

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR EHB 1242

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-7-3-3; IC 3-5; IC 3-6; IC 3-7; IC 3-8; IC 3-9; IC 3-10; IC 3-11; IC 3-11.5; IC 3-11.7-5; IC 3-12-11; IC 3-13; IC 3-14-3-14; IC 9-24-2.5; IC 36-2; IC 3-5-4-6; IC 3-7-12-3; IC 3-11-4-6.1; IC 3-11-8-6.5; IC 3-11-10-33; IC 3-11-11-1.5; IC 3-11-11-1.6; IC 3-11.5-4-19.

**Synopsis:** Various election law matters. Conference committee report for EHB 1242. Conference committee report for EHB 1242. Makes the following changes to the election law: (1) Specifies the contents of statewide voter registration system reports. (2) Specifies certain procedures in connection with voter list maintenance, and updates procedures for address changes of voter registration records in the statewide voter registration system. (3) Permits a county voter registration office to return to a candidate for President of the United States, United States Senator, or governor, after the petition is certified, an original petition that accompanies a declaration of candidacy. (4) Changes several dates concerning the certification of ballot questions and devices to conform to the date in current law for the certification of candidates. (5) Permits the dissolution of a committee without the waiver of outstanding civil penalties previously imposed on the committee, and specifies that the chairman or treasurer of the committee remains liable for any committee debts. (6) Requires that county voter registration records be updated not later than 60 days after election day or after completion of a recount or contest. (7) Provides that if a proposed precinct boundary splits a census block, the precinct establishment order must include a description of the precinct boundary in metes and bounds or one or more aerial photographs that depict each census block that is split and the boundary of the precinct that splits each census block. Makes other technical changes to precinct boundary change procedures. (8) Requires a certificate of nomination in a special election called by the governor to be filed not later than noon 74 days (rather than noon 50 days) before the date of the election. (9) Specifies that notice of a meeting to fill an early candidate vacancy must be filed not later than noon ten days before the meeting with the public official required to receive these notices. (10) Specifies that a certificate to fill certain early candidate vacancies must be filed not later than noon three days after the selection of the candidates. (11) Permits a county chairman of a political party to designate a person to preside over a meeting to fill an early candidate vacancy or a vacancy in a local office. (12) Makes other changes relating to filling candidate vacancies. (13) Amends the definition of "active voter". (14) Provides that a voter registration application received in person or by mail by the election division, or an absentee ballot application received by the election division, is timely filed if the election division receives the

application before the deadline established for a county to receive the application. Requires the election division to forward the application promptly to the county where the applicant resides. (15) Provides that an absentee ballot application received from an absent uniformed services voter, an overseas voter, or an address confidentiality program participant is valid for the period that ends on December 31 after the filing of the application (rather than 12 months after the date of the application). (16) Provides that uncontested municipal offices are not required to appear on the ballot in a municipal or general election. (17) Provides that a voter who casts an absentee ballot before election day may not vote in person on election day. (18) Provides that one location of the office of the circuit court clerk (clerk) designated by the clerk is the location at which a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board. Establishes the office of the board of elections and registration in Lake County as the location at which a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board. Provides that all other locations at which the clerk or the board of elections and registration has an office must be established as satellite offices in order to be used as locations at which a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board. Provides that satellite offices and voting hours established for a primary election must be used in the subsequent general or municipal election. (19) Requires a vote center plan to: (A) include the total number and locations of satellite offices to be established at vote center locations; and (B) provide for at least one vote center to be established as a satellite office on the two Saturdays immediately preceding an election day. (20) Establishes a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each communication circulated or published (but not for the number of copies of the communication actually circulated or published) for a person who makes certain campaign communications that contain a disclaimer that is difficult to read or whose placement is easily overlooked. Specifies the type size and color contrast for a disclaimer that meets the statutory requirements. Provides that a person whose sole act is, in the normal course of business, participating in the preparation, printing, distribution, or broadcast of the communication containing the disclaimer is not liable for a disclaimer that violates the statute. (21) Allows a member of a county executive or a county fiscal body: (A) who is elected from and must reside within a district; and (B) who is relocated outside the member's district as the result of the state's acquisition of the member's residence for a public use after the member has begun a term of office; to complete the member's term of office as long as the member remains a resident of the county that contains the member's district. (22) Moves up the starting date of the period for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy for a primary election from 104 days before the primary election (approximately January 20) to 118 days before the primary election (approximately January 6). Continues the current 30 day window for primary candidate filings. Makes conforming changes for pre-primary candidate withdrawal, challenge, and challenge determination deadlines. (23) Provides that a town political party convention must be conducted not later than August 21 (rather than before August 21). (24) Specifies that an individual who signs a petition of nomination for an independent candidate must be a registered voter at the time the county voter registration office checks the validity of the signatures on the petition. (25) Specifies that provisional ballots must be counted by a county election board not later than 3 p.m. (rather than noon) 10 days after the election. (26) Provides that the state recount commission must complete certain recount and contest proceedings not later than December 20 (rather than before December 20) after a general election. (27) Provides that whenever the state recount commission makes a final determination that a candidate for a state office (other than the office of governor or lieutenant governor, or a judicial office) who is subject to a contest proceeding is not eligible to serve in the office to which the candidate is elected: (A) the office is considered vacant and the governor fills the office by appointment of a person of the same political party as the candidate who is not eligible to serve; and (B) the commission's determination does not affect the votes cast for the candidate for purposes of determining the number or percentage of votes cast for the office under other statutes. Provides that the vacancy filling provision does not apply to the filling of a state office following a contest proceeding or court action that resulted from an election held before January 1, 2011. (28) Allows a county executive to adopt an order by the unanimous vote of the entire membership of the county executive to establish or rescind a board of registration, except for a county in which a board of election and registration is established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4, or a county containing a

consolidated city. (Currently a board of registration is established in a county with a population of more than 125,000.) (29) Provides that expenditures and gifts reported in a lobbyist activity report are those made during a reporting (rather than a calendar) year. (30) Repeals provisions that: (A) have been superseded concerning: (i) an absentee ballot application filed by an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter; or (ii) the establishment of boards of registration based on a population parameter; (B) allow voters who cast an absentee ballot to vote in person under certain circumstances on election day; and (C) are obsolete concerning voting instructions, paper ballots, ballots formerly printed by the election division, and special polling places. (31) Makes conforming amendments and technical corrections. **(This conference committee report adds language that: (1) allows a county executive to adopt an order by the unanimous vote of the entire membership of the county executive to rescind a board of registration; (2) requires satellite offices and voting hours established for a primary election to be used in the subsequent general or municipal election; (3) exempts the filling of a state office following a successful contest proceeding or court action that resulted from an election held before January 1, 2011, from a provision that requires the governor to fill the office by appointment; (4) requires the governor to fill a vacancy in a state office (other than governor, lieutenant governor, or a judicial office) by appointment of a person of the same political party as the candidate who is not eligible to serve or the officer who held the vacated office; and (5) requires expenditures and gifts reported in a lobbyist activity report are those made during a reporting (rather than a calendar) year.)**

**Effective:** Upon passage; June 1, 2010 (retroactive); December 31, 2010 (retroactive); July 1, 2011.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1242 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 2-7-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2010,
- 3 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) The activity reports of each lobbyist shall
- 5 include the following information:
  - 6 (1) A complete and current statement of the information required
  - 7 to be supplied under IC 2-7-2-3 and IC 2-7-2-4.
  - 8 (2) Total expenditures on lobbying (prorated, if necessary) broken
  - 9 down to include at least the following categories:
    - 10 (A) Compensation to others who perform lobbying services.
    - 11 (B) Reimbursement to others who perform lobbying services.
    - 12 (C) Receptions.
    - 13 (D) Entertainment, including meals.
    - 14 (E) Gifts made to a legislative person.
  - 15 (3) Subject to section 3.5 of this chapter, a statement of each:
    - 16 (A) expenditure for entertainment (including meals and drink);
    - 17 or
    - 18 (B) gift;
    - 19 that equals fifty dollars (\$50) or more in one (1) day, or
    - 20 expenditures for entertainment (including meals and drink) or
    - 21 gifts that together total more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)

1 during the ~~calendar~~ **reporting** year, if the expenditures and gifts  
 2 are made by the lobbyist or the lobbyist's agent to benefit a  
 3 specific legislative person.

4 (4) A list of the general subject matter of each bill or resolution  
 5 concerning which a lobbying effort was made within the  
 6 registration period.

7 (5) The name of each member of the general assembly from  
 8 whom the lobbyist has received an affidavit required under  
 9 IC 2-2.1-3-3.5.

10 (b) In the second semiannual report, when total amounts are  
 11 required to be reported, totals shall be stated both for the period  
 12 covered by the statement and for the entire reporting year.

13 (c) An amount reported under this section is not required to include  
 14 the following:

15 (1) Overhead costs.

16 (2) Charges for any of the following:

17 (A) Postage.

18 (B) Express mail service.

19 (C) Stationery.

20 (D) Facsimile transmissions.

21 (E) Telephone calls.

22 (3) Expenditures for the personal services of clerical and other  
 23 support staff persons who are not lobbyists.

24 (4) Expenditures for leasing or renting an office.

25 (5) Expenditures for lodging, meals, and other personal expenses  
 26 of the lobbyist.

27 (d) A report of an expenditure under subsection (a)(3) must state the  
 28 following information:

29 (1) The name of the lobbyist making the expenditure.

30 (2) A description of the expenditure.

31 (3) The amount of the expenditure.

32 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-2-1.7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1.7. "Active voter"  
 34 **means the following:**

35 **(1) For purposes of IC 3-11-1.5,** refers to a voter who satisfies  
 36 either of the following:

37 ~~(1)~~ **(A)** The voter has registered or voted in any election during  
 38 the preceding four (4) years at the address indicated on the  
 39 voter's registration record.

40 ~~(2)~~ **(B)** The voter has not voted in any election during the  
 41 preceding four (4) years at the address indicated on the voter's  
 42 registration record and has responded in writing to an address  
 43 confirmation notice sent under IC 3-7 not later than thirty (30)  
 44 days after the notice was sent.

45 **(2) For purposes of IC 3-11-18.1, has the meaning set forth in**  
 46 **IC 3-11-18.1-2.**

47 SECTION 3. IC 3-5-2-16.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 48 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 16.2. "County voter  
 49 registration office" means the following:

50 (1) A board of registration established ~~under IC 3-7-12~~ or by a  
 51 county executive acting under IC 3-7-12.

1 (2) A board of elections and registration established under  
2 IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.

3 (3) The office of the circuit court clerk, in a county in which a  
4 board has not been established under subdivision (1) or (2).

5 SECTION 4. IC 3-5-4-1.9, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
6 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1.9. **(a) This section does not apply to a  
8 delinquent campaign finance filing received under IC 3-9.**

9 **(b) This section does not apply to an application for voter  
10 registration received while registration is closed under IC 3-7.**

11 **(c)** Except as otherwise provided in this title, the election division,  
12 an election board, a circuit court clerk, a county voter registration  
13 office, or any other official responsible for receiving a filing under this  
14 title may not receive a filing that is offered to be filed after a deadline  
15 for the filing provided by this title.

16 SECTION 5. IC 3-5-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,  
17 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. Except as otherwise provided in this title, a  
19 reference to a federal statute or regulation in this title is a reference to  
20 the statute or regulation as in effect January 1, ~~2005~~ **2011**.

21 SECTION 6. IC 3-6-3-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) After the state chairman of a  
23 political party files a statement with the election division certifying that  
24 the party's name has been changed in accordance with all applicable  
25 party rules, a political party shall be known by the political party's new  
26 name, and the party has all the rights it had under its former name.

27 (b) If the state chairman of a political party files a statement under  
28 subsection (a) after the printing of ballots for use at an election  
29 conducted under this title has begun, ~~the election division or the~~  
30 election board responsible for printing the ballots is not required to  
31 alter the ballots to state the new name of the political party.

32 SECTION 7. IC 3-6-6-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,  
33 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 39. (a) The county election board by unanimous  
35 vote of the entire membership of the board may permit an individual  
36 who is not a voter to serve as any precinct election officer (other than  
37 inspector), or to assist a precinct election officer, if the individual  
38 satisfies all the following:

39 (1) The individual is at least sixteen (16) years of age but not  
40 ~~more than seventeen (17)~~ **eighteen (18)** years of age **or older**.

41 (2) The individual is a citizen of the United States.

42 (3) The individual is a resident of the county.

43 (4) The individual has a cumulative grade point average  
44 equivalent to not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

45 (5) The individual has the written approval of the principal of the  
46 school the individual attends at the time of the appointment or, if  
47 the student is educated in the home, the approval of the individual  
48 responsible for the education of the student.

49 (6) The individual has the approval of the individual's parent or  
50 legal guardian.

51 (7) The individual has satisfactorily completed any training

1 required by the county election board.

2 (8) The individual otherwise is eligible to serve as a precinct  
3 election officer under this chapter.

4 (b) An individual appointed to a precinct election office or assistant  
5 under this section:

6 (1) must serve in a nonpartisan manner in accordance with the  
7 standards developed by the Help America Vote Foundation under  
8 36 U.S.C. 152602; and

9 (2) while serving as a precinct election officer or assistant:

10 (A) is not required to obtain an employment certificate under  
11 IC 20-33-3; and

12 (B) is not subject to the limitations on time and duration of  
13 employment under IC 20-33-3.

14 SECTION 8. IC 3-7-12-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. (a) This section does not apply  
16 to the following counties:

17 (1) A county in which a board of elections and registration is  
18 established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.

19 **(2) A county containing a consolidated city.**

20 **(3) A county in which a board of registration was established  
21 by IC 3-7-12-3 (before its repeal).**

22 ~~(4) A county in which a board of registration is established~~

23 ~~(A) by this chapter; or~~

24 ~~(B) exists under an order adopted~~ by a county acting under  
25 this chapter.

26 (b) The circuit court clerk:

27 (1) is the voter registration officer of each county; and

28 (2) shall supervise the registration of voters of the county.

29 SECTION 9. IC 3-7-12-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
30 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
31 1, 2011]: **Sec. 2.5. A board of registration is established in a county  
32 containing a consolidated city.**

33 SECTION 10. IC 3-7-12-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. **(a) This section  
35 does not apply to:**

36 **(1) a county in which a board of elections and registration is  
37 established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4; or**

38 **(2) a county containing a consolidated city.**

39 **(b) After June 30, 2011, the county executive of a county not  
40 described in section 2 or 3 of this chapter may adopt an order by the  
41 unanimous vote of the entire membership of the county executive  
42 to:**

43 **(1) establish a board of registration; or**

44 **(2) rescind a previously adopted order establishing a board of  
45 registration.**

46 SECTION 11. IC 3-7-12-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
47 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as  
48 provided in subsection (b), an order adopted under section 4 of this  
49 chapter **to establish a board of registration or rescind a previously  
50 adopted order establishing a board of registration** takes effect  
51 immediately.

1 (b) An order adopted during the final sixty (60) days before an  
2 election becomes effective on the day following the election.

3 SECTION 12. IC 3-7-12-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 2011]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this  
6 section applies to a county in which a board of registration was  
7 established by IC 3-7-12-3 (before its repeal).**

8 **(b) This section does not apply to any of the following:**

9 **(1) A county in which a board of elections and registration is  
10 established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.**

11 **(2) A county containing a consolidated city.**

12 **(c) A county executive may adopt an order by the unanimous  
13 vote of the entire membership of the county executive to:**

14 **(1) abolish the board of registration; and**

15 **(2) designate the circuit court clerk as the voter registration  
16 officer of the county to supervise the registration of voters of  
17 the county.**

18 **(d) An order adopted under subsection (c) during the final sixty  
19 (60) days before an election becomes effective on the day following  
20 the election.**

21 SECTION 13. IC 3-7-26.4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.81-2005,  
22 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
23 JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 4. (a) The election division may provide parts and  
24 reports from the voter registration information from the computerized  
25 list for the purposes specified under IC 3-7-26.3-29. ~~However,~~**

26 **(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the parts and  
27 reports provided under this section may not include information  
28 described under section 8 of this chapter.**

29 **(c) The parts and reports may contain the information described  
30 in section 8 of this chapter if:**

31 **(1) the part or report is to be provided to an entity that:**

32 **(A) is described in section 6 of this chapter; and**

33 **(B) has previously submitted an application to the election  
34 division and paid any required fee to obtain the complete  
35 compilation; or**

36 **(2) the part or report is a purely statistical compilation that:**

37 **(A) includes the information described in section 8 of this  
38 chapter; and**

39 **(B) does not include any information:**

40 **(i) concerning an individual voter; or**

41 **(ii) that would permit the identification of an individual  
42 voter as a result of providing the compilation.**

43 **(d) The parts and reports provided under this section may not  
44 include the complete Social Security number of any individual.**

45 SECTION 14. IC 3-7-27-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
46 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 6. (a) As required  
47 under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(i), a county voter registration office shall  
48 retain records concerning the implementation of programs and  
49 activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and  
50 currency of the voter registration list. These records include the  
51 following:**

1 (1) Lists of names and addresses of voters who were sent notices  
2 under the voter list maintenance program.

3 (2) Information concerning whether a voter has responded to a  
4 notice described by subdivision (1) as of the date the inspection  
5 of the record is made.

6 (b) The county voter registration office shall retain the records  
7 described by this section for at least two (2) years. Except for records  
8 concerning declinations to register to vote or that indicate the identity  
9 of a voter registration agency where a person registered, the county  
10 voter registration office shall make the records available for public  
11 inspection and photocopying at a reasonable cost as provided in  
12 IC 5-14-3.

