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This calendar is designed to serve as a comprehensive listing of election-related dates set forth in Indiana statutes. Although the Election Division staff has taken every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication,

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DO NOT RELY ON THIS CALENDAR.
INSTEAD, REVIEW THE LAW YOURSELF OR CONSULT
YOUR ATTORNEY**

GENERAL RULES ABOUT USING THIS CALENDAR

DATES IN THIS CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE 2026 SESSION OF THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This publication lists election dates from November 2025 through November 2027. The Indiana Code ("IC") citations included in this publication are current as of November 19, 2025.

If an election law specifies a final date for a particular filing, but no final hour of that day, the final hour for filing is **NOON**, prevailing local time (IC 3-5-4-1). Prevailing local time is determined by reference to the location where the filing is required to be made. Every date appearing in this calendar must be read as having a **noon deadline** for the filing unless another time is specifically stated. *See also IC 3-5-2.1-47 to determine when a "filing" is considered completed.*

Whenever the election code requires that a legal action be taken at the office of the **secretary of state, Indiana Election Division, a circuit court clerk, or a political subdivision**, and the **final day for performing the action falls on a day or at a time when the office is not open to conduct public business (or the office is open, but it is a state holiday under IC 1-1-9)**, the legal action may be performed on the **next day** that the office is open for public business **OR**, if the action to be performed is receiving a **filing**, through noon of the next day that the office is open for public business. (IC 3-5-4-1.5)

Please note: the 45-day deadline date to mail absentee ballots by mail will fall on a Saturday; however, this deadline does not roll over to the following Monday. Instead, counties may mail absentee ballots earlier than the deadline date to comply with federal and state law.

However, this rule does **not apply** to a legal action that must be taken by an individual or organization which is not a government office or officer for a political subdivision, such as the county chairman of a political party, or a meeting of the county organization of a political party. These legal actions must be taken no later than the date and time specified, even if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other holiday under IC 1-1-9.

A "county voter registration office" refers to a circuit court clerk, a board of registration, the Lake County board of elections and registration, the Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration, or the Porter County board of elections and registration (IC 3-5-2.1-30).

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

In 2026, Indiana voters will elect individuals to serve in the following offices:

- Secretary of State*
- State Comptroller*
- Treasurer of State*
- United States House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (25 of 50 seats)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of Circuit and Superior court in several counties; Marion County township small claims court judges
- Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, and County Assessor in each county
- Clerks of the Circuit Court, County Auditors, County Recorders, County Treasurers, County Coroners, County Surveyors, County Commissioners and County Council Members in several counties
- Township offices (Trustee; most Township Board members; Township Assessor in some townships; Marion County Small Claims Court Constables)
- School Board members, elected by voters in several school corporations
- Town Council members, Town Clerk-Treasurers and Town Judges in certain towns, which have chosen to elect some or all town offices during 2026
- Voters will vote on the retention judges of the Indiana Court of Appeals, and local judges in several counties
- Voters will vote on a state constitutional amendment and any local public question placed on the ballot in accordance with state law
- Democratic and Republican Party state convention delegates elected at the primary election
- Democratic Party precinct committeemen elected at the primary election
NOTE: Republican Party Precinct Committeemen are elected in 2028.

* The major political parties will nominate candidates for Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State at their respective state conventions.

CALENDAR DESIGNATIONS

The following designations are used throughout this publication to indicate the nature of certain filing dates and deadlines:

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| ABS | Indicates dates associated with absentee voting. |
| CFA | Indicates dates associated with campaign finance. |
| CAN | Indicates dates associated with candidates. |
| VR | Indicated dates associated with voter registration. |

“**SVRS**” refers to the statewide voter registration system (meaning, the “computerized list” established under IC 3-7-26.3).

FORMS

Where applicable, following the Indiana Code citation at the end of a calendar entry is a reference to the relevant Indiana state form. For example: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, is the first day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy for primary nomination. The state form for this filing is the CAN-2 form.

NOTE: IC 3-5-4-8 provides, in relevant part:

“Except as provided in subsection (e) [which concerns certain “grandfathered” forms]... **a person must use the most recent version of the form approved by the election division to comply with [the election law]...**”

If you are uncertain whether you have the most recent version of an approved form, contact the Indiana Election Division for information.

NOTE: IC 3-5-4-1.7 provides:

“Except as otherwise expressly authorized or required under [the Indiana Election Code], a filing by a person with a commission, the election division, an election board, or a county voter registration office **may not be made by fax or electronic mail.**”

There are some exceptions to this general rule involving campaign finance filings. If you are uncertain whether a filing may be made by fax or electronic mail, contact the Indiana Election Division for information.

NOTE: IC 3-5-4-1.9(c) provides:

“Except as otherwise provided in [the election code], the election division, an election board, a circuit court clerk, a county voter registration office, or any other official responsible for receiving a filing under this title **may not receive a filing that is offered to be filed after a deadline for the filing provided by [the Indiana Election Code].**”

There are some exceptions to this general rule involving campaign finance filings and voter registration applications. If you are uncertain whether a filing may be made after a deadline provided in statute, contact the Indiana Election Division for information.

NOTE: IC 3-5-4-1.7(c) provides:

“**A petition of nomination** filed with a county voter registration office under IC 3-8-2, IC 3-8-3, or IC 3-8-6 or a petition to place a public question on the ballot, or any other petition filed that requires the county voter registration office to certify the validity of signatures, may not contain the electronic signature, including a signature described in IC 26-2-8-106, digital signature, digitized signature, or photocopied signature of a voter.”

NOTE: IC 3-5-4-1.7(d) provides:

“An electronic signature, digital signature, digitized signature, or photocopied signature of a candidate, campaign finance committee chairman, or campaign finance committee treasurer may be used for **campaign finance statements and reports** filed under IC 3-9.”

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

VR **Voter Registration Begins.** First day after any special election conducted in a precinct that an individual residing in that precinct may register to vote. (IC 3-7-13-10)

VR First day for county voter registration office to register certain absent uniform services voters who registered after the close of registration but did not vote in the primary election. (IC 3-7-36-14)

DEADLINE by noon for a voter of a district in which a special election on a public question was held November 4, 2025, to file a verified petition of recount in the circuit court of each county in which is located a precinct in which the voter desires a recount. (IC 3-12-12-2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to bring a civil action to require a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to correct an error in the certification of the vote for a candidate or on a public question. *NOTE: This deadline does not apply to a correction resulting from a recount petition.* (IC 3-12-5-15) *(Transferred from Sunday, November 23, 2025, due to the deadline falling on a weekend.)*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

ABS First day the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration may receive absentee applications from most voters for the 2026 primary election. (IC 3-11-4-3) **STATE FORMS: ABS-MAIL, ABS-TRAVELING BOARD, ABS-IN PERSON**

First day that the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe boards of elections and registration are not required to retain campaign finance reports filed in those offices for elections in 2021 and previous years, except for judicial offices. Destruction may occur after compliance with any applicable county commission on public records procedures. (IC 3-9-4-6)

First day that a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration is not required to retain campaign finance reports filed in those offices by candidates for local judicial offices for elections in 2019 and previous years. Destruction may occur after compliance with any applicable county commission on public records procedures. (IC 3-9-4-6)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the state chairman of a major political party to certify the following to the election division and to each county committee of the party: (1) The number of state convention delegates to be elected in each county; (2) Whether the state convention delegates are to be elected from districts or at large in each county; (3) If a county is to elect state convention delegates from districts, how many districts must be established in each county. The county committee shall establish any delegate districts required to be established and file descriptions setting forth the district boundaries with the county election board. (IC 3-8-4-3) *(Transferred from Sunday, November 30, 2025, due to the date falling on a weekend.)*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

DEADLINE for county election board shall certify the results of a post-municipal electronic voting system audit ordered by the county election board or the secretary of state. The certification must be on the form prescribed by the election division. One (1) copy shall be filed with the election returns, and one (1) copy must be delivered to the election division. (IC 3-12-3.5-8)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

2026 Indiana Election Administrators' Conference

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to mail an Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot (VRG 4/12) and the original registration of a voter who changed residence to another county in Indiana less than 30 days before a 2025 special election, to the county where the person currently resides as shown in the affidavit. Upon mailing the affidavit and original registration to another county, the registration in the county of the person's former residence shall be canceled. (IC 3-7-43-4)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

Christmas Day (observed) Indiana Election Division closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

Washington's Birthday (observed) Indiana Election Division closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail a notice that states the date the 2025 Annual campaign finance report is due to each candidate's committee. (IC 3-9-4-14(b))

CFA End of annual campaign finance reporting period for 2025. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-5-9; IC 3-9-5-10)

A resolution adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to omit the appointment of poll clerks and sheriffs in certain precincts expires. (IC 3-6-6-38)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to locate the polls for a precinct at the polls of an adjoining precinct, using the precinct election board of the adjoining precinct, expires. (IC 3-11-8-4.3)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration providing that an inspector may serve as inspector for more than one precinct at a shared polling location expires. (IC 3-6-6-38.5)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registrations reducing early voting hours for the municipal election expires. (IC 3-11-10-26.5)

DEADLINE for a town council in a town that did not have a town election in 2025 but elects town council members in 2026 to adopt an ordinance abolishing town legislative body districts. (IC 36-5-2-4.1)

DEADLINE for town council to adopt an ordinance to provide for the election of town council members to "staggered terms" in the 2026 general election, if the town is otherwise permitted to do so under state law. (IC 3-10-6-2.5; IC 3-10-7-2.7; IC 3-10-7-2.9)

The certification to market, sell, lease, or provide an electronic pollbook for use during an election conducted in Indiana that was approved by the secretary of state in 2025 expires. (IC 3-11-18.1-12)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

DEADLINE for a town council in a town with a population of less than 3,500 to adopt, or repeal, an ordinance to provide for the election of town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, and judge to be held during general elections or municipal elections, or both, but not in a year following a year in which a presidential election is held. The ordinance must provide that at least two (2) town officers shall be elected in each year of the town election cycle. The ordinance may provide for all town officers to be elected at the same election. The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12) years after an ordinance is adopted, and the ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5. (IC 3-10-7-2.9)

DEADLINE, by noon, for county committees of a major political party to file state convention delegate district descriptions with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration if any state convention delegates for the party run by district in the primary election. (IC 3-8-4-3)

DEADLINE for the Allen County Circuit Court Clerk to file a statement with the Indiana Election Division containing the name, division assignment, and court number assigned to the court by State Court Administration for each judge of the Allen Superior Court. (IC 33-33-2-8)

DEADLINE for the Monroe County Circuit Court Clerk to file a statement with the Indiana Election Division containing the name and seat designation for each judge of the Monroe Circuit Court. (IC 33-33-53-2.5)

DEADLINE for the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Clerk to file a statement with the Indiana Election Division containing the name and court number assigned to the court by State Court Administration for each judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court. (IC 33-33-82-31)

JANUARY 2026

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

CFA Beginning of 2026 campaign finance reporting periods. (IC 3-9-5-10)

First day of term for an individual appointed as a member of a county board of voter registration. (IC 3-7-12-10)

A resolution adopted by the county election board to establish satellite absentee voting facilities expires. (IC 3-11-10-26.3)

ABS First day a military or overseas voter can submit a **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)**, a voter with print disabilities can submit the **ABS-VPD form**, or an individual enrolled in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program can submit the **ABS-Attorney General application** to the county election board, Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division by mail, fax, or email. The FPCA and the ABS-VPD, once filed with county election officials, expires on December 31, 2026, unless the voter files a new voter registration or absentee document before the expiration date. The ABS-Attorney General form to request an absentee ballot expires on December 31, 2026, and must remain confidential. (IC 3-11-4-3; IC 3-11-4-6)

A resolution by a county election board to not place uncontested town candidates on the ballot when there is not more than one nominee for each office (including write-in candidates) expires. (IC 3-10-6-7.5(d); IC 3-10-7-6(e))

A voter's designation as a uniformed services voter, overseas voters, or a voter with print disabilities in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) expires and is removed from the voter's record. (IC 3-11-4-6.2)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

First day Indiana Election Division may discard duplicate copies of federal campaign finance reports filed in 2023. (IC 3-9-4-6(c), IC 3-9-5-13) (*Transferred from Thursday, January 1, 2026*)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

VR **DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to complete the updating of voter registration records to indicate that a voter voted at the November 4, 2025, special election.** If a recount or contest is being conducted in a county, the county voter registration office must complete the updating of the voter registration records not later than sixty (60) days after completion of the recount or contest. (IC 3-10-1-31.2) (*Transferred from Saturday, January 3, 2026*)

A person may file a civil action alleging a violation of NVRA if: (1) the violation is not corrected within 30 days after the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division receive notice of the violation; and (2) the violation occurs not later than this date (*120 days before the primary election*). (IC 3-7-11-14)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

DEADLINE for a precinct establishment order to become effective for the election year 2026. The next date that a precinct establishment order may take effect is November 4, 2026, the day following the general election day. (IC 3-11-1.5-25)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state as a major party candidate for nomination to a federal office, a state office, a state legislative office, or a judicial office by a major political party at the 2026 primary election. A declaration for state office, state legislative office, or judicial office must be accompanied by a copy of the statement of economic interests, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement has been filed. *Please consult the current version of the Candidate Guide for more information about the statement of economic interests.* (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-5; IC 3-8-2-11) **STATE FORM: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026)**

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division for election to the Allen County superior court or the Vanderburgh County superior court at the 2026 general election. The declaration must be accompanied must be accompanied by a copy of the statement of economic interests, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement has been filed. *Please consult the current version of the Candidate Guide for more information about the statement of economic interests.* (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-11; IC 33-33-2-9; IC 33-33-82-31) **STATE FORM: CAN-41 (Allen County Superior Court Judge, Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge, Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Judge Declaration of Candidacy in 2026)**

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for nomination as a major party candidate to a local office (other than a judicial office, which is filed with the Indiana Election Division – see above) at the 2026 primary election. The declaration must be accompanied by the CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORMS: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026; CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for the nomination for a town office for a major party in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that has all or some of its offices on the ballot in 2026. The declaration must be accompanied by the CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORMS: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026; CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN First day a judge of Marion superior court whose term of office ends on December 31, 2026, may file a statement seeking to be retained in office for another six (6) year term with the Marion County circuit court clerk and the Secretary of State. (*NOTE: Do not use a CAN-2 declaration of candidacy form; no state form prescribed for this purpose.*) The written statement must include: (1) a statement indicating that the judge wishes to have the question of the judge's retention placed on the ballot; (2) a statement of the judge's name as the judge wants the judge's name to appear on the ballot, and a candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot under IC 3-5-7; (3) if the judge is affiliated with a political party, the name of that political party. The judge may indicate in the statement that the judge is not affiliated with a political party. For purposes of this subdivision, a judge's affiliation with a political party is determined as provided in IC 3-8-2-7(a)(4); and (4) A statement that the judge requests that the name on the judge's voter registration record be the same as the name the judge uses on the statement. If there is a difference between the name on the judge's statement and the name on the judge's voter registration record, the clerk shall change the name on the judge's voter registration record to be the same as the name on the judge's statement. (IC 33-33-49-13.3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

CAN First day a Libertarian Party candidate may file a declaration of candidacy for town council in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that elects town council members in 2026. The declaration must be accompanied by a CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-5-10.5; IC 3-8-5-17) **STATE FORMS: CAN-16 (Town Office Declaration of Candidacy by a Libertarian Party Candidate in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for election as a major party (Democratic or Republican) state convention delegate in the 2026 primary. (IC 3-10-1-4(b)(2); IC 3-8-2-3; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORM: CAN-37 (Declaration of Candidacy for Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegate in 2026)**

CAN First day an individual may file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for election as a Democratic Party precinct committeeman in the 2026 primary. NOTE: Republican precinct committeeman is on the ballot in the 2028 primary election. (IC 3-10-1-4.6; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORM: CAN-37 (Declaration of Candidacy for Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegate in 2026)**

CAN First day a minor party candidate (other than a Libertarian Party candidate) or an independent candidate wishing to be placed on the 2026 general election ballot may file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for certification of signatures. (IC 3-8-6-10) **STATE FORM: CAN-19 (Indiana Petition of Nomination for Federal, State, or Certain Local Offices in 2026); CAN-21 (Local Office Petition of Nomination in 2026 General Election)**

CAN First day for a person to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Indiana Election Division or a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. If the declaration is filed for a state, state legislative, judicial, or local office then the declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. **No candidate may run as a write-in candidate for nomination to an office in the primary election in May. The name of a write-in candidate may not be placed on the general election ballot in November.** (IC 3-8-2-2.5; IC 3-8-2-2.6; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-5; IC 3-8-2-11; IC 3-11-4-15; IC 3-11-2-11.5) **STATE FORMS: CAN-3 (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Indiana Election Division closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, all legislative caucus committees, and all political action committees to file the **2025 annual campaign finance report** with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. NOTE: Statewide and state legislative candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information. (*See related entry on March 2, 2026, for regular party committees.*) (IC 3-9-5-3; IC 3-9-5-10) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, candidates' committees for a statewide office (*Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Comptroller, Treasurer of State, and Attorney General*) to file a semiannual campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. NOTE: Statewide candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information (IC 3-9-5-9) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

DEADLINE for the Indiana general assembly to reconvene for the 2026 regular session. (IC 2-2.1-1-3)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to review its campaign finance records to determine if a committee is subject to the administrative dissolution procedure. (IC 3-9-1-12)

FEBRUARY 2026

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

DEADLINE for each county sheriff to provide the county voter registration office with a list of each Indiana resident who has been convicted of a crime and had been placed in a county correctional facility during the previous quarter. (IC 3-7-46-6) **STATE FORM: VRG-1 (County Sheriff Quarterly Report to County Voter Registration Office)** (*Transferred from Saturday, January 31, 2026*)

DEADLINE for each local health officer to provide the county auditor and county voter registration office with the records of all deaths that occurred during the previous quarter. (IC 3-7-45-2.1; IC 16-37-3-9) (*Transferred from Saturday, January 31, 2026*)

VR DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to request information from the federal district courts in Indiana concerning jury selection mailings. (IC 3-7-38.2-16) (*Transferred from Saturday, January 31, 2026*)

DEADLINE for a county election board to certify to the secretary of state that the information set forth in the voting system technical oversight program's (VSTOP) inventory regarding the voting systems and electronic poll books of the county is accurate, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the county election board. (IC 3-11-16-5) **STATE FORM: IEC-22 (County Certification of Voting System and Electronic Poll Book Inventory)** (*Transferred from Saturday, January 31, 2026*)

DEADLINE for the secretary of state to publish a report stating whether the results of each electronic voting system audit performed after the November 4, 2025, special election indicate that the discrepancy that resulted in the audit was the result of human error, intentional violations of election laws, unknown causes, or a combination of these factors. (IC 3-12-3.5-8)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

VR DEADLINE for Indiana Election Division or a county voter registration office to complete any voter list maintenance program before the primary election. At midnight, counties may not perform certain voter list maintenance activities, such as moving a voter's registration status to "inactive" or sending a statewide address mailing confirmation notice during this freeze period. (IC 3-7-38.2-2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for a major party candidate for U.S. Representative, state legislative office, judicial office or prosecuting attorney to file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division for the 2026 primary election. A declaration for state legislative office or judicial office, must be accompanied by a copy of the statement of economic interest, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement has been filed. (*See the 2026 Candidate Guide for more information about the statement of economic interests filed for statewide offices.*) (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6; IC 3-8-2-11) **STATE FORM: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy for election to the Allen County Superior Court or Vanderburgh County Superior Court at the 2026 general election. The declaration must be accompanied by a copy of the statement of economic interest, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests, or a

receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement has been filed. (See *the 2026 Candidate Guide for more information about the statement of economic interests filed for statewide offices.*) (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 33-33-2-9; IC 33-33-82-31) **STATE FORM: CAN-41 (Allen County Superior Court Judge Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Judge Declaration of Candidacy in 2026)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a major party candidate for all **local offices** (except for judicial office) to file a declaration of candidacy with the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for the 2026 primary election. The declaration must be accompanied by a CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORMS: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026; CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a Democratic or Republican Party candidate to file a declaration of candidacy to be nominated in the primary with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections for a **town office** in those towns with a population of less than 3,500 that elect some or all town officials in 2026. This declaration must be filed in the office of the county election board located in the county containing the greatest percentage of population of the town. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6; IC 3-8-5-2) **STATE FORMS: CAN-2 (Declaration of Candidacy for Primary Nomination in 2026; CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for election as a major party state convention delegate in the 2026 primary. (*NOTE: the CAN-12 statement of economic interests does not need to be filed for party offices*) (IC 3-10-1-4(b)(2); IC 3-8-2-3; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORM: CAN-37 (Declaration of Candidacy for Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegate in 2026)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for election as a Democratic Party precinct committeeman in the 2026 primary. (*NOTE: the CAN-12 statement of economic interests does not need to be filed for party offices; Republican precinct committeeman will be on the 2028 primary election ballot.*) (IC 3-10-1-4.6; IC 3-8-2-3; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6) **STATE FORM: CAN-37 (Declaration of Candidacy for Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegate in 2026)**

Immediately after the deadline for filing as a candidate for placement on the primary election ballot, the Indiana Election Division, each circuit court clerk and the Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall certify and release to the public a list of candidates of each political party for each office. The Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk, and Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall also release to the public a list of all declarations of candidacy whose validity has been questioned under IC 3-8-1-2. (IC 3-8-2-13)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a judge of Marion superior court whose term of office ends on December 31, 2026, to file a statement with the Marion County circuit court clerk and the Secretary of State seeking to be retained in office for another six (6) year term with the Marion County circuit court clerk and the Secretary of State. (IC 33-33-49-13.3) (*NOTE: Do not file a CAN-2 form; there is no state form prescribed for this purpose and written notice should contain requirements in IC 33-33-49-13.3*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to **withdraw** a declaration of candidacy for the primary. (IC 3-8-2-20) **STATE FORM: CAN-10 (2026 Primary Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a statement questioning the validity of a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-8-2-14) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an appointed member of a county election board affiliated with a major political party to file a statement with the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration stating that the names of unopposed candidates of that political party for state convention delegate and precinct committeeman are to be printed on the party's primary election ballot. (IC 3-10-1-5)

