

May 6, 2026

To Switzerland County:

Today, my office identified two errors that occurred during this week's election. Both issues have been reviewed by my office and addressed.

First, after unofficial results were reported last evening, we discovered that during manual entry into the State Voter Registration System, vote totals for the Judge of the Switzerland Circuit (91st Judicial Circuit) race were not entered from Posey 1, Posey 2, and York precincts. These results were entered into the system (SVRS) this morning and match exactly what was reported to the public at the end of the election the evening of May 5, 2026. This DID NOT change the results. It only changed what was showing on IndianaVoter.in.gov that evening.

Second, regarding the County Commissioner, District 3 race: prior to ballot printing in March, my office consulted with the State Election Division and was advised that this race only needed to appear on ballots within the precincts represented by that district. We have since learned that all County Commissioner races should appear on *EVERY* precinct ballot. We immediately contacted the State Election Division for guidance and have been instructed to ensure this is corrected for the General Election and for all future Commissioner races.

Because this race was unopposed and this error does not impact the outcome, the State Election Division believes nothing further needs to be done. We have communicated directly with the candidate and notified the Switzerland County attorney.

To prevent similar issues in the future, we are implementing additional safeguards. The current standard was to use one team to enter and verify data entry. Moving forward, all results will undergo a verification process using two bi-partisan teams to review numbers prior to submission, and all ballot requirements will be reconfirmed in writing with state election officials.

We are committed to transparency, accuracy, and maintaining the public's trust in our election process. Thank you for your understanding.

Respectfully,

Karin S. Dutkiewicz
Switzerland County Circuit Court Clerk