13 (c) In accordance with ~~IC 5-14-3-3(g)~~ **IC 5-14-3-3(h)** and  
14 notwithstanding any other statute, a county voter registration office  
15 shall, with regard to voter registration information concerning voters  
16 of the county on a computerized system, act in accordance with a  
17 nondiscriminatory uniform policy adopted by the county election  
18 board. The policy must either permit a person to duplicate or obtain a  
19 duplicate copy of a computer tape, computer disc, microfilm, or other  
20 similar record system that contains this voter registration information  
21 or not permit the person to duplicate or obtain a duplicate copy of the  
22 information.

23 (d) A person who requests computerized voter registration  
24 information under subsection (c) must provide a written statement that  
25 the person will not:

- 26 (1) use the information to solicit merchandise, goods, services, or  
27 subscriptions; or  
28 (2) sell, loan, give away, or otherwise deliver the information  
29 obtained by the request to any other person;

30 for a purpose other than political activities or political fundraising  
31 activities.

32 (e) Publication of information obtained under subsection (d) in a  
33 news broadcast or newspaper is not prohibited.

34 SECTION 15. IC 3-7-28-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 12. ~~Not later than thirty~~  
36 ~~(30) days after receipt of the reports of deceased individuals required~~  
37 ~~under this article;~~ **(a) Each circuit court clerk or board of county voter**  
38 **registration office shall send a list of the deceased persons whose**  
39 **registrations have been canceled to the following upon request:**

40 (1) The county chairman of each major political party of the  
41 county.

42 (2) The chairman of the following:

43 (A) A bona fide political party of the county.

44 (B) An independent candidate's committee, if the candidate is  
45 on the ballot for the next election to be conducted in the  
46 county.

47 **(b) A request filed under this section may state that the list is to**  
48 **include only cancellations made by the county voter registration**  
49 **office within a period specified in the request.**

50 SECTION 16. IC 3-7-28-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
51 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 13. ~~Not later than thirty~~

1 ~~(30) days after preparation of a list of disfranchised voters under this~~  
 2 ~~article, the circuit court clerk or board of~~ **(a) Each county voter**  
 3 **registration office shall send a notice list of disfranchised voters**  
 4 **whose registrations have been canceled** to the following upon  
 5 request:

6 (1) The county chairmen of the major political parties of the  
 7 county.

8 (2) The chairman of the following:

9 (A) A bona fide political party of the county.

10 (B) An independent candidate's committee, if the candidate is  
 11 on the ballot for the next general election to be conducted in  
 12 the county.

13 **(b) A request filed under this section may state that the list is to**  
 14 **include only cancellations made by the county voter registration**  
 15 **office within a period specified in the request.**

16 SECTION 17. IC 3-7-28-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 14. ~~The circuit court~~  
 18 ~~clerk or board of~~ **(a) Each county voter** registration **office** shall  
 19 provide a list of the names and addresses of all voters whose  
 20 registrations have been canceled under this article ~~not later than sixty~~  
 21 ~~(60) days before election day~~ to the following upon request:

22 (1) The county chairmen of the major political parties of the  
 23 county.

24 (2) The chairman of the following:

25 (A) A bona fide political party of the county.

26 (B) An independent candidate's committee participating in a  
 27 primary, general, or municipal election.

28 After that date, upon request the ~~clerk or board~~ **county voter**  
 29 **registration office** shall report cancellations daily and within  
 30 forty-eight (48) hours after the day on which the cancellations were  
 31 made, until election day.

32 **(b) A request filed under this section may state that the list is to**  
 33 **include only cancellations made by the county voter registration**  
 34 **office within a period specified in the request.**

35 SECTION 18. IC 3-7-33-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 36 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.7. **(a) This section applies to a voter**  
 38 **registration application submitted to the election division in person**  
 39 **or by mail.**

40 **(b) An eligible applicant:**

41 **(1) who submits a completed application; or**

42 **(2) on whose behalf a completed application is submitted;**

43 **in person to the election division not later than 5 p.m. on the**  
 44 **twenty-ninth day before an election shall be registered to vote in**  
 45 **the election.**

46 **(c) An eligible applicant:**

47 **(1) who submits a completed application; or**

48 **(2) on whose behalf a completed application is submitted;**

49 **by mail to the election division shall be registered to vote in the**  
 50 **election, if the application is postmarked not later than the**  
 51 **twenty-ninth day before the election. If a postmark on an**

1 **application submitted by mail is missing or illegible, an eligible**  
 2 **applicant shall be registered to vote in the election, if the**  
 3 **application is received by the election division not later than the**  
 4 **Monday following the close of the registration period.**

5 **(d) The election division shall promptly forward an application**  
 6 **received under this section to the county voter registration office**  
 7 **of the county where the applicant resides.**

8 SECTION 19. IC 3-7-33-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 9 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this  
 11 section applies to an individual who:

12 (1) submits an application to register to vote by mail under  
 13 IC 3-7-22; and

14 (2) has not previously voted in:

15 (A) a general election in Indiana (or a special election for  
 16 federal office in Indiana); or

17 (B) a general election (or a special election for federal office)  
 18 in the county where the individual has submitted an  
 19 application under this chapter if a statewide voter registration  
 20 system is not operational in accordance with the requirements  
 21 of IC 3-7-26.3 and 42 U.S.C. 15483 on the date the application  
 22 is was received by the county voter registration office **after**  
 23 **December 31, 2002, and before January 1, 2006.**

24 (b) This section does not apply to an individual who complies with  
 25 the requirements in any of the following:

26 (1) The individual submits an application to register to vote by  
 27 mail under this chapter and includes with that mailing a copy of:

28 (A) a current and valid photo identification; or

29 (B) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,  
 30 paycheck, or government document;

31 that shows the name and residence address of the voter stated on  
 32 the voter registration application.

33 (2) The individual submits an application to register to vote by  
 34 mail under this chapter that includes:

35 (A) the individual's Indiana driver's license number; or

36 (B) the last four (4) digits of the individual's Social Security  
 37 number;

38 and the county voter registration office or election division  
 39 matches the information submitted by the applicant with an  
 40 existing Indiana identification record bearing the same number,  
 41 name, and date of birth set forth in the voter registration  
 42 application.

43 (3) The individual is an absent uniformed services voter or  
 44 overseas voter.

45 (4) The individual is entitled to vote other than in person under  
 46 the federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped  
 47 Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ee-1(b)(2)(B)(ii)) due to a determination by  
 48 the election division that a permanent or temporarily accessible  
 49 polling place cannot be provided for the individual.

50 (5) The individual is entitled to vote other than in person under  
 51 any other federal law.

1 (c) When a county voter registration office receives a voter  
 2 registration application by mail, the office shall determine whether the  
 3 applicant is subject to the requirements to provide additional  
 4 documentation under this section and 42 U.S.C. 15483.

5 (d) As required by 42 U.S.C. 15483, a county voter registration  
 6 office shall administer the requirements of this section in a uniform and  
 7 nondiscriminatory manner.

8 (e) If the county voter registration office determines that the  
 9 applicant:

10 (1) is not required to submit additional documentation under this  
 11 section; or

12 (2) has provided the documentation required under this section;  
 13 the county voter registration office shall process the application in  
 14 accordance with section 5 of this chapter.

15 (f) If the county voter registration office determines that the  
 16 applicant is required to submit additional documentation under this  
 17 section and 42 U.S.C. 15483, the office shall process the application  
 18 under section 5 of this chapter and, if the applicant is otherwise eligible  
 19 to vote, add the information concerning this documentation to the  
 20 voter's computerized registration entry under IC 3-7-27-20.2.

21 (g) The county voter registration office shall remove the notation  
 22 described in subsection (f) after the voter votes in an election for a  
 23 federal office.

24 SECTION 20. IC 3-7-34-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2005,  
 25 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. (a) The county voter registration office shall  
 27 certify to the NVRA official on an expedited basis a list of the  
 28 registration forms that have been processed under section 6 of this  
 29 chapter but do not contain information required to be supplied by the  
 30 bureau of motor vehicles commission or a voter registration agency.

31 (b) The NVRA official shall notify the commission or agency that  
 32 the commission or agency is required to supply the omitted information  
 33 on an expedited basis to the county voter registration office. ~~following~~  
 34 ~~receipt of notice from the NVRA official.~~

35 SECTION 21. IC 3-7-36-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) The ~~circuit~~  
 37 ~~court clerk or board of county voter~~ registration office shall process an  
 38 absentee registration affidavit or form received from a voter described  
 39 in section 1 of this chapter during the registration period or during the  
 40 period beginning on the twenty-ninth day before the election and  
 41 ending on the ~~date that the clerk or board prepares the certified list~~  
 42 ~~under IC 3-7-29-1, tenth day before the election.~~

43 (b) **A properly completed voter registration application**  
 44 **described in this section is subject to the same requirements that**  
 45 **are applicable to a properly completed voter registration**  
 46 **application from a voter described in section 1 of this chapter**  
 47 **during the period ending on the twenty-ninth day before the**  
 48 **election.**

49 SECTION 22. IC 3-7-40-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 50 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. The local public  
 51 officials (or plan commission under IC 36-7-4-405) responsible for:

1 (1) naming or renaming streets;  
 2 (2) numbering or renumbering lots or structures; and  
 3 (3) converting rural route addresses to numbered addresses;  
 4 shall report the changes to the ~~circuit court clerk or board of county~~  
 5 **voter registration office** not later than the last day of the month  
 6 following the month in which the change was made.

7 SECTION 23. IC 3-7-40-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 8 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. When notified by the NVRA official of a  
 10 conversion from rural route addresses to numbered addresses under  
 11 this chapter, the county voter registration office shall, as soon as  
 12 practicable, amend

13 ~~(1) the original affidavit filed by the voter to indicate the~~  
 14 ~~numbered address that replaces the rural route address on the~~  
 15 ~~affidavit; and~~

16 ~~(2) the entry for the voter in the computerized list under~~  
 17 ~~IC 3-7-26.3.~~

18 SECTION 24. IC 3-8-2-2.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 19 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2.6. (a) This section applies to a write-in  
 21 candidate for a school board office to be elected on the same election  
 22 day that a primary election is conducted.

23 (b) A:

24 (1) declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; or  
 25 (2) withdrawal of a declaration;

26 must be subscribed and sworn to before an individual authorized to  
 27 administer oaths.

28 (c) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school  
 29 board office must be filed:

30 (1) not earlier than the first date specified in IC 3-8-6-10(b) for  
 31 the timely filing of a petition of nomination; and  
 32 (2) not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **eighty-eight (88)** days  
 33 before the primary election.

34 (d) A candidate may withdraw a declaration of intent filed under  
 35 subsection (c) not later than noon ~~seventy-one (71)~~ **eighty-five (85)**  
 36 days before the primary election.

37 (e) A question concerning the validity of a declaration of intent to  
 38 be a write-in candidate for a school board office must be filed with the  
 39 county election board under IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later than noon  
 40 ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ **eighty-one (81)** days before the date of the primary  
 41 election. The county election board shall determine all questions  
 42 regarding the validity of the declaration not later than noon ~~fifty-four~~  
 43 ~~(54)~~ **sixty-eight (68)** days before the date of the primary election.

44 SECTION 25. IC 3-8-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 45 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 46 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. (a) A declaration of candidacy for a primary  
 47 election must be filed not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~  
 48 **eighty-eight (88)** days and not earlier than ~~one hundred four (104)~~ **one**  
 49 **hundred eighteen (118)** days before the primary election. The  
 50 declaration must be subscribed and sworn to before a person authorized  
 51 to administer oaths.

1 (b) This subsection does not apply to a write-in candidate for school  
2 board office who is subject to section 2.6(c) of this chapter. A  
3 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed:

4 (1) not earlier than the first date specified in IC 3-8-6-10(b) for  
5 the timely filing of a petition of nomination; and

6 (2) not later than noon on the date specified by IC 3-13-1-15(c)  
7 for a major political party to file a certificate of candidate  
8 selection.

9 The declaration must be subscribed and sworn to before a person  
10 authorized to administer oaths.

11 (c) During a year in which a federal decennial census, federal  
12 special census, special tabulation, or corrected population count  
13 becomes effective under IC 1-1-3.5, a declaration of:

14 (1) candidacy may be filed for an office that will appear on the  
15 primary election ballot; or

16 (2) intent to be a write-in candidate for an office that will appear  
17 on the general, municipal, or school board election ballot;

18 that year as a result of the new tabulation of population or corrected  
19 population count.

20 SECTION 26. IC 3-8-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) A petition  
22 required by section 8 of this chapter must be submitted to the ~~circuit~~  
23 ~~court clerk or board of county voter~~ registration ~~office~~  
24 during the period beginning ~~January 1~~ ~~or on the first date that a declaration of~~  
25 **candidacy may be filed under section 4 of this chapter** in the year  
26 in which the primary election will be held and ending at noon  
27 ~~seventy-seven (77)~~ **ninety-one (91)** days before the primary election.

28 (b) **After the certification of a petition under this section, the**  
29 **county voter registration office may, upon the request of the**  
30 **candidate named in the petition, return the original petition to the**  
31 **candidate for filing with the secretary of state under section 5 of**  
32 **this chapter.**

33 SECTION 27. IC 3-8-2-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 14. (a) All questions  
35 concerning the validity of a declaration filed with the secretary of state  
36 shall be referred to and determined by the commission in accordance  
37 with section 18 of this chapter. A statement questioning the validity of  
38 a declaration must be filed with the election division under  
39 IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later than noon ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ **eighty-one (81)**  
40 days before the date of the primary election.

41 (b) All questions concerning the validity of a declaration of  
42 candidacy filed with a circuit court clerk shall be referred to and  
43 determined by the county election board not later than noon ~~fifty-four~~  
44 ~~(54)~~ **sixty-eight (68)** days before the date of the primary election. A  
45 statement questioning the validity of a declaration must be filed with  
46 the county election board under IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later than noon  
47 ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ **eighty-one (81)** days before the date of the primary  
48 election.

49 (c) A question concerning the validity of a declaration of intent to  
50 be a write-in candidate shall be determined by the commission or the  
51 county election board not later than noon ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ **eighty-one**

1 (81) days before election day. A statement questioning the validity of  
2 a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed with the  
3 election division or county election board under IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later  
4 than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **eighty-eight (88)** days before election day.

5 SECTION 28. IC 3-8-2-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 17. (a) At least ~~sixty~~  
7 ~~(60)~~ **seventy-four (74)** days before a primary election in a county, the  
8 election division shall transmit to each county election board a certified  
9 list containing the name and address of each person for whom a  
10 declaration of candidacy has been filed with the election division and  
11 for which voters at the primary election may vote.

12 (b) The list must designate the office for which the person is a  
13 candidate and the political party the person represents.

14 (c) If the commission determines under section 18 of this chapter  
15 that the certified list of candidates should be amended to add or remove  
16 the name of a candidate, as soon as practicable after this determination,  
17 the election division shall transmit the county election board an  
18 amendment indicating the change to be made in the certified list.

19 SECTION 29. IC 3-8-2-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 18. (a) The commission  
21 shall act upon a question concerning a declaration of candidacy not  
22 later than noon ~~fifty-four (54)~~ **sixty-eight (68)** days before the date of  
23 the primary election.

24 (b) The notice requirements set forth in IC 4-21.5 do not apply to  
25 the meeting conducted by the commission under subsection (a). The  
26 election division is required to give the best possible notice of the  
27 meeting to a person that the election division identifies as an interested  
28 party. Unless a written objection is filed with the election division  
29 before the end of the meeting, appearance in person or by counsel at  
30 the commission's meeting to act under subsection (a) constitutes an  
31 admission that adequate notice of the meeting has been given.

32 SECTION 30. IC 3-8-2-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,  
33 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 20. (a) A person who files a declaration of  
35 candidacy under this chapter may, at any time not later than noon  
36 ~~seventy-one (71)~~ **eighty-five (85)** days before the date set for holding  
37 the primary election, file a statement with the same office where the  
38 person filed the declaration of candidacy, stating that the person is no  
39 longer a candidate and does not wish the person's name to appear on  
40 the primary election ballot as a candidate.

41 (b) A candidate who is disqualified from being a candidate under  
42 IC 3-8-1-5 must file a notice of withdrawal immediately upon  
43 becoming disqualified. The filing requirements of subsection (a) do not  
44 apply to a notice of withdrawal filed under this subsection.

45 (c) A candidate who has moved from the election district the  
46 candidate sought to represent must file a notice of withdrawal  
47 immediately after changing the candidate's residence. The filing  
48 requirements of subsection (a) do not apply to a notice of withdrawal  
49 filed under this subsection.

50 SECTION 31. IC 3-8-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
51 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. (a) A petition required by section

1 2 of this chapter must be submitted to the county voter registration  
 2 office during the period beginning ~~January 1~~ **on the first date that**  
 3 **a declaration of candidacy for a primary election may be filed**  
 4 **under IC 3-8-2-4** in the year in which the primary election will be held  
 5 and ending at noon ten (10) days before the final date for filing a  
 6 declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2-4 for the primary election.

7 **(b) After the certification of a petition under this section, the**  
 8 **county voter registration office may, upon the request of the**  
 9 **candidate named in the petition, return the original petition to the**  
 10 **candidate for filing under section 5 of this chapter.**

11 SECTION 32. IC 3-8-5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,  
 12 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) If more than one (1) candidate from the  
 14 same political party files a declaration of candidacy for the same office,  
 15 that political party shall conduct:

16 (1) a town convention under this chapter; or

17 (2) a primary election;

18 to choose the nominee of that party for that office as provided in the  
 19 ordinance adopted under section 2 of this chapter.