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy for the primary election to file a campaign finance statement of organization with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration (unless the candidate was already required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100). (IC 3-9-1-5) Candidates for local office with compensation of less than \$5,000 in a calendar year are not required to file a statement of organization unless they raise or spend more than \$500. If they raise or spend more than \$500 then the candidate must file a statement of organization not later than noon, ten (10) days of meeting that threshold. (IC 3-9-1-5.5) NOTE: Candidates running for statewide or state legislative offices are required to file the CFA-1 online at campaignfinance.in.gov and submit a signed paper copy to Indiana Election Division by mail, fax, email, or hand-delivery. Candidates for judicial offices and all other local offices are required to file the CFA-1 with the county election board. Campaign finance reporting requirements do not apply to candidates for party offices in the primary (precinct committeeman and state convention delegate. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Candidate's Statement of Organization and Designation of Principal Committee or Exploratory Committee)**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

VR DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office to file an affidavit with the Indiana Election Division affirming the completion of voter list maintenance activities. (IC 3-7-12-27) **STATE FORM: VRG-21 (Affidavit of County Voter Registration Officer Concerning Voter List Maintenance)**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

DEADLINE for the Lake County board of elections and registration to notify candidates, whose place on the primary election ballot will be determined by the ballot lottery to be conducted by the board, of the time and place where the public lottery will be conducted if the lottery is conducted on February 23, 2026, the last date permitted by state law. Otherwise, candidates are required to be notified at least five (5) days prior to the lottery. (IC 3-10-1-18)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a delinquency notice to any campaign finance committee that did not timely file the 2025 annual campaign finance report by noon, local prevailing time, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

CAN DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to transmit to each county election board and the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration a certified list containing the name of each person for whom a declaration of candidacy has been filed with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-8-2-17)

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to determine if a candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who has filed a declaration of candidacy for the primary election has filed a campaign finance statement of organization for the candidate's committee. This requirement does not apply to a candidate seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate running for party office in the primary (Democratic or Republican state convention delegate, Democratic Party precinct committeeman). (IC 3-8-1-1.6)

DEADLINE by noon, for a local public question permitted to be printed on the primary election ballot to be certified to a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for placement on the primary election ballot. (IC 3-10-9-3)

DEADLINE for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) to provide to counties that use optical scan voting systems a randomly sorted list of unique identification numbers for the optical scan voting systems and tabulators on this list will be tested at a public test of voting systems in the county. The list provided by VSTOP must contain not less than 5% of the machines and tabulators that will be used in the election in the county. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23)

DEADLINE for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) to provide to counties that use electronic voting systems with a randomly sorted list of unique identification numbers for the electronic voting machines in the county's inventory. Electronic voting systems on this list will be tested at a public test in the county. The list provided by VSTOP must contain not less than 5% of the machines that will be used in the election in the county. (IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-2)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

CAN DEADLINE for the Lake County board of elections and registration to conduct a public lottery to determine the random placement of candidates on the primary election ballot (*other than candidates for precinct committeeman and state convention delegate*). (*Transferred from Saturday, February 21, 2026*; IC 3-10-1-18)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

CAN DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Commission, county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to determine the validity of a challenged declaration of candidacy for the primary election. (IC 3-8-2-14; IC 3-8-2-18)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

DEADLINE, for the county election board to provide written notice to the county chairman of a political party with a candidate on the ballot and the superintendent of each school corporation when the ballot contains a school board candidate or a local public question concerning the school corporation to provide an opportunity for the political party or the school corporation to inspect the ballot proofs. Specifies that after sixty (60) days before the date of the election, the ballot is considered approved and eligible for printing. (IC 3-11-2-2.1)

MARCH 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for all regular party committees to file the 2025 annual campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This deadline applies whether the report was hand-delivered, sent by U.S. mail, or otherwise delivered to the division or board. (IC 3-9-5-10) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)** (*Transferred from Sunday, March 1, 2026*)

VR First day of the period that the county voter registration office must begin providing a report containing information regarding all voter registration applications received by the county voter registration office after this date and ending twenty-nine (29) days before the primary election. The report must be forwarded within 48 hours after the entry of the registration application into the Statewide Voter Registration System. The report must be provided, upon request, to a major party county chairman (and on request to other chairmen or independent candidates on the ballot). (*Transferred from Sunday, March 1, 2026; IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3; IC 3-7-28-4*) See *Friday, March 6, 2026, regarding a report of all registration applications prior to March 1, 2026.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

VR DEADLINE for the board of commissioners of a county to adopt an order by unanimous vote establishing a county board of registration with immediate authority to administer voter registration within the county, rescinding a previously adopted order to establish a board of registration, or abolishing a board of registration previously established by state law (IC 3-7-12-3) before that law was repealed. An order adopted after this date and before the primary becomes effective on the day following the primary. (IC 3-7-12-5; IC 3-7-12-5.5)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to rescind any previously adopted resolution before the 2026 primary election providing that absentee ballots to be voted before a traveling absentee board are to be initialed by the county election board or board of elections and registration or their representatives (*and not initialed by the traveling board visiting the voter*). (IC 3-11-10-27)

DEADLINE for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to file an order adopting a vote center plan with the Indiana Election Division for the order to be effective for the primary election. An order filed after this date and before the primary election becomes effective on the day following the primary election. (IC 3-11-18.1-8)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

ABS DEADLINE for the circuit court clerk or Lake and Porter County Election Directors to estimate the number of absentee ballots and provisional ballots required in the county for the primary election. After the estimate is made, the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must begin to print the absentee ballots. (IC 3-11-4-10; IC 3-11-4-14; IC 3-11.7-1-4)

VR DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to transmit a report containing information regarding all voter registration applications received by the county voter registration office to a major party county chairman (and on request to other chairmen or independent candidates on the ballot) showing all original registrations and transfers that occurred during the part of the registration period ending March 1, 2026. (IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

DEADLINE for the county election board in a county that uses optical scan voting systems or electronic voting systems to implement an alternative procedure for randomly testing at least 5% of the voting system machines used in the county in the event that the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) failed to meet the February 20, 2026, deadline to provide the county with a randomly assorted list of unique identification numbers for the voting machines in the county's inventory to be tested at the county's public test of voting systems. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23; IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-2)

DEADLINE for delivery of electronic poll books to the county to use them in the primary unless a county receives prior written authorization from the voting system technical oversight program (VSTOP). (IC 3-11-18.1-12)

DEADLINE, ballots used in the primary election are considered approved and eligible for printing even if the county election board did not receive feedback from the county political party chairman or the superintendent of the school corporation. (IC 3-11-2-2.1)

Beginning of the period in which a political subdivision may not enforce an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs. "Signs" refers to a sign with a surface area of which is not greater than thirty-two (32) square feet. For purposes of determining the surface area of a sign under this section, if a sign consists of two (2) faces, only the surface area of one (1) of the faces is considered if (1) the faces are mounted back to back; and (2) the measure of the angle between the faces is not more than fifteen (15) degrees. This does not prohibit a political subdivision from enforcing an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs at any time if necessary to ensure public safety. (IC 36-1-3-11)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

First day that a college or university must permit a student to knock on the door of each room in the living areas of student housing to conduct a poll. Before conducting the poll, the polltakers must submit certain information to the college or university. (IC 3-6-11-2.5; IC 3-6-11-2.6)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

First day the Indiana Election Division may dispose of declarations, certificates of nomination, petitions of nomination, and other election material from the 2024 primary election, in compliance with state record retention procedures. (*Transferred from Saturday, March 7, 2026*)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

ABS DEADLINE for the printing and delivery of primary absentee ballots by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for the primary election. If primary ballots have been printed when the county election board receives a notification from the Election Division that a primary candidate that filed with the Election Division is a former candidate (meaning the candidate has died, withdrawn their candidacy, been disqualified under IC 3-8-1-5, or has been disqualified as a candidate under court order) or when the county election board unanimously finds good cause to believe a primary candidate that filed with the county election board is a former candidate, the primary ballots shall not be reprinted to remove the name of the former candidate. A voter who has cast an absentee ballot containing the name of a former candidate is entitled to request a replacement absentee ballot. (IC 3-11-4-14; IC 3-11-4-15; IC 3-11-3-29.3; IC 3-11-3-29.4)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to notify each major party county chairman of the number of absentee voter boards, teams of absentee ballot counters, and teams of couriers to be appointed.

However, absentee ballot couriers are not necessary in counties that use electronic poll books. (IC 3-11.5-4-23)

DEADLINE for the printing and delivery of primary provisional ballots by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-11.7-1-6)

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a delinquency notice to any candidate's committee who did not file the Candidate's Statement of Organization and Designation of Principal Committee or Exploratory Committee (CFA-1) by noon, local prevailing time, on Friday, February 13, 2026 (*Transferred from Sunday, March 15, 2026*) (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman to make written recommendations to the county election board for appointments for absentee voter boards, absentee ballot counters, and teams of couriers for counties that count absentee ballots at a central location. However, absentee ballot couriers are not necessary in counties that use electronic poll books. If a county chairman fails to make a recommendation, then the county election board or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may appoint any voter of the county or, in some cases, a 16- or 17-year-old non-voter who meets statutory requirements. (IC 3-11.5-4-23)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

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ABS DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to mail, email, or fax primary election absentee ballots to voters who previously filed an approved absentee ballot application to vote by mail, a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for military and overseas voters, an ABS-Attorney General application for voters who are part of the AG's address confidentiality program, or a combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD) with the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. **Although this deadline falls on Saturday, it does not roll over to the following Monday.** All counties must mail (or fax or email, if applicable) absentee ballots to voters with an approved ABS-Mail, ABS-VPD, ABS-Attorney General, or FPCA not later than this deadline date. (Voters using the FPCA or ABS-VPD have the option to request an absentee ballot to be emailed or faxed to the voter.) A county may send out absentee ballots by mail, fax, or email prior to this deadline date, if ballots are printed and delivered before Monday, March 16, 2026, per IC 3-11-4-18(c)(2). After this date, the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must mail (or email, if applicable) primary election ballots to qualified voters on the same day that the voter's application is received and approved. *The requirement that absentee ballots be mailed on the same day that the absentee ballot application is received does not apply to absentee ballot applications that have been challenged.* If the absentee ballot application submitted by a voter is denied, the county election board shall provide the Notice of Disposition (ABS-24) produced from the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) to the voter not later than forty-eight (48) hours stating the reasons for the denial to the voter. The notice may be personally delivered, mailed, or emailed to the voter. Note: A voter who submits an ABS-Mail application that does not conform to state law is required to be sent a specific notice described in IC 3-11-4-17.6. (IC 3-11-4-18; IC 3-11-4-17.5; IC 3-11-4-17.6)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer*)

of State) a notice stating the date that the quarterly campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates for state legislative office on the ballot in the May 5, 2026, primary election the proper campaign finance reports and a notice stating the date that the pre-primary campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

CFA End of quarterly campaign finance reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

APRIL 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

CFA BEGINNING of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person and are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*March 31, 2026*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, April 15, 2026*). The report is to be filed within 48 hours of the receipt of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22) **STATE FORM: CFA-11 (Supplemental "Large Contribution" Report)**

CFA BEGINNING of quarterly reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6(e))

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a delinquency notice to any regular party committee that did not timely file the 2025 annual campaign finance report by noon, local prevailing time, on Monday, March 2, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

DEADLINE for counties to post at least 48 hours' notice of the public test of voting equipment to comply with the Open Door Law if the county has scheduled a public test of electronic voting system units (DREs) or automatic tabulation machines on Monday, April 6, 2026. (IC 3-11-13-22(f); IC 3-11-14.5-2; IC 5-14-1.5-4 [*Please see related entry for newspaper publication on April 4, 2026*])

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

Indiana Election Division closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

DEADLINE for counties that use direct electronic voting system units (DREs) to publish at least 48 hours' notice of the required public test of the units if the county has scheduled a public test of electronic voting system units on April 6, 2026, the last day permitted under statute. (IC 3-11-14.5-1, IC 3-11-14.5-2; IC 5-3-1-4)

DEADLINE for counties that use ballot card voting systems to publish at least 48 hours' notice of the required public test of the machines if the county has scheduled a public test of automatic tabulation machines on April 6, 2026, the last day permitted under statute. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 5-3-1-4)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

BEGINNING of the period during which a homeowner's association may not adopt or enforce a rule that prohibits a member of the homeowner's association from displaying a political sign on the member's property. (IC 32-21-13-4)

An individual filing a civil action alleging a violation of NVRA is not required to provide notice of the violation to the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division if the violation occurs on or after this date and not later than the May 5, 2026, primary election. (IC 3-7-11-14)

Final day for the fail-safe for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in the same county and same congressional district. For a voter to use this fail-safe, either when voting by absentee

ballot, early voting, or voting on election day, the voter must execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. (IC 3-10-11-7)
STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

VR **Voter Registration Ends. DEADLINE**, at close of business, for an individual to hand deliver a voter registration application or combined form for voters with print disabilities to apply for or update their voter registration to the county voter registration office so that the voter can be registered for the primary election. (IC 3-7-13-10; IC 3-7-13-11)

VR **DEADLINE**, 5:00 p.m., for individual to hand deliver a voter registration application or the combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD) to apply for to update their voter registration to the Indiana Election Division for transmittal to the appropriate county voter registration office so that the voter can be registered for the primary election. (IC 3-7-33-3.7)

VR **DEADLINE**, at close of business, for an individual to register to vote during conducting specific transactions at a bureau of motor vehicles license branch or other "full service" agency. NOTE: the BMV or other designated "full service" agency cannot accept a state or federal voter registration form on behalf of a client or customer unless that person is performing specific transaction with the BMV or full service agency. For example, an individual securing an Indiana drivers' license must be offered the opportunity to register to vote as part of that transaction, but a person securing a title to a car at the BMV branch could not submit a voter registration application for the BMV staff to remit to the county voter registration official. (IC 3-7-33-3)

VR **DEADLINE**, at the close of business, for an individual with an incomplete voter registration application because the individual did not answer the age or citizenship attestation question, to provide to the county voter registration office a written statement made under the penalties for perjury answer the age or citizen attestation question that was not answers on the individual's voter registration application. If the application remains incomplete, after the effort made to contact the applicant by mail and telephone (if a telephone number was provided on the voter registration application), and that do not permit the county voter registration office to determine if the applicant is eligible to register under this article, then the application shall be rejected after this date. (IC 3-7-34-3)

VR **DEADLINE**, for an individual mailing voter registration application or a combined form for voters with print disabilities to apply for or update their voter registration to a county voter registration office or the Indiana Election Division to deposit the registration application in the mail in a manner and in time so that the mail is postmarked not later than today's date (*and later delivered*) by the United States Postal Service so that the voter can be registered for the primary election. (IC 3-7-33-3.7; IC 3-7-33-4)

VR **DEADLINE**, not later than midnight, prevailing local time for an eligible applicant to submit a completed voter registration application online on the secure website provided by the state in accordance with IC 3-7-26.7 so that the voter can be registered for the primary election. (IC 3-7-33-3.5; IC 3-7-26.7)

VR Last day for a county voter registration office to prepare a report, upon request from a major party county chairman, a bona fide party chairman or an independent candidate's committee if the candidate is on the ballot, containing new voter registrations. The report shall be provided in

response to a request within 48 hours of the date on which the report was made. (IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

DEADLINE, for the county commissioners, the Mayor of Indianapolis, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate polling places for each precinct in the county, if the county is not a vote center county. (IC 3-11-8-3.1) NOTE: In vote center counties, the county election board can unanimously agree to amend the county's vote center plan at any time, including updating election day locations.

Final day a college or university must permit a student to knock on the door of each room in the living areas of student housing to conduct a poll. (IC 3-6-11-2.5; IC 3-6-11-2.6)

DEADLINE, for Secretary of State to request the news media to include a copy of the Voter's Bill of Rights in election coverage or public service announcements. (IC 3-5-8-5)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to conduct a public test of a direct record electronic (DRE) voting system for the primary election. The county election board must test the machines on the randomly sorted list of voting machines provided by VSTOP to determine if the machines are correctly counting votes for all candidates, including write-ins, for all public questions, and for straight-party votes. The test must include a visual inspection of the voting system unit and ballot label, entry of a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a predetermined number of valid votes, and an attempt to overvote to test the ability of the electronic voting system to reject overvotes. The test must also include the entry of a preaudited group of at least one ballot from three different precincts where an election will be conducted to test the functionality of the system components used by a voter with disabilities to independently and privately cast a ballot and record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question. Additionally, after the testing of the voting system, the county election board shall enter the vote totals from the voting systems into the component of the voting system used by the board to tabulate election results under IC 3-12-3.5 to determine whether the component properly tabulates and determines the votes cast for in each precinct and the total votes cast for each candidate and public question. If an individual attending the public test requests that additional voting machines be tested, the county election board shall test more machines from the randomly sorted list provided by VSTOP. The board must file an **IEC-9 form with the Indiana Election Division** certifying the performance of the public test not later than seven (7) days after the test. (IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-5)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to conduct a public test of the optical scan ballot card voting systems for the primary election. The county election board must test the machines on the list of randomly sorted voting machines and tabulators provided by VSTOP to determine if the machines are correctly counting votes for all candidates, including write-ins, for all public questions, and for straight-party votes. The test must include entry of a preaudited group of ballots marked so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question and an attempt to overvote to test the ability of the automatic tabulating machines to reject overvotes. For counties that use a voting system that has features of both an ballot card voting system and a direct record electronic voting system, the testing must include the casting of at least ten (10) preaudited ballots cast by using the headphone or a sip/puff device so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question with at least one ballot for each office and public question that has been overvoted to test the ability of the voting system to reject overvotes. Additionally, after the testing of the voting system and tabulator, the county election board shall enter the vote totals from the tabulators into the component of the voting system used by the board to tabulate and canvass election results under IC 3-12-4 to determine whether the component properly tabulates and determines the votes cast for in each precinct and the total votes cast for each candidate and public question. If an individual attending the public test requests that additional voting machines be tested, the county election

board shall test machines from the second list provided by VSTOP. The board must file an **IEC-10 form with the Indiana Election Division** certifying the performance of the public test not later than seven (7) days after the test. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23(b); IC 3-11-13-24(b)). **NOTE: IF THE PUBLIC TEST IS NOT PERFORMED, THE BALLOT CARDS MUST BE TABULATED BY HAND.**

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

VR A voter who has moved to a different precinct in Indiana beginning on this date, which is less than thirty (30) days before the primary election and has not updated their voter registration application to the address where they now reside in Indiana may use the fail-safe described in IC 3-10-11 to transfer their registration to their now current address in Indiana. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. A voter must complete an affidavit to use this fail-safe either when absentee voting or voting on election day. (IC 3-10-11-7) **STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

ABS First day that a voter may vote an absentee primary election ballot before an absentee voter board in one location of the office of the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or at a satellite absentee voting facility if established by the county election board. (IC 3-11-10-26; IC 3-11-10-26.3)

ABS DEADLINE for county election board to conduct a training session for a member of the absentee voter board being used to conduct in-person absentee voting at the office of the circuit court clerk or other satellite location before that absentee board member performs the member's duties. (IC 3-11-10-39)

VR First day that an employee of a "full service" voter registration agency must advise an applicant for voter registration that the application will be processed by the county voter registration office after the primary election. (IC 3-7-33-3)

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate by resolution the precincts for which assistant poll clerks are to be appointed. (IC 3-6-6-4)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

CFA End of the pre-primary election campaign finance reporting period for candidates on the 2026 primary election ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*). (IC 3-9-5-6) The pre-primary campaign finance report is due not later than noon, April 17, 2026 (*see entry below*). (IC 3-9-5-7)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

CFA First day of the pre-general election campaign finance reporting period (*other than for a candidates' committee for a statewide office*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

CFA First day of the **pre-primary supplemental campaign finance reporting period**. If a candidate on the 2026 primary ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*) receives and accepts contributions from a single entity or person that totals \$1,000 or more on or after this date, the candidate must file a pre-primary supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration not later than 48 hours after receiving and accepting the contribution.

