

HOUSE BILL No. 1401

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-10-1-14; IC 3-11-2-17.

Synopsis: Similar names on ballots. Provides that if two or more candidates for nomination or election to the same office have the same or similar surnames and any of the candidates is currently holding the office, the word "Incumbent" shall appear next to the names of all incumbents.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-10-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. (a) All the
3 candidates for each office who have qualified in the manner prescribed
4 by IC 3-8 for placement on the primary election ballot shall be grouped
5 together under the name of the office and printed in type with uniform
6 capital letters, with uniform space between each name. At the head of
7 each group where only one (1) candidate for each group is to be voted
8 for, the words "vote for one (1) only" shall be printed. If more than one
9 (1) candidate in a group is to be voted for, the number to be voted for
10 shall be specified at the head of the group.

11 (b) A candidate's given name and surname as set forth in the
12 candidate's voter registration record shall be printed in full.

13 (c) In addition to the candidate's given name and surname, the
14 candidate may use:

15 (1) initials; or

16 (2) a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known;

17 if the candidate's choice of initials or nickname does not exceed twenty

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1 (20) characters. Any nickname used must appear in parentheses
2 between the candidate's given name and the candidate's surname.

3 (d) A candidate may not use a designation such as a title or degree
4 or a nickname that implies a title or degree.

5 (e) A candidate's name must be printed on the ballot exactly as the
6 name appears on the candidate's certificate of nomination, petition of
7 nomination, or declaration of candidacy.

8 **(f) If:**

9 **(1) two (2) or more candidates for nomination to the same**
10 **office have the same or similar surnames; and**

11 **(2) any of the candidates is currently holding the office;**

12 **the word "Incumbent" shall appear next to the names of all the**
13 **candidates currently holding the office.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 17. (a) This section applies regardless of the**
17 **voting system used.**

18 **(b) If:**

19 **(1) two (2) or more candidates for nomination to the same**
20 **office have the same or similar surnames; and**

21 **(2) any of the candidates is currently holding the office;**

22 **the word "Incumbent" shall appear next to the names of all the**
23 **candidates currently holding the office.**

24 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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