20 (b) If a town convention is required under subsection (a), the town  
 21 chairman shall organize, conduct, and issue a call for a town  
 22 convention to be held in the town, or, if there is no suitable location in  
 23 the town, then either at the nearest available location within any county  
 24 in which the town is located or at the county seat of any county in  
 25 which the town is located.

26 (c) The convention must be held ~~before~~ **not later than** August 21  
 27 in each year in which a municipal election is to be held. The purpose  
 28 of the convention is to select the nominees for all town offices to be  
 29 elected at the next municipal election and for which more than one (1)  
 30 declaration of candidacy has been filed.

31 (d) The chairman shall file a notice of the call with the circuit court  
 32 clerk of the county containing the greatest percentage of population of  
 33 the town. The chairman shall also have notice of the call posted at least  
 34 three (3) days in three (3) prominent public places in the town,  
 35 including the office of the clerk-treasurer. The notice must state the  
 36 time, place, and purpose of the convention.

37 (e) If the county chairman determines that an emergency requires  
 38 the rescheduling of a town convention after notice has been given  
 39 under subsection (d), the chairman shall promptly file a notice in the  
 40 office of the county election board and in the office of the town  
 41 clerk-treasurer stating the date, time, and place of the rescheduled  
 42 convention.

43 SECTION 33. IC 3-8-5-10.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 44 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10.5. (a) A person who  
 45 desires to be nominated for a town office by a major political party  
 46 must file a declaration of candidacy with the circuit court clerk of the  
 47 county containing the greatest percentage of population of the town.

48 (b) A declaration of candidacy must be filed:

49 (1) not earlier than ~~January 1~~; **the first date that a declaration**  
 50 **of candidacy for a primary election may be filed under**  
 51 **IC 3-8-2-4**; and

- 1 (2) not later than:  
 2 (A) noon August 1 before a municipal election if the town  
 3 nominates its candidates by convention; and  
 4 (B) the date that a declaration of candidacy must be filed under  
 5 IC 3-8-2-4 if the town nominates its candidates by a primary  
 6 election.
- 7 (c) The declaration must be subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed)  
 8 before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
- 9 (d) The declaration of each candidate required by this section must  
 10 certify the following information:
- 11 (1) The candidate's name, printed or typewritten as:  
 12 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on the  
 13 ballot; and  
 14 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot  
 15 under IC 3-5-7.
- 16 (2) That the candidate is a registered voter and the location of the  
 17 candidate's precinct and township (or the ward and town), county,  
 18 and state.
- 19 (3) The candidate's complete residence address and the  
 20 candidate's mailing address if the mailing address is different  
 21 from the residence address.
- 22 (4) The candidate's party affiliation and the office to which the  
 23 candidate seeks nomination, including the district designation if  
 24 the candidate is seeking a town legislative body seat.
- 25 (5) That the candidate complies with all requirements under the  
 26 laws of Indiana to be a candidate for the above named office,  
 27 including any applicable residency requirements, and is not  
 28 ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that  
 29 would prohibit the candidate from serving in the office.
- 30 (6) The candidate's signature.
- 31 (e) This subsection does not apply to a town whose municipal  
 32 election is to be conducted by a county. Immediately after the deadline  
 33 for filing, the circuit court clerk shall do all of the following:
- 34 (1) Certify to the town clerk-treasurer and release to the public a  
 35 list of the candidates of each political party for each office. The  
 36 list shall indicate any candidates of a political party nominated for  
 37 an office under this chapter because of the failure of any other  
 38 candidates of that political party to file a declaration of candidacy  
 39 for that office.
- 40 (2) Post a copy of the list in a prominent place in the circuit court  
 41 clerk's office.
- 42 (3) File a copy of each declaration of candidacy with the town  
 43 clerk-treasurer.
- 44 (f) A person who files a declaration of candidacy for an elected  
 45 office for which a per diem or salary is provided for by law is  
 46 disqualified from filing a declaration of candidacy for another office for  
 47 which a per diem or salary is provided for by law until the original  
 48 declaration is withdrawn.
- 49 (g) A person who files a declaration of candidacy for an elected  
 50 office may not file a declaration of candidacy for that office in the same  
 51 year as a member of a different political party until the original

1 declaration is withdrawn.

2 (h) A person who files a declaration of candidacy under this section  
3 may file a written notice withdrawing the person's declaration of  
4 candidacy in the same manner as the original declaration was filed, if  
5 the notice of withdrawal is filed not later than:

6 (1) noon August 1 before the municipal election if the town  
7 nominates its candidates by convention; and

8 (2) the date that a declaration of candidacy may be withdrawn  
9 under IC 3-8-2-20 if the town nominates its candidates in a  
10 primary election.

11 (i) A declaration of candidacy must include a statement that the  
12 candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter registration record  
13 be the same as the name the candidate uses on the declaration of  
14 candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on the candidate's  
15 declaration of candidacy and the name on the candidate's voter  
16 registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy  
17 is filed shall forward the information to the voter registration officer of  
18 the appropriate county as required by IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter  
19 registration officer of the appropriate county shall change the name on  
20 the candidate's voter registration record to be the same as the name on  
21 the candidate's declaration of candidacy.

22 SECTION 34. IC 3-8-5-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 14. ~~(a)~~ A certificate of  
24 nomination **executed under section 13 of this chapter** must be signed  
25 before a person authorized to administer oaths and certify the following  
26 information:

27 (1) The name of the party, the town where the convention was  
28 held, the date of the convention, and the date of the town election.

29 ~~(2) The name, residence, and office of each candidate that was  
30 nominated at the convention:~~

31 ~~(3) That each candidate for town council resides in the ward for  
32 which the person is a candidate:~~

33 ~~(4) That each candidate is a registered voter of the town and  
34 legally qualified to hold the office for which the person is a  
35 candidate:~~

36 ~~(5) (2) The title of the party that the candidates represent and the  
37 device by which the candidates may be designated on the ballots  
38 (a symbol to designate the party).~~

39 ~~(6) (3) The signature and residence address of the presiding  
40 officer and secretary of the convention.~~

41 ~~(b) The certificate of nomination must be filed with the circuit court  
42 clerk of the county where the convention was held:~~

43 SECTION 35. IC 3-8-6-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
44 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. A candidate may be  
45 nominated for an elected office by petition of voters who are:

46 (1) registered to vote **at the time of signing the petition on the  
47 date the county voter registration office certifies the petition  
48 under section 8 of this chapter;** and

49 (2) qualified to vote for the candidate.

50 SECTION 36. IC 3-8-6-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
51 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as

1 provided in section 11 of this chapter, a petition of nomination must be  
 2 submitted to the county voter registration office of each county in  
 3 which the election district is located.

4 (b) The petition must be filed during the period beginning ~~January~~  
 5 ~~1~~ **of on the first date that a declaration of candidacy for a primary**  
 6 **election may be filed under IC 3-8-2-4** in the year in which the  
 7 election will be held and ending at noon June 30 before the election.

8 (c) The county voter registration office shall certify and file a  
 9 petition that complies with the requirements of this chapter with the  
 10 public official authorized to place names on the ballot (and with the  
 11 town clerk-treasurer, if the petition of nomination is for a town office)  
 12 not later than noon July 15. Following certification of a petition under  
 13 this section, the office may, upon the request of a candidate named in  
 14 the petition, return the original petition to the candidate for filing with  
 15 the appropriate official in accordance with this subsection.

16 (d) During a year in which a federal decennial census, federal  
 17 special census, special tabulation, or corrected population count  
 18 becomes effective under IC 1-1-3.5, a petition of nomination may be  
 19 filed for an office that will appear on the primary election ballot that  
 20 year as a result of the new tabulation of population or corrected  
 21 population count.

22 SECTION 37. IC 3-8-6-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 12. (a) A petition of  
 24 nomination for an office filed under section 10 of this chapter must be  
 25 filed with and, except as provided in subsection (d), certified by the  
 26 person with whom a declaration of candidacy must be filed under  
 27 IC 3-8-2.

28 (b) The petition of nomination must be accompanied by the  
 29 following:

30 (1) The candidate's written consent to become a candidate.

31 (2) A statement that the candidate:

32 (A) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign  
 33 finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and  
 34 expenditures; and

35 (B) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.

36 The candidate must separately sign the statement required by this  
 37 subdivision.

38 (3) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement by the  
 39 candidate that the candidate has filed a campaign finance  
 40 statement of organization under IC 3-9-1-5 or is aware that the  
 41 candidate may be required to file a campaign finance statement of  
 42 organization not later than noon seven (7) days after the final date  
 43 for filing a petition for nomination under section 10 of this  
 44 chapter.

45 (4) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5.5, a statement by the  
 46 candidate that the candidate is aware of the requirement to file a  
 47 campaign finance statement of organization under IC 3-9 after the  
 48 first of either of the following occurs:

49 (A) The candidate receives more than five hundred dollars  
 50 (\$500) in contributions.

51 (B) The candidate makes more than five hundred dollars

- 1 (\$500) in expenditures.
- 2 (5) A statement indicating whether or not each candidate:
- 3 (A) has been a candidate for state or local office in a previous
- 4 primary or general election; and
- 5 (B) has filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all
- 6 previous candidacies.
- 7 (6) A statement that each candidate is legally qualified to hold the
- 8 office that the candidate seeks, including any applicable residency
- 9 requirements and restrictions on service due to a criminal
- 10 conviction.
- 11 (7) If the petition is filed with the secretary of state for an office
- 12 not elected by the electorate of the whole state, a statement signed
- 13 by the circuit court clerk of each county in the election district of
- 14 the office sought by the individual.
- 15 (8) Any statement of economic interests required under
- 16 IC 3-8-1-33.
- 17 (c) The statement required under subsection (b)(7) must:
- 18 (1) be certified by each circuit court clerk; and
- 19 (2) indicate the number of votes cast for secretary of state:
- 20 (A) at the last election for secretary of state; and
- 21 (B) in the part of the county included in the election district of
- 22 the office sought by the individual filing the petition.
- 23 (d) The person with whom the petition of nomination must be filed
- 24 under subsection (a) shall:
- 25 (1) determine whether a sufficient number of signatures as
- 26 required by section 3 of this chapter have been obtained; and
- 27 (2) do one (1) of the following:
- 28 (A) If the petition includes a sufficient number of signatures,
- 29 certify the petition.
- 30 (B) If the petition has an insufficient number of signatures,
- 31 deny the certification.
- 32 (e) The secretary of state shall, by noon ~~August 20~~: **on the date**
- 33 **specified under IC 3-8-7-16 for the certification of candidates and**
- 34 **public questions by the election division:**
- 35 (1) certify; or
- 36 (2) deny certification under subsection (d) to;
- 37 each petition of nomination filed in the secretary of state's office to the
- 38 appropriate county.
- 39 (f) The commission shall provide that the form of a petition of
- 40 nomination includes the following information near the separate
- 41 signature required by subsection (b)(2):
- 42 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under IC 3-9.
- 43 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports under
- 44 IC 3-9.
- 45 (g) A candidate's consent to become a candidate must include a
- 46 statement that the candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter
- 47 registration record be the same as the name the candidate uses on the
- 48 consent to become a candidate. If there is a difference between the
- 49 name on the candidate's consent to become a candidate and the name
- 50 on the candidate's voter registration record, the officer with whom the
- 51 consent to become a candidate is filed shall forward the information to

1 the voter registration officer of the appropriate county as required by  
 2 IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter registration officer of the appropriate county  
 3 shall change the name on the candidate's voter registration record to be  
 4 the same as the name on the candidate's consent to become a candidate.

5 (h) If the person with whom the petition was filed denies  
 6 certification under subsection (d), the person shall notify the candidate  
 7 immediately by certified mail.

8 (i) A candidate may contest the denial of certification under  
 9 subsection (d) based on:

10 (1) the circuit court clerk's or board of registration's failure to  
 11 certify, under section 8 of this chapter, qualified petitioners; or

12 (2) the determination described in subsection (d)(1);

13 using the procedure in IC 3-8-1-2 and section 14 of this chapter that  
 14 applies to questions concerning the validity of a petition of nomination.

15 SECTION 38. IC 3-8-7-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,  
 16 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), if a  
 18 political party has filed a statement with the election division (or any  
 19 of its predecessors) that the device selected by the political party be  
 20 used to designate the candidates of the political party on the ballot for  
 21 all elections throughout the state, the device must be used until:

22 (1) the device is changed in accordance with party rules; and

23 (2) a statement concerning the use of the new device is filed with  
 24 the election division.

25 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the device may be any  
 26 appropriate symbol.

27 (c) A political party or an independent candidate may not use **any**  
 28 **of the following** as a device:

29 (1) A symbol that has previously been filed by a political party or  
 30 candidate with the election division (or any of its predecessors).

31 (2) The coat of arms or seal of the state or of the United States.

32 (3) The national or state flag. ~~or~~

33 (4) Any other emblem common to the people.

34 (d) Not later than noon ~~August 20; before each general or municipal~~  
 35 ~~election; on the date specified under section 16 of this chapter for~~  
 36 **the certification of candidates and public questions by the election**  
 37 **division**, the election division shall provide each county election board  
 38 with a camera-ready copy of the device under which the candidates of  
 39 the political party or the petitioner are to be listed so that ballots may  
 40 be prepared using the best possible reproduction of the device.

41 (e) This subsection applies to a candidate or political party whose  
 42 device is not filed with the election division under subsection (a) and  
 43 is to be printed only on ballots to identify candidates for election to a  
 44 local office. Not later than noon ~~August 20; on the date specified~~  
 45 **under section 16 of this chapter for the certification of candidates**  
 46 **and public questions by the election division**, the chairman of the  
 47 political party or the petitioner of nomination shall file a camera-ready  
 48 copy of the device under which the candidates of the political party or  
 49 the petitioner are to be listed with the county election board of each  
 50 county in which the name of the candidate or party will be placed on  
 51 the ballot. The county election board shall provide the camera-ready

1 copy of the device to the town election board of a town located wholly  
2 or partially within the county upon request by the town election board.

3 (f) If a copy of the device is not filed in accordance with subsection  
4 (a) or (e), or unless a device is designated in accordance with section  
5 26 or 27 of this chapter, the county election board or town election  
6 board is not required to use any device to designate the list of  
7 candidates.

8 **(g) If a device is filed with the election division or an election**  
9 **board after the commencement of printing of ballots for use at an**  
10 **election conducted under this title, the election board responsible**  
11 **for printing the ballots is not required to alter the ballots to include**  
12 **the device filed under this subsection.**

13 SECTION 39. IC 3-8-7-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 15. In a special election  
15 called by the governor, a certificate of nomination may be filed with the  
16 public official with whom a certificate is required to be filed at any  
17 time after the election is called but no later than noon ~~fifty (50)~~  
18 **seventy-four (74)** days before the date of the election.

19 SECTION 40. IC 3-8-7-25.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 25.5. (a) This section  
21 does not apply to the change of a candidate's name that occurs after  
22 absentee ballots have been printed bearing the candidate's name.

23 (b) A candidate who:

24 (1) is:

25 (A) nominated for election; or

26 (B) a candidate for nomination; and

27 (2) changed the candidate's legal name after:

28 (A) the candidate has been nominated; or

29 (B) the candidate has become a candidate for nomination;

30 shall file a statement setting forth the former and current legal name of  
31 the candidate with the office where a declaration of candidacy or  
32 certificate of nomination for the office is required to be filed. If the  
33 final date and hour has not passed for filing a declaration of candidacy,  
34 consent for nomination, or declaration of intent to be a write-in  
35 candidate, the candidate must file the request for a change of name on  
36 the form prescribed by the commission for the declaration or consent.

37 (c) The statement filed under subsection (b) must also indicate the  
38 following:

39 (1) That the candidate has previously filed a change of name  
40 request with a county voter registration office so that the name set  
41 forth in the statement is identical to the candidate's name on the  
42 county voter registration record.

43 (2) How the candidate's legal name was changed.

44 (d) Upon the filing of the statement, ~~the election division and~~ each  
45 county election board shall print the candidate's legal name on the  
46 ballot as set forth in the statement.

47 SECTION 41. IC 3-9-1-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
48 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 12. (a) A committee  
49 may disband at any time in the manner prescribed by this section.

50 (b) The commission or a county election board may administratively  
51 disband a committee in the manner prescribed by this section.

1 (c) The commission has exclusive jurisdiction to disband any of the  
2 following:

- 3 (1) A candidate's committee for state office.  
4 (2) A candidate's committee for legislative office.  
5 (3) A legislative caucus committee.  
6 (4) A political action committee that has filed a statement or  
7 report with the election division.  
8 (5) A regular party committee that has filed a statement or report  
9 with the election division.

10 (d) A county election board has exclusive jurisdiction to disband  
11 any of the following:

- 12 (1) A candidate's committee for a local office.  
13 (2) A candidate's committee for a school board office.  
14 (3) A political action committee that has filed a statement or  
15 report with the election board, unless the political action  
16 committee has also filed a report with the election division.  
17 (4) A regular party committee that has filed a statement or report  
18 with the election board, unless the regular party committee has  
19 also filed a report with the election division.