NOTE: Statewide and state legislative candidate committees are required to file this report online. Please contact IED for more information. (IC 3-9-5-20.1) **STATE FORM: CFA-11 (Supplemental "Large Contribution" Report**

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

VR DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office or the Indiana Election Division to receive a "mail in" (that is, paper) voter registration application or a combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD) to apply for or update their voter registration with a missing or illegible postmark. The application will permit an otherwise qualified voter to vote in the primary. (IC 3-7-33-4; IC 3-7-33-3.7)

DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to certify to the Indiana Election Division that a public test of an electronic voting system or ballot card voting systems at the primary election has been conducted in conformity with state law if that test was performed on the last day it could be performed on April 6, 2026. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-14.5-9) **STATE FORMS: IEC-9 (Certification of Test of Electronic Voting System or DRE) and IEC-10 (Certification of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment or Optical Scan Ballot Card Voting System)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman to file nominations with a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for individuals to serve as precinct election officers at the primary election. (IC 3-6-6-10)

First date, after noon, that a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may, by majority vote, fill a vacant precinct election office when the appropriate county chairman has made no nomination for the office. (IC 3-6-6-13(b))

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to publish in a newspaper a list of candidates and offices to be voted upon at the primary election, including the party designations (if any); names of candidates; the text of any public question to be placed on the ballot; the date of the primary election; the hours during which the polls will be open; and the dates, times, and locations of voting at the circuit court clerk's office and at satellite offices established under IC 3-11-10-26.3. Note: the CAN-9 notice can no longer include candidate addresses and the SVRS report and state form is updated to reflect this change in state law. (See *related entry on Monday, April 27, 2026, for the requirement for the county to file a copy of the CAN-9 notice with the Indiana Election Division and in the minutes of the board.*) (IC 3-8-2-19; IC 5-3-1-2) **STATE FORM: CAN-9 (Legal Notice of Primary Election)**

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to publish notice of the place of voting for each precinct or vote center locations for Election Day. (IC 3-11-8-3.2; IC 3-11-18.1-9; IC 5-3-1-2; IC 5-3-1-4) *Note: this is a separate notice with no state-prescribed form and not part of the CAN-9 legal notice.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to file a **quarterly** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from January 1 through March 31. (IC 3-9-5-6(e)) NOTE: Statewide candidate committees are required to file this report online. Please contact IED for more information. **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA **END**, at noon, of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*March 31*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, April 15*). A supplemental report is to be filed within 48 hours of the receipt of the large contribution. NOTE: Statewide candidate committees are required to file this report online. Please contact IED for more information. (IC 3-9-5-22)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

ABS First day that a voter requesting an absentee traveling board to visit the voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence, may vote before the traveling absentee board. (IC 3-11-10-25; IC 3-11-10-24(b)) **STATE FORM: ABS-TRAVELING BOARD**

ABS **DEADLINE** for county election board to conduct a training session for a member of the absentee voter board being used being used as a travel board to visit a voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is carding for a confined person at a private residence before that absentee board member performs the member's duties. (IC 3-11-10-39)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for a candidate's committee with a candidate on the 2026 primary election ballot, all legislative caucus committees, all political action committees, and all regular party committees (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*), to **file a pre-primary campaign finance report** with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This deadline applies whether the report was hand-delivered, sent by U.S. mail, or otherwise delivered to the division or board. NOTE: State legislative candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information. NOTE: See definition of "filing" in IC 3-5-2.1-47. (IC 3-9-5-3; IC 3-9-5-4; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

ABS If the county election board adopts a resolution authorizing the circuit court clerk to do so, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration or a satellite location established by the county election board must be open for at least four (4) hours to permit early voting (in-person absentee ballot voting). (IC 3-11-10-26(h))

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

ABS **DEADLINE**, by 11:59 p.m., for a circuit court clerk, the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive a mailed, hand-delivered, faxed, or emailed absentee ballot application from a voter who requests to **vote by mail**. (*Note: this does not include a voter who is a confined voter or a voter caring for a confined person who requests that the absentee ballots be delivered to the applicant by an absentee voter board or an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who requests to vote by fax or email. See related entries below.*) (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(4); IC 3-11-4-3(b)) **STATE FORM: ABS-MAIL; ABS-Attorney General**

ABS **DEADLINE**, by 11:59 p.m., for a circuit court clerk, the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) from a military or overseas voter requesting an absentee ballot be sent **by mail**. (IC 3-12-2-7.5; 52 U.S.C. § 20303) Absent uniformed services voter or overseas voters

may also vote by fax or email, if the FPCA is submitted by the later deadline. (*For deadline to apply by fax or email see entry for May 4, 2026.*)

ABS DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m., for a circuit court clerk, the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive a combined form for voters with print disabilities who are requesting an absentee ballot be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the voter. (IC 3-11-4-3; IC 3-11-4-6) **STATE FORM: ABS-VPD**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

ABS For non-vote center and vote center counties, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee ballot voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may, by majority vote, reduce absentee voting hours in the office of the clerk to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. (IC 3-11-10-26)

ABS All vote center counties must have one vote center that is used on Election Day to be established as a satellite early voting location for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee ballot voting. This vote center location is in addition to the requirement that the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration be open for in-person early voting. (*see related entry above*) (IC 3-11-18.1-4(15))

DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office to prepare certified copies of the paper poll list of registered voters for each precinct (except counties that use electronic poll books for the election). Upon receiving a written request from a major political party county chairman, the county voter registration office must prepare and furnish no more than two (2) copies of the list to the precinct inspector. The inspector may provide a copy of the list to any other precinct officer. (IC 3-7-28-4; IC 3-7-29-1; IC 3-7-29-2; IC 3-7-29-6)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board to notify the county chairmen of the two major political parties of the number of teams of provisional ballot counters to be appointed. (IC 3-11.7-3-3)

DEADLINE, for the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration duplicate, distribute, and cause to be posted copies of official sample ballots prepared by the county election board to schools, fire stations, county courthouses, and other public buildings in the county. (IC 3-11-14-8)

DEADLINE, a county that plans to tabulate all votes cast on optical scan ballot cards at a central location, for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate a central location for the processing of ballot cards. This requirement is not related to central count of absentee ballots; instead, it applies to those counties that may deliver ballots cast on election day at a polling location or vote center to a central location for counting and tabulating. (IC 3-12-3-2.5)

VR DEADLINE, for the county voter registration office to certify to the county election board a list of registration forms that remain incomplete after an effort was made to contact the applicant by mail and telephone (if a telephone number was provided on the voter registration application) to determine if the applicant is eligible to register to vote. Upon certification, the county voter registration office shall reject the applications. (IC 3-7-34-4)

DEADLINE, in a county having a population of at least 300,000, for the judge of the circuit court to order the county commissioners, the Mayor of Indianapolis, or the Lake County board of

elections and registration, to provide a suitable room for the canvassing of votes other than a room in the county courthouse. (IC 3-12-4-7)

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

VR DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m., for a county voter registration office to receive a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) from an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter to process as a new voter registration application or to update their existing Indiana registration before the primary election. (IC 3-7-36-10) *(NOTE: Under Indiana law, using the FCPA extends the voter registration period for military and overseas voters; see related entry on May 5, 2026, for those military voters who were discharged before the date of the election.)*

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to file a copy of the notice of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division and in the minutes of the board. *(Transferred from Saturday, April 25, 2026; IC 3-8-2-19(b)) (See related entry on April 14, 2026, for the deadline to publish in the newspaper a copy of the notice.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-9 (Legal Notice of Primary Election)**

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to notify county chairmen that sample ballots are available for inspection. (IC 3-6-5-14(b); IC 3-11-3-10; IC 3-11-13-6; IC 3-11-14-14)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for each county sheriff to provide a county voter registration office with a quarterly report of each Indiana resident who has been convicted of a crime and been placed in a county correctional facility. (IC 3-7-46-6) **STATE FORM: VRG-1 (County Sheriff Quarterly Report to County Voter Registration Office)**

DEADLINE for each local health officer to provide the county auditor and county voter registration office with the records of all deaths that occurred during the previous quarter. (IC 3-7-45-2.1; IC 16-37-3-9)

DEADLINE for the state chairmen of each major political party to nominate two (2) individuals for appointment by the governor to a seat on the Indiana Election Commission. (IC 3-6-4.1-4)

DEADLINE, for a county to submit a proposal to establish a voting system purchase cumulative fund to the Department of Local Government Finance to levy a tax for the cumulative fund in 2026 to provide for the purchase of voting systems or electronic poll books. (IC 3-11-6-1; IC 6-1.1-17-16.7; IC 6-1.1-41-4)

MAY 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

ABS For vote center and non-vote center counties, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit absentee ballot voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may, by majority vote, reduce absentee voting hours in the office of the clerk to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. (IC 3-11-10-26)

ABS All vote center counties must have one vote center that is used on Election Day to be established as a satellite early voting location for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee ballot voting. This vote center location is in addition to the requirement that the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration be open for in-person early voting. (*see related entry above*) (IC 3-11-18.1-4(15))

DEADLINE, for the county executive in a non-vote center county or Mayor of Indianapolis to change the polling place for a precinct in the county. However, if the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration determines by a unanimous vote that the use of a polling place at an election would be dangerous or impossible, the board may order the relocation of the polling place after this date. The board shall give the best possible notice of the change to news media and the voters of the precinct. (IC 3-11-8-3.2)
NOTE: For vote center counties, the county election board can unanimously agree to amend their county's vote center plan at any time, including a change to an Election Day voting location.

First day an inspector, or other member of the precinct election board authorized in writing by the inspector, may pick up ballots and election supplies for the inspector's precinct or Election Day vote center. The county election board may deliver the electronic poll book to the inspector or inspector's authorized representative for delivery to the polling location or Election Day vote center (if a paper poll list is used, it should be included with the election materials). Before delivery of an electronic poll book, the county election board shall do the following: 1) affix a tamper-proof numbered seal to the electronic poll book or a secure container that includes a single electronic poll book; 2) record the number of the seal affixed to each electronic poll book or container; and 3) provide a list of the units and the number of the unit's seal to the inspector. A county election board may adopt a unanimous resolution to use an alternative electronic poll book delivery protocol instead of using seals but the resolution must be filed with the Election Division before delivery and the resolution must set forth the following information: 1) The method to be used to ensure that an electronic poll book is not accessed, modified, or tampered with after the electronic poll book is transferred by the county election board to the inspector or the inspector's authorized representative for delivery; and 2) The method for a precinct election board or vote center officers to determine and document on behalf of the county election board that each electronic poll book was successfully secured against improper access, modification, or tampering before delivery to the polling place or vote center. (IC 3-11-3-10)

BEGINNING AT NOON, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, four (4) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all

voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.

- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.
- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;
 - b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
 - c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

CFA 6 A.M., end of the pre-primary supplemental campaign finance large contribution reporting period for candidates on the primary ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*). Contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more received and accepted by a candidate on the primary election ballot after that time must be reported on the committee's pre-general election campaign finance report. NOTE: State legislative candidates must file this report online. Please contact IED for more information. (IC 3-9-5-20.1)

BEGINNING AT NOON, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, three (3) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.
- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.
- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;

- b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
- c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

DEADLINE for a precinct inspector, or other member of the precinct election board authorized in writing by the inspector, may pick up ballots and election supplies for the inspector's precinct or Election Day vote center. (IC 3-11-3-10(a))

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in-person in one office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration or at a satellite absentee voting facility established by the county election board. A voter in the act of voting at noon may complete voting and a voter waiting in line to vote at noon may vote, if otherwise qualified to do so, and if the Circuit Court Clerk's designee indicates that the voter was present at noon by writing down the name of the voter, stamping the voter's hand, or standing immediately behind the last voter in line at noon. (IC 3-11-10-26; IC 3-11-8-11.3)

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to receive a mailed, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered absentee ballot application from a voter requesting an absentee traveling board to visit the voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence. (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(3); IC 3-11-4-3(b); IC 3-11-10-25) **STATE FORM: ABS-TRAVELING BOARD**

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to receive a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) from a military or overseas voter who requests to vote an absentee ballot by fax or email. The application may be delivered to the circuit court clerk and Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration by hand, mail, fax, or email. (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(2)(B); IC 3-11-4-3(b); IC 3-11-4-4(a))

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county chairmen of the two major political parties to make a written recommendation to the county election board for the appointment of individuals as provisional ballot counters. If a county chairman fails to make a nomination, the county election board may appoint any voter of the county. (IC 3-11.7-3-4; IC 3-11.7-3-5.)

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

BEGINNING at noon, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, four (2) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.
- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.
- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;
 - b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
 - c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in Indiana less than thirty (30) days before the primary election, to execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. After this time, the affidavit may be executed in person at the polling place in the voter's precinct of former residence. (IC 3-10-11-7)
STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)

DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in the same county and same congressional district to execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. After this time, the affidavit may be executed in person at the polling place in the voter's precinct of former residence. (IC 3-10-11-7; IC 3-10-12-4)
STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registrations to deliver the voting system and equipment to each polling place. In precincts using computerized electronic voting systems, the county election board shall have the system put in order, set and adjusted, and ready for use in voting. Voting systems may be delivered to precincts by any of the following: 1) the county election board; 2) a bipartisan team of individuals as designated by the county election board; or 3) a commercial delivery entity contracted by the county election board. A person who is imprisoned (such as a county jail inmate), subject to lawful detention, on probation, subject to home detention, or placed a community corrections program, may not deliver a voting system. The person or persons delivering the voting system must sign a certificate that contains the following: 1) a statement that the voting system remained in the custody and control of the persons delivering the voting system during the period between leaving the custody of the county election board and delivery to the polling location; 2) a statement that no other individual had access to any voting system; and 3) documentation of an individual who received the voting system when it was delivered to the polls; and 4) the written name and signature of the individual receiving the voting system at the polls. The person or persons delivering the voting system must file the completed certificate with the county election board immediately upon delivery. (IC 3-11-3-10, IC 3-11-11-1.8; IC 3-11-13-6; IC 3-11-14-13) **STATE FORMS: CEB-1A (Certification of Delivery of Voting Systems to Precinct or Vote Center)**

DEADLINE for a county election board to conduct a training and educational meeting for inspectors, judges, poll clerks, assistant poll clerks, and sheriffs. Inspectors must attend this meeting. The county election board may require other precinct election officers to attend as well. A county election board may allow an individual to serve as a precinct election officer if the individual is appointed after the training and educational meeting or the poll worker demonstrates to the county election board that the individual was unable to attend the meeting due to a good cause. (IC 3-6-6-40)

Each full service license branch must remain open from 8:30 a.m. local time until 8:00 p.m. local time, solely for the purpose of issuing driver's licenses and state identification cards. (IC 9-14-1-2-5)

DEADLINE for the county election board in a vote center county to do both of the following: 1) Make the comparison between the sample ballots, regular official ballots, and provisional ballots; and 2) Certify that the ballots are in agreement on the CEB-40. A copy of the certification shall be entered into the minutes of the county election board. The county election board to have copies of each sample ballot for each precinct available for inspection by a voter at each vote center and post a notice in the vote center stating that sample ballots are available for inspection upon request by the voter. (IC 3-11-11-1.9, IC 3-11-13-27, IC 3-11-14-17) **STATE FORM: CEB-40 (Certificate of Ballot Agreement in a Vote Center County; Notice to Voters)**

ABS DEADLINE (by midnight) for a traveling absentee voter board to visit and vote a voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence. A county election board, by unanimous vote of its entire membership, may authorize a person who is otherwise qualified to vote in person to vote by absentee ballot if the board determines that the person has been hospitalized or suffered an injury following the final date and hour for applying for an absentee ballot that would prevent the person from voting in person at the polls. (IC 3-11-4-1; IC 3-11-10-25; IC 3-11-10-24(b))

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

An authorization given to a Democratic Party county chairman or the party's county officers to make direct appointments to fill early candidate vacancies expires. The party's county committee must adopt a new authorization to give the county chair or county party officers the ability to fill vacancies on the general election ballot by direct appointment. An authorization given to a Republican Party county chairman or the party's county officers expires on the day of the 2028 primary election when Republican precinct committeemen are elected. (IC 3-13-1-6.5)

The office of the circuit court clerk must remain closed, but the clerk shall perform the duties required to conduct elections on primary election day but is not required to perform a duty other than conducting elections. (IC 3-5-4-14)

DEADLINE, by 5 a.m., for the members of the precinct election board, poll clerks, and sheriffs to meet at the polling place. (IC 3-11-11-2; IC 3-11-13-27; IC 3-11-14-16)

In a poll using an electronic voting system that is not a vote center, each precinct election board must: (1) compare the ballot label on each electronic voting system with the sample ballot to see that it is correct; (2) see that the system records zero (0) votes for each candidate and on each public question; and (3) see that the system is otherwise in perfect order before the polls open. The board then shall certify that the ballot labels and the sample ballots are in agreement. In vote center counties, the county election board must determine that the systems used at the vote center have zero (0) votes cast on them for each candidate and public question and complete the certification that each voting system is in perfect order. (IC 3-11-14-13; IC 3-11-14-17) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

In a poll using an optical scan ballot card voting system that is not a vote center, the precinct election board must (1) compare the ballot cards used in the marking device with the sample ballots furnished and determine whether the names, numbers, and letters are in agreement; (2) see that the system records zero (0) votes for each candidate and on each public question; and (3) see that the system is otherwise in perfect order before the polls open. The board then shall certify that the ballot labels and the sample ballots are in agreement. In vote center counties, the county election board must determine that the systems used at the vote center have zero (0) votes cast on them for each candidate and public question and complete the certification that each voting system is in perfect order. (IC 3-11-13-27) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

In a county using electronic poll books, the inspector and judge of the opposite political party from the inspector certify the following regarding the seal on each electronic poll book or container of a single electronic poll book provided to this precinct by the county election board: 1) The seal is intact; 2) The seal shows no evidence of tampering; 3) The seal bears the number indicated on the list provided to the inspector by the county election board. (IC 3-11-8-7.5) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

The precinct election board shall post the Voter's Bill of Rights in a public place in each polling place on election day. (IC 3-5-8-3)

In non-vote center counties, the precinct election board shall post sample ballots near the entrance to the polls and see that they are available to public inspection throughout the day. (IC 3-11-11-1.9, IC 3-11-13-27, IC 3-11-14-17) In a vote center county, the county election board shall post a notice stating that the sample ballots for each precinct are available upon request by the voter. (IC 3-11-11-1.9; IC 3-11-13-10; IC 3-11-14-5) **STATE FORM: CEB-40 (Certification of Ballot Agreement in Vote Center County and Notice to Voters)**

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In a county using electronic poll books, the county election board shall provide a notice that the inspector shall post that warns that making a false statement by signing the electronic poll list or concerning the individual's name or residence address is punishable as a Level 6 felony. The notice must be posted in a location clearly visible to a voter who provides information to the precinct election officer using the electronic poll book. (IC 3-7-29-1; IC 3-11-13-11)

5:30 a.m. a challenger, pollbook holder, or watcher may enter into the polling place. (IC 3-6-7-5, IC 3-6-8-4; IC 3-6-9-13; IC 3-6-10-5.5; IC 3-11-8-15, IC 3-11-8-16)

Each full-service license branch must remain open from 6:00 a.m. local time until 6:00 p.m. local time, solely for the purpose of issuing driver's licenses and state identification cards. (9-14.1-2-5)

POLLS OPEN, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time. (IC 3-11-8-8)

Any time after 6:00 a.m., in a vote center county or county that uses electronic poll books that has passed a unanimous resolution of the county election board, for absentee counters to begin counting absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be processed by the absentee ballot counters prior to counting and the electronic poll books must be updated to reflect receipt of the absentee ballots not later than 12:01 a.m. on election day under this procedure. (IC 3-11.5-4-11)

The appointments of precinct judge, poll clerk, or sheriff expire at NOON if they were appointed to serve in that precinct election office for the first half of election day. The beginning of the term of a precinct election officer appointed to serve for the last part of election day. (IC 3-6-6-10; IC 3-6-6-11)

DEADLINE, by 10 a.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for certain absent uniform services voters (*or the voter's spouse or dependent*), not previously registered, to register and vote in the office of the clerk or at another location as designated by resolution of the county election board. (IC 3-7-36-14; IC 3-11-4-3)
STATE FORMS: ABS-IN PERSON, VRG-11, ABS-11 (Uniform Services Voter Registration Certificate), ABS-13 (Affidavit for Late Registration by Absent Uniform Service Voter in 2026)

DEADLINE, by 2 p.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by 3 p.m., in a county that uses paper poll books instead of electronic poll books, for the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration (*or their agent*) to deliver a certificate to each precinct setting forth the absentee ballots received by noon on election day. (IC 3-11.5-4-8)

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DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by 5 p.m., for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to issue a certificate to a voter who appears in person before the board if the voter's absentee ballot has been rejected to permit that voter to vote at the precinct if otherwise qualified to do so. (IC 3-11.5-4-13; IC 3-11.5-4-21) **STATE FORM: ABS-21 (Certificate of Absentee Ballot Rejection)**

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m. for the county voter registration office to visit the appropriate post office to accept delivery of mail containing residency confirmation documentation submitted by a first-time Indiana voter who submitted a voter registration application by mail and who has, up to that point, failed to submit residency confirmation documents. The county voter registration office shall immediately notify the county election board of the names of voters who have filed additional residency confirmation documents so that the county election board can send this information to precinct election boards. (IC 3-11-10-11; IC 3-11.5-4-12)

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m. for the clerk (or clerk's agent) to visit the post office to receive voted absentee ballots. In general, absentee ballots delivered by hand, mail, fax, or email that are received after 6 p.m., local prevailing time, are considered as arriving too late and may not be counted. (IC 3-11.5-4-3; IC 3-11.5-4-7; IC 3-11.5-4-10; IC 3-12-1-17) *Note: This 6:00 p.m. deadline for receipt of absentee ballots does not apply to an absentee ballot mailed by an overseas voter. See related entry for May 15, 2026.*

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., prevailing local time, for a county election board in all counties to receive an absentee ballot by mail, hand-delivery, fax, or electronic mail, on Election Day. (IC 3-11.5-4-10) *Note: This 6:00 pm deadline for receipt of absentee ballots does not apply to an absentee ballot mailed by an overseas voter or overseas military voter. See related entry for May 15, 2026.*

DEADLINE, 6 p.m., for a voter who returned an **absentee ballot** and is required to submit additional residency confirmation documents, to file the additional documents with the county voter registration office for the ballot to be counted. (IC 3-11-4-18; IC 3-11.5-4-12; IC 3-11.7-5-21)

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for a voter who voted a **provisional ballot** at the polls because the voter failed to provide required additional residency confirmation documentation prior to voting for the voter to file a copy of the required additional residency confirmation documentation with the county voter registration office to permit the provisional ballot to be counted. If the voter fails to meet this deadline, the voter's provisional ballot is invalid and may not be counted. (IC 3-11-8-25; IC 3-11-8-25.2; IC 3-11.7-5-2(c))

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to convene in the room provided for the board to canvass votes and declare results of the election. (IC 3-12-4-6) *(Note: The deadline for declaring the results of the election does not apply to the board's determination of whether to count provisional ballots. See related entry for May 15, 2026)*

In counties using a ballot card voting system where votes cast on ballot cards at the precinct on election day are tabulated at a central location, all ballot cards must be sealed and delivered to the canvassing location immediately after the polls are closed and the number of ballot cards are counted and compared with the number of voters shown on the poll lists. (IC 3-12-3-1; IC 3-12-3-2)

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In counties using a ballot card voting system where votes cast on ballots cards at the precinct on election day are tabulated at the polling location where the ballot was cast, the precinct election board shall (1) process the ballots cards with the automatic tabulating machine provided to the precinct, if the vote is not automatically registered by the ballot card voting system when the voter completes and cast their ballot; (2) take the vote as tabulated by the automatic tabulating system or as automatically registered by the ballot card voting system; and (3) certify the totals and the ballot count on forms supplied to the precinct for that purpose. Copies of that vote totals that have been tabulated shall be delivered to each member of the precinct election board. One (1) copy of the vote totals shall be prepared and signed by the precinct election board for the news media on a form furnished by the county election board. (IC 3-12-3-2)

If a precinct election board administers more than one (1) precinct at an Election Day polling location, the board shall keep the ballots cast in each precinct separate from ballots cast in any other precinct, so that the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each of the precincts administered by the board may be determined. In a vote center county. Except for Marion County, the precinct election board administering an election at a vote center shall keep the ballots cast in each precinct separate from the ballots cast in any other precinct whose election is administered at the vote center, so that the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each of the precincts administered by the board may be determined and included on the statement required by IC 3-12-4-9. (IC 3-11-8-4.3; IC 3-12-3.5-3; IC 3-11-18.1-14)

