

IC 3-5-8

Chapter 8. The Voter's Bill of Rights

IC 3-5-8-1

Commission to prescribe statement of voter's bill of rights

Sec. 1. The commission shall prescribe a statement of the rights of a voter in Indiana that shall be known as "the voter's bill of rights".
As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.

IC 3-5-8-2

Content of statement of bill of rights

Sec. 2. The statement required by section 1 of this chapter must contain the following:

- (1) A statement of the qualifications that an individual must meet to vote in Indiana, including qualifications relating to registration.
- (2) A statement describing the circumstances that permit a voter who has moved from the precinct where the voter is registered to return to that precinct to vote.
- (3) A statement that an individual who meets the qualifications and circumstances listed in subdivisions (1) and (2) may vote in the election.
- (4) A statement describing how a voter who is challenged at the polls may be permitted to vote.
- (5) The date of the election and the hours during which the polls will be open, as required by 42 U.S.C. 15482.
- (6) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a vote and how to cast a provisional ballot, as required by 42 U.S.C. 15482.
- (7) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first time voters under IC 3-7-33-4.5 and 42 U.S.C. 15483, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
- (8) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
- (9) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
- (10) A statement informing the voter what assistance is available to assist the voter at the polls.
- (11) A statement informing the voter what circumstances will spoil the voter's ballot and the procedures available for the voter to request a new ballot.
- (12) A statement describing which voters will be permitted to vote at the closing of the polls.
- (13) Other information that the commission considers important for a voter to know.

As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.209-2003,

SEC.5; P.L.230-2005, SEC.4.

IC 3-5-8-2.5

Absentee voter's bill of rights; prescribed by commission

Sec. 2.5. (a) The commission shall prescribe a statement known as the "Absentee Voter's Bill of Rights".

(b) The Absentee Voter's Bill of Rights must be in a form prescribed by the commission and include the following:

(1) A statement summarizing the rights and responsibilities of the voter when casting and returning the absentee ballot.

(2) A summary of Indiana and federal laws concerning providing assistance to the voter, completion of the ballot in secret, intimidation of voters, and the return of the absentee ballot to the county election board.

(3) Information concerning how to report violations of the absentee ballot and election laws.

As added by P.L.103-2005, SEC.1.

IC 3-5-8-3

Posting of voter's bill of rights; distribution of voter's bill of rights with election information

Sec. 3. (a) As required by 42 U.S.C. 15483, the precinct election board shall post the voter's bill of rights in a public place in each polling place on election day.

(b) The commission may require a copy of the voter's bill of rights to be distributed with voter registration materials or other materials that are given to voters.

As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.209-2003, SEC.6; P.L.230-2005, SEC.5.

IC 3-5-8-4

Posting voter's bill of rights on the Internet

Sec. 4. The secretary of state or other state agency posting election information on the state's Internet site shall include the voter's bill of rights on the site.

As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.

IC 3-5-8-5

Publication of voter's bill of rights in news media

Sec. 5. Not later than thirty (30) days before a primary, general, or municipal election, the secretary of state shall request Indiana news media to include a copy of the voter's bill of rights as part of election coverage or in public service announcements.

As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.