20 (e) The commission or a county election board may administratively  
21 disband a committee in the following manner:

22 (1) Not later than the last Friday of January of each year, the  
23 election division or county election board shall review the list of  
24 committees that have filed statements of organization with the  
25 division or board under this article.

26 (2) If the election division or county election board determines  
27 both of the following, the election division or county election  
28 board may begin a proceeding before the commission or board to  
29 administratively disband the committee:

30 (A) The committee has not filed any report of expenditures  
31 during the previous three (3) calendar years.

32 (B) The committee last reported cash on hand in an amount  
33 that does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), if the  
34 committee filed a report under this article.

35 (3) The election division or county election board shall provide  
36 notice of the proceeding by certified mail to the last known  
37 address of the chairman and treasurer of the committee.

38 (4) The commission or board may issue an order administratively  
39 dissolving the committee ~~and waiving any outstanding civil~~  
40 ~~penalty previously imposed by the commission or board;~~ if the  
41 commission or board makes the following findings:

42 (A) There is no evidence that the committee continues to  
43 receive contributions, make expenditures, or otherwise  
44 function as a committee.

45 ~~(B) The prudent use of public resources makes further efforts~~  
46 ~~to collect any outstanding civil penalty imposed against the~~  
47 ~~committee wasteful or unjust.~~

48 ~~(C)~~ (B) According to the best evidence available to the  
49 commission or board, the dissolution of the committee will not  
50 impair any contract or impede the collection of a debt or  
51 judgment by any person.

1 **(5) If the commission or board:**

2 **(A) administratively dissolves a committee under**  
3 **subdivision (4); and**

4 **(B) finds that the prudent use of public resources makes**  
5 **further efforts to collect any outstanding civil penalty**  
6 **imposed against the committee wasteful or unjust;**  
7 **the commission or board may also waive the outstanding civil**  
8 **penalty previously imposed by the commission or board**  
9 **against the committee.**

10 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** The election division shall arrange for the publication in  
11 the Indiana Register of an order administratively disbanding a  
12 committee. A county election board shall publish a notice under  
13 IC 5-3-1 stating that the board has disbanded a committee under  
14 this subsection. The notice must state the date of the order and the  
15 name of the committee, but the board is not required to publish  
16 the text of the order.

17 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** An order issued under this subsection takes effect  
18 immediately upon its adoption, unless otherwise specified in the  
19 order.

20 (f) If the chairman or treasurer of a committee wishes to disband the  
21 committee, the committee must do either of the following:

22 (1) Give written notification of the dissolution and transfer a  
23 surplus of contributions less expenditures to any one (1) or a  
24 combination of the following:

25 (A) One (1) or more regular party committees.

26 (B) One (1) or more candidate's committees.

27 (C) The election division.

28 (D) An organization exempt from federal income taxation  
29 under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

30 (E) Contributors to the committee, on a pro rata basis.

31 (2) Use the surplus in any other manner permitted under  
32 IC 3-9-3-4.

33 (g) Except as provided in subsection (e) concerning the waiver of  
34 civil penalties, a dissolution or transfer of funds does not relieve the  
35 committee or the committee's members from **any**:

36 **(1) civil liability, including the liability of the committee's**  
37 **chairman or treasurer for the payment of any debts incurred**  
38 **by or on behalf of the committee; or**

39 **(2) criminal liability.**

40 SECTION 42. IC 3-9-3-2.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2.5. (a) This section  
42 does not apply to any of the following:

43 (1) A communication relating to an election to a federal office.

44 (2) A communication relating to the outcome of a public question.

45 (3) A communication described by this section in a medium  
46 regulated by federal law to the extent that federal law regulates  
47 the appearance, content, or placement of the communication in  
48 the medium.

49 (4) Bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens, and similar small items  
50 upon which the disclaimer required by this section cannot be  
51 conveniently printed.

- 1 (5) Skywriting, water towers, wearing apparel, or other means of  
 2 displaying an advertisement on which the inclusion of a  
 3 disclaimer would be impracticable.
- 4 (6) Checks, receipts, and similar items of minimal value that do  
 5 not contain a political message and are used for purely  
 6 administrative purposes.
- 7 (7) A communication by a political action committee organized  
 8 and controlled by a corporation soliciting contributions to the  
 9 political action committee by the stockholders, executives, or  
 10 employees of the corporation and the families of those  
 11 individuals.
- 12 (8) A communication by a political action committee organized  
 13 and controlled by a labor organization soliciting contributions to  
 14 the political action committee by the members or executive  
 15 personnel of the labor organization and the families of those  
 16 individuals.
- 17 (9) A direct mailing of one hundred (100) or less substantially  
 18 similar pieces of mail.
- 19 (b) This section applies whenever a person:
- 20 (1) makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing  
 21 communications expressly advocating the election or defeat of a  
 22 clearly identified candidate; or  
 23 (2) solicits a contribution;  
 24 through a newspaper, a magazine, an outdoor advertising facility, a  
 25 poster, a yard sign, a direct mailing, or any other type of general public  
 26 political advertising.
- 27 (c) For purposes of this section, a candidate is clearly identified if  
 28 any of the following apply:
- 29 (1) The name of the candidate involved appears.  
 30 (2) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears.  
 31 (3) The identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous  
 32 reference.
- 33 (d) A communication described in subsection (b) must contain a  
 34 disclaimer that appears and is presented in a clear and conspicuous  
 35 manner to give the reader or observer adequate notice of the identity of  
 36 persons who paid for and, when required, who authorized the  
 37 communication. A disclaimer does not comply with this section if the  
 38 disclaimer is difficult to read or if the placement of the disclaimer is  
 39 easily overlooked.
- 40 **(e) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (d), a**  
 41 **disclaimer that appears on a printed communication described in**  
 42 **subsection (b) must comply with the following:**
- 43 **(1) The disclaimer must be of sufficient type size to be clearly**  
 44 **readable by the recipient of the communication. A disclaimer**  
 45 **in 12 point type size satisfies the size requirement of this**  
 46 **subdivision when the disclaimer is used for a yard sign, a**  
 47 **poster, a flyer, a newspaper, a magazine, or a direct mailing.**  
 48 **(2) The disclaimer must be printed with a reasonable degree**  
 49 **of color contrast between the background and the printed**  
 50 **statement. A disclaimer satisfies the color contrast**  
 51 **requirement of this subdivision if:**

- 1           **(A) the disclaimer is printed in black text on a white**  
 2           **background; or**  
 3           **(B) the degree of color contrast between the background**  
 4           **and the text of the disclaimer is not less than the color**  
 5           **contrast between the background and the largest text used**  
 6           **in the communication.**

7           **Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2), a disclaimer satisfies the**  
 8           **requirements of this subsection if the minimum type size of the**  
 9           **disclaimer is 7 point and the type color of the disclaimer contrasts**  
 10           **with the background color.**

11           ~~(e)~~ **(f)** A communication that would require a disclaimer if  
 12           distributed separately must contain the required disclaimer if included  
 13           in a package of materials.

14           ~~(f)~~ **(g)** This subsection does not apply to a communication, such as  
 15           a billboard, that contains only a front face. The disclaimer need not  
 16           appear on the front or cover page of the communication if the  
 17           disclaimer appears within the communication.

18           ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~; **(i)**, a communication  
 19           described in subsection (b) must satisfy one (1) of the following:

- 20           (1) If the communication is paid for and authorized by:  
 21           (A) a candidate;  
 22           (B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or  
 23           (C) the committee's agents;

24           the communication must clearly state that the communication has  
 25           been paid for by the authorized political committee.

- 26           (2) If the communication is paid for by other persons but  
 27           authorized by:

- 28           (A) a candidate;  
 29           (B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or  
 30           (C) the committee's agents;

31           the communication must clearly state that the communication is  
 32           paid for by the other persons and authorized by the authorized  
 33           political committee.

- 34           (3) If the communication is not authorized by:

- 35           (A) a candidate;  
 36           (B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or  
 37           (C) the committee's agents;

38           the communication must clearly state the name of the person who  
 39           paid for the communication and state that the communication is  
 40           not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.

- 41           (4) If the communication is a solicitation directed to the general  
 42           public on behalf of a political committee that is not a candidate's  
 43           committee, the solicitation must clearly state the full name of the  
 44           person who paid for the communication.

45           ~~(h)~~ **(i)** A communication by a regular party committee consisting of:  
 46           (1) a printed slate card, a sample ballot, or other printed listing of  
 47           three (3) or more candidates for public office at an election;  
 48           (2) campaign materials such as handbills, brochures, posters,  
 49           party tabloids or newsletters, and yard signs distributed by  
 50           volunteers and used by the regular party committee in connection  
 51           with volunteer activities on behalf of any nominee of the party; or

1 (3) materials distributed by volunteers as part of the regular  
 2 party's voter registration or get-out-the-vote efforts;  
 3 must clearly state the name of the person who paid for the  
 4 communication but is not required to state that the communication is  
 5 authorized by any candidate or committee.

6 SECTION 43. IC 3-9-4-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,  
 7 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 16. (a) In addition to any other penalty imposed,  
 9 a person who does any of the following is subject to a civil penalty  
 10 under this section:

11 (1) Fails to file with the election division a report in the manner  
 12 required under IC 3-9-5.

13 (2) Fails to file a statement of organization required under  
 14 IC 3-9-1.

15 (3) Is a committee or a member of a committee who disburses or  
 16 expends money or other property for any political purpose before  
 17 the money or other property has passed through the hands of the  
 18 treasurer of the committee.

19 (4) Makes a contribution other than to a committee subject to this  
 20 article or to a person authorized by law or a committee to receive  
 21 contributions on the committee's behalf.

22 (5) Is a corporation or labor organization that exceeds any of the  
 23 limitations on contributions prescribed by IC 3-9-2-4.

24 (6) Makes a contribution in the name of another person.

25 (7) Accepts a contribution made by one (1) person in the name of  
 26 another person.

27 (8) Is not the treasurer of a committee subject to this article, and  
 28 pays any expenses of an election or a caucus except as authorized  
 29 by this article.

30 (9) Commingles the funds of a committee with the personal funds  
 31 of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee.

32 (10) Wrongfully uses campaign contributions in violation of  
 33 IC 3-9-3-4.

34 (11) Violates IC 3-9-2-12.

35 (12) Fails to designate a contribution as required by IC 3-9-2-5(c).

36 (13) Violates IC 3-9-3-5.

37 (14) Serves as a treasurer of a committee in violation of any of the  
 38 following:

39 (A) IC 3-9-1-13(1).

40 (B) IC 3-9-1-13(2).

41 (C) IC 3-9-1-18.

42 (15) Fails to comply with section 4(d) of this chapter.

43 **(16) Violates IC 3-9-3-2.5 by making a communication that**  
 44 **contains a disclaimer that is not presented in a clear and**  
 45 **conspicuous manner required by IC 3-9-3-2.5(d) and**  
 46 **IC 3-9-3-2.5(e). This subdivision does not apply to a person**  
 47 **whose sole act is, in the normal course of business,**  
 48 **participating in the preparation, printing, distribution, or**  
 49 **broadcast of the communication containing the disclaimer.**

50 (b) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 51 penalty under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) for filing a defective report or

1 statement. If the commission determines that a person failed to file the  
2 amended report or statement of organization not later than noon five (5)  
3 days after being given notice under section 14 of this chapter, the  
4 commission may assess a civil penalty. The penalty is ten dollars (\$10)  
5 for each day the report is late after the expiration of the five (5) day  
6 period, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) plus any investigative  
7 costs incurred and documented by the election division. The civil  
8 penalty limit under this subsection applies to each report separately.

9 (c) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
10 penalty under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) for a delinquent report or  
11 statement. If the commission determines that a person failed to file the  
12 report or statement of organization by the deadline prescribed under  
13 this article, the commission shall assess a civil penalty. The penalty is  
14 fifty dollars (\$50) for each day the report or statement is late, with the  
15 afternoon of the final date for filing the report or statement being  
16 calculated as the first day. The civil penalty under this subsection may  
17 not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus any investigative costs  
18 incurred and documented by the election division. The civil penalty  
19 limit under this subsection applies to each report separately.

20 (d) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
21 penalty under subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), or  
22 (a)(10). If the commission determines that a person is subject to a civil  
23 penalty under subsection (a), the commission may assess a civil penalty  
24 of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), plus any investigative  
25 costs incurred and documented by the election division.

26 (e) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
27 penalty under subsection (a)(5). If the commission determines that a  
28 person is subject to a civil penalty under subsection (a)(5), the  
29 commission may assess a civil penalty of not more than three (3) times  
30 the amount of the contribution in excess of the limit prescribed by  
31 IC 3-9-2-4, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by  
32 the election division.

33 (f) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
34 penalty under subsection (a)(11). If the commission determines that a  
35 candidate or the candidate's committee has violated IC 3-9-2-12, the  
36 commission shall assess a civil penalty equal to the greater of the  
37 following, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the  
38 election division:

39 (1) Two (2) times the amount of any contributions received.

40 (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

41 (g) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
42 penalty under subsection (a)(12). If the commission determines that a  
43 corporation or a labor organization has failed to designate a  
44 contribution in violation of IC 3-9-2-5(c), the commission shall assess  
45 a civil penalty equal to the greater of the following, plus any  
46 investigative costs incurred and documented by the election division:

47 (1) Two (2) times the amount of the contributions undesignated.

48 (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

49 (h) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
50 penalty under subsection (a)(13). If the commission determines, by  
51 unanimous vote of the entire membership of the commission, that a

1 person has violated IC 3-9-3-5, the commission may assess a civil  
 2 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), plus any  
 3 investigative costs incurred and documented by the election division.

4 (i) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 5 penalty under subsection (a)(14). If the commission determines, by  
 6 unanimous vote of the entire membership of the commission, that a  
 7 person has served as the treasurer of a committee in violation of any of  
 8 the statutes listed in subsection (a)(14), the commission may assess a  
 9 civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), plus any  
 10 investigative costs incurred and documented by the election division.

11 (j) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 12 penalty under subsection (a)(15). The commission may assess a civil  
 13 penalty equal to the costs incurred by the election division for the  
 14 manual entry of the data contained in the report or statement, plus any  
 15 investigative costs incurred and documented by the election division.

16 **(k) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil**  
 17 **penalty under subsection (a)(16). If the commission determines that**  
 18 **a person is subject to a civil penalty under subsection (a)(16), the**  
 19 **commission may assess a civil penalty of not more than one**  
 20 **thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each communication circulated or**  
 21 **published (but not for each of the copies of the communication**  
 22 **actually circulated or published), plus any investigative costs**  
 23 **incurred and documented by the election division.**

24 ~~(l)~~ (l) All civil penalties collected under this section shall be  
 25 deposited with the treasurer of state in the campaign finance  
 26 enforcement account.

27 ~~(m)~~ (m) Proceedings of the commission under this section are subject  
 28 to IC 4-21.5.

29 SECTION 44. IC 3-9-4-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 17. (a) In addition to  
 31 any other penalty imposed, a person who does any of the following is  
 32 subject to a civil penalty under this section:

33 (1) Fails to file with a county election board a report in the  
 34 manner required under IC 3-9-5.

35 (2) Fails to file a statement of organization required under  
 36 IC 3-9-1.

37 (3) Is a committee or a member of a committee who disburses or  
 38 expends money or other property for any political purpose before  
 39 the money or other property has passed through the hands of the  
 40 treasurer of the committee.

41 (4) Makes a contribution other than to a committee subject to this  
 42 article or to a person authorized by law or a committee to receive  
 43 contributions in the committee's behalf.

44 (5) Is a corporation or labor organization that exceeds any of the  
 45 limitations on contributions prescribed by IC 3-9-2-4.

46 (6) Makes a contribution in the name of another person.

47 (7) Accepts a contribution made by one (1) person in the name of  
 48 another person.

49 (8) Is not the treasurer of a committee subject to this article, and  
 50 pays any expenses of an election or a caucus except as authorized  
 51 by this article.

- 1 (9) Commingles the funds of a committee with the personal funds  
 2 of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee.
- 3 (10) Wrongfully uses campaign contributions in violation of  
 4 IC 3-9-3-4.
- 5 (11) Fails to designate a contribution as required by IC 3-9-2-5(c).
- 6 (12) Violates IC 3-9-3-5.
- 7 (13) Serves as a treasurer of a committee in violation of any of the  
 8 following:
- 9 (A) IC 3-9-1-13(1).
- 10 (B) IC 3-9-1-13(2).
- 11 (C) IC 3-9-1-18.
- 12 **(14) Violates IC 3-9-3-2.5 by making a communication that**  
 13 **contains a disclaimer that is not presented in a clear and**  
 14 **conspicuous manner, as required by IC 3-9-3-2.5(d) and**  
 15 **IC 3-9-3-2.5(e). This subdivision does not apply to a person**  
 16 **whose sole act is, in the normal course of business,**  
 17 **participating in the preparation, printing, distribution, or**  
 18 **broadcast of the communication containing the disclaimer.**
- 19 (b) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 20 penalty under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) for filing a defective report or  
 21 statement. If the county election board determines that a person failed  
 22 to file the report or a statement of organization not later than noon five  
 23 (5) days after being given notice under section 14 of this chapter, the  
 24 county election board may assess a civil penalty. The penalty is ten  
 25 dollars (\$10) for each day the report is late after the expiration of the  
 26 five (5) day period, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) plus any  
 27 investigative costs incurred and documented by the board. The civil  
 28 penalty limit under this subsection applies to each report separately.
- 29 (c) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 30 penalty under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) for a delinquent report or  
 31 statement. If the county election board determines that a person failed  
 32 to file the report or statement of organization by the deadline prescribed  
 33 under this article, the board shall assess a civil penalty. The penalty is  
 34 fifty dollars (\$50) for each day the report is late, with the afternoon of  
 35 the final date for filing the report or statement being calculated as the  
 36 first day. The civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed one  
 37 thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus any investigative costs incurred and  
 38 documented by the board. The civil penalty limit under this subsection  
 39 applies to each report separately.
- 40 (d) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 41 penalty under subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), or  
 42 (a)(10). If the county election board determines that a person is subject  
 43 to a civil penalty under subsection (a), the board may assess a civil  
 44 penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), plus any  
 45 investigative costs incurred and documented by the board.
- 46 (e) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
 47 penalty under subsection (a)(5). If the county election board determines  
 48 that a person is subject to a civil penalty under subsection (a)(5), the  
 49 board may assess a civil penalty of not more than three (3) times the  
 50 amount of the contribution in excess of the limit prescribed by  
 51 IC 3-9-2-4, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by

1 the board.