In a precinct using a direct record electronic (DRE) voting system, the inspector must announce after the close of the polls and the tabulation of votes that the printout of precinct results is available for inspection by precinct election officials and watchers. If a precinct or vote center uses a direct record electronic voting system that contains a voter verifiable paper audit trail, the election board is not required to print out the paper audit trail in preparing the certificates setting forth the number of votes prepared. (IC 3-12-3.5-2; IC 3-12-3.5-3)

At the close of the polls, the precinct election board must seal all provisional ballots and any spoiled provisional ballots in the required container. The inspector must return the container to the circuit court clerk at the close of the polls. (IC 3-11.7-2-4)

DEADLINE, by 8 p.m., for the county election board to begin entering unofficial results on the state's election results website using SVRS. Must be done at least every two (2) hours from 8 p.m. to midnight on Election Day, then resume entering unofficial election results at 9 a.m., local prevailing time, the day following Election Day, at least once an hour, until the unofficial results are published. (IC 3-12-4-6.3)

DEADLINE, by midnight, for the inspector and judge of the opposite political party to deliver to the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration certification of the vote count and other election materials. (IC 3-12-2-7; IC 3-12-3-10; IC 3-12-3.5-4) **STATE FORM: CEB-1B (Certification of Return of Precinct or Vote Center Election Materials by Inspector and Judge)**

DEADLINE, any time after the polls close, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registrations to return the voting system and equipment from each polling place to a storage facility to be secured under IC 3-11-15-46. Voting systems may be returned from polling places by any of the following: 1) the county election board; 2) a bipartisan team of individuals as designated by the county election board; or 3) a commercial delivery entity contracted by the county election board. A person who is imprisoned (such as a county jail inmate), subject to lawful detention, on probation, subject to home detention, or placed a community corrections program, may not deliver a voting system. The person or persons delivering the voting system must sign a certificate that contains the following: 1) a statement that the voting system remained in the custody and control of the persons returning the voting system

during the period between leaving the polling place and delivery to the location designated for securing voting systems under IC 3-11-15-46; 2) a statement that no other individual had access to any voting system; and 3) documentation of an individual who received the voting system when it was being returned from the polls; and 4) the written name and signature of the individual receiving the voting system at the polls. The person or persons delivering the voting system must file the completed certificate with the county election board immediately upon delivery. (IC 3-12-3-2.2; IC 3-12-3.5-4.5) **STATE FORM: CEB-1C (Certification of the Return of Voting Systems)**

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The appointment of a precinct election officer expires when the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration complete the canvass of the precinct. (IC 3-6-6-37)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

Effective date of an order adopted on or after March 6, 2026, by the board of commissioners of a county to (1) establish a board of registration to administer voter registration within the county; (2) rescind a previously adopted order to establish a board of registration; or (3) abolish a board of registration previously established by state law (IC 3-7-12-3) before it was repealed. (IC 3-7-12-5; IC 3-7-12-5.5)

Effective date of an order adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration on or after March 6, 2026, to rescind any previously adopted resolution before the 2026 primary providing that absentee ballots to be voted before a traveling absentee board are to be initialed by the county election board or board of elections and registration (*and not initialed by the traveling board visiting the voter*). (IC 3-11-10-27)

Effective date of an order adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration adopting a vote center plan that was filed with the Indiana Election Division after March 6, 2026. (IC 3-11-18.1-8)

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

DEADLINE, for the county election board to provide notice to a voter where it is determined their absentee ballot has been returned with a signature mismatch or a missing signature on the absentee ballot envelope if the determination of the missing signature or signature mismatch is on election day. (IC 3-11.5-4-13.5; IC 3-11.5-4-13.6) **STATE FORMS: ABS-18A (Signature Absentee Mismatch Notice) and ABS-18B (Missing Absentee Signature Notice)**

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

CAN First day that a major political party may fill a candidate vacancy that resulted because no candidate filed for the primary election. (IC 3-13-1-2; IC 3-13-1-7)

STATE FORMS:

- **CAN-27 (Certificate of Selection for Federal or State Office),**
- **CAN-28 (Certificate of Selection for State Legislative Office)**
- **CAN-29 (Certificate of Selection for Local Office)**
- **CAN-30 (Call of Political Party Caucus)**
- **CAN-31 (Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy in 2026)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for full-service registration agency to respond to an inquiry by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration indicating whether the agency's records contain any information regarding the registration. If the agency does not respond to the board's inquiry, or if the agency responds that the agency has no record of the alleged registration, the board shall reject the provisional ballot and (1) document on the ballot the inquiry and response, if any, by the agency; and (2) endorse the ballot with the

word "Rejected" and the inquiry and response, if any, by the voter registration agency. (IC 3-11.7-5-2)

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DEADLINE, if the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration has not held a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots by this date to enter in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) the name and address of each individual who has completed a provisional ballot, and the date and time the county election board will meet to determine the validity of a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7-5. Note: If the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration holds a provisional ballot hearing on or before this date the information required to be entered into SVRS must be entered not later than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. (IC 3-11.7-6-3)

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

End of the period in which a homeowner's association may not adopt or enforce a rule that prohibits a member of the association from displaying a political sign on the member's property. (IC 32-21-13-4)

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

First day in which a political subdivision may enforce an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs. "Signs" refers to a sign with a surface area of which is not greater than thirty-two (32) square feet. For purposes of determining the surface area of a sign under this section, if a sign consists of two (2) faces, only the surface area of one (1) of the faces is considered if (1) the faces are mounted back to back; and (2) the measure of the angle between the faces is not more than fifteen (15) degrees. This does not prohibit a political subdivision from enforcing an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs at any time if necessary to ensure public safety. (IC 36-1-3-11)

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to notify the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division that a voter produced a receipt indicating that the voter had applied to register at the bureau of motor vehicles (*or another "full service" office*), and was allowed to vote on election day, although the voter's name did not appear on the precinct's voter registration list. (IC 3-7-48-9)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for an absentee voter with a mismatched or missing signature to file an affidavit with the county election board. (IC 3-11.5-4-13.5; IC 3-11.5-4-13.6) **STATE FORMS: ABS-18A (Signature Absentee Mismatch Notice) and ABS-18B (Missing Absentee Signature Notice)**

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to send a delinquency notice to any candidates' committee for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General*) that did not timely file the quarterly campaign finance report by noon, Indianapolis time, on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

First day a candidate for nomination to a federal office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-2)

First day a candidate for nomination to a state legislative office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-2)

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

First day the state political party chairman of a candidate for nomination to a federal office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

First day a county chairman of a county within a state legislative district of a candidate for nomination to a state legislative office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections to receive an absentee ballot cast by mail by an overseas voter. The absentee ballot is not considered to arrive too late if the absentee ballot envelope is postmarked not later than primary election day (May 5, 2026) and the board, by unanimous vote of its entire membership, determines that the postmark date complies with this requirement. If the board is unable to determine the postmark date, the absentee ballot may not be counted. (IC 3-12-1-17).

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter who voted a provisional ballot because the voter was unable or declined to present a photo identification at the polls to satisfy the photo identification requirement by producing photo identification to the county election board or circuit court clerk and signing an affidavit indicating that the voter is the same person who cast the provisional ballot on election day. The voter may also satisfy the photo identification requirement by appearing at the office of the county election board or circuit court clerk and signing an affidavit indicating that the voter is the same person who cast the provisional ballot on election day and that the voter cannot obtain a photo identification because the voter is either: a) indigent and unable to obtain a photo identification without the payment of a fee; or b) has a religious objection to being photographed. (IC 3-11.7-5-1; IC 3-11.7-5-2.5) **STATE FORM: PRO-10 (Affidavit of Challenged Voter Concerning Proof of Identification Requirement)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county election board to discuss and publish a document that compiles the following information for each precinct (or vote center in a vote center county) using a direct record electronic (DRE) voting system: 1) The number of votes cast on the electronic voting systems in the precinct (or vote center), as shown on the form returned from the precinct (or vote center); 2) The number of voters who received a ballot at the polls according to the poll lists as shown on the form returned from the precinct (or vote center); and 3) The difference between the number in (1) and the number in (2). Counties using an optical scan ballot card voting system on Election Day are not subject to this requirement. (IC 3-12-3.5-8) **STATE FORM: PRE-16 (Inspector and Judge's Report of Total Number of Votes Cast on Electronic Voting Systems in Precinct / Vote Center and Number of Voters Who Received Ballot at Precinct Vote Center as Indicated by Signing Poll List)**

DEADLINE, by 3 p.m., for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections to determine whether to count a provisional ballot. Immediately upon completion of the provisional ballot count, the provisional ballot counters must make a certificate showing the total number of provisional ballots cast for each candidate and on each public question. (IC 3-11.7-5-1; IC 3-11.7-5-28)

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a candidate's committee other than candidate's committees for a statewide office who failed to file a pre-primary campaign finance report. (*Transferred from Sunday, May 17, 2026*) IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2).

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send to the Indiana Election Division a statement containing a list of the candidates nominated at the primary and a copy of the election returns for each candidate required to file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. **The statement must be sent by using SVRS unless the Indiana Election Division authorizes the use of an alternative method for transmission of the results.** (IC 3-8-7-5) **SVRS FILINGS: CEB-23 (Statement of the Votes Cast for Nomination to Offices and Election as State Convention Delegate in the Democratic Party Primary), CEB-24 (Statement of the Votes Cast for Nomination to Offices and Election as State Convention Delegate in the Republican Party Primary)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to furnish the Indiana Election Division with a complete list of all state convention delegates elected at the primary election, including the address of each candidate and the United States Congressional district in which each candidate resides. **This list must be sent using SVRS unless the Indiana Election Division authorizes the use of an alternative method for transmission of the results.** (IC 3-8-4-5; IC 3-8-7-5) **SVRS FILINGS: CEB-23, Attachment A and CEB-24, Attachment A)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to send to the Indiana Election Division a Statement of the Votes Cast on Local Public Questions. **This must be sent using SVRS unless the Indiana Election Division authorizes the use of an alternative method for transmission of the results.** (IC 3-10-1-32; IC 3-12-5-1) **SVRS FILINGS: CEB-25 (Statement of the Votes Cast for School Board Offices and on Local Public Questions), CEB-26A (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Political Subdivisions Approved or Rejected), CEB-26B (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Municipality and Township Approved or Rejected), CEB-26C (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Municipality and County That Does Not Contain a Consolidated City Approved or Rejected)**

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to enter in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) for each individual who has completed a provisional ballot whether the individual's provisional ballot was counted, and if the individual's provisional ballot was not counted the reason why the provisional ballot was not counted. (IC 3-11.7-6-3)

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

VR **Voter Registration Begins.** First day after the primary election that an individual may register to vote. (IC 3-7-13-10)

ABS First day a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may receive an absentee ballot application from a voter for the general election. (IC 3-11-4-3(a); IC 3-11-4-6(b)) **STATE FORMS ABS-MAIL, ABS-TRAVELING BOARD, ABS-IN PERSON** *NOTE: The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) used by military and overseas voters, the combined form used by voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD), and ABS-ATTORNEY GENERAL application by voters that are members of the Indiana Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program may be filed at any time during the calendar year; however, the FPCA or combined form must be received by specific deadlines for voter registration and a request for an absentee ballot.*

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

CAN First day an individual may file a petition of nomination with the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration as a school board member at the general election. The petition must be accompanied by a CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests, if the voter registration official is the circuit court clerk or board of elections and registration in Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe counties. (Alternatively, the CAN-12 is not required to be filed when petitions are first filed with a board of registration in Allen, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Vanderburgh, and Vigo counties, as of this writing but must be filed with the circuit court clerk when the petition of nomination is forwarded by the board of registration). For any school corporation that is located in more than one county, a candidate for school board must file their petition of nomination with the county voter registration office in the county with the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation. (IC 3-8-2.5-4; IC 3-8-9-5; IC 20-23-4-29.1; IC 20-23-7-8.1; IC 20-23-14-5; IC 20-23-17-3; and IC 20-23-17.2-5) **STATE FORMS: CAN-34 (Petition of Nomination and Consent for School Board Office Elected in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for nomination to a federal office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-2) *See also Friday, May 22, 2026, deadline for a state chairman to file a petition.*

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for nomination to a state legislative office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-2) *See also Friday, May 22, 2026, deadline for a county chairman to file a petition.*

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for nomination to a local office to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-6-2; IC 3-12-8-5) *See also Friday, May 22, 2026, deadline for a county chairman to file a petition.*

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for election to state convention delegate or Democratic Party precinct committeeman to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-6-1.5; IC 3-12-6-2; IC 3-12-8-5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter who desires a recount of the votes cast at the primary election concerning a local public question to file a verified petition with the circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-12-2)

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to **transmit** a post-election report concerning the primary election to the Indiana Election Division and certified precinct level election results. **This must be sent using SVRS.** (IC 3-6-5-17, IC 3-6-5-17.5) **STATE FORM: CEB-9, Section I (County Election Report) and voter wait times (only) in CEB-9, Section II**

VR First day for county voter registration office to register certain absent uniform services voters who registered after the close of registration but did not vote in the primary election. (IC 3-7-36-14)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the state political party chairman of a candidate for nomination to a federal office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman of a county within a state legislative district of a candidate for nomination to a state legislative office at the primary to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county chairman of a candidate for nomination to a local office to file a verified petition for a recount of the primary election with the appropriate circuit court clerk if a candidate has not previously filed a recount petition. (IC 3-12-6-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to correct an error in the certification of the vote for a candidate or on a public question on the primary ballot. (IC 3-12-5-14)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to canvass the votes cast at the primary election for candidates required to file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division, and to tabulate the results. However, if the canvass is not yet final due to the filing of a recount petition, the Indiana election division must complete the canvass not later than noon, seven days after the final recount certificate is transmitted to the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-10-1-34)

First day, after noon, that unused ballots from the primary election may be destroyed, unless a recount or contest action has been filed. The county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration shall retain one (1) regular official ballot from each township in the county and one (1) provisional ballot from any precinct in the county as part of the board's minutes. (IC 3-11-3-31; IC 3-6-5-13) *NOTE: Voted ballots must remain sealed for a period of 22-months, and after this period, may be destroyed pursuant to IC 3-10-1-31.1. If a recount or contest has been filed affecting an election in the county, then the unused ballots may not be destroyed until completion of the recount or contest.*

First day, after noon, for a county election board to issue a certificate of election to a state convention delegate or Democratic Party precinct committeeman elected at the primary. (IC 3-12-4-9; IC 3-12-5-2) **STATE FORM: CEB-15 (Certificate of Election; State Convention Delegate); CEB-14 (Certificate of Election; Precinct Committeeman)**

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for nomination to a federal, statewide, or state legislative office at the primary to file a verified cross-petition for a recount of the primary election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-4)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for nomination to a local office (*or election as a precinct committeemen or state convention delegate at a primary*) to file a verified cross-petition for a recount of the primary election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-6-4)

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the secretary of state to furnish the Democratic and Republican state chairmen with a list of the candidates nominated according to the primary election canvass conducted by the Indiana Election Division. The list must include the address of each candidate. (IC 3-8-7-6)

DEADLINE for the secretary of state to furnish the Democratic and Republican state chairmen with a list of the individuals elected as state convention delegates at the primary. The list must

contain the address of each delegate. The list may not contain the name of an individual **appointed** to serve as a state convention delegate. (IC 3-8-7-6.5)

JUNE 2026

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

DEADLINE, for the board of commissioners of a county to adopt an ordinance scheduling the initial election of town officials in a newly incorporated town to be conducted on the same date as the November 3, 2026 general election. (IC 36-5-1-10.1)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

VR DEADLINE, for Indiana Election Division to provide each county voter registration office with information from jury selection mailings conducted by U.S. District Courts for Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana concerning any registered voter who appears to no longer reside at the address set forth in the voter's registration record due to a mailing returned to the courts. (IC 3-7-38.2-16)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Indiana Democratic Party State Convention

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

VR DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office to send an address confirmation notice to a voter who appears to no longer reside at the address set forth in the voter's registration record due to a jury selection mailing returned to the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. (IC 3-7-38.2-16)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a petition of nomination with the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration as a school board member at the general election. The petition must be accompanied by a CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests, if the voter registration official is the circuit court clerk or board of elections and registration in Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe counties. (Alternatively, the CAN-12 is not required to be filed when petitions are first filed with a board of registration in Allen, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Vanderburgh, and Vigo counties, as of this writing but must be filed with the circuit court clerk when the petition of nomination is forwarded by the board of registration and by this deadline). For any school corporation that is located in more than one county, a candidate for school board must file their petition of nomination with the county voter registration office in the county with the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation.. (IC 3-8-2.5-4, IC 3-8-9-5, IC 20-23-4-29.1, IC 20-23-7-8.1, IC 20-23-14-5, IC 20-23-17-3, and IC 20-23-17.2-5)
STATE FORM: CAN-34 (Petition of Nomination and Consent for School Board Office Elected in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)

DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to mail an Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot (VRG 4/12) and the original registration of a voter who changed residence to another county in Indiana less than 30 days before the 2026 primary election, to the county where the person currently resides as shown in the affidavit. Upon mailing the affidavit and original registration to another county, the registration in the county of the person's former residence shall be canceled. (IC 3-7-43-4)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

Republican Party State Convention

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

CAN DEADLINE to send a notice by first class mail to precinct committeemen concerning a caucus to be held by noon, July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for nomination for U.S. Representative, a state legislative office, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-13-1-9(5)) **STATE FORM: CAN-30 (Call of Political Party Caucus)**

CAN DEADLINE to send a notice by first class mail to precinct committeemen concerning a caucus to be held by noon, July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for nomination to a local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the circuit court clerk or a board of elections and registration. (IC 3-13-1-9(5)) **STATE FORM: CAN-30 (Call of Political Party Caucus)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a copy of the notice sent to precinct committeemen with the Indiana Election Division concerning a caucus to be held by noon, July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination for U.S. Representative, a state legislative office, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. (*Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.*) (IC 3-13-1-9(6); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-30 (Call of Political Party Caucus)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a copy of the notice sent to precinct committeemen with the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration concerning a caucus to be held by noon, July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to a local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the circuit court clerk or a board of elections and registration. (*Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.*) (IC 3-13-1-9(6); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-30 (Call of Political Party Caucus)**

CAN DEADLINE for state chairman of Libertarian Party to file a notice of intent to fill a candidate vacancy with the Indiana Election Division (*or the county election board, as appropriate*) 10 days in advance of filling a vacancy on the noon, July 3, 2026, deadline, for an office nominated by the Libertarian Party at its **state convention or county convention**. (*Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.*) (IC 3-13-1-20) **STATE FORM: None**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) a notice stating the date that the quarterly campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates' committees for a statewide office not on the 2026 general election ballot (*Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General*) a notice stating the date that the semi-annual campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-9(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

DEADLINE for a local recount commission to complete a recount filed as a result of the primary election unless the court extends the date after finding good cause to do so. (IC 3-12-6-21.9)

DEADLINE to complete a post-election audit unless a recount or contest has been filed. (IC 3-12-13-7)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

CAN DEADLINE to file a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the beginning of the caucus held on July 3, 2026, to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination as a U.S. Representative, a state legislative office, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. *(Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.)* (IC 3-13-1-10.5(b); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-31 (Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy)**

CAN DEADLINE to file a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the beginning of the caucus to be held on July 3, 2026, to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to a local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the county election board or a board of elections and registration. *(Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.)* (IC 3-13-1-10.5(b); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-31 (Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division at least seventy-two (72) hours before a caucus held on July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination as a U.S. Representative, a state legislative office, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. The declaration of candidacy for a state legislative office or judicial office must be accompanied by a filed copy of the appropriate Statement of Economic Interests or receipt showing the statement was filed. *(Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.)* (IC 3-13-1-10.5(a); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-31 (Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy)**

CAN DEADLINE to file a declaration of candidacy with the circuit court clerk or Lake and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration at least seventy-two (72) hours before a caucus to be held on July 3, 2026 to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to a local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the county election board or a board of elections and registration. *(Note: Although the certificate of candidate selection deadline is moved to July 6, 2026, due to July 3, 2026, being a holiday, the action by the party to fill the ballot vacancy must still be completed by noon, July 3, 2026.)* (IC 3-13-1-10.5(a); IC 3-5-4-1) **STATE FORM: CAN-31 Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a petition of nomination to place an independent candidate or minor party candidate (*other than a Libertarian Party candidate*) on the 2026 ballot for election to federal,

statewide, state legislative, or a judicial office with the appropriate county voter registration office for verification of the signatures on the petition. These candidates will file their certified petitions with the Indiana Election Division for placement on the general election ballot which must be accompanied by the candidate's written consent to be placed on the ballot and statement of economic interests (*for other than federal candidates*). (IC 3-8-6-10) **STATE FORMS: CAN-19 (Petition of Nomination for Federal, State, State Legislature in 2026); CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Political Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026)**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a petition of nomination to place an independent candidate or a minor party candidate (*other than a Libertarian Party candidate*) on the 2026 ballot for election to a local office (other than judicial office) with the appropriate county voter registration office for verification of the signatures on the petition. These candidates will file their certified petitions with a county election board or a county board of elections and registration for placement on the general election ballot. The certified petitions must be accompanied by each petition candidate's written consent to be placed on the ballot and a statement of economic interests (only if the county voter registration official is the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration). (IC 3-8-6-10 and IC 3-8-9-5) **STATE FORMS: CAN-21 (Local Office Petition of Nomination in 2026); CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Political Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local or School Board Office)**

CFA End of quarterly campaign finance reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) (IC 3-9-5-6(e))

CFA End of semiannual campaign finance reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office **not** on the 2026 general election ballot (*Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General*). (IC 3-9-5-9(e))

JULY 2026

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

CFA BEGINNING of quarterly reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6(e))

CFA BEGINNING of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*June 30*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, July 15*). A supplemental report is to be filed online within 48 hours of the receipt of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22)

CFA BEGINNING of semiannual reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office **not** on the 2026 general election ballot (*Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General*). (IC 3-9-5-9(e))

Terms of two members of Indiana Election Commission expire. (IC 3-6-4.1-3)

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

CFA End of reporting period for a school board candidate if the candidate was required by state law to open a committee (*a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500*). (IC 3-9-5-8.2; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**
See related entry for July 9, 2026.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)

Indiana Election Division closed

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to conduct a political party caucus (*or to use another selection procedure authorized by state law*) to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to a federal, state legislative, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-13-1-2; IC 3-13-1-7)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to conduct a political party caucus (*or to use another selection procedure authorized by state law*) to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the county election board or a board of elections and registration. (IC 3-13-1-2; IC 3-13-1-7)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Libertarian Party to conduct a county party convention to select candidates for local offices. (IC 3-10-2-15)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the state committee of the Libertarian Party to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy for an office nominated by that party at state convention or county convention. (IC 3-13-1-20)

