605* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-31-15*

BUB

23. Signature: *Richard Singer*

Print First Name: *Richard Singer* Initial: *RS*

Print Last Name: *Singer*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *3528 Claudia*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo, OH* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43614* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-2-15*

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24. Signature: *Joseph Brown Jr*

Print First Name: *Joseph* Initial: *JB*

Print Last Name: *Brown*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2241 Brown Rd*

City/Village/Township: *Oregon* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43616* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *8-3-15*

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25. Signature: *Delesia Bruster*

Print First Name: *Delesia Bruster* Initial: *D.B*

Print Last Name: *Bruster*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *713 Geneva*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43609* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-3-15*

BUB

26. Signature: *John Smoot, Sr.*

Print First Name: *John* Initial: *W*

Print Last Name: *SMOOTH - (Cornelius)*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *346 Helano Ave*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43609* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *09-03-2015*

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27. Signature: *Donnell Pool*

Print First Name: *Donnell* Initial: *W*

Print Last Name: *Pool*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1016 Woodland Ave*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43607* County: *LUCAS* Date of Signing: *9-3-15*

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28. Signature: *Kimberly McDaniel*

Print First Name: *Kimberly* Initial: *S*

Print Last Name: *McDaniel*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1437 Bradshaw Court*

City/Village/Township: *Maumee* Ward/Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: *43537* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9-3-15*

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

#### Section 194.01

##### (A) Title.

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### (B) Findings and Declarations.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### (C) Purposes and Intent.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, JEANETTE BARNETT declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 <sup>23</sup> electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Jeanette Morgan-Barnett  
(Signed)

615 Cherry St. Apt. 716  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

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County: Lucas

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

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#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064496

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

**MIKE DeWINE**  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Daniel L. Darland**  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

**Tracy L. Jones**  
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**Latonya D. Thurman**  
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1. Signature <i>J Anne Stechschulte</i>	Print First Name <i>Jo Anne</i>	Initial <i>JS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Stechschulte</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3734 Wyckliffe</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43613</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/07/15</i>
2. Signature <i>A Plunmale</i>	Print First Name <i>Amber</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Plunmale</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2032 Heather lawn</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43617</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>
3. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Perrysburg</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>[Redacted]</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>
4. Signature <i>Callie A. McCown</i>	Print First Name <i>Callie</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>McCown</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5815 Firethorne Dr.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-7-15</i>
5. Signature <i>Mary Kay Comer</i>	Print First Name <i>Mary</i>	Initial <i>KM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Comer</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7041 Bonnett Rd.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43617</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-7-15</i>
6. Signature <i>Kelly McGay</i>	Print First Name <i>Kelly</i>	Initial <i>KM</i>
	Print Last Name <i>McCray</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2915 Boxwood Rd</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43613</i>
	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/07/15</i>
7. Signature <i>Cynthia Thurman</i>	Print First Name <i>Cynthia</i>	Initial <i>[Blank]</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Thurman</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2734 Westman Ct</i>		
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8. Signature <i>C. Nowakowski</i>	Print First Name	<i>CAROL</i>	Initial	<i>A</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Nowakowski</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>527 Third</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>43609</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-7-15</i>
9. Signature <i>Jamie Lenox</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jamie Lenox</i>	Initial	<i>SL</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Lenox</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5702 Angola Rd #21</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>	<i>OH</i>	<i>43615</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>
10. Signature <i>Stephanie Colp</i>	Print First Name	<i>Stephanie Colp</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Colp</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4676 Talmadge ID</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>	<i>OH</i>	<i>43623</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>
11. Signature <i>K Chamberlain</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kovine</i>	Initial	<i>K</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Chamberlain</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2446 Greenlawn</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43614</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>
12. Signature <i>Judy Groenleer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Tracey</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Groenleer</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5305 302nd St</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43611</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-7-15</i>
13. Signature <i>Mara Hawkins</i>	Print First Name	<i>Mara</i>	Initial	<i>2</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Hawkins</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1217 Hawk</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43612</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11-7-15</i>
14. Signature <i>Judy Hayton</i>	Print First Name	<i>Judy</i>	Initial	<i>A</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Hayton</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>835 Francis Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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15. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Paula Sifuentes</i>	Paula	L
	Print Last Name	
	Sifuentes	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
518 Genera Ave				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo	Ohio	43609	LUCAS	11-17-15
				Initial
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16. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Charisse Sturton</i>	CHARISSE	L
	Print Last Name	
	STURTON	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
8529 MANCZ DR				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
SYLVANIA		43560	LUCAS	11-7-15
				Initial
				SLC