2 (f) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
3 penalty under subsection (a)(11). If the county election board  
4 determines that a corporation or a labor organization has failed to  
5 designate a contribution in violation of IC 3-9-2-5(c), the board shall  
6 assess a civil penalty equal to the greater of the following, plus any  
7 investigative costs incurred and documented by the board:

8 (1) Two (2) times the amount of the contributions undesignated.

9 (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

10 (g) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
11 penalty under subsection (a)(12). If the county election board  
12 determines, by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board,  
13 that a person has violated IC 3-9-3-5, the board may assess a civil  
14 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), plus any  
15 investigative costs incurred and documented by the board.

16 (h) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil  
17 penalty under subsection (a)(13). If the county election board  
18 determines, by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board,  
19 that a person has served as the treasurer of a committee in violation of  
20 any of the statutes listed in subsection (a)(13), the board may assess a  
21 civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), plus any  
22 investigative costs incurred and documented by the board.

23 **(i) This subsection applies to a person who is subject to a civil**  
24 **penalty under subsection (a)(14). If the board determines that a**  
25 **person is subject to a civil penalty under subsection (a)(14), the**  
26 **board may assess a civil penalty of not more than one thousand**  
27 **dollars (\$1,000) for each communication circulated or published**  
28 **(but not for each of the copies of the communication actually**  
29 **circulated or published), plus any investigative costs incurred and**  
30 **documented by the election division.**

31 ~~(j)~~ (j) All civil penalties collected under this section shall be  
32 deposited with the county treasurer to be deposited by the county  
33 treasurer in a separate account to be known as the campaign finance  
34 enforcement account. The funds in the account are available, with the  
35 approval of the county fiscal body, to augment and supplement the  
36 funds appropriated for the administration of this article.

37 ~~(k)~~ (k) Money in the campaign finance enforcement account does  
38 not revert to the county general fund at the end of a county fiscal year.

39 ~~(l)~~ (l) Proceedings of the county election board under this section  
40 are subject to IC 4-21.5.

41 SECTION 45. IC 3-10-1-31.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
43 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 31.2. (a) This subsection does not**  
44 **apply if a recount or contest is being conducted in a county. The**  
45 **county voter registration office shall complete the updating of the**  
46 **registration record under section 31.1 of this chapter not later than**  
47 **sixty (60) days after election day.**

48 **(b) If a recount or contest is being conducted in a county, the**  
49 **county voter registration office shall complete the updating of the**  
50 **registration record under section 31.1 of this chapter not later than**  
51 **sixty (60) days after the completion of the recount or contest and**

1 **the issuance of an order under IC 3-12-6-22.5, IC 3-12-8-17,**  
 2 **IC 3-12-11-18, or IC 3-12-12-19.**

3 SECTION 46. IC 3-10-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. (a) Whenever a  
 5 proposed state constitutional amendment or other public question is  
 6 submitted by the general assembly under Article 16 of the Constitution  
 7 of the State of Indiana to the electorate of the state for a popular vote,  
 8 the election division shall certify the public question to the county  
 9 election board of each county.

10 (b) If the vote is to occur at a general election, the election division  
 11 shall certify by noon ~~August 20 before the election.~~ **on the date**  
 12 **specified under IC 3-8-7-16 for the election division to certify**  
 13 **candidates and other public questions for the general election**  
 14 **ballot.** If a special election is to be held, the election division shall  
 15 certify at least thirty (30) days before the election. Each county election  
 16 board shall publish notice of the public question in accordance with  
 17 IC 5-3-1.

18 SECTION 47. IC 3-10-6-7.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7.5. **(a) This section**  
 20 **applies to a municipal office elected during a municipal or general**  
 21 **election.**

22 ~~(a) (b) Subject to subsection (b);~~ An election may not be held for a  
 23 municipal office if:

- 24 (1) there is only one (1) nominee for the office or only one (1)  
 25 person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
 26 for the office under IC 3-8-2-2.5; and  
 27 (2) no person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in  
 28 candidate for the office under IC 3-8-2-2.5 that results in a contest  
 29 for election to the same municipal office.

30 ~~(b) Except as provided in subsection (c);~~ if there is an election for  
 31 any office of the municipality; all nominees for each office must be on  
 32 the ballot.

33 ~~(c) If:~~

- 34 ~~(1) there is an election for at least one (1) of a municipality's~~  
 35 ~~legislative body members;~~  
 36 ~~(2) only the voters who reside in a legislative body district are~~  
 37 ~~eligible to vote in the election for a legislative body member; and~~  
 38 ~~(3) there is no election for an office to be voted on by all voters of~~  
 39 ~~the municipality;~~

40 the county election board may, by unanimous vote of the entire  
 41 membership of the board, adopt a resolution providing that an election  
 42 will be held only in the legislative body districts within the  
 43 municipality in which voters will elect legislative body members under  
 44 subdivision (2). The names of unopposed candidates for an office to be  
 45 voted on by all voters of the municipality shall not be placed on the  
 46 ballot used for the election of municipal legislative body members  
 47 under this subsection.

48 SECTION 48. IC 3-10-7-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 49 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) A municipal  
 50 election conducted under this chapter shall be held at the time  
 51 prescribed by IC 3-10-6.

1 (b) ~~Subject to subsection (c);~~ **This subsection applies to a**  
 2 **municipal office elected during a municipal or general election.** An  
 3 election may not be held for a municipal office if:

4 (1) there is only one (1) nominee for the office or only one (1)  
 5 person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
 6 for the office under IC 3-8-2-2.5; and

7 (2) no person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in  
 8 candidate for the office under IC 3-8-2-2.5 that results in a contest  
 9 for election to the same municipal office.

10 (c) ~~Except as provided in subsection (d);~~ if there is an election for  
 11 ~~any office of the municipality;~~ **all nominees for each office must be on**  
 12 ~~the ballot.~~

13 (d) ~~If:~~

14 (1) there is an election for at least one (1) of the town's legislative  
 15 body members;

16 (2) only the voters who reside in a legislative body district are  
 17 eligible to vote in the election for a legislative body member; and

18 (3) there is no election for an office to be voted on by all voters of  
 19 the town;

20 the county election board (or town election board if that board is  
 21 conducting the election under this chapter) may, by unanimous vote of  
 22 the entire membership of the board; adopt a resolution providing that  
 23 an election will be held only in the legislative body districts within the  
 24 town in which voters will elect legislative body members under  
 25 subdivision (2). The names of unopposed candidates for an office to be  
 26 voted on by all voters of the town shall not be placed on the ballot used  
 27 for the election of town legislative body members under this  
 28 subsection.

29 SECTION 49. IC 3-10-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. If a local public  
 31 question must be certified to an election board by law, that certification  
 32 must occur no later than noon:

33 (1) ~~sixty (60)~~ **seventy-four (74)** days before a primary election if  
 34 the public question is to be placed on the primary or municipal  
 35 primary election ballot; or

36 (2) August 1 if the public question is to be placed on the general  
 37 or municipal election ballot.

38 SECTION 50. IC 3-11-1.5-15.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 39 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 15.5. If a precinct boundary splits**  
 41 **a census block, either of the following must be submitted with the**  
 42 **order described in section 14 of this chapter:**

43 (1) **A description of the precinct boundary in metes and**  
 44 **bounds.**

45 (2) **One (1) or more aerial photographs that depict:**

46 (A) **each census block that is split; and**

47 (B) **the boundary of the precinct that splits each census**  
 48 **block.**

49 SECTION 51. IC 3-11-1.5-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 50 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 16. (a) If a proposed  
 51 precinct establishment order includes a legal description of a precinct

1 with a boundary that follows the boundary of a municipality, state  
 2 legislative district, or municipal legislative district, the order must  
 3 include the following:

4 (1) A description in metes and bounds that identifies the boundary  
 5 as that of a municipality, state legislative district, or municipal  
 6 legislative district.

7 (2) A notation on the map of the precinct indicating that the  
 8 boundary is that of a municipality, state legislative district, or  
 9 municipal legislative district.

10 (b) If a proposed precinct establishment order described by section  
 11 9 of this chapter includes a legal description of a boundary that follows  
 12 a visible feature, the order must include a description in metes and  
 13 bounds **or an aerial photograph** that identifies the visible feature that  
 14 forms the boundary.

15 SECTION 52. IC 3-11-2-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 16. (a) If the  
 17 commission or an election board determines that a ballot printed under  
 18 the authority of the commission or election board does not comply with  
 19 a requirement imposed by this title or contains any other error or  
 20 omission that might result in confusion or mistakes by voters, the  
 21 election division or board shall:

22 (1) reprint or correct the ballot; or

23 (2) conduct a public hearing concerning the defective ballots.

24 (b) The commission or board may conduct the hearing after  
 25 informing each political party, ticket, or candidate that the commission  
 26 or board determines may have an interest in the matter.

27 (c) At the hearing, the commission or board shall hear any testimony  
 28 offered by a person concerning the defective ballots and shall make  
 29 findings of fact concerning the following:

30 (1) The number of ballots, if any, containing the error or omission  
 31 that have already been cast.

32 (2) The cost of correcting the error through the use of pasters,  
 33 reprinted ballots, or any other suitable method.

34 (3) Whether the error or omission would be likely to cause  
 35 confusion or mistakes by voters.

36 (4) Whether any voter objects to the use of the ballots,  
 37 notwithstanding the error or omission.

38 (d) If:

39 (1) a voter does not file a written objection to the use of the  
 40 ballots with the commission or board before the commission or  
 41 board concludes the hearing; and

42 (2) the commission or board determines that the use of the ballots  
 43 would not be likely to cause confusion or mistakes by voters;

44 the commission or board shall authorize the use of the defective ballots,  
 45 notwithstanding the error or omission.

46 (e) If:

47 (1) a voter files a written objection to the use of the ballots with  
 48 the election division or board before the commission or board  
 49 concludes the hearing; or

50 (2) the commission or board determines that the use of the ballots  
 51 would be likely to cause confusion or mistakes by voters;

1 the commission or board shall order the ballots to be reprinted or  
2 altered to conform with the requirements of this title.

3 (f) If the commission or board acts under subsection (a) or (e), a  
4 voter who has already voted a defective ballot by absentee ballot is  
5 entitled to recast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-10-1.5  
6 **or IC 3-11.5-4-2**. Notwithstanding the issuance of an order under  
7 subsection (e), a defective ballot shall be counted if the intent of the  
8 voter can be determined and the ballot would otherwise be counted  
9 under IC 3-12-1.

10 SECTION 53. IC 3-11-3-29 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 29. (a) If a new  
12 candidate is appointed or selected under IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2 after  
13 the printing of ballots and before the election, the ~~election division or~~  
14 ~~the~~ election board may print ballots containing the name of the new  
15 candidate.

16 (b) If the ~~election division or the~~ election board determines that  
17 printing ballots under subsection (a) would be uneconomical or  
18 impractical, the chairman or committee that made the appointment or  
19 selection shall provide to the ~~division or the~~ election board the number  
20 of pasters the ~~division or the~~ board determines to be necessary for all  
21 ballots to reflect the appointment or selection. Pastors may not be given  
22 to or received by any person except the ~~co-directors of the election~~  
23 ~~division (or the~~ election board and the board's chairman.

24 (c) If a candidate entitled to be placed on the ballot changes the  
25 candidate's legal name after the printing of ballots and before the  
26 election, the candidate who has changed the candidate's legal name  
27 shall provide to the ~~election division or the~~ election board the number  
28 of pasters the ~~division or the~~ board determines to be necessary for all  
29 ballots to reflect the change of name. If a candidate declines to do so  
30 under this subsection, the ~~division or the~~ board is not required to  
31 reprint ballots to reflect the change of legal name.

32 SECTION 54. IC 3-11-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2010,  
33 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in section 6 of this  
35 chapter, an application for an absentee ballot must be received by the  
36 circuit court clerk (or, in a county subject to IC 3-6-5.2, the director of  
37 the board of elections and registration) not earlier than the date the  
38 registration period resumes ~~following a primary election~~ under  
39 IC 3-7-13-10 nor later than the following:

40 (1) Noon on election day if the voter registers to vote under  
41 IC 3-7-36-14.

42 (2) Noon on the day before election day if the voter:

43 (A) completes the application in the office of the circuit court  
44 clerk; or

45 (B) is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
46 who requests that the ballot be transmitted by electronic mail  
47 or fax under section 6(h) of this chapter.

48 (3) Noon on the day before election day if:

49 (A) the application is a mailed, transmitted by fax, or hand  
50 delivered application from a confined voter or voter caring for  
51 a confined person; and

1 (B) the applicant requests that the absentee ballots be  
 2 delivered to the applicant by an absentee voter board.  
 3 (4) ~~Midnight 11:59 p.m.~~ on the eighth day before election day if  
 4 the application:

5 (A) is a mailed application; or  
 6 (B) was transmitted by fax;  
 7 from other voters.

8 **(b) An application for an absentee ballot received by the election**  
 9 **division by the time and date specified by subsection (a)(2)(B),**  
 10 **(a)(3), or (a)(4) is considered to have been timely received for**  
 11 **purposes of processing by the county. The election division shall**  
 12 **immediately transmit the application to the circuit court clerk, or**  
 13 **the director of the board of elections and registration, of the county**  
 14 **where the applicant resides. The election division is not required to**  
 15 **complete or file the affidavit required under section 2(h) of this**  
 16 **chapter whenever the election division transmits an application**  
 17 **under this subsection.**

18 SECTION 55. IC 3-11-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2010,  
 19 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) This section applies, notwithstanding any  
 21 other provision of this title, to absentee ballot applications for the  
 22 following:

23 (1) An absent uniformed services voter.  
 24 (2) An address confidentiality program participant (as defined in  
 25 IC 5-26.5-1-6).  
 26 (3) An overseas voter.

27 (b) A county election board shall make blank absentee ballot  
 28 applications available for persons covered by this section. ~~after~~  
 29 ~~November 20~~ preceding the election to which the application applies.  
 30 ~~Except as provided in subsection (c); The A~~ person may apply for an  
 31 absentee ballot at any time after the ~~applications are made available.~~  
 32 **registration period resumes under IC 3-7-13-10.**

33 (c) A person covered by this section may apply for an absentee  
 34 ballot for the next scheduled primary, general, or special election at any  
 35 time by filing either of the following:

36 (1) A combined absentee registration form and absentee ballot  
 37 request approved under 42 U.S.C. 1973ff(b)(2).  
 38 (2) A form prescribed under IC 3-5-4-8 that identifies the  
 39 applicant as an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas  
 40 voter. A form prescribed under this subdivision must permit the  
 41 applicant to designate whether the applicant wishes to receive the  
 42 absentee ballot by electronic mail, fax, or United States mail.

43 (d) If the county election board receives an absentee ballot  
 44 application from a person described by subsection (c), the circuit court  
 45 clerk shall mail to the person, free of postage as provided by 39 U.S.C.  
 46 3406, all ballots for the election immediately upon receipt of the ballots  
 47 under section 15 of this chapter, unless the person has indicated under  
 48 subsection (c) that the person wishes to receive the absentee ballot by  
 49 electronic mail or fax.

50 (e) Whenever a voter files an application for an absentee ballot and  
 51 indicates on the application that the voter

1           ~~(1)~~ is an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, and  
 2           ~~(2)~~ does not expect to be in the county during the twelve ~~(12)~~  
 3           months following the date the application is filed;  
 4           the application is an adequate application for an absentee ballot for  
 5           both subsequent general elections and any municipal or special an  
 6           election conducted during ~~that the~~ period **that ends on December 31**  
 7           **following the date the application is filed**, unless an absentee ballot  
 8           mailed to the voter at the address set forth in the application is returned  
 9           to the county election board during that period as undeliverable. The  
 10          circuit court clerk and county election board shall process this  
 11          application and send general election absentee ballots to the voter in  
 12          the same manner as other general election and special election absentee  
 13          ballot applications and ballots are processed and sent under this  
 14          chapter.

15          (f) Whenever a voter described in subsection (a)(2) files an  
 16          application for a primary election absentee ballot and indicates on the  
 17          application that the voter is an address confidentiality program  
 18          participant, the application is an adequate application for a general  
 19          election absentee ballot under this chapter and an absentee ballot for a  
 20          special election conducted during the ~~twelve (12) months~~ **period that**  
 21          **ends on December 31** following the date ~~of~~ the application is filed.  
 22          The circuit court clerk and county election board shall process this  
 23          application and send general election and special election absentee  
 24          ballots to the voter in the same manner as other general election and  
 25          special election absentee ballot applications and ballots are processed  
 26          and sent under this chapter.