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to file a certificate of selection to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for a nomination to a federal, state legislative, or a judicial office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Election Division. The certificate of nomination must be accompanied by any applicable statement of economic interests, if not already filed with the election division. (IC 3-13-1-2; IC 3-13-1-7; IC 3-13-1-15) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORMS: CAN-27 (Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a Federal or State Office in 2026), CAN-28 (Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a State Legislative Office in 2026), CAN-29 (Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a Local Office in 2026)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a certificate of candidate selection with the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot for nomination to a local office for which candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the county election board. The certificate of candidate selection must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-9-5; IC 3-13-1-2; IC 3-13-1-7(b); IC 3-13-1-15) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-29 (Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a Local Office in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the state committee of the Libertarian Party to file a certification of nomination to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy for an office nominated by that party at state convention with the Indiana Election Division. The certification of nomination for a candidate for state legislative office or judicial office must be accompanied by a filed copy of the appropriate Statement of Economic Interests or receipt showing the statement was filed. (IC 3-10-2-15; IC 3-13-1-20) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday)* **STATE FORM: CAN-33 (State Party Chairman Certification of Candidate Selection to Fill a Ballot Vacancy for Federal, State, State Legislative or Judicial Office)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the county committee of the Libertarian Party to file a certificate of nomination of a candidate nominated at a county convention of the Libertarian Party with the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe county boards of election and registration. The certificate of nomination must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-10-2-15; IC 3-8-9-5) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-22 (Party Chairman Certification of Libertarian Party Nominees for County and Large Town Offices and Candidate's Consent to Nomination); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Office)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the **state committee** of the Libertarian Party to file a certificate of nomination to fill a vacancy existing on the general election ballot, due to no candidate being nominated by that party at **county convention**, with the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe county boards of election and registration. The certificate of nomination must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-7-14; IC 3-10-2-15; IC 3-13-1-20; IC 3-8-9-5) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-32 ((Party Chairman Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill a Ballot Vacancy for County and Large Town Offices and Candidate's Consent to Fill Ballot Vacancy); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a person to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a federal office, state office, state legislative office, or a judicial office with the Indiana Election Division. The name of a write-in candidate may **not** be placed on the general election ballot. (IC 3-8-2-2.5; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-5) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-3 (Declaration of Intent to be Write-in Candidate in 2026)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a person to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a local office *(other than a candidate for judicial office or school board)* elected in the general election with a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. The name of a write-in candidate may **not** be placed on the general election ballot. (IC 3-8-2-2.5; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-9-5) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORM: CAN-3 (Declaration of Intent to be Write-in Candidate in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)** *Note: Write-in candidates for school board may file beginning August 5, 2026, and not later than noon, August 21, 2026. See calendar entries for those dates.*

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the state chairman of a political party which has nominated a candidate by petition for a federal, state, state legislative, or a judicial office to file a certificate of candidate selection with the Indiana Election Division which names an individual to replace an individual included on the petition of nomination who has ceased to be a candidate. The certificate must be accompanied by the replacement candidate's consent to be placed on the ballot. A consent for state office, state legislative office or judicial office must be accompanied by a copy of the statement of economic interests, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement has been filed. (IC 3-8-6-17) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORMS: CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026); CAN-40 (Replacement of Candidate Nominated by Petition)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the state chairman of a political party which has nominated a candidate by petition for a local office *(other than an office in a town with a population of less than 3,500 and other than judicial candidate)* to file a certificate of candidate selection with the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe boards of election and registration which names an individual to replace an individual included on the petition of nomination who has ceased to be a candidate. The certificate must be accompanied by the replacement candidate's consent to be placed on the ballot. The replacement candidate's consent for a local office must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-6-17; IC 3-8-9-5) *(Transferred from Friday, July 3, 2026, because of a state observed holiday.)* **STATE FORMS: CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026); CAN-40 (Replacement of Candidate Nominated by Petition); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CFA BEGINNING of campaign finance reporting period for a candidate nominated to fill a ballot vacancy for an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year existing on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot unless the candidate became a candidate before this date by raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-5-2.1-67; IC 3-9-5-8.5; IC 3-9-1-5)

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

CFA BEGINNING of campaign finance reporting period for a declared write-in candidate for an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year unless the candidate became a candidate before this date by raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-9-5-8.4)

A person may file a civil action alleging a violation of NVRA if: (1) the violation is not corrected within 20 days after the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division receive notice of the violation; and (2) the violation occurs not later than this date (*120 days before the general election*). (IC 3-7-11-14)

VR **DEADLINE** for a county voter registration office to complete the updating of voter registration records to indicate that a voter voted at the May 5, 2026, primary election. If a recount or contest is being conducted in a county, the county voter registration office must complete the updating of the voter registration records not later than sixty (60) days after completion of the recount or contest. (*Transferred from Saturday, July 4, 2026*) (IC 3-10-1-31.2)

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for candidates' committees for a school board candidate to file a campaign finance report with the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe boards of elections and registration if the candidate was required by state law to open a committee (*a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500*). (IC 3-9-5-7; IC 3-9-5-8.2) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for a candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year whose certificate of candidate selection was filed July 6, 2026, to file a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-9-1-5) This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for a declared write-in candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year to file a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-9-1-5) This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for Libertarian Party candidates seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who are nominated at a county convention to file a campaign finance statement of organization with a county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration if the county convention was held of the last date it could be held (July 3 before noon) if the candidate was not already required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. *Note: Libertarian Party candidates who are seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year are required to file their statement of organization by noon the final date and hour for filing the candidate's first campaign finance report unless the candidate was already required to file a campaign finance statement of organization after raising or spending more than \$100.* (IC 3-9-1-5(c)(3); IC 3-9-5-8.2) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a state chairman and secretary of the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican Party to file a certificate of nomination with the secretary of state, setting forth the name of each candidate nominated at the state convention of the party. This certificate must be accompanied by a statement signed by each candidate nominated by the convention concerning the candidate's understanding of campaign finance reporting requirements. The certificate must also be accompanied by a statement that the candidate, except a candidate for federal office, has attached either of the following to the certificate: (1) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement of economic interests; or (2) A receipt, photocopy of a receipt, or electronic mail from the office of the inspector general or judicial qualifications commission, showing that a statement of economic interests has been filed. (IC 3-8-7-8; IC 3-8-7-10) **STATE FORM: CAN-23 (2026 State Party Chairman Certification of Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican Party State Convention Nominee)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate nominated at the primary election, a party convention, or by petition of nomination to withdraw from the general election ballot for any reason. The candidate must file a **notice of withdrawal** with the same office where the candidate's declaration, certificate of nomination, or petition was previously filed. However, a candidate may be required to withdraw after this deadline if disqualified for some reason specified by law, such as moving outside of the election district or being convicted of a felony. (IC 3-8-7-28; IC 3-8-6-13.5) **STATE FORM: CAN-24 (2026 General Election Candidate Withdrawal)** *See later entries in October for the specific date the early ballot vacancy period end and the late ballot vacancy period begins to determine which procedures must be followed to fill the candidate vacancy.*

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a write-in candidate to file a notice of withdrawal in the same office where the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate had previously been filed. (IC 3-8-2-2.7; IC 3-8-2-4) **STATE FORM: CAN-24 (2026 General Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate nominated by two or more political parties, or as an independent candidate and as a nominee of at least one political party, to elect which of the nominations the person will accept. The selection must be in writing, signed, acknowledged, and filed in the office where a declaration of candidacy must be filed under IC 3-8-2 or where a petition or certificate of nomination must be filed for the office. (IC 3-8-7-21)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county voter registration office to certify the number of valid signatures of registered voters on a petition of nomination for an independent candidate or minor party candidate for the general election. The county voter registration office must file the petition with the official authorized to place the candidate on the ballot (*the Indiana Election Division for candidates who file a declaration with that office, including judicial office, or the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for all other local offices*). However, a candidate named in the petition may request that the county voter registration office return the original petition to the candidate so that the candidate may file the certified petition with the appropriate official. (IC 3-8-6-10; IC 3-8-6-12)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an independent or minor party candidate (*other than a Libertarian Party candidate*) nominated by petition for a federal, statewide, state legislative, or judicial office to file the petition of nomination with the Indiana Election Division following verification of petition signatures. The petition must be accompanied by each petition candidate's written consent to be placed on the ballot and any applicable statement of economic interests. (IC 3-8-6-10; IC 3-8-6-12; IC 3-8-9-5) **STATE FORMS: CAN 19 (Indiana Petition of Nomination for Federal, State, or Certain Local Offices in 2026), CAN-20 (Consent of Independent of Minor Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026)**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an independent or minor party candidate nominated by petition for a local office (other than judicial office) to file the petition of nomination following verification of petition signatures. The petition must be accompanied by each petition candidate's written consent to be placed on the ballot. **STATE FORMS: CAN-21 (Local Office Petition of Nomination in 2026 General Election); CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Political Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

The secretary of state or the circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors, after receiving a petition filed by an independent or minor party candidate, must determine if the petition has a sufficient number of valid certified signatures of registered voters to meet the requirement of IC 3-8-6-3. If the petition has a sufficient number of valid certified signatures of registered voters, the secretary of state or the circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall certify the petition and accept it as filed. If the petition does not have a sufficient number of valid certified signatures of registered voters, the secretary of state or the circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall deny the certification of the petition and reject the petition. If the petition of nomination with insufficient signatures is filed with the secretary of state or circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors, the secretary of state, the circuit court clerk, or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall notify the candidate by certified mail if a petition has been denied. The secretary of state shall certify or deny certification of a petition of nomination by noon Friday, August 21, 2026. (IC 3-8-6-10; IC 3-8-6-12(e); IC 3-8-6-12(h))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a justice of the Indiana supreme court, judge of the Indiana court of appeals, or judge of the Indiana tax court whose term ends in 2026, and who wishes to be retained in office by a retention vote, to file a statement with the secretary of state requesting that the question of retention be placed on the general election ballot. (IC 33-24-2-2; IC 33-25-2-2; IC 33-26-2-3)

DEADLINE for an incumbent Lake County or St. Joseph County superior court judge whose term ends in 2026 to file a statement with the Indiana Secretary of State stating that the judge wishes to have the question of the judge's retention placed on the 2026 general election ballot. The judge's statement must indicate the name the judge wants to appear on the ballot consistent with Indiana law regarding candidate names (IC 3-5-7). If a judge does not file the required statement, the question of that judge's retention in office or rejection shall not be submitted to the electorate, and the office becomes vacant at the expiration of the term. (IC 33-33-45-42(f); IC 33-33-71-43(b))

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to file online a **quarterly** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from April 1 through June 30, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-6(e)) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA End, at noon, of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file online a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*June 30*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, July 15*). A supplemental report is to be filed within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office **not** on the 2026 general election ballot (*Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General*) to file online a **semiannual** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from January 1 through June 30, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-9) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA BEGINNING of campaign finance reporting period for a candidate nominated by petition of nomination seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year, if the candidate has not previously raised or spent at least \$100 and already filed a statement of organization (CFA-1). This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year unless the committee has filed a statement of organization (CFA-1). (IC 3-5-2.1-67; IC 3-9-1-5; IC 3-9-5-8.2)

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

CFA End of campaign finance reporting period for candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year whose certificate of candidate selection to fill a candidate vacancy was filed July 6, 2026. This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year, unless the committee has filed a statement of organization (CFA-1). (IC 3-9-5-8.5)

CFA End of campaign finance reporting period for a declared write-in candidate. (IC 3-9-5-8.4)

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for Indiana Election Division, county election board, or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to determine if a Libertarian Party candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who are nominated at a county convention has filed a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-8-1-1.6) This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**.

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for Indiana Election Division, county election board, or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to determine if a candidate whose certificate of candidate selection was filed July 6, 2026, to fill a vacancy for an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year has filed a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-8-1-1.6) This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for Indiana Election Division, county election board, or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to determine if a declared write-in candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 has filed a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-8-1-1.6) This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a candidate for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate who is seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated at the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican Party state convention to file a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. NOTE: Candidates for statewide and state legislative office must file campaign finance forms online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact the Indiana Election Division for more information. (IC 3-9-1-5) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for an independent candidate or a minor party candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated by petition to file a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year or to a school board candidate. NOTE: Candidates for statewide and state legislative office must file campaign finance forms online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact the Indiana Election Division for more information. (IC 3-9-1-5) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a Libertarian Party candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated at a county convention on the last date that a county convention could be held (July 3 before noon) to file a post-convention campaign finance report with a county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration. (IC 3-9-5-8) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year whose certificate of candidate selection to fill a ballot vacancy was filed July 6, 2026, to file a campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division or the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year, unless the committee has filed a statement of organization (CFA-1). NOTE: Candidates for statewide and state legislative office must file campaign finance forms online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact the Indiana Election Division for more information. (IC 3-9-5-8.5; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a declared write-in candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year to file a campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division or the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This requirement does not apply to candidates seeking an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year, unless the committee has filed a statement of organization (CFA-1). NOTE: Candidates for statewide and state legislative office must file campaign finance forms online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact the Indiana Election Division for more information. (IC 3-9-5-8.4; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

CFA End of campaign finance reporting period for a candidate nominated by petition of nomination. (IC 3-5-2.1-67; IC 3-9-5-8.2)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to determine if a candidate for state or state legislative office nominated at the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican Party state convention (*except candidates for judicial office*), has filed a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100 or filing their first campaign finance report pursuant to IC 3-9-1-5(c)(3). (IC 3-8-1-1.6) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to determine if a Libertarian candidate seeking a judicial office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated at a state convention, has filed a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100 or filing their first campaign finance report pursuant to IC 3-9-1-5(c)(3). (IC 3-8-1-1.6) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to determine if an independent or minor party candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who was required to file a petition of nomination by noon July 15, 2026 has filed a campaign finance statement of organization for the candidate's committee. NOTE: Candidate committees for state legislative office must file a hard copy of the CFA-1 and an electronic copy online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact IED for more information. (IC 3-8-1-1.6) **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

DEADLINE for each county sheriff to provide a county voter registration office with a quarterly report of each Indiana resident who has been convicted of a crime and been placed in a county correctional facility. (IC 3-7-46-6) **STATE FORM: VRG-1 (County Sheriff Quarterly Report to County Voter Registration Office)**

DEADLINE for each local health officer to provide the county auditor and county voter registration office with the records of all deaths that occurred during the previous quarter. (IC 3-7-45-2.1; IC 16-37-3-9)

AUGUST 2026

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a local public question to be certified to a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for placement on the general election ballot. (*Transferred from Saturday, August 1, 2026*) (IC 3-10-9-3)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy, or a notice of withdrawal of candidacy previously filed, with a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to be the nominee of the Libertarian Party at a town convention for town office in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that elects some or all town offices in the 2026 general election. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-10-7-2.9; IC 3-8-5-10.5; IC 3-8-5-17; IC 3-8-7-28; IC 3-8-9-5) (*Transferred from Saturday, August 1, 2026.*) **STATE FORMS: CAN-16 (Town Office Declaration of Candidacy by a Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican Party Candidate When No Primary is Conducted in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local or School Board Office); CAN-24 (2026 General Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

NOTE: In even-numbered election years, the Democratic and Republican party candidates for small town office are nominated at the primary election (see related entries on January 7 and February 6, 2026, for more information). The above entry **ONLY** applies to candidates of the Libertarian Party in a town with a population of less than 3,500.

DEADLINE for the secretary of state to publish a report stating whether the results of each electronic voting system audit performed after the May 5, 2026, primary election indicate that the discrepancy that resulted in the audit was the result of human error, intentional violations of election laws, unknown causes, or a combination of these factors. (IC 3-12-3.5-8)

VR DEADLINE, for each county voter registration official to identify potential nonresidential addresses submitted on voter registration applications and potential nonresidential addresses in SVRS. (IC 3-7-33-5.7) (*Transferred from Saturday, August 1, 2026.*)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate seeking an office, other than a statewide office, paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated at a Libertarian Party state convention held on the last date that a state convention could be held (July 15 before noon) to file a post-convention campaign finance report (IC 3-5-2.1-67; IC 3-9-5-7; IC 3-9-5-8) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate seeking an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated by petition of nomination to file a campaign finance report. (IC 3-5-2.1-67; IC 3-9-5-7; IC 3-9-5-8.2) This requirement does not apply to an office paying less than \$5,000 in a calendar year, unless the committee has filed a statement of organization (CFA-1) or to candidates for school board. **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CAN First day to file a declaration of candidacy as a write-in candidate for school board with the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-11(d); IC

3-8-2.5-4; IC 3-8-9-5) **STATE FORM: CAN-26 (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for School Board in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Office)**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

VR DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division or a county voter registration office to complete any voter list maintenance program conducted before the general election. After midnight, counties may not perform certain voter list maintenance activities, such as moving a voter's registration status to "inactive" or sending a statewide address mailing confirmation notice during this freeze period (IC 3-7-38.2-2)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a statement with Indiana Election Division questioning the validity of an individual's declaration of intent to be a declared write-in candidate at the general election for write-in candidates that filed their declaration with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-8-1-2; IC 3-8-2-14(c)) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a statement with county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration questioning the validity of an individual's declaration of intent to be a declared write-in candidate (except for write-in candidates for school board) at the general election for write-in candidates that filed their declaration with the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-8-1-2; IC 3-8-2-14(c); IC 3-8-5-14.7(c)) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)** See entry for August 28, 2026, for deadline to file a statement questioning the validity of a write-in candidates for school board.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a Libertarian Party candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy for a town office which: (1) provides for at least \$5,000 in compensation per year; and (2) serves a town with a population of less than 3,500 which elects some or all town offices in the 2026 general election, to file a campaign finance statement of organization, unless the candidate has already been required to do so after raising or spending more than \$100. (IC 3-10-7-2.9; IC 3-9-1-5; IC 3-9-1-5.5) *(If a town office provides less than \$5,000 per year compensation the obligation to file is triggered by raising or spending at least \$500.)* **STATE FORM: CFA-1 (Statement of Organization)**

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a school board candidate who failed to file a campaign finance report on July 9, 2026 *(a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500)*. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)) *(Transferred from August 8, 2026)*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot that failed to file a quarterly report on July 15, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a statewide office **not** on the 2026 general election ballot in 2026 who failed to file a semi-annual report on July 15, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-9(e); IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a candidate nominated at a Libertarian Party county convention that failed to file a CFA-1 statement of organization on July 13, 2026, if the candidate became a candidate on July 6, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a candidate who was selected to file a ballot vacancy on July 6, 2026, and failed to file a CFA-1 statement of organization on July 13, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a declared write-in candidate that failed to file a CFA-1 statement of organization on July 13, 2026, if the candidate became on July 6, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Commission, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to resolve a question concerning the validity of an individual's declaration of intent to be a declared write-in candidate (except for a write-in candidate for school board) at the general election. (IC 3-8-1-2; IC 3-8-2-14(c); IC 3-8-5-14.7(c)) *See entry for September 10, 2026, for deadline to resolve a question concerning the validity of a write-in candidate for school board.*

DEADLINE, by noon, for a declared write-in candidate whose declaration has been challenged due to the candidate's claimed affiliation with a political party that has already attained ballot status in the general election to amend the candidate's declaration to state that the candidate is either independent or affiliated with a political party that the Indiana Election Commission, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration determines to have a name that would not result in voter confusion due to its similarity with the name of a political party that has attained ballot status. (IC 3-8-2-12.5)

VR DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office to file an affidavit with the Indiana Election Division affirming the completion of voter list maintenance activities. (IC 3-7-12-27) **STATE FORM: VRG-21 (Affidavit of County Voter Registration Officer Concerning Voter List Maintenance)**

A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DAYS BEFORE AUGUST 28, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, in a town with less than 3,500 in population that elects some or all of its offices in 2026 for the Libertarian Party to conduct a town convention of the party to nominate candidates for the general election from among competing candidates in the same party for the same office. (IC 3-10-7-2.9; IC 3-8-5-10; IC 3-8-5-13; IC 3-8-5-17)

NOTE: The Libertarian town party chairmen must post notices in the town that a town convention of the party must be held to choose between competing candidates in the same party for the same office if the town convention is being held not later than 72 hours before the convention begins. **STATE FORM: CAN-15 (Call to Town Convention)**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for an independent or minor party candidate nominated by petition and failed to file a CFA-1 statement of organization on July 22, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of candidacy as a write-in candidate for school board with the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2.5-4) **STATE FORM: CAN-26 (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for School Board in 2026); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local or School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a sworn statement to challenge a candidate to statewide office (*other than a statewide judicial office*) or for a state legislative office to remove the candidate from the general election ballot. A challenge may not be filed against a candidate who received a favorable ruling from the Indiana Election Commission in response to a previous challenge on the same grounds. The Commission shall conclude a hearing on a challenge within three (3) business days after the challenge is filed and shall announce its determination of the challenge not later than one business day after the conclusion of the hearing. If the Commission does not announce its determination by this deadline, the Commission is considered to have dismissed the challenge. The challenged candidate or the challenger may appeal the Commission's determination directly to the Indiana court of appeals. (IC 3-8-8) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a sworn statement challenging a candidate nominated at the Libertarian Party's state convention for federal office, state office, state legislative office, or the local offices of a judge of a circuit, superior, probate, or small claims court. (IC 3-8-4-10) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a sworn statement questioning the validity of a certificate of nomination to fill an early candidate vacancy with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-13-1-16.5; IC 3-13-1-20.5) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a sworn statement questioning the validity of a petition of nomination (*other than for a school board office*) with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-8-6-14) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for the secretary of state to certify, or deny the certification of, each petition of nomination filed in the secretary of state's office to the appropriate county. (IC 3-8-6-12(e))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a person whose petition of nomination as an independent or minor party candidate was rejected by the secretary of state for insufficient valid signatures of registered voters to file a statement with the Indiana Election Division questioning the validity of the rejection of the petition or nomination. (IC 3-8-6-12(d); IC 3-8-6-14) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a person whose petition of nomination as an independent or minor party candidate was rejected by a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors for insufficient valid signatures of registered voters to file a statement with the county election

board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration questioning the validity of the rejection of the petition of nomination. (IC 3-8-6-12(d); IC 3-8-6-14)
STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter of the school district to file a sworn statement questioning the validity of a petition of nomination for school board, or for a candidate for school board to file a statement questioning the denial of certification of a petition, with the county election board or the Lake County board of elections and registration. (IC 3-8-2.5-7) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to certify the primary election results, canvassed and tabulated under IC 3-10-1-34, to each county election board and to the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. The Indiana Election Division shall certify: (1) the name and residence of each individual nominated for statewide office (other than candidates nominated for President and Vice-President), U.S. Representative, for state legislative office, or a judicial office; (2) the name of each justice of the Indiana supreme court or judge of the court of appeals or tax court who has requested a retention vote; (3) the text of each public question to be voted on by the electorate of the entire state, (a proposed constitutional amendment, for example) and (4) the Indiana Election Division shall designate the device under which the list of candidates of each political party will be printed and order in which the political party ticket will be arranged. (IC 3-8-7-2; IC 3-8-7-16; IC 3-10-3-1)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to certify to each county election board and the Lake County board of elections and registration: (1) the name of each individual who filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Indiana Election Division; and (2) any political party that the individual is affiliated with, or whether the individual is an independent candidate. (IC 3-8-7-30)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to provide each county election board with a camera-ready copy of the device under which the candidates of the political party or the petitioner are to be listed so that ballots may be prepared using the best possible reproduction of the device. (IC 3-8-7-11(d))