17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>S. Luther</i>	Sharon Luther	SLC
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
7062 Shooters Hill RD				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
SYLVANIA		43017	LUCAS	11-7-15
				Initial
				G

18. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Elizabeth Mottmiller</i>	Elizabeth	G
	Print Last Name	
	Mottmiller	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
4025 Corduroy Rd.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Oreamon		43611	LUCAS	11-7-15
				Initial

19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Redacted]</i>		
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
2101 ARLINGTON AVE # 213				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
TOLEDO		43609	LUCAS	11-7-15
				Initial

20. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Reeda Cowan-Lanning</i>	KAWIA	
	Print Last Name	
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Address on file with the Board of Election				
2339 WINTERSSET DR				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
TOLEDO		43614	LUCAS	11-7-15
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22. Signature: <i>Janine Harden</i>				
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Print First Name: <i>Janine</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Harden</i>		Initial: <i>JH</i>
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>		Ward/Precinct: <i>9</i>	Zip Code: <i>43209</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>
23. Signature: [Redacted]				
24. Signature: <i>Tiffany Boone</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>1554 Colton St.</i>		City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct: <i>OH</i>	Date of Signing: <i>11-7-15</i>
Print First Name: <i>Tiffany</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Boone</i>		Initial: <i>TB</i>
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>		Ward/Precinct: <i>OH</i>	Zip Code: <i>43609</i>	County: <i>Louise</i>
25. Signature: <i>James Snow</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>1073 Prospect St</i>		City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct: <i>G-1</i>	Date of Signing: <i>11-7-15</i>
Print First Name: <i>James</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Snow</i>		Initial: <i>J</i>
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>		Ward/Precinct: <i>G-1</i>	Zip Code: <i>43606</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>
26. Signature: <i>Reshonda Boyd</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>2100 Kenwood Blvd</i>		City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct: <i>G-1</i>	Date of Signing: <i>11-7-15</i>
Print First Name: <i>Reshonda</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Boyd</i>		Initial: <i>L</i>
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>		Ward/Precinct: <i>G-1</i>	Zip Code: <i>43606</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>
27. Signature: [Redacted]				
28. Signature: <i>Linda Veley</i>				
Address on file with the Board of Election: <i>294 Sawyer</i>		City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct: <i>OH</i>	Date of Signing: <i>11-7-15</i>
Print First Name: <i>Linda</i>		Print Last Name: <i>Veley</i>		Initial: <i>LV</i>
City/Village/Township: <i>Toledo</i>		Ward/Precinct: <i>OH</i>	Zip Code: <i>43606</i>	County: <i>Lucas</i>

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

#### Section 194.01

##### (A) Title.

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### (B) Findings and Declarations.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
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**(D) Drug Pricing.**

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Terry Dickerson, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 2824 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Terry Dickerson  
(Signed)

4800 Henry CT  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Fredericksburg  
City, Village or Township

VA  
State

22408  
Zip Code

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County: LUCAS

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

064497

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

INVALID = 10  
 VALID = 14  
 TOTAL = 24 ✓ AT

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: Patricia  
Print Last Name: McCullough

Initial: J

Address on file with the Board of Election: 340 South Reynolds Rd Lot 89

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: OH  
Zip Code: 43615  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 11-5-15

2. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: MARILYN  
Print Last Name: BROWN

Initial: K

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1320 Corbin Road

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: OH  
Zip Code: 43612  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 11/5/15

3. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: Erica  
Print Last Name: Anderson

Initial: EA

Address on file with the Board of Election: 724 Nicholas

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: OH  
Zip Code: 43605  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 11/5/15

4. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: Andrew  
Print Last Name: Lukas

Initial: G

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1635 S MacCord Rd

City/Village/Township: Holland  
Ward/Precinct: OH  
Zip Code: 43635  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 11/6/15

5. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: Mary  
Print Last Name: Brown

Initial: MB

Address on file with the Board of Election: 1130 Rockcross Dr

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
Ward/Precinct: OH  
Zip Code: 43105  
County: Lucas  
Date of Signing: 10/6/15

6. Signature: *[Redacted Signature]*

Print First Name: [Redacted]  
Print Last Name: [Redacted]

Initial: [Redacted]

Address on file with the Board of Election: [Redacted]