27          (g) The name, address, telephone number, and any other identifying  
 28          information relating to a program participant (as defined in  
 29          IC 5-26.5-1-6) in the address confidentiality program, as contained in  
 30          a voting registration record, is declared confidential for purposes of  
 31          IC 5-14-3-4(a)(1). The county voter registration office may not disclose  
 32          for public inspection or copying a name, an address, a telephone  
 33          number, or any other information described in this subsection, as  
 34          contained in a voting registration record, except as follows:

- 35                 (1) To a law enforcement agency, upon request.  
 36                 (2) As directed by a court order.

37          (h) The county election board shall by fax or electronic mail  
 38          transmit an absentee ballot to and receive an absentee ballot from an  
 39          absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter by electronic mail  
 40          or fax at the request of the voter indicated in the application filed under  
 41          this section. If the voter wants to submit absentee ballots by fax or  
 42          electronic mail, the voter must separately sign and date a statement  
 43          submitted with the electronic mail or the fax transmission that states  
 44          substantively the following: "I understand that by faxing or e-mailing  
 45          my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot."

46          (i) The county election board shall send confirmation to a voter  
 47          described in subsection (h) that the voter's absentee ballot has been  
 48          received as follows:

- 49                 (1) If the voter provides a fax number to which a confirmation  
 50                 may be sent, the county election board shall send the confirmation  
 51                 to the voter at the fax number provided by the voter.

1 (2) If the voter provides an electronic mail address to which a  
 2 confirmation may be sent, the county election board shall send the  
 3 confirmation to the voter at the electronic mail address provided  
 4 by the voter.

5 (3) If:

6 (A) the voter does not provide a fax number or an electronic  
 7 mail address; or

8 (B) the number or address provided does not permit the board  
 9 to send the confirmation not later than the end of the first  
 10 business day after the board receives the voter's absentee  
 11 ballot;

12 the county election board shall send the confirmation by United  
 13 States mail.

14 The county election board shall send the confirmation required by this  
 15 subsection not later than the end of the first business day after the  
 16 county election board receives the voter's absentee ballot.

17 (j) A county election board may transmit an absentee ballot to an  
 18 absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter by electronic mail  
 19 under a program authorized and administered by the Federal Voting  
 20 Assistance Program of the United States Department of Defense or  
 21 directly to the voter at the voter's electronic mail address, if requested  
 22 to do so by the voter. A voter described by this section may transmit the  
 23 voted absentee ballot to a county election board by electronic mail. **If**  
 24 **a voter described in this section transmits the voted absentee ballot**  
 25 **through the United States Department of Defense program, the**  
 26 **ballot must be transmitted** in accordance with the procedures  
 27 established under ~~this~~ **that** program. An electronic mail message  
 28 transmitting a voted absentee ballot under this subsection must include  
 29 an optically scanned image of the voter's signature on the statement  
 30 required under subsection (h).

31 SECTION 56. IC 3-11-8-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. A voter shall vote at  
 33 the polls for the precinct where the voter resides except when  
 34 authorized to vote in another precinct under IC 3-10-10, IC 3-10-11, or  
 35 IC 3-10-12. ~~or at a special voting poll under section 6.5 of this chapter.~~

36 SECTION 57. IC 3-11-8-3.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3.1. (a) A county  
 38 executive shall designate the polls for each precinct not less than  
 39 twenty-nine (29) days before election day.

40 (b) The designation of a polling place under this section remains in  
 41 effect until:

42 (1) the location of the polling place is altered by an order of the  
 43 county executive or county election board under this chapter; or

44 (2) a precinct establishment order issued under IC 3-11-1.5:

45 (A) designates a new polling place location; or

46 (B) combines the existing precinct with another precinct  
 47 established by the order.

48 ~~(c) The county executive shall then file the report required by~~  
 49 ~~section 6.5 of this chapter concerning polls that are inaccessible to~~  
 50 ~~voters with disabilities.~~

51 SECTION 58. IC 3-11-8-3.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3.2. (a) A county  
 2 executive shall give ten (10) days notice of the place of voting in each  
 3 precinct by publication in the manner prescribed by IC 5-3-1-4. The  
 4 notice must include the following information:

5 ~~(1) For each precinct, state~~ whether the polls are located in an  
 6 accessible facility.

7 ~~(2) If special polling places are designated under section 6.5 of~~  
 8 ~~this chapter:~~

9 ~~(A) the location of each special polling place; and~~

10 ~~(B) the procedures for elderly voters and voters with~~  
 11 ~~disabilities to apply to vote at a special polling place.~~

12 (b) If it is necessary to change a place for voting after giving notice,  
 13 notice of the change shall be given in the same manner. However,  
 14 except as provided in subsection (c), a change may not be made within  
 15 two (2) days before an election.

16 (c) If the county election board determines by a unanimous vote of  
 17 the board's entire membership that the use of a polling place at an  
 18 election would be dangerous or impossible, the county election board  
 19 may order the relocation of the polling place during the final two (2)  
 20 days before an election. The county election board shall give the best  
 21 possible notice of this change to news media and the voters of the  
 22 precinct. If an order is adopted under this subsection, the order expires  
 23 after the election.

24 SECTION 59. IC 3-11-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. ~~Except as provided~~  
 26 ~~in section 6.5 of this chapter;~~ The county executive shall locate the  
 27 polls for each precinct in an accessible facility.

28 SECTION 60. IC 3-11-10-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2005,  
 29 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 17. (a) If the inspector finds under section 15 of  
 31 this chapter that any of the following applies, a ballot may not be  
 32 accepted or counted:

33 (1) The affidavit is insufficient or the ballot has not been endorsed  
 34 with the initials of:

35 (A) the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the  
 36 office of the circuit court clerk under IC 3-11-4-19 or section  
 37 27 of this chapter;

38 (B) the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting  
 39 the voter under section 25(b) of the chapter; or

40 (C) the two (2) appointed members of the county election  
 41 board or their designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

42 (2) A copy of the voter's signature has been furnished to the  
 43 precinct election board and that the signatures do not correspond  
 44 or there is no signature.

45 (3) The absentee voter is not a qualified voter in the precinct.

46 ~~(4) The absentee voter has voted in person at the election.~~

47 ~~(5) (4)~~ The absentee voter has not registered.

48 ~~(6) (5)~~ The ballot is open or has been opened and resealed. This  
 49 subdivision does not permit an absentee ballot transmitted by fax  
 50 or electronic mail under IC 3-11-4-6 to be rejected because the  
 51 ballot was sealed in the absentee ballot envelope by the individual

- 1 designated by the circuit court to receive absentee ballots  
 2 transmitted by fax or electronic mail.
- 3 ~~(7)~~ (6) The ballot envelope contains more than one (1) ballot of  
 4 any kind for the same office or public question.
- 5 ~~(8)~~ (7) In the case of a primary election, if the absentee voter has  
 6 not previously voted, the voter failed to execute the proper  
 7 declaration relative to age and qualifications and the political  
 8 party with which the voter intends to affiliate.
- 9 ~~(9)~~ (8) The ballot has been challenged and not supported.
- 10 (b) Subsection (c) applies whenever a voter with a disability is  
 11 unable to make a signature:
- 12 (1) on an absentee ballot application that corresponds to the  
 13 voter's signature in the records of the county voter registration  
 14 office; or
- 15 (2) on an absentee ballot secrecy envelope that corresponds with  
 16 the voter's signature:
- 17 (A) in the records of the county voter registration office; or  
 18 (B) on the absentee ballot application.
- 19 (c) The voter may request that the voter's signature or mark be  
 20 attested to by:
- 21 (1) the absentee voter board under section 25(b) of this chapter;  
 22 (2) a member of the voter's household; or  
 23 (3) an individual serving as attorney in fact for the voter.
- 24 (d) An attestation under subsection (c) provides an adequate basis  
 25 for an inspector to determine that a signature or mark complies with  
 26 subsection (a)(2).
- 27 SECTION 61. IC 3-11-10-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2009,  
 28 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 24. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a  
 30 voter who satisfies any of the following is entitled to vote by mail:
- 31 (1) The voter has a specific, reasonable expectation of being  
 32 absent from the county on election day during the entire twelve  
 33 (12) hours that the polls are open.
- 34 (2) The voter will be absent from the precinct of the voter's  
 35 residence on election day because of service as:
- 36 (A) a precinct election officer under IC 3-6-6;  
 37 (B) a watcher under IC 3-6-8, IC 3-6-9, or IC 3-6-10;  
 38 (C) a challenger or pollbook holder under IC 3-6-7; or  
 39 (D) a person employed by an election board to administer the  
 40 election for which the absentee ballot is requested.
- 41 (3) The voter will be confined on election day to the voter's  
 42 residence, to a health care facility, or to a hospital because of an  
 43 illness or injury during the entire twelve (12) hours that the polls  
 44 are open.
- 45 (4) The voter is a voter with disabilities.
- 46 (5) The voter is an elderly voter.
- 47 (6) The voter is prevented from voting due to the voter's care of  
 48 an individual confined to a private residence because of illness or  
 49 injury during the entire twelve (12) hours that the polls are open.
- 50 (7) The voter is scheduled to work at the person's regular place of  
 51 employment during the entire twelve (12) hours that the polls are

- 1 open.
- 2 (8) The voter is eligible to vote under IC 3-10-11 or IC 3-10-12.
- 3 (9) The voter is prevented from voting due to observance of a
- 4 religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire twelve
- 5 (12) hours that the polls are open.
- 6 (10) The voter is an address confidentiality program participant
- 7 (as defined in IC 5-26.5-1-6).
- 8 (11) The voter is a member of the military or public safety officer.
- 9 (b) A voter with disabilities who:
- 10 (1) is unable to make a voting mark on the ballot or sign the
- 11 absentee ballot secrecy envelope; and
- 12 (2) requests that the absentee ballot be delivered to an address
- 13 within Indiana;
- 14 must vote before an absentee voter board under section 25(b) of this
- 15 chapter.
- 16 (c) If a voter receives an absentee ballot by mail, the voter shall
- 17 personally mark the ballot in secret and seal the marked ballot inside
- 18 the envelope provided by the county election board for that purpose.
- 19 The voter shall:
- 20 (1) deposit the sealed envelope in the United States mail for
- 21 delivery to the county election board; or
- 22 (2) authorize a member of the voter's household or the individual
- 23 designated as the voter's attorney in fact to:
- 24 (A) deposit the sealed envelope in the United States mail; or
- 25 (B) deliver the sealed envelope in person to the county
- 26 election board.
- 27 (d) If a member of the voter's household or the voter's attorney in
- 28 fact delivers the sealed envelope containing a voter's absentee ballot to
- 29 the county election board, the individual delivering the ballot shall
- 30 complete an affidavit in a form prescribed by the commission. The
- 31 affidavit must contain the following information:
- 32 (1) The name and residence address of the voter whose absentee
- 33 ballot is being delivered.
- 34 (2) A statement of the full name, residence and mailing address,
- 35 and daytime and evening telephone numbers (if any) of the
- 36 individual delivering the absentee ballot.
- 37 (3) A statement indicating whether the individual delivering the
- 38 absentee ballot is a member of the voter's household or is the
- 39 attorney in fact for the voter. If the individual is the attorney in
- 40 fact for the voter, the individual must attach a copy of the power
- 41 of attorney for the voter, unless a copy of this document has
- 42 already been filed with the county election board.
- 43 (4) The date and location at which the absentee ballot was
- 44 delivered by the voter to the individual delivering the ballot to the
- 45 county election board.
- 46 (5) A statement that the individual delivering the absentee ballot
- 47 has complied with Indiana laws governing absentee ballots.
- 48 (6) A statement that the individual delivering the absentee ballot
- 49 is executing the affidavit under the penalties of perjury.
- 50 (7) A statement setting forth the penalties for perjury.
- 51 (e) The county election board shall record the date and time that the

1 affidavit under subsection (d) was filed with the board.

2 (f) After a voter has mailed or delivered an absentee ballot to the  
3 office of the circuit court clerk, the voter may not recast a ballot, except  
4 as provided in

5 ~~(1)~~ section 1.5 of this chapter. ~~or~~

6 ~~(2)~~ section 33 of this chapter.

7 SECTION 62. IC 3-11-10-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2010,  
8 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 26. (a) **This subsection applies to all counties,  
10 except for a county to which IC 3-6-5.2 applies.** As an alternative to  
11 voting by mail, a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an  
12 absentee voter board **at any of the following:**

13 (1) ~~in The~~ **(1) location of the** office of the circuit court clerk  
14 ~~(or board of elections and registration in a county subject to~~  
15 ~~IC 3-6-5.2); or designated by the circuit court clerk.~~

16 (2) ~~at~~ A satellite office established under section 26.3 of this  
17 chapter.

18 **(b) This subsection applies to a county to which IC 3-6-5.2**  
19 **applies. As an alternative to voting by mail, a voter is entitled to**  
20 **cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at any of the**  
21 **following:**

22 **(1) The office of the board of elections and registration.**

23 **(2) A satellite office established under section 26.3 of this**  
24 **chapter.**

25 **(c) Except for a location designated under subsection (a)(1), a**  
26 **location of the office of the circuit court clerk must be established**  
27 **as a satellite office under section 26.3 of this chapter in order to be**  
28 **used as a location at which a voter is entitled to cast an absentee**  
29 **ballot before an absentee voter board under this section.**

30 ~~(b)~~ **(d)** The voter must:

31 (1) sign an application on the form prescribed by the commission  
32 under IC 3-11-4-5.1; and

33 (2) provide proof of identification;

34 before being permitted to vote. The application must be received by the  
35 circuit court clerk not later than the time prescribed by IC 3-11-4-3.

36 ~~(c)~~ **(e)** The voter may vote before the board not more than  
37 twenty-nine (29) days nor later than noon on the day before election  
38 day.

39 ~~(d)~~ **(f)** An absent uniformed services voter who is eligible to vote by  
40 absentee ballot in the circuit court clerk's office under IC 3-7-36-14  
41 may vote before the board not earlier than twenty-nine (29) days before  
42 the election and not later than noon on election day. If a voter described  
43 by this subsection wishes to cast an absentee ballot during the period  
44 beginning at noon on the day before election day and ending at noon on  
45 election day, the county election board or absentee voter board may  
46 receive and process the ballot at a location designated by resolution of  
47 the county election board.

48 ~~(e)~~ **(g)** The absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court  
49 clerk must permit voters to cast absentee ballots under this section for  
50 at least seven (7) hours on each of the two (2) Saturdays preceding  
51 election day.

1           ~~(f)~~ **(h)** Notwithstanding subsection ~~(e)~~, **(g)**, in a county with a  
 2 population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), the absentee voter  
 3 board in the office of the circuit court clerk, with the approval of the  
 4 county election board, may reduce the number of hours available to  
 5 cast absentee ballots under this section to a minimum of four (4) hours  
 6 on each of the two (2) Saturdays preceding election day.

7           ~~(g)~~ **(i)** As provided by 42 U.S.C. 15481, a voter casting an absentee  
 8 ballot under this section must be:

- 9           (1) permitted to verify in a private and independent manner the
- 10           votes selected by the voter before the ballot is cast and counted;
- 11           (2) provided with the opportunity to change the ballot or correct
- 12           any error in a private and independent manner before the ballot is
- 13           cast and counted, including the opportunity to receive a
- 14           replacement ballot if the voter is otherwise unable to change or
- 15           correct the ballot; and
- 16           (3) notified before the ballot is cast regarding the effect of casting
- 17           multiple votes for the office and provided an opportunity to
- 18           correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted.

19           ~~(h)~~ **(j)** As provided by 42 U.S.C. 15481, when an absentee ballot is  
 20 provided under this section, the board must also provide the voter with:

- 21           (1) information concerning the effect of casting multiple votes for
- 22           an office; and
- 23           (2) instructions on how to correct the ballot before the ballot is
- 24           cast and counted, including the issuance of replacement ballots.

25           ~~(i)~~ **(k)** If:

- 26           (1) the voter is unable or declines to present the proof of
- 27           identification; or
- 28           (2) a member of the board determines that the proof of
- 29           identification provided by the voter does not qualify as proof of
- 30           identification under IC 3-5-2-40.5;

31 the voter shall be permitted to cast an absentee ballot and the voter's  
 32 absentee ballot shall be treated as a provisional ballot.

33           ~~(j)~~ **(l)** A voter casting an absentee ballot under this section is entitled  
 34 to cast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

35           SECTION 63. IC 3-11-10-26.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2010,  
 36 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 26.3. (a) A county election board may adopt a  
 38 resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to establish satellite  
 39 offices in the county where voters may cast absentee ballots before an  
 40 absentee voter board.

41           (b) To be adopted under this section, a resolution must be adopted  
 42 by the unanimous vote of the board's entire membership.

43           (c) A resolution adopted under this section must do the following:

- 44           (1) State the locations of the satellite offices.
- 45           (2) State the hours at which absentee voting may occur at the
- 46           satellite offices.

47           (d) The resolution may contain other provisions the board considers  
 48 useful.

49           **(e) If a resolution is adopted under this section for a primary**  
 50 **election, the locations of the satellite offices and the hours at which**  
 51 **absentee voting may occur at the satellite offices established for the**

1 **primary election must be used for the subsequent general or**  
 2 **municipal election.**

3 ~~(e)~~ (f) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the procedure for  
 4 casting an absentee ballot at a satellite office must, except as provided  
 5 in this section, be substantially the same as the procedure for casting an  
 6 absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

7 ~~(f)~~ (g) A voter casting an absentee ballot under this section is  
 8 entitled to cast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

9 ~~(g)~~ (h) A satellite office established by a circuit court clerk under  
 10 this section must comply with the polling place accessibility  
 11 requirements of IC 3-11-8.