DEADLINE, by noon, for the petitioner of nomination or the chairman of a political party to file, on behalf of a candidate or political party to be printed on the ballot only for election to local office, a camera-ready copy of the device under which the candidates of the political party are to be listed with the county election board of each county in which the name of the candidate or party will be placed on the ballot. (IC 3-8-7-11(e))

DEADLINE for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) to provide to counties that use optical scan voting systems a randomly sorted list of unique identification numbers for the optical scan voting machines and tabulators in the county's inventory. Optical scan voting systems and tabulators on this list will be tested at a public test of voting systems in the county. The list provided by VSTOP must contain not less than 5% of the machines and tabulators that will be used in the election in the county. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23)

DEADLINE for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) to provide to counties that use electronic voting systems with a randomly sorted list of unique identification numbers for the electronic voting machines in the county's inventory. Electronic voting systems on this list will be tested at a public test of voting systems in the county. The list provided by VSTOP must contain not less than 5% of the machines that will be used in the election in the county. (IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-2)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committee for a candidate who was nominated at a Libertarian Party county party convention and failed to file the post-convention campaign finance report on July 23, 2026. (*Transferred from Saturday, August 22, 2026.*) (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2); IC 3-9-5-8)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate that previously filed a declaration to be a write-in candidate for school board with the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to file a statement with the same office where the person filed the petition of nomination, stating that the person is no longer a candidate and does not wish the person's name to appear on the election ballot as a candidate. (IC 3-8-2.5-4) **STATE FORM: CAN-24 (2026 General Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, in a town having a population of less than 3,500 which elects some or all of its offices in 2026 for a candidate nominated at a Libertarian Party town convention on August 21, 2026, to file a statement with the same office where the person filed the declaration of candidacy for small town office, state that the person is no longer a candidates and does not wish the person's name to appear on the election ballot as a candidate. (IC 3-8-5-14.5) **STATE FORM: CAN-24 (2026 General Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a candidate who filled a ballot vacancy for a major party because no candidate ran in the primary or a write-in candidate who failed to file a post-nomination campaign finance report. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A); IC 3-9-5-8.4; IC 3-9-5-8.5)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, in a town having a population of less than 3,500 which elects some or all of its offices in 2026, for the chairman and secretary of a Libertarian Party town convention to file a certificate of nomination listing the candidates nominated at the town convention with a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-8-5-13; IC 3-10-6-12) **STATE FORM: CAN-18 (Town Convention Certificate of Nomination)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, in a town having a population of less than 3,500 which elects some or all town offices in 2026, for the chairman of a political minor political party (*other than the Libertarian Party*) that submitted a petition of nomination for the election of candidates to town office to file a certificate of candidate selection to fill any candidate vacancy. The certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's consent to the selection. (IC 3-13-1-18) **STATE FORMS: CAN-20 (Consent of Independent or Minor Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for Election in 2026); CAN-40 (Replacement of Candidate Nominated by Petition); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter of the school district to file a sworn statement questioning the validity of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school board office. (IC 3-8-2.5-7) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

DEADLINE, for the county election board to provide written notice to the county chairman of a political party with a candidate on the ballot and the superintendent of each school corporation when the ballot contains a school board candidate or a local public question concerning the school

corporation to provide an opportunity for the political party or the school corporation to inspect the ballot proofs. Specifies that after sixty (60) days before the date of the election, the ballot is considered approved and eligible for printing. (IC 3-11-2-2.1)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

VR First day of the period that the county voter registration office must begin providing a report containing information regarding all voter registration applications received by the county voter registration office after this date and ending twenty-nine (29) days before the general election. The report must be forwarded within 48 hours after the entry of the registration application into the Statewide Voter Registration System. The report must be provided daily, upon request, to a major party county chairman or other party chairman or an independent candidate's committee if the independent candidate is on the ballot. (*Transferred from Sunday, August 30, 2026.*) (IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3; IC 3-7-28-4)

DEADLINE, for the secretary of state to complete a "procedure audit," where the procedures of an election are reviewed to determine how well an election was conducted according to Indiana law, of the November 5, 2024, general election in counties selected by the secretary of state. (IC 3-12-14-9)

DEADLINE, for the secretary of state to complete a "procedure audit" of the May 5, 2026, primary election in counties selected by the secretary of state, where the procedures of an election are reviewed to determine how well an election was conducted according to Indiana law, (IC 3-12-14-8)

SEPTEMBER 2026

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the governing body of a political subdivision to provide the county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, and the county auditor, a certified copy of a resolution to withdraw a controlled project public question from the ballot. (IC 6-1.1-20-3.6)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a candidate seeking an office, other than a statewide office, paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year who is nominated at a Libertarian Party state convention who was required to file a post-nomination campaign finance report that was due on August 3, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2))

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a candidate nominated by petition (other than a school board candidate) who was required to file a statement of organization (CFA-1) and failed to file post-nomination campaign finance report due on August 3, 2026. (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

DEADLINE for the board of commissioners of a county to adopt an order by unanimous vote establishing a county board of registration with immediate authority to administer voter registration within the county; rescinding a previously adopted order to establish a board of registration; or abolishing a board of registration previously established by state law (IC 3-7-12-3), before that law was repealed. An order adopted after this date and before the general election becomes effective on the day following the election. (IC 3-7-12-5; IC 3-7-12-5.5)

DEADLINE for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to file an order adopting a vote center plan with the Indiana Election Division for the order to be effective for the November 2026 general election. An order filed after this date and before the general election becomes effective on the day following the general election. (IC 3-11-18.1-8)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to rescind any previously adopted resolution before the 2026 primary providing that absentee ballots to be voted before a traveling absentee board are to be initialed by the county election board or board of elections and registration (*and not initialed by the traveling board visiting the voter*). (IC 3-11-10-27)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

CAN **DEADLINE**, by noon, to file a sworn statement questioning the validity of a: (1) declaration of candidacy (*other than a declaration as a write-in candidate*); (2) petition of nomination; or (3) a certificate of nomination from a Libertarian Party town convention of a **candidate in a town with less than 3,500 in population** that elects some or all of its town offices in the 2026 election. (See *February 13, 2026, entry for deadline to challenge a Democratic or Republican Party primary election candidate for a small town office.*) (IC 3-8-5-14.7) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake or Porter County election director to file a copy of any *Town Convention Certificate of Nomination* (CAN-18) filed with the clerk or election director with the appropriate town clerk-treasurer setting forth the nominees certified as being

chosen at a Libertarian Party town convention in a town with less than 3,500 in population that elects some or all of its town offices in the 2026 general election. (IC 3-8-5-13; IC 3-8-5-17)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, at noon, for any challenge of the qualifications of a candidate for a statewide office (*other than a judicial office*) or for a state legislative office that is pending before the Indiana Election Commission or the Court of Appeals to be terminated regardless of status. The name of the challenged candidate may not be removed from the general election ballot, and another individual may not be named to replace the challenged candidate on the ballot after this date except for candidates required to withdrawal because they are disqualified under IC 3-8-1-5 or have moved their residence outside of the election district. All votes cast for the challenged candidate must be counted and reported under the name of the challenged candidate. (IC 3-8-8-7; IC 3-8-7-28(b) and (c))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Commission or a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to rule on a statement questioning the validity of a certificate of nomination to fill an early ballot vacancy. (IC 3-13-1-16.5(c); IC 3-13-1-20.5)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to rule on the validity of a petition of nomination (*other than for a school board office*). (IC 3-8-6-14(e))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Commission or a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to rule on a statement questioning the validity of the determination made by the secretary of state or a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration in rejecting a petition of an independent or minor party candidate that the petition did not contain a sufficient number of signatures as required by IC 3-8-6-3. (IC 3-8-6-12(d); IC 3-8-6-14(e))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate nominated by petition whose petition has been challenged due to the candidate's claimed affiliation with a political party that has already attained ballot status in the general election to amend the candidate's petition to state that the candidate is either independent or affiliated with a political party that has a name that would not result in voter confusion due to its similarity with the name of a political party that has attained ballot status. (IC 3-8-6-5.5(d))

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Commission to rule on a challenge to a candidate nominated at the Libertarian Party's state convention for U.S. Representative, state office, state legislative office, the local office of a judge of a circuit, superior, probate, or small claims court. (IC 3-8-4-10)

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to rule on the validity of a petition of nomination for a school board office or on a statement questioning the denial of certification of a petition. (IC 3-8-2.5-7)

DEADLINE for an error in the certification of candidates for election to an office (*other than for a Libertarian Party candidate for an office in a town with less than 3,500 in population that elects some or all town officers in the 2026 general election*) to be corrected by the public officials responsible for the certification. (IC 3-8-7-3(a))

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

VR DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to transmit a report containing information regarding all voter registration applications received by the county voter registration office to a major party county chairman (and on request to other chairmen or independent candidates on the ballot) showing all registrations that occurred during the part of the registration period ending August 30, 2026. (IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3)

DEADLINE for the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to estimate the number of absentee ballots and provisional ballots required in the county for the general election. After the estimate is made and the certification of candidates on the general election ballot is delivered by the Indiana Election Division, the county election board or Lake County board of elections and registration must begin to print the absentee and provisional ballots. *See September 14 for when absentee and provisional ballots must be printed and delivered to the county election board.* (IC 3-11-4-10; IC 3-11-4-14; IC 3-11.7-1-4; IC 3-11.7-1-6)

CFA End of reporting period for a write-in school board candidate if the candidate was required by state law to open a committee (*a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500*) (IC 3-9-5-8.4; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)** *See related entry for September 13, 2026.*

DEADLINE for the county election board in a county that uses optical scan voting systems or electronic voting systems to implement an alternative procedure for randomly testing at least 5% of the voting system machines used in the county in the event that the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) failed to provide the county not later than by August 21, 2026, a randomly assorted list of unique identification numbers for the voting machines in the county's inventory to be tested by the county at their public test of voting equipment. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23; IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-2)

DEADLINE for delivery of electronic poll books to the county in order to use them in the November 3, 2026, general election unless a county receives prior written authorization from the voting system technical oversight program (VSTOP). (IC 3-11-18.1-12)

DEADLINE, ballot is considered approved and eligible for printing even if the county election board did not receive feedback from the county political party chairman or the superintendent of the school corporation. (IC 3-11-2-2.1)

BEGINNING of the period in which a political subdivision may not enforce an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs. "Signs" refers to a sign with a surface area of which is not greater than thirty-two (32) square feet. For purposes of determining the surface area of a sign under this section, if a sign consists of two (2) faces, only the surface area of one (1) of the faces is considered if (1) the faces are mounted back-to-back; and (2) the measure of the angle between the faces is not more than fifteen (15) degrees. This does not prohibit a political subdivision from enforcing an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs at any time if necessary to ensure public safety. (IC 36-1-3-11)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

First day that a college or university must permit a student to knock on the door of each room in the living areas of student housing to conduct a poll. Before conducting the poll, the polltakers must submit certain information to the college or university. (IC 3-6-11-2.5; IC 3-6-11-2.6)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

LABOR DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

First day that ballots and other election material from the 2023 municipal election (other than registration transactions) may be destroyed after compliance with county commission on public records procedures in the materials were not already destroyed by March 4, 2026. (*Transferred from Monday, September 7, 2026*) (IC 3-8-7-24; IC 3-10-1-31.1; IC 3-11-8-30; IC 3-12-2-12; IC 3-12-3-10; IC 5-15-6)

First day the Indiana Election Division may dispose of declarations, certificates of nomination, petitions of nomination, and other election material from the 2024 general election, in compliance with state record retention procedures. (*Transferred from Saturday, September 5, 2026*)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to rule on the validity of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school board office. (IC 3-8-2.5-7)

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for a declared write-in school board candidate to file a campaign finance report with the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration if the candidate was required by state law to open a committee (*a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500*) (IC 3-9-5-8.4; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration, to rule on the validity of any declaration of candidacy filed by a Libertarian Party candidate, a petition of nomination, or certificate of nomination of a Libertarian Party candidate for election to a town office in a town with less than 3,500 in population that elects some or all of its town officers in the 2026 election. (IC 3-8-5-14.7(b))

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

ABS DEADLINE for the printing and delivery of absentee and provisional ballots by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for the general election. (IC 3-11-4-14; IC 3-11-4-15; IC 3-11.7-1-6)

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to notify each major party county chairman of the number of absentee voter boards, absentee ballot counters, and teams of couriers for counties that count absentee ballots at a central location to be appointed. However, absentee ballot couriers are not necessary in counties that use electronic poll books. If a county chairman fails to make a recommendation by September 18, 2026, then the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may appoint any voter of the county. (IC 3-11.5-4-22; IC 3-11.5-4-23)

DEADLINE for provisional ballots to be printed and delivered to the circuit court clerk or the clerk's authorized deputy. (IC 3-11.7-1-6(d))

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman to make written recommendations to the county election board for appointments for absentee voter boards, absentee ballot counters, and teams

of couriers for counties that count absentee ballots at a central location. However, absentee ballot couriers are not necessary in counties that use electronic poll books. If a county chairman fails to make a recommendation, then the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may appoint any voter of the county or, in some cases, a 16- or 17-year-old non-voter who meets statutory requirements. (IC 3-11.5-4-22; IC 3-11.5-4-23)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

ABS DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to mail, email, or fax general election absentee ballots to voters who previously filed an approved absentee ballot application to vote by mail, an ABS-Attorney General application for voters who are part of the AG's address confidentiality program, a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for military and overseas voters, or a combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD) with the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. **Although this deadline falls on Saturday, it does not roll over to the following Monday.** All counties must mail (or fax or email, if applicable) absentee ballots to voters with an approved ABS-Mail, ABS-Attorney General application, combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD), or Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) not later than this deadline date. A county may send out absentee mail ballots by mail, fax, or email prior to this deadline date, if ballots are printed and delivered before Monday, September 14, 2026 per IC 3-11-4-18(c)(2). After this date, the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must mail (or fax or email, if applicable) general election ballots to qualified voters on the same day that the voter's application is received and approved. *The requirement that absentee ballots be mailed on the same day that the absentee ballot application is received does not apply to absentee ballot applications that have been challenged.* If the absentee ballot application submitted by any voter is denied, the county election board shall provide written notice to the voter not later than forty-eight (48) hours stating the reasons for the denial to the voter. The notice may be personally delivered, mailed, or emailed to the voter. Note: A voter who submits an ABS-Mail application that does not conform to state law is required to be sent a specific notice described in IC 3-11-4-17.6. (IC 3-11-4-18; IC 3-11-4-17.5; IC 3-11-4-17.6)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) a notice stating the date that the quarterly campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail a pre-general election campaign finance report notice to candidates for state legislative office on the 2026 general election ballot. (IC 3-9-4-14(b))

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

CFA END of quarterly campaign finance reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

OCTOBER 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

CFA BEGINNING of pre-election quarterly reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to cover the period starting October 1 and ending October 19, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-6(e))

CFA BEGINNING of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file online a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*September 30, 2026*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, October 15, 2026*). A supplemental report is to be filed online within 48 hours of the receipt and acceptance of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-5-22)

DEADLINE for counties to post at least 48-hours' notice of the public test of voting equipment to comply with the Open Door Law if the county has scheduled a public test of electronic voting system units (DREs) or automatic tabulation machines on October 5, 2026. (IC 5-14-1.5-4) (*See related entry for newspaper publication on October 3, 2026*)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

DEADLINE for counties that use electronic voting system units (DREs), to publish at least 48-hours' notice of the required public test of the units if the county has scheduled a public test of electronic voting system units on October 5, 2026, the last day permitted under statute to hold the county's public test of voting systems. (IC 3-11-14.5-2)

DEADLINE for counties that use ballot card voting systems to publish at least 48-hours' notice of the required public test of the machines if the county has scheduled a public test optical scan ballot card voting systems on October 5, 2026, the last day permitted under statute to hold the county's public test of voting systems. (IC 3-11-13-22)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

CAN A candidate vacancy on the ballot occurring on or after this date must be filled by the "late candidate vacancy" procedures in IC 3-13-2. (IC 3-13-2-1; IC 3-13-1-20) **STATE FORMS: CAN-35 (Certification to Fill Late Ballot Vacancy for Local Office); CAN-31 (Declaration of Candidacy and Written Consent to Fill a Ballot Vacancy in 2026)**

Final day a college or university must permit a student to knock on the door of each room in the living areas of student housing to conduct a poll. (IC 3-6-11-2.5; IC 3-6-11-2.6)

Final day for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in the same county and same congressional district to qualify for a fail-safe. For a voter to use this fail-safe, either when voting by absentee ballot, early voting, or voting on election day, the voter must execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. (IC 3-10-11-7) **STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

VR **Voter Registration Ends. DEADLINE**, at close of business, for an individual to hand deliver a voter registration application or combined form for voters with print disabilities (ABS-VPD) to apply for or update their voter registration to the county voter registration office so that the voter can be registered for the general election. (IC 3-7-13-10; IC 3-7-13-11)

VR **DEADLINE**, 5:00 p.m., for an individual to hand deliver a voter registration application or the combined form for voters with print disabilities to apply for to update their voter registration to the Indiana Election Division for transmittal to the appropriate county voter registration office so that the voter can be registered for the general election. (IC 3-7-33-3.7)

VR **DEADLINE**, at close of business, for an individual to register to vote while conducting specific transactions at a bureau of motor vehicles license branch or other “full service” agency. NOTE: the BMV or other designated “full service” agency cannot accept a state or federal voter registration form on behalf of a client or customer unless that person is performing specific transaction with the BMV or full-service agency. For example, an individual securing an Indiana drivers’ license must be offered the opportunity to register to vote as part of that transaction, but a person securing a title to a car at the BMV branch could not submit a voter registration application for the BMV staff to remit to the county voter registration official. (IC 3-7-33-3)

VR **DEADLINE**, for an individual mailing a voter registration application or a combined form for voters with print disabilities to apply for or update their voter registration to a county voter registration office or the Indiana Election Division to deposit the registration application in the mail in a manner and in time so that the mail is postmarked no later than today’s date (*and later delivered*) by the United States Postal Service so that the voter can be registered for the general election. (IC 3-7-33-3.7; IC 3-7-33-4)

VR **DEADLINE**, not later than midnight, for an eligible applicant to submit a completed voter registration application online on the secure website provided by the state in accordance with IC 3-7-26.7 so that the voter can be registered for the general election. (IC 3-7-33-3.5; IC 3-7-26.7)

VR Last day for a county voter registration office to prepare a report, upon request from a major party county chairman, a bona fide party chairman, or an independent candidate’s committee if the candidate is on the ballot, containing new voter registrations. The report shall be provided in response to a request within 48 hours of the date on which the report was made. (IC 3-7-28-2; IC 3-7-28-3)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to conduct a public test of a direct record electronic (DRE) voting system for the general election. The county election board must test the machines on the randomly sorted list of voting machines provided by VSTOP to determine if the machines are correctly counting votes for all candidates, including write-ins, for all public questions, and for straight-party votes. The test must include a visual inspection of the voting system unit and ballot label, entry of a preaudited group of ballots marked so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes, and an attempt to overvote to test the ability of the electronic voting system to reject overvotes. The test must also include the entry of a preaudited group of at least one ballot from three different precincts where an election will be conducted to test the functionality of the system components used by a voter with disabilities to independently and privately cast and ballot and record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question. Additionally, after the testing of the voting system, the county election board shall enter the vote totals from the voting systems into the component of the voting system used by the board to tabulate election results under IC 3-12-3.5 to determine whether the component properly tabulators and determines

the votes cast for in each precinct and the total votes cast for each candidate and public question. If an individual attending the public test requests that additional voting machines be tested, the county election board shall test more machines from the randomly sorted list provided by VSTOP. The board must file an **IEC-9 form with the Indiana Election Division** certifying the performance of the public test not later than seven (7) days after the test. (IC 3-11-14.5-1; IC 3-11-14.5-5).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to conduct a public test of the optical scan ballot card voting systems for the general election. The county election board must test the machines on the list of randomly sorted voting machines and tabulators provided by VSTOP to determine if the machines are correctly counting votes for all candidates, including write-ins, for all public questions, and for straight-party votes. The test must include entry of a preaudited group of ballots marked so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question and an attempt to overvote to test the ability of the automatic tabulating machines to reject overvotes. For counties that use a voting system that has features of both an ballot card voting system and a direct record electronic voting system, the testing must include the casting of at least ten (10) preaudited ballots cast by using the headphone or a sip/puff device so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each public question with at least one ballot for each office and public question that has been overvoted to test the ability of the voting system to reject overvotes. Additionally, after the testing of the voting system and tabulator, the county election board shall enter the vote totals from the tabulators into the component of the voting system used by the board to tabulate and canvass election results under IC 3-12-4 to determine whether the component properly tabulators and determines the votes cast for in each precinct and the total votes cast for each candidate and public question. If an individual attending the public test requests that additional voting machines be tested, the county election board shall test machines from the second list provided by VSTOP. The board must file an **IEC-10 form with the Indiana Election Division** certifying the performance of the public test not later than seven (7) days after the test. (IC 3-11-13-22; IC 3-11-13-23(b)). **NOTE: IF THE PUBLIC TEST IS NOT PERFORMED, THE BALLOT CARDS MUST BE TABULATED BY HAND.**