City/Village/Township: [Redacted]  
Ward/Precinct: [Redacted]  
Zip Code: 43515  
County: Fulton  
Date of Signing: 11/10/15

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: Bobbido  
Print Last Name: Dixon

Initial: B/D

Address on file with the Board of Election: 109 N Harefoote

City/Village/Township: Toledo  
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Zip Code: 43105  
County: Lucas  
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8. Signature <i>Myra Ann Gibaldi</i>	Print First Name	Myra	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Gibaldi		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>639 Evesham Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43607	Lucas	10-6-15

9. Signature <i>Katara Strozier</i>	Print First Name	Katara	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Strozier		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>639 Evesham</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43607	Lucas	NOV-6-2015

10. Signature <i>Myra Ann Gibaldi</i>	Print First Name	Myra	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Gibaldi		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>639 Evesham</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43607	Lucas	11-6-15

11. Signature <i>Katara Strozier</i>	Print First Name	Katara	Initial	KS
	Print Last Name	Strozier		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>639 Evesham Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43607	Lucas	11-6-15

12. Signature <i>Theresa Brown</i>	Print First Name	Theresa	Initial	T.B.
	Print Last Name	Brown		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>426 E central</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43608	Lucas	11-6-15

13. Signature <i>Katara Stewart</i>	Print First Name	Katara	Initial	KS
	Print Last Name	Stewart		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>426 E central</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43608	Lucas	11-6-15

14. Signature <i>Valencia Easterly</i>	Print First Name	Valencia	Initial	V.E.
	Print Last Name	Easterly		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>529 S. McCord Rd</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Holland		43528	LUCAS	11-6-15



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22. Signature: *Richard HURT*  
 Print First Name: RICHARD  
 Print Last Name: HURT  
 Initial: RH  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-15  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: 715 S. HOLLAND / SYLVANIA LOT 7  
 City/Village/Township: TOLEDO  
 Ward/Precinct: OHIO  
 Zip Code: 43615  
 County: LUCAS  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-15

23. Signature: *Karen M. Ryan*  
 Print First Name: KAREN  
 Print Last Name: RYAN  
 Initial: KMR  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-15  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: 961 S. Reynolds  
 City/Village/Township: Toledo  
 Ward/Precinct: Ohio  
 Zip Code: 43615  
 County: LUCAS  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-15

24. Signature: *[Redacted]*  
 Print First Name: BRIAN  
 Print Last Name: BULTMAN  
 Initial: B  
 Date of Signing: 11/6/15  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: 2610 GREENTREE AVE  
 City/Village/Township: TOLEDO  
 Ward/Precinct: OHIO  
 Zip Code: LUCAS  
 County: LUCAS  
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25. Signature: *Jay Willis*  
 Print First Name: JAY  
 Print Last Name: WILLIS  
 Initial: JW  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-2015  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: 2547 PLUM LEAF LANE B  
 City/Village/Township: TOLEDO  
 Ward/Precinct: OHIO  
 Zip Code: 43614  
 County: LUCAS  
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 Print First Name: JAY  
 Print Last Name: WILLIS  
 Initial: JW  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-2015  
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 Print First Name: Goldie  
 Print Last Name: Tennant  
 Initial: S  
 Date of Signing: 11-6-15  
 Address on file with the Board of Election: 818 So. Erie St  
 City/Village/Township: Toledo  
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 Print First Name: [Redacted]  
 Print Last Name: [Redacted]  
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Terry Dickerson  
(Signed)

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	Print Last Name <i>BLASINGAME</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1501 BROADWAY PARK #3</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43612</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/19/2015</i>

2. Signature <i>Allen Oscewski</i>	Print First Name <i>ALLEN</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>OSCEWSKI</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2006 GANESSE ST.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>TOLEDO</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/9/15</i>

3. Signature <i>Andrew Meagher Sr</i>	Print First Name <i>Andrew</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Meagher</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>738 Berry St</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-9-15</i>

4. Signature <i>Richard Tillett</i>	Print First Name <i>Richard</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Tillett</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>642 Berry</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>

5. Signature <i>Donald Ingle</i>	Print First Name <i>Donald</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Ingle</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>628 1/2 woodville Rd.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-9-15</i>

6. Signature <i>Heidi Garcia</i>	Print First Name <i>Heidi</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Garcia</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>526 Potter</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-9-15</i>

7. Signature <i>Madeline Hartzell</i>	Print First Name <i>Madeline</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hartzell</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>804 2nd St upper</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43605</i>	County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/9/15</i>