12 SECTION 64. IC 3-11-10-30 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 30. Even though the  
 14 voter may have applied for and received an absentee ballot, a voter who  
 15 returns to the voter's place of residence before the close of the polls on  
 16 election day may vote in person under the conditions prescribed by  
 17 section 31 ~~or 32~~ of this chapter.

18 SECTION 65. IC 3-11-10-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 32. If a voter has  
 20 marked and returned an absentee ballot, **but appears the voter may not**  
 21 **vote** in person at ~~the a~~ precinct. ~~before the voter's name has been~~  
 22 ~~marked on the poll list under section 16 of this chapter,~~ **then the voter**  
 23 **may:**

24 (1) have the voter's absentee ballot envelope opened in the voter's  
 25 presence and the ballot contained in the envelope deposited in the  
 26 ballot box; or

27 (2) request a new ballot, which the voter may vote as any other  
 28 voter voting in person. However, before the voter may vote, the  
 29 inspector shall take the unopened absentee ballot envelope and  
 30 write upon the envelope the words "Unopened because voter  
 31 appeared and voted in person". The envelope shall be preserved  
 32 with other defective ballots.

33 SECTION 66. IC 3-11-13-31.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 34 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 31.6. Whenever a ballot card**  
 36 **voting system is used in a precinct and a ballot form prescribed by**  
 37 **this title refers to a voting mark, the county election board shall**  
 38 **approve voting instructions indicating that a specific type of**  
 39 **marking device is employed on the system to indicate a vote.**

40 SECTION 67. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY HEA  
 41 1190-2011, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county election board  
 43 shall have the names of all candidates for all elected offices, political  
 44 party offices, and public questions printed on ballot labels for use in an  
 45 electronic voting system as provided in this chapter.

46 (b) The county may:

47 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;  
 48 and

49 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper  
 50 version of a ballot label is used within a precinct.

51 (c) Each type of ballot label or paster must be of uniform size and

1 of the same quality and color of paper (except as permitted under  
2 IC 3-10-1-17).

3 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate  
4 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by  
5 petitioners must be listed on the ballot label with the name and device  
6 set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the  
7 device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the  
8 device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not  
9 include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2)  
10 or more parties or petitioners.

11 (e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on the  
12 general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,  
13 IC 3-11-2-12.2, IC 3-11-2-12.5, IC 3-11-2-12.7(b), IC 3-11-2-12.9(a),  
14 IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c), IC 3-11-2-14(a), and  
15 IC 3-11-2-14(d). Each office and public question may have a separate  
16 screen, or the offices and public questions may be listed in a  
17 continuous column either vertically or horizontally.

18 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold  
19 type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed  
20 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the  
21 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of  
22 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office."

23 (g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by  
24 subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be  
25 grouped together in the following order:

26 (1) The major political party whose candidate received the highest  
27 number of votes in the county for secretary of state at the last  
28 election is listed first.

29 (2) The major political party whose candidate received the second  
30 highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state is  
31 listed second.

32 (3) All other political parties listed in the order that the parties'  
33 candidates for secretary of state finished in the last election are  
34 listed after the party listed in subdivision (2).

35 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of  
36 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent candidate  
37 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the party or  
38 candidate is listed after the parties described in subdivisions (1),  
39 (2), and (3).

40 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate  
41 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the ballot,  
42 the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in which  
43 the party filed its petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6-12.

44 (6) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed  
45 in subdivisions (1) through (5), if required by law. **A space for**  
46 **write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no**  
47 **declared write-in candidates for that office. However,**  
48 **procedures must be implemented to permit write-in voting for**  
49 **candidates for federal offices.**

50 (7) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the  
51 ballot.

1 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established by  
 2 subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters and  
 3 have a uniform space between each name. The name of the candidate's  
 4 political party, or the word "Independent", if the:

5 (1) candidate; or

6 (2) ticket of candidates for:

7 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or

8 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

9 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name  
 10 of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type.

11 (i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to  
 12 at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision  
 13 must be grouped together:

14 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

15 (2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and

16 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to  
 17 surname.

18 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed  
 19 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the  
 20 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of  
 21 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office."

22 (j) Candidates for election to at-large seats on the governing body  
 23 of a school corporation must be grouped:

24 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;  
 25 and

26 (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

27 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed  
 28 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the  
 29 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of  
 30 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office."

31 (k) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7 must be  
 32 placed at the top or beginning of the ballot label before the first public  
 33 question is listed.

34 (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and  
 35 IC 3-11-2-10(e) may be:

36 (1) placed on the ballot label; or

37 (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the  
 38 voter to easily read the instructions.

39 (m) The ballot label must include a touch sensitive point or button  
 40 for voting a straight political party or independent ticket (described in  
 41 IC 3-11-2-6) by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or button  
 42 must be identified by:

43 (1) the name of the political party or independent ticket; and

44 (2) immediately below or beside the political party's or  
 45 independent ticket's name, the device of that party or ticket  
 46 (described in IC 3-11-2-5).

47 The name and device of each party or ticket must be of uniform size  
 48 and type, and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for  
 49 listing candidates under each office. The instructions described in  
 50 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement  
 51 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 may be

1 placed on the ballot label or in a location within the voting booth that  
2 permits the voter to easily read the instructions.

3 (n) A public question must be in the form described in  
4 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive  
5 point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly  
6 authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print  
7 a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question  
8 other than the language authorized by a statute.

9 (o) The requirements in this section:

10 (1) do not replace; and

11 (2) are in addition to;

12 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic  
13 voting systems.

14 (p) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when a  
15 ballot label does not comply with the requirements imposed by this title  
16 or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion or  
17 mistakes by voters.

18 SECTION 68. IC 3-11-14-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
19 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 22.5. Whenever an electronic**  
21 **voting system is used in a precinct and a ballot form prescribed by**  
22 **this title refers to a voting mark, the county election board shall**  
23 **approve voting instructions indicating that a specific type of**  
24 **marking device is employed on the system to indicate a vote.**

25 SECTION 69. IC 3-11-18.1-4, AS ADDED BY SEA 32-2011,  
26 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 DECEMBER 31, 2010 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 4. The plan required  
28 by section 3 of this chapter must include at least the following:

29 (1) The total number of vote centers to be established.

30 (2) The location of each vote center.

31 (3) The effective date of the order.

32 (4) The following information according to the computerized list  
33 (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order:

34 (A) The total number of voters within the county.

35 (B) The number of active voters within the county.

36 (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.

37 (5) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), a list  
38 of the precincts whose polls will be located at the vote center  
39 consistent with section ~~12~~ **13** of this chapter.

40 (6) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the  
41 number of precinct election boards that will be appointed to  
42 administer an election at the vote center.

43 (7) For each precinct election board designated under subdivision  
44 (6), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election  
45 board will administer consistent with section ~~12~~ **13** of this  
46 chapter.

47 (8) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the  
48 number and title of the precinct election officers who will be  
49 appointed to serve at the vote center.

50 (9) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2):

51 (A) the number and type of ballot variations that will be

- 1 provided at the vote center; and
- 2 (B) whether these ballots will be:
- 3 (i) delivered to the vote center before the opening of the
- 4 polls; or
- 5 (ii) printed on demand for a voter's use.
- 6 (10) A detailed description of any hardware, firmware, or
- 7 software used:
- 8 (A) to create an electronic poll list for each precinct whose
- 9 polls are to be located at a vote center; or
- 10 (B) to establish a secure electronic connection between the
- 11 county election board and the precinct election officials
- 12 administering a vote center.
- 13 (11) A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to
- 14 ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any
- 15 electronic poll list used by precinct election officers at a vote
- 16 center is immediately accessible to:
- 17 (A) the county election board; and
- 18 (B) the electronic poll lists used by precinct election officers
- 19 at all other vote centers in the county.
- 20 (12) For each precinct designated under subdivision (5), the
- 21 number of electronic poll lists to be provided for the precinct.
- 22 (13) The security and contingency plans to be implemented by the
- 23 county to do all of the following:
- 24 (A) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process.
- 25 (B) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a
- 26 disruption occurs.
- 27 (C) Prevent access to an electronic poll list without the
- 28 coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are
- 29 not members of the same political party.
- 30 (14) A certification that the vote center complies with the
- 31 accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under
- 32 IC 3-11-8.
- 33 (15) A sketch depicting the planned layout of the vote center,
- 34 indicating the location of:
- 35 (A) equipment; and
- 36 (B) precinct election officers;
- 37 within the vote center.
- 38 (16) The total number of ~~vote centers to be established at and~~
- 39 **locations of satellite offices that are to be established under**
- 40 **IC 3-11-10-26.3 at vote center locations designated under**
- 41 **subdivision (2)** to allow voters to cast absentee ballots in
- 42 accordance with IC 3-11. However, a plan must provide for at
- 43 least one (1) vote center to be established as a satellite office
- 44 under IC 3-11-10-26.3 on the two (2) Saturdays immediately
- 45 preceding an election day.
- 46 (17) The method and timing of providing voter data to persons
- 47 who are entitled to receive the data under this title. Data shall be
- 48 provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable
- 49 delay.
- 50 SECTION 70. IC 3-11-18.1-10, AS ADDED BY SEA 32-2011,
- 51 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 DECEMBER 31, 2010 (RETROACTIVE)]; Sec. 10. Except as  
 2 otherwise provided by this chapter, the county shall administer an  
 3 election conducted at a vote center in accordance with federal law, this  
 4 title, and the plan adopted with the county election board's order under  
 5 section ~~4~~ **3** of this chapter.

6 SECTION 71. IC 3-11-18.1-15, AS ADDED BY SEA 32-2011,  
 7 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 DECEMBER 31, 2010 (RETROACTIVE)]; Sec. 15. (a) A county may  
 9 amend a plan adopted with a county election board's order under  
 10 section ~~4~~ **3** of this chapter.

11 (b) For a county to amend its plan:

- 12 (1) the county election board (or board of elections and
- 13 registration established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4), by
- 14 unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, must
- 15 approve the plan amendment;
- 16 (2) all members of the board must sign the amendment; and
- 17 (3) the amendment must be filed with the election division.

18 (c) A plan amendment takes effect immediately upon filing with the  
 19 election division, unless otherwise specified by the county election  
 20 board.

21 SECTION 72. IC 3-11.5-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2010,  
 22 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. To the extent that they are in conflict with this  
 24 article, the following statutes do not apply to a county that has adopted  
 25 a resolution described by section 1 of this chapter:

- 26 (1) IC 3-11-4-22.
- 27 (2) IC 3-11-10-1.5.
- 28 (3) IC 3-11-10-3.
- 29 (4) IC 3-11-10-5.
- 30 (5) IC 3-11-10-6.
- 31 (6) IC 3-11-10-7.
- 32 (7) IC 3-11-10-8.
- 33 (8) IC 3-11-10-9.
- 34 (9) IC 3-11-10-11.
- 35 (10) IC 3-11-10-12.
- 36 (11) IC 3-11-10-12.5.
- 37 (12) IC 3-11-10-13.
- 38 (13) IC 3-11-10-14.
- 39 (14) IC 3-11-10-15.
- 40 (15) IC 3-11-10-16.
- 41 (16) IC 3-11-10-17.
- 42 (17) IC 3-11-10-18.
- 43 (18) IC 3-11-10-20.
- 44 (19) IC 3-11-10-21.
- 45 (20) IC 3-11-10-22.
- 46 (21) IC 3-11-10-23.
- 47 (22) IC 3-11-10-31.
- 48 (23) IC 3-11-10-32.
- 49 ~~(24) IC 3-11-10-33.~~
- 50 ~~(25)~~ **(24)** IC 3-11-10-34.
- 51 ~~(26)~~ **(25)** IC 3-11-10-35.

1           ~~(27)~~ **(26)** IC 3-11-10-36.

2           ~~(28)~~ **(27)** IC 3-11-10-37.

3           ~~(29)~~ **(28)** IC 3-12-2.

4           ~~(30)~~ **(29)** IC 3-12-3-12.

5           SECTION 73. IC 3-11.5-4-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 9. (a) Upon delivery of  
7 the certificates under section 8 of this chapter to a precinct election  
8 board, the inspector shall do the following in the presence of the poll  
9 clerks:

10           (1) Mark the poll list.

11           (2) Attach the certificates of voters who have registered and voted  
12           under IC 3-7-36-14 to the poll list.

13           The poll clerks shall sign the statement printed on the certificate  
14           indicating that the inspector marked the poll list and attached the  
15           certificates under this section in the presence of both poll clerks to  
16           indicate that the absentee ballot of the voter has been received by the  
17           county election board.

18           ~~(b)~~ If a person listed in the certificate has voted in person at the  
19           polls before the delivery of the certificate, the inspector shall initial the  
20           voter's name on the certificate in the presence of both poll clerks. The  
21           poll clerks shall sign the statement printed on the certificate supplied  
22           under section ~~†~~ of this chapter indicating that the inspector initialed the  
23           names of voters under this subsection in the presence of both poll  
24           clerks.

25           ~~(c)~~ **(b)** The inspector shall then deposit:

26           (1) the certificate prepared under section 1 of this chapter;

27           (2) the certificate prepared under section 8 of this chapter; and

28           (3) any challenge affidavit executed by a qualified person under  
29           section 16 of this chapter;

30           in an envelope in the presence of both poll clerks.

31           ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The inspector shall seal the envelope. The inspector and each  
32           poll clerk shall then sign a statement printed on the envelope indicating  
33           that the inspector or poll clerk has complied with the requirements of  
34           this chapter governing the marking of the poll list and certificates.

35           ~~(e)~~ **(d)** The couriers shall immediately return the envelope described  
36           in subsection ~~(c)~~ **(b)** to the county election board. Upon delivering the  
37           envelope to the county election board, each courier shall sign a  
38           statement printed on the envelope indicating that the courier has not  
39           opened or tampered with the envelope since the envelope was delivered  
40           to the courier.

41           SECTION 74. IC 3-11.5-4-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,  
42           SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
43           JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 12. (a) If the absentee ballot counters find under  
44           section 11 of this chapter that:

45           (1) the affidavit is properly executed;

46           (2) the signatures correspond;

47           (3) the absentee voter is a qualified voter of the precinct;

48           (4) the absentee voter is registered and is not required to file  
49           additional information with the county voter registration office  
50           under IC 3-7-33-4.5;

51           ~~(5)~~ the absentee voter has not voted in person at the election; and

1           ~~(6)~~ (5) in case of a primary election, if the absentee voter has not  
 2           previously voted, the absentee voter has executed the proper  
 3           declaration relative to age and qualifications and the political  
 4           party with which the absentee voter intends to affiliate;  
 5           the absentee ballot counters shall open the envelope containing the  
 6           absentee ballots so as not to deface or destroy the affidavit and take out  
 7           each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting a ballot to be  
 8           unfolded or examined.

9           (b) If the absentee ballot counters find under subsection (a) that the  
 10          voter has not filed the additional information required to be filed with  
 11          the county voter registration office under IC 3-7-33-4.5, but that all of  
 12          the other findings listed under subsection (a) apply, the absentee ballot  
 13          shall be processed as a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7.

14          (c) The absentee ballot counters shall then deposit the ballots in a  
 15          secure envelope with the name of the precinct set forth on the outside  
 16          of the envelope. After the absentee ballot counters or the county  
 17          election board has made the findings described in subsection (a) or  
 18          section 13 of this chapter for all absentee ballots of the precinct, the  
 19          absentee ballot counters shall remove all the ballots deposited in the  
 20          envelope under this section for counting under IC 3-11.5-5 or  
 21          IC 3-11.5-6.

22          SECTION 75. IC 3-11.7-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 23          SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 24          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. (a) After the close of the polls,  
 25          provisional ballots shall be counted as provided in this chapter.

26          (b) Notwithstanding IC 3-5-4-1.5 and any legal holiday observed  
 27          under IC 1-1-9, all provisional ballots must be counted by not later than  
 28          noon 3 p.m. ten (10) days following the election.

29          SECTION 76. IC 3-11.7-5-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.103-2005,  
 30          SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31          JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2.5. (a) A voter who:

- 32               (1) was challenged under IC 3-10-1, IC 3-11-8, or IC 3-11-10-26  
 33               as a result of the voter's inability or declination to provide proof  
 34               of identification; and  
 35               (2) cast a provisional ballot;

36          may personally appear before the circuit court clerk or the county  
 37          election board not later than ~~the deadline specified by section 1 of this~~  
 38          chapter for the county election board to determine whether to count a  
 39          provisional ballot: **noon ten (10) days following the election.**

40          (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) or (e), if the voter:

- 41               (1) provides proof of identification to the circuit court clerk or  
 42               county election board; and  
 43               (2) executes an affidavit before the clerk or board, in the form  
 44               prescribed by the commission, affirming under the penalties of  
 45               perjury that the voter is the same individual who:  
 46                       (A) personally appeared before the precinct election board;  
 47                       and  
 48                       (B) cast the provisional ballot on election day;

49          the county election board shall find that the voter's provisional ballot  
 50          is valid and direct that the provisional ballot be opened under section  
 51          4 of this chapter and processed in accordance with this chapter.