DEADLINE, for the county commissioners, the Mayor of Indianapolis, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate polling places for each precinct in the county, if the county is not a vote center county. (IC 3-11-8-3.1) *NOTE: In vote center counties, the county election board can unanimously agree to amend the county's vote center plan at any time, including updating election day locations.*

DEADLINE, for Secretary of State to request the news media to include a copy of the Voter's Bill of Rights in election coverage or public service announcements. (IC 3-5-8-5)

An individual filing a civil action alleging a violation of NVRA is not required to provide notice of the violation to the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division if the violation occurs on or after this date and no later than the November 3, 2026, general election. (IC 3-7-11-14)

A voter who has moved to a different precinct in Indiana beginning on this date, which is less than thirty (30) days before the general election and has not updated their voter registration application to the address where they now reside in Indiana may use the fail-safe described in IC 3-10-11 to transfer their registration to their current address in Indiana. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. A voter must complete an affidavit to use this fail-safe either when absentee voting or voting on election day. This fail-safe does not permit a voter to vote on a public question under IC 6-1.1-20 (controlled project referendum), IC 20-46-1 (school tax levy referendum), and IC 20-46-9 (school safety tax levy referendum) if the voter moved outside of the local political subdivision or school corporation holding the referendum (IC 3-10-11-7) **STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

ABS First day that a voter may early vote (absentee in-person) an absentee general election ballot before an absentee voter board in one location of the office of the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, and at a satellite absentee voting facility if established by the county election board. (IC 3-11-10-26)

ABS DEADLINE for county election board to conduct a training session for a member of the absentee voter board before that absentee board member performs the member's duties. (IC 3-11-10-39)

VR First day that an employee of a "full service" voter registration agency must advise an applicant for voter registration that the application will be processed by the county voter registration office after the general election. (IC 3-7-33-3)

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate by resolution the precincts for which assistant poll clerks are to be appointed. (IC 3-6-6-4)

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) a notice stating the date that the quarterly campaign finance reports are due. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-4-14(b)(2))

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

CFA End of the pre-general election campaign finance reporting period for candidates on the 2026 general election ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*). Report is due October 16, 2026 (*see entry below*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

CFA First day of the post-general election campaign finance reporting period (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

CFA First day of the pre-general election supplemental campaign finance reporting period for candidates appearing on the 2026 general election ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*) and write-in candidates for the 2026 general election. If a candidate receives and accepts contributions from a person that totals \$1,000 or more on or after this date, the candidate must file a pre-general election supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration within 48 hours after receiving and accepting the contribution. **NOTE: Candidates for state legislative office must file all campaign finance paperwork online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact IED for more information.** (IC 3-9-4-4; IC 3-9-5-20.1)
STATE FORM: CFA-11 (Supplemental "Large Contribution" Report)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

COLUMBUS DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

VR DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to receive a "mail in" registration application with a missing or illegible postmark. The application will permit an otherwise qualified applicant to vote in the general election. (*Transferred from Monday, October 12, 2026.*; IC 3-7-33-4)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman to file nominations with a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for individuals to serve as precinct election officers at the general election. (IC 3-6-6-10)

First day, after noon, that a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration may, by majority vote, fill a vacant precinct election office when the appropriate county chairman has made no nomination for the office. (IC 3-6-6-13(b))

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to certify to the Indiana Election Division that a public test of an direct record electronic (DRE) voting system at the general election has been conducted in conformity with state law if that test was performed on the last day it could be performed on October 5, 2026. (*Transferred from Monday, October 12, 2026*; IC 3-11-14.5-9) **STATE FORMS: IEC-9 (Certification of Test of Electronic Voting System or DRE)**

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to certify to the Indiana Election Division that a public test of an optical scan ballot card voting system at the general election has been conducted in conformity with state law if that test was performed on the last day it could be performed on October 5, 2026. (*Transferred from Monday, October 12, 2026*; IC 3-11-13-22) **STATE FORMS: IEC-10 (Certification of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment or Optical Scan Ballot Card Voting System)**

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to publish in a newspaper a list of the offices to be filled at the general election; the text of any public question to be placed on the ballot; the date of the general election; the dates, times, and locations of early voting at the circuit court clerk's office and at satellite offices under IC 3-11-10-26 and IC 3-11-10-26.3; and the hours during which the Election Day voting locations will be open. *Note: State law does not require candidate names to appear on the notice of general election; however, state law does not permit or otherwise require candidate addresses to be included on this notice.* (IC 3-10-2-2; IC 3-10-3-1; IC 5-3-1-2) **STATE FORM: CAN-39 (Legal Notice of General Election)**

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to publish notice of the place of voting for each precinct or vote center location. (IC 3-11-8-3.2; IC 3-11-18.1-9; IC 5-3-1-2; IC 5-3-1-4) *Note: this is a separate notice with no state form and not part of the CAN-39 legal notice.*

DEADLINE for a county election board to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a declared write-in school board candidate committee required to file a campaign finance report on September 10, 2026, if the candidate was required by state law to open a committee (*a candidate for school board is not required to open a committee by filing a statement of organization until the candidate raises or spends at least \$500*). (*Transferred from Saturday, October 11, 2026.*) (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to file online a **quarterly** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from July 1 through September 30. (IC 3-9-5-6(e)) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

CFA **END**, at noon, of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file online a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the quarterly reporting period (*September 30*) and before the deadline to file this quarterly report (*noon, October 15*). A supplemental report is to be filed within 48 hours of the receipt and acceptance of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22) **STATE FORM: CFA-11 (Supplemental "Large Contribution" Report)**

ABS First day that a voter requesting an absentee traveling board to visit the voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence, may vote before the traveling absentee board. (IC 3-11-10-25; IC 3-11-10-24(b)) **STATE FORM: ABS-TRAVELING BOARD**

ABS **DEADLINE** for county election board to conduct a training session for a member of the absentee voter board being used being used as a travel board to visit a voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is carding for a confined person at a private residence before that absentee board member performs the member's duties. (IC 3-11-10-39)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for a candidate's committee with a candidate on the 2026 general election ballot (*other than a candidates' committees for a statewide office*), all legislative caucus committees, all political action committees, and all regular party committees, to file a **pre-general election campaign finance report** with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This deadline applies whether the report was hand-delivered, sent by U.S. mail, or otherwise delivered to the division or board. *NOTE: See definition of "filing" in IC 3-5-2.1-47. NOTE: State law requires candidates for state legislative office to file all campaign finance documents online at campaignfinance.in.gov. Please contact IED for more information.* (IC 3-9-4-4; IC 3-9-5-3; IC 3-9-5-4; IC 3-9-5-7) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

ABS If the county election board adopts a resolution authorizing the circuit court clerk to do so, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration or a satellite location established by the county election board must be open for at least four (4) hours to permit early voting (in-person absentee ballot voting). (IC 3-11-10-26(h))

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

CFA End of campaign finance reporting period for the final pre-election report of a candidate's committee of a candidate for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

CFA **BEGINNING** of the final quarterly reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, Treasurer of State*). (IC 3-9-5-6(e))

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

CFA BEGINNING of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to file online a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the pre-election reporting period (*October 20*) and before the deadline to file the final quarterly report (*noon, October 27*). A supplemental report is to be filed online within 48 hours of the receipt and acceptance of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22) **STATE FORM: CFA-11 (Supplemental "Large Contribution" Report)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, to file a sworn statement with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection to fill a late vacancy on the general election ballot. (IC 3-8-1-2; IC 3-13-2-11) **STATE FORM: CAN-1 (Candidate Filing Challenge)**

First day for each public school and nonpublic school to fulfill the requirement to provide class discussion concerning the system of government, methods of voting, party structures, election laws, and the responsibilities of citizen participation in government and elections. (IC 20-30-5-4)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m., for the Indiana Election Division, a circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive a mailed, faxed or emailed absentee ballot application from a voter who requests to vote **by mail**. (*Note: this does not include a voter who is a confined voter or a voter caring for a confined person who requests that the absentee ballot be delivered to the applicant by an absentee voter board or an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who requests to vote by fax or email using the FPCA.*) (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(4); IC 3-11-4-3(b)) **STATE FORM: ABS-MAIL; ABS-Attorney General**

ABS DEADLINE for a circuit court clerk, the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive an absentee ballot application (FPCA) to vote by mail from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter in order to count the special federal write-in absentee ballot submitted by the voter. (IC 3-12-2-7.5; 52 U.S.C. § 20303) Absent uniformed services voter or overseas voters may also vote by FAX or email. (*For deadline to apply by fax or email see entry for November 2, 2026.*)

ABS DEADLINE for a circuit court clerk, the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration, or the Indiana Election Division to receive a combined form for voters with print disabilities who is requesting an absentee ballot be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the voter. (IC 3-11-4-3; IC 3-11-4-6) **STATE FORM: ABS-VPD**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ABS For vote center and non-vote center counties, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit absentee ballot voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may, by majority vote, reduce absentee voting hours in the office of the clerk to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. (IC 3-11-10-26)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ABS All vote center counties must have one vote center that is used on Election Day to be established as a satellite early voting location for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee ballot voting. This vote center location is in addition to the requirement that the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration be open for in-person early voting. (*see related entry above*) (IC 3-11-18.1-4(15))

VR **DEADLINE**, the county voter registration office shall certify to the county election board a list of the registration forms that remain incomplete after the effort made to contact the applicant by mail and telephone (if a telephone number was provided on the voter registration application) and that do not permit the county voter registration office to determine if the applicant is eligible to register under this article. Upon certification, the county voter registration office shall reject the applications. (IC 3-7-34-4)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board to notify the county chairmen of the two major political parties of the number of teams of provisional ballot counters to be appointed. (IC 3-11.7-3-3)

DEADLINE, for a county voter registration office to prepare certified copies of the list of registered voters of each precinct (except counties that have adopted vote centers or counties that have adopted the use of electronic poll books for the election). The list must contain the full name, address, and identification number of each voter. The county voter registration office must prepare and furnish no more than two (2) copies of the list to the precinct inspector. The inspector may provide a copy of the list to any other precinct officer. Upon receiving a written request from a major political party county chairman, one (1) copy of the registered voter list prepared for the inspector of each precinct under IC 3-7-29-1 shall be furnished to the county chairman making the request. (IC 3-7-28-4; IC 3-7-29-1; IC 3-7-29-2; IC 3-7-29-6)

DEADLINE, in a county that tabulates all votes cast on ballot cards at a central location, for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to designate a central location for the processing of ballot cards. This requirement is not related to central count of absentee ballots; instead, it applies for those counties that may centrally count all ballots (absentee and Election Day) at a central location. (IC 3-12-3-2.5)

DEADLINE, for the Lake County board of elections and registration to duplicate, distribute, and cause to be posted copies of official sample ballots to schools, fire stations, county courthouses, and other public buildings in the county. (IC 3-11-14-8)

DEADLINE, in a county having a population of at least 300,000 for the judge of the circuit court to order the county commissioners, the Mayor of Indianapolis, or the Lake County board of elections and registration, to provide a suitable room for the canvassing of votes other than a room in the county courthouse. (IC 3-12-4-7)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

VR **DEADLINE**, by 11:59 p.m., for a county voter registration office to receive a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) from an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter to process as a new voter registration application or to update their existing Indiana registration before the primary election. (IC 3-7-36-10) (*NOTE: Under Indiana law, using the FCPA extends the voter registration period for military and overseas voters; see related entry on November 3, 2026, for those military voters who were discharged before the date of the election.*)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to notify county chairmen that sample ballots are available for inspection. (IC 3-6-5-14(b); IC 3-11-3-10; IC 3-11-13-6; IC 3-11-14-14)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to file a copy of the notice of the general election with the Indiana Election Division and in the minutes of the board. *(See related entry on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, for the requirement for the county to publish this notice in the newspaper)* (IC 3-10-2-2)

STATE FORM: CAN-39 (Legal Notice of General Election)

CFA **End**, at noon, of reporting period for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file online a supplemental campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division to report large contributions that total at least \$1,000 from a person that are received and accepted by the committee after the end of the pre-election reporting period (*October 19, 2026*) and before the deadline to file the quarterly report (*noon, October 27, 2026*). A supplemental report is to be filed online within 48 hours of the receipt and acceptance of the large contribution. (IC 3-9-5-22)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot (*Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and Treasurer of State*) to file online a **quarterly** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from October 1 through October 19. (IC 3-9-5-6) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CAN **DEADLINE**, by noon, for the Indiana Election Commission, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to resolve any question concerning the validity of an individual's selection as a candidate to fill a late ballot vacancy on the general election ballot. (IC 3-8-1-2; IC 3-13-2-11)

DEADLINE for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to receive a certificate of death for a candidate, or to vote unanimously that there is good cause to believe a candidate has died, to print new ballots to remove the name of the former candidate who has died if the former candidate's party does not fill the vacancy by noon, October 29, 2026. A ballot removing the name of the candidate **may** contain the statement "NO CANDIDATE" or "CANDIDATE DECEASED" or words to that effect at the appropriate position on the ballot. (IC 3-11-3-29.5)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate vacancy to be filled to require a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to reprint ballots with the successor candidate's name. If a candidate vacancy is filled after noon on this date and before the election, the county election board is not required to reprint ballots with the name of the successor candidate but may do so upon the vote of the election board. (IC 3-11-3-29.5)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

ABS For vote center and non-vote center counties, the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit absentee ballot voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may, by majority vote, reduce absentee voting hours in the office of the clerk to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. (IC 3-11-10-26)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

ABS

All vote center counties must have one vote center that is used on Election Day to be established as a satellite early voting location for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee ballot voting. This vote center location is in addition to the requirement that the office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration be open for in-person early voting. (see *related entry above*) (IC 3-11-18.1-4(15))

DEADLINE, for the county executive or Mayor of Indianapolis to change a polling place for a precinct in the non-vote center county. However, if the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration determines by a unanimous vote that the use of a polling place at an election would be dangerous or impossible, the board may order the relocation of the polling place after this date. The board shall give the best possible notice of the change to news media and the voters of the precinct. (IC 3-11-8-3.2) *NOTE: For vote center counties, the county election board can unanimously agree to amend their county's vote center plan at any time, including a change to an Election Day voting location.*

First day an inspector or other member of the precinct election board authorized in writing by the inspector may pick up ballots and election supplies for the inspector's precinct. A county election board may deliver the electronic poll book to the inspector or inspector's authorized representative for delivery to the polls. Before delivery of an electronic poll book, the county election board shall do the following: 1) affix a tamper-proof numbered seal to the electronic poll book or a secure container that includes a single electronic poll book; 2) record the number of the seal affixed to each electronic poll book or container; and 3) provide a list of the units and the number of the unit's seal to the inspector. A county election board may adopt a unanimous resolution to use an alternative electronic poll book delivery protocol instead of using seals but the resolution must be filed with the Indiana Election Division before delivery and the resolution must set forth the following information: 1) The method to be used to ensure that an electronic poll book is not accessed, modified, or tampered with after the electronic poll book is transferred by the county election board to the inspector or the inspector's authorized representative for delivery; and 2) The method for a precinct election board or vote center officers to determine and document on behalf of the county election board that each electronic poll book was successfully secured against improper access, modification, or tampering before delivery to the polling place or vote center. *Note: if counties use a paper poll list, then the paper poll list must be included with the sealed election materials picked up by the Inspector or Inspector's representative.* (IC 3-11-3-10)

BEGINNING AT NOON, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, four (4) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.
- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.
- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;

- b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
- c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

CFA 6 A.M., end of the pre-general supplemental campaign finance reporting period for candidates on the general ballot (*other than candidates' committees for a statewide office*). Contributions from a person that totals \$1,000 or more received and accepted by a candidate on the general election ballot after that time must be reported on the committee's annual campaign finance report. (IC 3-9-5-20.1)

DEADLINE for a precinct inspector or other member of the precinct election board authorized in writing by the inspector may pick up ballots and election supplies for the inspector's precinct. A county election board may deliver the electronic poll book to the inspector or inspector's authorized representative. (IC 3-11-3-10)

DEADLINE, in a county that does not use electronic poll books, for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration to provide a certificate to inspectors stating the names of the voters: (1) to whom absentee ballots were sent or who marked ballots in person; and (2) whose ballots have been received by the county election board under IC 3-11-10. The clerk may provide the inspector with a **pre-marked poll list** that indicates individuals who have voted by absentee ballot when the inspector picks up the poll list and other supplies on the weekend before Election Day. In counties that use electronic poll books the names of voters from whom absentee ballots have received are updated through 6 p.m. on election day (the deadline for a county election board to timely receive an absentee ballot except for absentee ballots mailed back by overseas voters) eliminating the need for lists of absentee voters or absentee ballot couriers. (IC 3-11.5-4-1; IC 3-11.5-4-10; IC 3-11.5-4-22; IC 3-11.5-4-24)

BEGINNING AT NOON, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, three (3) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.
- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.
- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;
 - b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
 - c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned

but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in-person in one office of the circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration or at a satellite absentee voting facility established by the county election board. A voter in the act of voting at noon may complete voting and a voter waiting in line to vote at noon may vote, if otherwise qualified to do so, and if the circuit court clerk's designee indicates that the voter was present at noon by writing down the name of the voter, stamping the voter's hand, or standing immediately behind the last voter in line at noon. (IC 3-11-4-3; IC 3-11-10-26; IC 3-11-10-29.2)

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to receive a mailed, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered absentee ballot application from a voter requesting an absentee traveling board to visit the voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury of the voter, or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence. (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(3); IC 3-11-4-3(b); IC 3-11-10-25)

ABS DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to receive an absentee ballot application from a military or overseas voter who requests to vote an absentee ballot by fax or email. The application may be delivered to the circuit court clerk or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration by hand delivery, mail, fax, or email. (IC 3-11-4-3(a)(2)(B); IC 3-11-4-3(b); IC 3-11-4-4(a)(4))

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county chairmen of the two major political parties to make a written recommendation to the county election board for the appointment of individuals as provisional ballot counters. If a county chairman fails to make a nomination, the county election board may appoint any voter of the county. (*Transferred from Saturday, October 31, 2026*; IC 3-11.7-3-4; IC 3-11.7-3-5)

BEGINNING AT NOON, a county that uses electronic poll books at the polls on Election Day or that has adopted a vote center plan may adopt a resolution, and by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may have their absentee ballot counters, in the presence of the county election board, process the absentee ballot of a voter as any absentee ballot that has been received by the county election board not later than noon, two (2) days before the election. The absentee ballot counters shall do all the following:

- (1) Conduct a review of the absentee ballot required IC 3-11.5-4-12(a)-(c). Marion County and any other county that has adopted a resolution to forgo the second review of the absentee ballot envelope and determining if the voter is a qualified of the precinct for all voters who voted absentee in-person or by travel board apply to this procedure. County election boards cannot pass a resolution to waive the second signature review of absentee ballots sent by mail.
- (2) Determine if the absentee ballot cannot be counted according to IC 3-11.5-4-13.

- (3) Open the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a manner that does not deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting the ballot to be unfolded or examined.
- (4) Determine if the absentee ballot has been endorsed with the initials of:
 - a. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office of the clerk of the circuit court under IC 3-11-4-19 or IC 3-11-10-27;
 - b. the two (2) members of the absentee voter board visiting the voter under IC 3-11-10-25; or
 - c. the two (2) appointed members of the county election board or the members' designated representatives under IC 3-11-4-19.