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15. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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Address				
20- Toledo				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43600	Lucas	10/10/15

16. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Michael Barner</i>	Michael	
	Print Last Name	
	BARNER	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
615 Cherry St Apt #210				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43604	Lucas	10-10-15

17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Clara Nelson</i>	Clara	
	Print Last Name	
	Nelson	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
1010 Jefferson Ave Apt 3F				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43604	Lucas	10/10/15

18. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>DeWayne Thomas</i>	DeWayne	
	Print Last Name	
	Thomas	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
3304 Darlington Rd				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43606	Lucas	10-10-15

19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Ron Stambor</i>	Ronnie	
	Print Last Name	
	Stambor	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
105 17th St.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43506	Lucas	10-10-15

20. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>A~W~</i>	Farris	
	Print Last Name	
	Watkins	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
67 E Pearl				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43608	Lucas	10.10.15

21. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Anthony Dunn</i>	ANTHONY	
	Print Last Name	
	DUNN	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
1421 BERDAN				
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22. Signature [Redacted] Print First Name [Redacted] Initial [Redacted]  
 Address [Redacted]  
 City/Village/Township [Redacted]

23. Signature [Redacted] Print First Name [Redacted] Initial [Redacted]  
 Address [Redacted]  
 City/Village/Township [Redacted]

24. Signature *Danpa Dames* Print First Name *Tonya Dames* Initial *LD*  
 Print Last Name *Dames*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election *1018 Jefferson Ave #503*  
 City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct [ ] Zip Code *43604* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10-13-15*

25. Signature *Leon A. Hills Sr* Print First Name *Leon* Initial [ ]  
 Print Last Name *Hills*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election *1065 Gardner Ave Parking #307*  
 City/Village/Township *Toledo Ohio 14* Ward/Precinct [ ] Zip Code *43614* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10/13/15*

26. Signature *Charlie Jackson* Print First Name *Charlie* Initial [ ]  
 Print Last Name *Jackson*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election *240 21 St Street*  
 City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct [ ] Zip Code *43604* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10/13/15*

27. Signature *Robbie Hammads* Print First Name *Robbie* Initial [ ]  
 Print Last Name *HAMMONDS*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election *105 17th Street*  
 City/Village/Township *Toledo* Ward/Precinct [ ] Zip Code *43604* County *Lucas* Date of Signing *10-13-2015*

28. Signature *Jaymie White* Print First Name *Jaymie* Initial [ ]  
 Print Last Name *WHITE*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election *3460 GARDNER HOE DR*  
 City/Village/Township *TOLEDO* Ward/Precinct [ ] Zip Code *09* County *LUCAS* Date of Signing *10/13/15*

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

#### Section 194.01

##### (A) Title.

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### (B) Findings and Declarations.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### (C) Purposes and Intent.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
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**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Michelle Smith  
(Signed)

702 North Erie Apt 513  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Dowd  
City, Village or Township

Ohio                      48604  
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4. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: **TOSHIA JEFFER**

Print Last Name: **JEFFERS**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **1101 Dexter**

City/Village/Township: **Lucas Toledo** | Ward/Precinct: **Lucas** | Zip Code: **43068** | County: **Lucas** | Date of Signing: **9/29/15**

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5. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: **Cindy**

Print Last Name: **JEFFERS**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **11351 manore Rd**

City/Village/Township: **Grand Rapids** | Ward/Precinct: **Ohio** | Zip Code: **43522** | County: **Lucas** | Date of Signing: **10-5-2015**

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6. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: **KATHRYN**

Print Last Name: **MOHR**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **3852 Wallworth**

City/Village/Township: **Toledo** | Ward/Precinct: [Blank] | Zip Code: **43612** | County: **Lucas** | Date of Signing: **10-5-2015**

*NR*

7. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: **hushanique**

Print Last Name: **berden**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **714 cherry at Apt B-1**

City/Village/Township: **toledo** | Ward/Precinct: [Blank] | Zip Code: **43604** | County: **Lucas** | Date of Signing: **10-5-15**

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8. Signature 	Print First Name	LaQuaym Bone	Initial	CB
	Print Last Name	Bone		

Address on file with the Board of Election 820 Cherry				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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9. Signature 	Print First Name	Titus Jeffries	Initial	TJ
	Print Last Name	Jeffries		

Address on file with the Board of Election 105 17th				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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10. Signature 	Print First Name	Chetessa	Initial	CL
	Print Last Name	Long		