1 (c) If the voter executes an affidavit before the circuit court clerk or  
 2 county election board, in the form prescribed by the commission,  
 3 affirming under the penalties of perjury that:

4 (1) the voter is the same individual who:

5 (A) personally appeared before the precinct election board;  
 6 and

7 (B) cast the provisional ballot on election day; and

8 (2) the voter:

9 (A) is:

10 (i) indigent; and

11 (ii) unable to obtain proof of identification without the  
 12 payment of a fee; or

13 (B) has a religious objection to being photographed;

14 the county election board shall determine whether the voter has been  
 15 challenged for any reason other than the voter's inability or declination  
 16 to present proof of identification to the precinct election board.

17 (d) If the county election board determines that the voter described  
 18 in subsection (c) has been challenged solely for the inability or  
 19 declination of the voter to provide proof of identification, the county  
 20 election board shall:

21 (1) find that the voter's provisional ballot is valid; and

22 (2) direct that the provisional ballot be:

23 (A) opened under section 4 of this chapter; and

24 (B) processed in accordance with this chapter.

25 (e) If the county election board determines that a voter described in  
 26 subsection (b) or (c) has been challenged for a cause other than the  
 27 voter's inability or declination to provide proof of identification, the  
 28 board shall:

29 (1) note on the envelope containing the provisional ballot that the  
 30 voter has complied with the proof of identification requirement;  
 31 and

32 (2) proceed to determine the validity of the remaining challenges  
 33 set forth in the challenge affidavit before ruling on the validity of  
 34 the voter's provisional ballot.

35 (f) If a voter described by subsection (a) fails by the deadline for  
 36 counting provisional ballots referenced in subsection (a) to:

37 (1) appear before the county election board; and

38 (2) execute an affidavit in the manner prescribed by subsection  
 39 (b) or (c);

40 the county election board shall find that the voter's provisional ballot  
 41 is invalid.

42 SECTION 77. IC 3-12-11-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2005,  
 43 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 44 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 21. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a  
 45 recount or contest for election to a legislative office shall be completed  
 46 by the state recount commission ~~before~~ **not later than** December 20  
 47 after the election.

48 (b) The state recount commission may adopt orders extending the  
 49 deadline for completion of a recount or contest to a date specified in  
 50 the order if the commission finds that there is good cause to do so.

51 (c) Not later than seven (7) days after the state recount commission

1 completes a recount, the election division shall prepare two (2)  
 2 certified statements showing the total number of votes that each  
 3 candidate received. The election division shall transmit one (1)  
 4 statement to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the  
 5 office. After the statements have been prepared, the secretary of state  
 6 shall deliver the other statement to the presiding officer of the house in  
 7 which the successful candidate is to be seated.

8 (d) The statement shall be referred by the presiding officer for such  
 9 action as that house considers appropriate.

10 SECTION 78. IC 3-12-11-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25. **(a) Except as**  
 12 **provided in subsection (b)**, whenever the commission makes a final  
 13 determination under section 18 of this chapter that the candidate who  
 14 is subject to a contest proceeding is not eligible to serve in the office to  
 15 which the candidate is nominated or elected, the candidate who  
 16 received the second highest number of votes for the office is entitled to  
 17 a certificate of nomination or certificate of election even though a  
 18 certificate may have been issued to another candidate upon the  
 19 tabulation of the votes.

20 **(b) This subsection applies to a contest proceeding for a state**  
 21 **office other than the offices of governor, lieutenant governor,**  
 22 **justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, and**  
 23 **judge of the tax court. Whenever the commission makes a final**  
 24 **determination under section 18(b) of this chapter that the**  
 25 **candidate who is subject to a contest proceeding is not eligible to**  
 26 **serve in the office to which the candidate is elected the following**  
 27 **apply:**

28 **(1) This subdivision does not apply to the filling of a state**  
 29 **office following a contest proceeding or court action that**  
 30 **resulted from an election held before January 1, 2011. The**  
 31 **office is considered vacant, and the governor shall fill the**  
 32 **vacancy as provided in IC 3-13-4-3(e) by the appointment of**  
 33 **a person of the same political party as the candidate who is**  
 34 **not eligible to serve.**

35 **(2) The commission's determination that the candidate is not**  
 36 **eligible to serve in the office does not affect the votes cast for**  
 37 **the candidate for purposes of determining the number or**  
 38 **percentage of votes cast for purposes of other statutes,**  
 39 **including IC 3-5-2-30, IC 3-6-2-1, IC 3-6-4.1-6, IC 3-6-5.2-7,**  
 40 **IC 3-6-6-8, IC 3-6-7-1, IC 3-6-8-1, IC 3-8-4, IC 3-8-6,**  
 41 **IC 3-10-1-2, IC 3-10-2-15, IC 3-10-4-2, IC 3-10-6,**  
 42 **IC 3-10-7-26, IC 3-11-2-6, IC 3-11-13-11, IC 3-11-14-3.5,**  
 43 **IC 3-13-9-4.5, IC 6-9-2-3, IC 20-23-7-12, and IC 36-4-1.5-2.**

44 SECTION 79. IC 3-13-1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 45 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 8. A meeting under  
 46 section 7 of this chapter shall be called and chaired by:

47 (1) the state chairman, or a person designated by the state  
 48 chairman, for a caucus or committee acting under section 3, 4, 5,  
 49 or 6(b) of this chapter; or

50 (2) the county chairman of the county in which the greatest  
 51 percentage of the population of the election district is located, or

1           **an individual designated by the county chairman**, for a caucus  
2           or committee acting under section 6(a) of this chapter.

3           SECTION 80. IC 3-13-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
4           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 9. The call for a  
5           meeting under section 7 of this chapter must:

- 6           (1) be in writing on a form prescribed by the commission;  
7           (2) state the name of the chairman of the meeting;  
8           (3) state the purpose of the meeting;  
9           (4) state the date, time, and place of the meeting;  
10          (5) be sent by first class mail, at least ten (10) days before the  
11          meeting, to all persons eligible to participate in the meeting; and  
12          (6) be filed **at least not later than noon** ten (10) days before the  
13          meeting with the official who is required to receive a certificate  
14          of candidate selection following the caucus under section 15 of  
15          this chapter.

16          SECTION 81. IC 3-13-1-10.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
17          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10.5. (a) A person who  
18          wishes to be a candidate for appointment to fill a candidate vacancy  
19          under this chapter must file a declaration of candidacy on a form  
20          prescribed by the commission with:

- 21          (1) the chairman of the caucus **or committee conducting a**  
22          **meeting under this chapter**; and  
23          (2) the official who is required to receive a certificate of candidate  
24          selection following the caucus under section 15 of this chapter;  
25          at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus **or**  
26          **committee meeting**.

27          (b) A candidate's declaration of candidacy must include a statement  
28          that the candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter  
29          registration record be the same as the name the candidate uses on the  
30          declaration of candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on  
31          the candidate's declaration of candidacy and the name on the  
32          candidate's voter registration record, the officer with whom the  
33          declaration of candidacy is filed shall forward the information to the  
34          voter registration officer of the appropriate county as required by  
35          IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter registration officer of the appropriate county  
36          shall change the name on the candidate's voter registration record to be  
37          the same as the name on the candidate's declaration of candidacy.

38          SECTION 82. IC 3-13-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
39          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 11. (a) At a meeting  
40          called under section 7 of this chapter, the eligible participants shall:

- 41          (1) establish the ~~caucus~~ rules of procedure **for the caucus or**  
42          **meeting**, except as otherwise provided in this chapter; and  
43          (2) select, by a majority vote of those casting a vote for a  
44          candidate, a person to fill the candidate vacancy described in the  
45          call for the meeting.

46          (b) If more than one (1) person seeks to fill the vacancy, the  
47          selection shall be conducted by secret ballot.

48          SECTION 83. IC 3-13-1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
49          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 15. (a) A county  
50          chairman filling a candidate vacancy under section 6(a)(2) of this  
51          chapter or the chairman of a meeting filling a candidate vacancy under

1 this chapter shall file a written certificate of candidate selection on a  
 2 form prescribed by the commission stating the following information  
 3 for each candidate selected:

4 (1) The name of each candidate as:

5 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on the  
 6 ballot; and

7 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot  
 8 under IC 3-5-7.

9 (2) The residence address of each candidate.

10 (b) The certificate shall be filed with:

11 (1) the election division for:

12 (A) a committee acting under section 3, 4, 5, or 6(b) of this  
 13 chapter; or

14 (B) a committee acting under section 6(a) of this chapter to fill  
 15 a candidate vacancy in the office of judge of a circuit, superior,  
 16 probate, county, or small claims court or prosecuting attorney;  
 17 or

18 (2) the circuit court clerk, for a committee acting under section  
 19 6(a) of this chapter to fill a candidate vacancy for a local office  
 20 not described in subdivision (1).

21 (c) This subsection applies to a candidate vacancy resulting from a  
 22 vacancy on the primary election ballot as described in section 2 of this  
 23 chapter. The certificate required by subsection (a) shall be filed not  
 24 later than noon July 3 before election day.

25 (d) This subsection applies to all candidate vacancies not described  
 26 by subsection (c). The certificate required by subsection (a) shall be  
 27 filed not ~~more later~~ than **noon** three (3) days (excluding Saturdays and  
 28 Sundays) after selection of the candidates.

29 SECTION 84. IC 3-13-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2005,  
 30 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to a vacancy that  
 32 occurs in a state office other than governor, lieutenant governor, or a  
 33 judicial office.

34 (b) If a state officer wants to resign from office, the state officer  
 35 must resign as provided in IC 5-8-3.5.

36 (c) A vacancy that occurs in a state office because of the death of  
 37 the state officer may be certified to the governor under IC 5-8-6. **The**  
 38 **governor may not fill a vacancy as provided by law until the**  
 39 **governor receives notice of the death under IC 5-8-6.**

40 (d) A vacancy that occurs in a state office other than by resignation  
 41 or death shall be certified to the governor by the circuit court clerk of  
 42 the county in which the officer resided.

43 (e) The governor shall fill a vacancy in a state office by appointment  
 44 ~~The governor may not fill a vacancy as provided by law until the~~  
 45 ~~governor receives notice of the death under IC 5-8-6. of a person of~~  
 46 **the same political party as the officer who held the vacated office.**

47 (f) The person who is appointed by the governor holds office for the  
 48 remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and  
 49 qualified.

50 SECTION 85. IC 3-13-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 51 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) The state

1 chairman **or a person designated by the state chairman** shall preside  
2 over a caucus meeting held under this chapter.

3 (b) A person who desires to be a candidate to fill a vacancy under  
4 this chapter must file:

- 5 (1) a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus;
- 6 and
- 7 (2) a statement of economic interests under IC 2-2.1-3-2 with the  
8 secretary of the senate or principal clerk of the house of  
9 representatives;

10 at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus.

11 (c) In addition to the procedures prescribed by this chapter, the  
12 chairman and precinct committeemen may adopt rules of procedure  
13 that are necessary to conduct business.

14 SECTION 86. IC 3-13-11-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. The county  
16 chairman:

- 17 (1) of the county in which the greatest percentage of the  
18 population of the election district is located; and
- 19 (2) of the same political party that elected or selected the official  
20 who vacated the office to be filled;

21 **(or an individual designated by the county chairman)** is the  
22 chairman of a caucus held under this chapter. The chairman is not  
23 eligible to vote in the caucus unless the chairman is also a member of  
24 the caucus.

25 SECTION 87. IC 3-14-3-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 14. A printer of the  
27 ballots for an election, or person employed in printing the ballots, who  
28 knowingly:

- 29 (1) delivers a ballot to a person other than ~~the co-directors or~~  
30 ~~authorized representative of the election division~~ or a county  
31 election board for which the ballots are being printed;
- 32 (2) prints a ballot in any form other than the one prescribed by  
33 law; or
- 34 (3) prints a ballot containing any names, spellings, or  
35 arrangements other than as authorized by the commission or a  
36 county election board;

37 commits a Class D felony.

38 SECTION 88. IC 9-24-2.5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
39 SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. **(a)** A manager or an employee  
41 may use any of the following methods to transmit paper copies of voter  
42 registration applications under section 4 of this chapter:

- 43 (1) Hand delivery to the county voter registration office.
- 44 ~~(2) Certified mail; return receipt requested.~~
- 45 **(2) Delivery by the United States Postal Service, using first**  
46 **class mail.**

47 **(b) A county voter registration office:**

- 48 **(1) shall process a voter registration application transmitted**  
49 **in electronic format from a license branch; and**
- 50 **(2) is not required to receive the paper copy of a voter**  
51 **registration application from a license branch before:**

1                   **(A) approving or denying the application; and**

2                   **(B) mailing a notice of approval or denial to the applicant.**

3           SECTION 89. IC 9-24-2.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 8. ~~(a)~~ The ~~co-directors~~  
5 ~~of the~~ election division shall provide the commission with a list of the  
6 current addresses and telephone numbers of the offices of the ~~circuit~~  
7 ~~court clerk or board of county voter~~ registration office in each county.  
8 The commission shall promptly forward the list and each revision of  
9 the list to each license branch.

10           ~~(b) The co-directors of the election division shall provide the~~  
11 ~~commission with pre-addressed packets for the commission to transmit~~  
12 ~~applications under section 6(1) or 6(2) of this chapter.~~

13           SECTION 90. IC 36-2-2-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5.

15           (a) To be eligible for election to the executive, a person must meet the  
16 qualifications prescribed by IC 3-8-1-21.

17           (b) A member of the executive must reside within:

18                   (1) the county as provided in Article 6, Section 6 of the  
19 Constitution of the State of Indiana; and

20                   (2) the district from which the member was elected.

21           (c) **Except as provided in subsection (e)**, if the person does not  
22 remain a resident of the county and district after taking office, the  
23 person forfeits the office. The county fiscal body shall declare the  
24 office vacant whenever a member of the executive forfeits office under  
25 this subsection.

26           (d) In a county having a population of:

27                   (1) more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than  
28 seven hundred thousand (700,000); or

29                   (2) more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less than three  
30 hundred thousand (300,000);

31 one (1) member of the executive shall be elected by the voters of each  
32 of the three (3) single-member districts established under section 4(b)  
33 or 4(c) of this chapter. In other counties, all three (3) members of the  
34 executive shall be elected by the voters of the whole county.

35           **(e) This subsection applies to a member of the executive who**  
36 **must reside within the district from which the member was elected.**

37 **A person who:**

38                   **(1) has begun a term of office as a member of the executive;**  
39 **and**

40                   **(2) is relocated outside the member's district as the result of**  
41 **the state's acquisition of the member's residence for a public**  
42 **use;**

43 **may complete the member's term of office as long as the member**  
44 **remains a resident of the county that contains the member's**  
45 **district.**

46           SECTION 91. IC 36-2-3-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
47 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5.

48           (a) To be eligible to serve as a member of the fiscal body, a person  
49 must meet the qualifications prescribed by IC 3-8-1-22.

50           (b) A member of the fiscal body must reside within:

51                   (1) the county as provided in Article 6, Section 6 of the

1 Constitution of the State of Indiana; and  
 2 (2) the district from which the member was elected, if applicable.  
 3 (c) **Except as provided in subsection (d)**, a member who fails to  
 4 comply with subsection (b) forfeits the office.

5 **(d) This subsection applies to a member of the fiscal body who**  
 6 **must reside within the district from which the member was elected.**

7 **A person who:**

8 (1) **has begun a term of office as a member of the fiscal body;**  
 9 **and**  
 10 (2) **is relocated outside the member's district as the result of**  
 11 **the state's acquisition of the member's residence for a public**  
 12 **use;**

13 **may complete the member's term of office as long as the member**  
 14 **remains a resident of the county that contains the member's**  
 15 **district.**

16 SECTION 92. IC 36-2-9-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 9. (a) The auditor may  
 18 administer the following:

19 (1) Oaths necessary in the performance of the auditor's duties.  
 20 (2) The oath of office to an officer who receives the officer's  
 21 certificate of appointment ~~or election~~ from the auditor.  
 22 (3) Oaths relating to the duty of an officer who receives the  
 23 officer's certificate of appointment ~~or election~~ from the auditor.  
 24 (4) The oath of office to a member of the board of directors of a  
 25 solid waste management district established under IC 13-21 or  
 26 IC 13-9.5 (before its repeal).

27 (b) The auditor may take acknowledgments of deeds and mortgages  
 28 executed for the security of trust funds the auditor is required to lend.

29 SECTION 93. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2011]: IC 3-5-4-6; IC 3-7-12-3; IC 3-11-4-6.1; IC 3-11-8-6.5;  
 31 IC 3-11-10-33; IC 3-11-11-1.5; IC 3-11-11-1.6; IC 3-11.5-4-19.

32 SECTION 94. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011] **(a) The definitions set**  
 33 **forth in IC 3-5-2 apply to this SECTION.**

34 **(b) This SECTION applies to a petition approved by the**  
 35 **commission under IC 3-5-4-8 after December 1, 2010, for a**  
 36 **primary candidate under IC 3-8-2-8 or IC 3-8-3.**

37 **(c) Notwithstanding IC 3-8-2 and IC 3-8-3, both as amended by**  
 38 **this act, a petition approved by the commission complies with the**  
 39 **requirements of IC 3 and may be used by a candidate.**

40 **(d) This SECTION expires December 31, 2012.**

41 SECTION 95. **An emergency is declared for this act.**  
 (Reference is to EHB 1242 as reprinted April 19, 2011.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
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**S**igned by:

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Chairperson

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Senator Landske

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