Address on file with the Board of Election 1248 Rockcross				
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Toledo		43605	Lucas	10/5/15

11. Signature 	Print First Name	Sherma	Initial	SC
	Print Last Name	Cradon		

Address on file with the Board of Election 2420 Rosedale St				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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12. Signature 	Print First Name	Tarnica	Initial	TH
	Print Last Name	Hicks		

Address on file with the Board of Election 5134 Norwich Rd.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Toledo		43615	Lucas	10/5/15

13. Signature 	Print First Name	John	Initial	JB
	Print Last Name	Burton		

Address on file with the Board of Election 329 Warriveton				
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14. Signature 	Print First Name	Roy	Initial	RB
	Print Last Name	Bratton		

Address on file with the Board of Election B 1303 Southco Apt 12				
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15. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Muhammad	Initial	M	
	Print Last Name	Ashak			
Address on file with the Board of Election 1022 Alden Ct					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43609	Lucas	10/5/15	
16. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Arian McElyea	Initial		
	Print Last Name	McElyea			
Address on file with the Board of Election 1430 Yates					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43608	Lucas	10-5-15	
17. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Cassandra Mays	Initial		
	Print Last Name	Mays			
Address on file with the Board of Election 3520 Leybourn Ave.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43612	Lucas	10-5-15	
18. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Kathie	Initial		
	Print Last Name	Lucas			
Address on file with the Board of Election 725 S. Westwood Ave.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43609	Lucas	10-5-15	
19. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Dawn Campbell	Initial	DC	
	Print Last Name				
Address on file with the Board of Election 1215 Belmont Ave.					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43606	Lucas	10-5-15	
20. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Shawna	Initial		
	Print Last Name	Sharp			
Address on file with the Board of Election 1016 Bricker					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Toledo		43608	Lucas	10-5-2015	
21. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Robertta	Initial	RB	
	Print Last Name	Bower			
Address on file with the Board of Election 222 Valley Wood					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
To		43605	Lucas	10-5-15	

**NOTICE**

Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once; except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, signs a name other than one's own on this petition; or signs this petition when not a qualified voter, is liable to prosecution.

**MUST USE ADDRESS ON FILE WITH BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

*(Sign with ink. Your name, residence, and date of signing must be given.)*

Signature	County	Township	Rural Route or other Post office Address	Month / Day / Year
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(Voters who do not live in a municipal corporation should fill in the information called for by headings printed above.)  
(Voters who reside in municipal corporations should fill in the information called for by headings printed below.)

Signature	County	City or Village	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct	Month / Day / Year
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22. Signature: *James White*

Print First Name: *James* Initial:   
Print Last Name: *White*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *3150 Matson*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo OH* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43606* County: *US, Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-5-15*

23. Signature: *Michelle Mouch*

Print First Name: *Michelle* Initial:   
Print Last Name: *Mouch*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4101 Airport Hwy*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *2A* Zip Code: *43615* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-5-15*

24. Signature: [Redacted]

Print First Name: [Redacted] Initial: [Redacted]  
Print Last Name: [Redacted]

Address on file with the Board of Election: [Redacted]

City/Village/Township: [Redacted] Ward/Precinct: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted] County: [Redacted] Date of Signing: [Redacted]

25. Signature: *Katrina Gonswald*

Print First Name: *Katrina Gonswald* Initial: *P.G.*  
Print Last Name: *Gonswald*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *45 E Lake*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct: *OH* Zip Code: *43608* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10/5/2015*

26. Signature: *Jackie Green*

Print First Name: *Jackie* Initial: *J*  
Print Last Name: *Green*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *931 1/2 Homer*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43608* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10-5-2015*

27. Signature: *Melissa Leonard*

Print First Name: *Melissa* Initial: *ML*  
Print Last Name: *Leonard*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4155 Sackman Road*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43610* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *10.5.2015*

28. Signature: *LeAndrea Baker*

Print First Name: *LeAndrea* Initial: *L*  
Print Last Name: *BAKER*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1818 UPTON AVE*

City/Village/Township: *Toledo* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43607* County: *Lucas* Date of Signing: *9.5.15*

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

#### Section 194.01

**(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

**(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

**(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Denise Glover, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**DRW Campaigns, Inc.**  
**3549 Dort Hwy**  
**Flint Mi. 48507**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Denise Glover  
(Signed)

1356 Brookview Dr Apt 91  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo Ohio  
City, Village or Township

Ohio      43613  
State                      Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**