If a county uses an optical scan voting system that has been certified by the Indiana Election Commission to include an approved ballot retraction method, absentee ballots may be scanned but not tabulated and then stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct. If a county uses an optical scan voting system that does not include a ballot retraction method, then the absentee ballot cannot be scanned and must be stored in an envelope or container kept for ballots of the same precinct for scanning and tabulation on Election Day. The envelope or container must have the name of the precinct written on the envelope or container and be stored in a secure manner under dual lock controlled by both appointed members of the county election board. (Marion County has separate procedures for storing its absentee ballots.) (IC 3-11.5-4-11.5)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in Indiana less than thirty (30) days before the general election, to execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. After this time, the affidavit may be executed in person at the polling place in the voter's precinct of former residence. (IC 3-10-11-7) **STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)**

DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for a voter who has moved to a different precinct in the same county and same congressional district to execute a transfer request for the voter's registration in the county voter registration office. This transfer allows the voter to return to the voter's precinct of former residence and vote at that location one final time. After this time, the affidavit may be executed in person at the polling place in the voter's precinct of former residence. (IC 3-10-12-4) **STATE FORM: VRG-4/12 (Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot)**

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registrations to deliver the voting system and equipment to each polling place. A county election board shall have the ePollbook system put in order, set and adjusted, and ready for use for Election Day voting. Voting systems may be delivered to precincts by any of the following: 1) the county election board; 2) a bipartisan team of individuals as designated by the county election board; or 3) a commercial delivery entity contracted by the county election board. A person who is imprisoned (such as a county jail inmate), subject to lawful detention, on probation, subject to home detention, or placed in a community corrections program, may not deliver a voting system. The person or persons delivering the voting system must sign a certificate that contains the following: 1) a statement that the voting system remained in the custody and control of the persons delivering the voting system during the period between leaving the custody of the county election board and delivery to the polling location; 2) a statement that no other individual had access to any voting system; and 3) documentation of an individual who received the voting system when it was delivered to the polls; and 4) the written name and signature of the individual receiving the voting system at the polls. The person or persons delivering the voting system must file the completed certificate with the county election board immediately upon

delivery. (IC 3-11-3-10; IC 3-11-11-1.8; IC 3-11-13-6; IC 3-11-14-13) **STATE FORMS: CEB-1A (Certification of Delivery of Voting Systems to Precinct or Vote Center)**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

DEADLINE for a county election board to conduct a training and educational meeting for inspectors, judges, poll clerks, assistant poll clerks, and sheriffs. Inspectors must attend this meeting. The county election board may require other precinct election officers to attend as well. A county election board may allow an individual to serve as a precinct election officer if the individual is appointed after the training and educational meeting or the poll worker demonstrates to the county election board that the individual was unable to attend the meeting due to a good cause. (IC 3-6-6-40)

Each full-service license branch must remain open from 8:30 a.m. local time until 8:00 p.m. local time, solely for the purpose of issuing driver's licenses and state identification cards. (IC 9-14.1-2-5)

DEADLINE for the county election board in a vote center county to do both of the following: 1) make the comparison between the sample ballots, regular official ballots, and provisional ballots; and 2) certify that the ballots are in agreement on the CEB-40. A copy of the certification shall be entered into the minutes of the county election board. The county election board shall have copies of each sample ballot for each precinct available for inspection by a voter at each vote center and post a notice in the vote center stating that sample ballots are available for inspection upon request by the voter. (IC 3-11-11-1.9, IC 3-11-13-27, IC 3-11-14-17) **STATE FORM: CEB-40 (Certificate of Ballot Agreement in a Vote Center County; Notice to Voters)**

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DEADLINE (by midnight) for a traveling absentee voter board to visit and vote a voter at the voter's location because of illness or injury or because the voter is caring for a confined person at a private residence. A county election board, by unanimous vote of its entire membership, may authorize a person who is otherwise qualified to vote in person to vote by absentee ballot if the board determines that the person has been hospitalized or suffered an injury following the final date and hour for applying for an absentee ballot that would prevent the person from voting in person at the polls. (IC 3-11-4-1; IC 3-11-10-25; IC 3-11-10-24(b))

DEADLINE for each county sheriff to provide the county voter registration office with a list of each Indiana resident who has been convicted of a crime and has been placed in a county correctional facility during the previous quarter. (*Transferred from Saturday, October 31, 2026*) (IC 3-7-46-6) **STATE FORM: VRG-1 (County Sheriff Quarterly Report to County Voter Registration Office)**

DEADLINE for each local health officer to provide the county auditor and county voter registration office with the records of all deaths that occurred during the previous quarter. (*Transferred from Saturday, October 31, 2026*) (IC 3-7-45-2.1; IC 16-37-3-9)

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 (IC 3-10-2-1)

The office of the circuit court clerk must remain closed, but the clerk shall perform the duties required to conduct elections on general election day but is not required to perform a duty other than conducting elections. (IC 3-5-4-14)

DEADLINE, by 5 a.m., for the members of the precinct election board, poll clerks, and sheriffs to meet at the polling place. (IC 3-11-11-2; IC 3-11-13-27; IC 3-11-14-16)

In a poll using an electronic voting system that is not a vote center, each precinct election board must: (1) compare the ballot label on each electronic voting system with the sample ballot to see that it is correct; (2) see that the system records zero (0) votes for each candidate and on each public question; and (3) see that the system is otherwise in perfect order before the polls open. The board then shall certify that the ballot labels and the sample ballots are in agreement. In vote center counties, the county election board must determine that the systems used at the vote center have zero (0) votes cast on them for each candidate and public question and complete the certification that each voting system is in perfect order. (IC 3-11-14-13; IC 3-11-14-17) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

In a poll using an optical scan ballot card voting system that is not a vote center, the precinct election board must (1) compare the ballot cards used in the marking device with the sample ballots furnished and determine whether the names, numbers, and letters are in agreement; (2) see that the system records zero (0) votes for each candidate and on each public question; and (3) see that the system is otherwise in perfect order before the polls open. The board then shall certify that the ballot labels and the sample ballots are in agreement. In vote center counties, the county election board must determine that the systems used at the vote center have zero (0) votes cast on them for each candidate and public question and complete the certification that each voting system is in perfect order. (IC 3-11-13-27) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

In a county using electronic poll books, the inspector and judge of the opposite political party from the inspector certify the following regarding the seal on each electronic poll book or container of a single electronic poll book provided to this precinct by the county election board: 1) The seal is intact; 2) The seal shows no evidence of tampering; and 3) The seal bears the number indicated on the list provided to the inspector by the county election board. (IC 3-11-8-7.5) **STATE FORM: PRE-1 (Precinct or Vote Center Oath Book)**

The precinct election board shall post the Voter's Bill of Rights in a public place in each polling place on election day. (IC 3-5-8-3)

In non-vote center counties, the precinct election board shall post sample ballots near the entrance to the polls and see that they are available to public inspection throughout the day. (IC 3-11-11-1.9, IC 3-11-13-27, IC 3-11-14-17)

In a vote center county, the county election board shall post a notice stating that the sample ballots for each precinct are available upon request by the voter. (IC 3-11-11-1.9; IC 3-11-13-10; IC 3-11-14-5) **STATE FORM: CEB-40 (Certificate of Ballot Agreement in a Vote Center County; Notice to Voters)**

In a county using electronic poll books, the county election board shall provide a notice that the inspector shall post that warns that making a false statement by signing the electronic poll list or concerning the individual's name or residence address is punishable as a Level 6 felony. The

notice must be posted in a location clearly visible to a voter who provides information to the precinct election officer using the electronic poll book. (IC 3-7-29-1; IC 3-11-13-11)

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5:30 a.m.: a challenger, pollbook holder, or watcher may enter into the polling place. (IC 3-6-7-5, IC 3-6-8-4; IC 3-6-9-13; IC 3-6-10-5.5; IC 3-11-8-15, IC 3-11-8-16)

POLLS OPEN, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time. (IC 3-11-8-8)

Each full-service license branch must remain open from 6:00 a.m. local time until 6:00 p.m. local time, solely for the purpose of issuing driver's licenses and state identification cards. (IC 9-14.1-2-5)

Any time after 6:00 a.m., in a vote center county or county that uses electronic poll books that has passed a unanimous resolution of the county election board, for absentee counters to begin counting absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be processed by the absentee ballot counters prior to counting and the electronic poll books must be updated to reflect receipt of the absentee ballots not later than 12:01 a.m. on election day under this procedure. (IC 3-11.5-4-11)

DEADLINE, by 10 a.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

The appointments of precinct judge, poll clerk, or sheriff expire at **NOON** if they were appointed to serve in that precinct election office for the first half of election day. The beginning of the term of a precinct election officer appointed to serve for the last part of election day. (IC 3-6-6-10; IC 3-6-6-11)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for certain absent uniform services voters (*or the voter's spouse or dependent*), not previously registered, to register and vote in the office of the clerk or at another location as designated by resolution of the county election board. (IC 3-7-36-14; IC 3-11-4-3)
STATE FORMS: ABS-IN PERSON, VRG-11, ABS-11 (Uniform Services Voter Registration Certificate), ABS-13 (Affidavit for Late Registration by Absent Uniform Service Voter in 2026)

DEADLINE, by 2 p.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

DEADLINE, by 3 p.m., in a county that uses paper poll books instead of electronic poll books, for the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of election and registration (*or their agent*) to deliver a certificate to each precinct setting forth the absentee ballots received by noon on election day. (IC 3-11.5-4-8)

DEADLINE, by 4 p.m., for the county election board to provide absent activity reports and other election day reports unless, by unanimous vote of the county election board, the board includes in a policy adopted under IC 3-7-27-6(c) specifies the times on election day the reports will be provided. (IC 3-7-27-6.5)

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DEADLINE, by 5 p.m., for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to issue a certificate to a voter who appears in person before the board if the voter's absentee ballot has been rejected to permit that voter to vote at the precinct if otherwise qualified to do so. (IC 3-11.5-4-13; IC 3-11.5-4-21) **STATE FORM: ABS-21 (Certificate of Absentee Ballot Rejection or Failure)**

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for the county voter registration office to visit the appropriate post office to accept delivery of mail containing residency confirmation documentation submitted by a first-time Indiana voter who submitted a voter registration application by mail and who has, up to that point, failed to submit residency confirmation documents. The county voter registration office shall immediately notify the county election board of the names of voters who have filed additional residency confirmation documents so that the county election board can send this information to precinct election boards. (IC 3-11-10-11; IC 3-11.5-4-12)

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m. for the clerk (or clerk's agent) to visit the post office to receive voted absentee ballots. In general, absentee ballots delivered by hand, mail, fax, or email that are received after 6 p.m., local prevailing time, are considered as arriving too late and may not be counted. (IC 3-11.5-4-3; IC 3-11.5-4-7; IC 3-11.5-4-10; IC 3-12-1-17) *Note: This deadline for receipt of absentee ballots does not apply to an absentee ballot mailed by an overseas or overseas military voter. See related entry for November 13, 2026.*

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., prevailing local time, for a county election board in all counties to receive an absentee ballot by mail, hand-delivery, fax, or electronic mail, on Election Day. (IC 3-11.5-4-10) *Note: This 6:00 pm deadline for receipt of absentee ballots does not apply to an absentee ballot mailed by an overseas voter or overseas military voter. See related entry for November 13, 2026.*

DEADLINE, 6 p.m., for a voter who returned an **absentee ballot** and is required to submit additional residency confirmation documents, to file the additional documents with the county voter registration office for the ballot to be counted. (IC 3-11-4-18; IC 3-11-10-16; IC 3-11-10-16.5; IC 3-11.5-4-12; IC 3-11.7-5-2(c))

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for a voter who voted a **provisional ballot** at the polls because the voter failed to provide required additional residency confirmation documentation prior to voting, for the voter to file a copy of the required additional residency confirmation documentation with the county voter registration office to permit the provisional ballot to be counted. If the voter fails to meet this deadline, the voter's provisional ballot is invalid and may not be counted. (IC 3-11-8-25; IC 3-11-8-25.2; IC 3-11.7-5-2(c))

DEADLINE, by 6 p.m., for the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to convene in the room provided for the board to canvass votes and declare the results of the election. (IC 3-12-4-6) *(Note: The deadline for declaring the results of the election does not apply to the board's determination of whether to count provisional ballots. See entry for November 13, 2026)*

In counties using a ballot card voting system where votes cast on ballot cards at the precinct on election day are tabulated at a central location rather than at the election day voting location, all ballot cards must be sealed and delivered to the canvassing location immediately after the polls are closed and the number of ballot cards are counted and compared with the number of voters shown on the poll lists. (IC 3-12-3-1; IC 3-12-3-2)

In counties using a ballot card voting system where votes cast on ballots cards at the precinct on election day are tabulated at the polling location where the ballot was cast, the precinct election board shall (1) process the ballots cards with the automatic tabulating machine provided to the

precinct, if the vote is not automatically registered by the ballot card voting system when the voter completes and cast their ballot; (2) take the vote as tabulated by the automatic tabulating system or as automatically registered by the ballot card voting system; and (3) certify the totals and the ballot count on forms supplied to the precinct for that purpose. Copies of that vote totals that have been tabulated shall be delivered to each member of the precinct election board. One (1) copy of the vote totals shall be prepared and signed by the precinct election board for the news media on a form furnished by the county election board. (IC 3-12-3-2)

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If a precinct election board administers more than one (1) precinct at an Election Day polling location, the board shall keep the ballots cast in each precinct separate from ballots cast in any other precinct, so that the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each of the precincts administered by the board may be determined. In a vote center county. Except for Marion County, the precinct election board administering an election at a vote center shall keep the ballots cast in each precinct separate from the ballots cast in any other precinct whose election is administered at the vote center, so that the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each of the precincts administered by the board may be determined and included on the statement required by IC 3-12-4-9. (IC 3-11-8-4.3; IC 3-12-3.5-3; IC 3-11-18.1-14)

In a precinct using a direct record electronic (DRE) voting system, the inspector must announce after the close of the polls and the tabulation of votes that the printout of precinct results is available for inspection by precinct election officials and watchers. If a precinct or vote center uses a direct record electronic voting system that contains a voter verifiable paper audit trail, the election board is not required to print out the paper audit trail in preparing the certificates setting forth the number of votes prepared. (IC 3-12-3.5-2; IC 3-12-3.5-3)

At the close of the polls, the precinct election board must seal all provisional ballots and any spoiled provisional ballots in the required container. The inspector must return the container to the circuit court clerk at the close of the polls. (IC 3-11.7-2-4)

DEADLINE, by 8 p.m., for the county election board to begin entering unofficial results on the state's election results website using SVRS. Must be done at least every 2 hours from 8 p.m. to midnight on Election Day, then resume entering unofficial election results at 9 a.m., local prevailing time, the day following Election Day, at least once an hour, until the unofficial results are published. (IC 3-12-4-6.3)

DEADLINE, by midnight, for the inspector and judge of the opposite political party to deliver to the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration certification of the vote count and other election materials. (IC 3-12-2-7; 3-12-3-10; 3-12-3.5-4) **STATE FORM: CEB-1B (Certification of Return of Precinct or Vote Center Election Materials by Inspector and Judge)**

DEADLINE, any time after the polls close, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registrations to return the voting system and equipment from each polling place to a storage facility to be secured under IC 3-11-15-46. Voting systems may be returned from polling places by any of the following: 1) the county election board; 2) a bipartisan team of individuals as designated by the county election board; or 3) a commercial delivery entity contracted by the county election board. A person who is imprisoned (such as a county jail inmate), subject to lawful detention, on probation, subject to home detention, or placed a community corrections program, may not deliver a voting system. The person or persons delivering the voting system must sign a certificate that contains the following: 1) a statement that the voting system remained in the custody and control of the persons returning the voting system during the period between leaving the polling place and delivery to the location designated for securing voting systems under IC 3-11-15-46; 2) a statement that no other individual had access to any voting system; and 3) documentation of an individual who received the voting system when

it was being returned from the polls; and 4) the written name and signature of the individual receiving the voting system at the polls. The person or persons delivering the voting system must file the completed certificate with the county election board immediately upon delivery. (IC 3-12-3-2.2; IC 3-12-3.5-4.5 **STATE FORM: CEB-1C (Certification of the Return of Voting Systems)**)

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The appointment of a precinct election officer expires when the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration complete the canvass of the precinct. (IC 3-6-6-37)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

NEW TERM OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS. (IC 2-2.1-1-1)

Effective date of an order adopted on or after September 4, 2026, by the board of commissioners of a county to establish a board of registration to administer voter registration within the county, rescinding a previously adopted order to establish a board of registration, or abolishing a board of registration previously established by state law (IC 3-12-7-3) before that law was repealed. (IC 3-7-12-5; IC 3-7-12-5.5)

Effective date of an order adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration on or after September 4, 2026, to rescind any previously adopted resolution before the 2026 primary providing that absentee ballots to be voted before a traveling absentee board are to be initialed by the county election board or the board of elections and registration (*and not initialed by the traveling board visiting the voter*). (IC 3-11-10-27)

Effective date of an order adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration adopting a vote center plan that was not filed with the Indiana Election Division by September 4, 2026. (IC 3-11-18.1-8)

First day a county voter registration office can move a voter's registration record with an "inactive" status to "cancelled" if voter was made inactive before November 5, 2024, and the voter did not vote in any election from November 5, 2024, to November 3, 2026. (The county voter registration official should check if the voter cast a ballot in the November 3, 2026, general election before moving the voter's record to "cancelled" status.) (IC 3-7-38.2-2; IC 3-7-38.2-17)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

DEADLINE, for the county election board to provide notice to a voter where it is determined their absentee ballot has been returned with a signature mismatch or a missing signature on the absentee ballot envelope if the determination of the missing signature or signature mismatch is on election day. (IC 3-11.5-4-13.5; IC 3-11.5-4-13.6) **STATE FORMS: ABS-18A (Signature Absentee Mismatch Notice) and ABS-18B (Missing Absentee Signature Notice)**

First day that a county voter registration office can dispose of voter registration declinations from full service agencies, lists of names and addresses of voters who were sent notices under the voter list maintenance program or information concerning whether a voter has responded to a voter list maintenance document, any 1st mailer from the 2023 statewide voter list maintenance project, any 2nd mailer returned as undeliverable from the 2023 statewide voter list maintenance project, and any voter response card where the voter confirmed the registration address as accurate from the 2023 statewide voter list maintenance project received by the county voter registration office on or before November 5, 2024. (IC 3-7-27-6; IARA Non-Judicial County Clerk Retention Schedule (CL))

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for full-service registration agency to respond to an inquiry by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration indicating whether the agency's records contain any information regarding the registration. If the agency does not respond to the board's inquiry, or if the agency responds that the agency has no record of the alleged registration, the board shall reject the provisional ballot and (1) document on the ballot the inquiry and response, if any, by the agency; and (2) endorse the ballot with the word "Rejected" and the inquiry and response, if any, by the voter registration agency. (IC 3-11.7-5-2)

DEADLINE, if the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration has not held a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots by this date to enter in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) the name and address of each individual who has completed a provisional ballot, and the date and time the county election board will meet to determine the validity of a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7-5. Note: If the county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration holds a provisional ballot hearing on or before this date the information required to be entered into SVRS must be entered not later than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. (IC 3-11.7-6-3)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

First day in which a political subdivision may enforce an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs. "Signs" refers to a sign with a surface area of which is not greater than thirty-two (32) square feet. For purposes of determining the surface area of a sign under this section, if a sign consists of two (2) faces, only the surface area of one (1) of the faces is considered if (1) the faces are mounted back to back; and (2) the measure of the angle between the faces is not more than fifteen (15) degrees. This does not prohibit a political subdivision from enforcing an ordinance or regulation relating to the number or size of signs at any time if necessary to ensure public safety. (IC 36-1-3-11)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to notify the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division that a voter produced a receipt indicating that the voter had applied to register at the bureau of motor vehicles (*or another "full service" office*), and was allowed to vote on election day, although the voter's name did not appear on the precinct voter registration list. (IC 3-7-48-9)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

VETERANS DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for an absentee voter with a mismatched or missing signature to file an affidavit with the county election board by mail, hand, fax, or email. (IC 3-11.5-4-13.5; IC 3-11.5-4-13.6) (*Transferred from Wednesday, November 11, 2026.*) **STATE FORMS: ABS-18A (Signature Absentee Mismatch Notice) and ABS-18B (Missing Absentee Signature Notice)**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections to receive an absentee ballot cast by mail by an overseas or overseas military voter. The absentee ballot is not considered to be arriving too late if the absentee ballot envelope is postmarked no later than general election day (November 3, 2026) and the board, by unanimous vote of its entire membership, determines that the postmark date complies with this requirement. If the board is unable to determine the postmark date, the absentee ballot may not be counted. (IC 3-12-1-17).

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter who voted a provisional ballot because the voter was unable or declined to present a photo identification at the polls to satisfy the photo identification requirement

by producing photo identification to the county election board or circuit court clerk and signing an affidavit indicating that the voter is the same person who cast the provisional ballot on election day. The voter may also satisfy the photo identification requirement by appearing at the office of the county election board or circuit court clerk and signing an affidavit indicating that the voter is the same person who cast the provisional ballot on election day and that the voter cannot obtain a photo identification because the voter is either: a) indigent and unable to obtain a photo identification without the payment of a fee; or b) has a religious objection to being photographed. (IC 3-11.7-5-1; IC 3-11.7-5-2.5) **STATE FORM: PRO-10 (Affidavit of Challenged Voter Concerning Proof of Identification Requirement)**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county election board to discuss and publish a document that compiles the following information for each precinct (or vote center in a vote center county) using an electronic voting system: 1) The number of votes cast on the electronic voting systems in the precinct (or vote center), as shown on the form returned from the precinct (or vote center); 2) The number of voters who received a ballot at the polls according to the poll lists as shown on the form returned from the precinct (or vote center); and 3) The difference between the number in subdivision (1) and the number in subdivision (2). (IC 3-12-3.5-8(f)) **STATE FORM: PRE-16 (Inspector and Judge's Report of Total Number of Votes Cast on Electronic Voting Systems in Precinct / Vote Center and Number of Voters Who Received Ballot at Precinct Vote Center as Indicated by Signing Poll List)**

First day a candidate for election to a federal or statewide office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-1; IC 3-12-11-2)

First day a candidate for election to a state legislative office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-1; IC 3-12-11-2)

First day the state political party chairman of a candidate for federal or statewide office at the general election to file a verified petition for recount or contest with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

First day a county chairman of a county within a state legislative district of a candidate for election to a state legislative office at the general election, to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

DEADLINE, by 3 p.m., for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections to make a determination whether to count a provisional ballot. Immediately upon completion of the provisional ballot count, the provisional ballot counters must make a certificate showing the total number of provisional ballots cast for each candidate and on each public question. (IC 3-11.7-5-1; IC 3-11.7-5-28)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to prepare a statement specifying the number of votes cast: (1) for each candidate for federal office, state office, or state legislative office; (2) for each candidate for a judicial office; (3) for each candidate for a circuit or county office commissioned by the governor (*circuit court clerk; county auditor; county recorder; county treasurer; county coroner; county sheriff; county surveyor*); (4) for each candidate for any other local office declared elected by the county election board or Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration; (5) for and against the ratification of each state constitutional amendment; (6) for and against the retention of each justice of the supreme court and judge of the court of appeals or tax court; and (7) for and against the

retention of any judge in Lake County, Marion County, or St. Joseph County. The circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors shall send the statement to the Indiana Election Division. **The statement must be sent by using SVRS unless the Election Division authorizes the use of an alternative method for transmission of the results.** (IC 3-12-5-1; IC 3-12-5-1.5; IC 3-12-5-5; IC 3-12-5-6; IC 3-12-5-11) **SVRS FILINGS: CEB-11 (Circuit Court Clerk and Local Offices at the General Election), CEB 12 (Retention of a Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court or a Judge of an Appellate or Tax Court), CEB-13 (Federal, State, Legislative and Judicial Offices) and CEB-25 (Statement of the Votes Cast for School Board Offices and on Local Public Questions)**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to send to the Indiana Election Division a Statement of the Votes Cast on Local Public Questions. **This must be sent using SVRS unless the Indiana Election Division authorizes the use of an alternative method for transmission of the results.** (IC 3-10-1-32; IC 3-10-1-33; IC 3-12-5-1) **SVRS FILINGS: CEB-25 (Statement of the Votes Cast for School Board Offices and on Local Public Questions), CEB-26A (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Political Subdivisions Approved or Rejected), CEB-26B (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Municipality and Township Approved or Rejected), CEB-26C (Certificate of Circuit Court Clerk Declaring Public Question to Reorganize Municipality and County That Does Not Contain a Consolidated City Approved or Rejected)**

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to enter in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) for each individual who has completed a provisional ballot whether the individual's provisional ballot was counted, and if the individual's provisional ballot was not counted the reason why the provisional ballot was not counted. (IC 3-11.7-6-3)

Immediately after receipt of the statements of votes cast, the Indiana Election Division shall prepare a certificate for the secretary of state to certify each candidate who has received the highest number of votes for United States Representative. The secretary of state shall execute this certificate and forward a copy of the certificate to the clerk of the United States House of Representatives. (IC 3-12-5-9)

Immediately after receipt of the statements of votes cast, the Indiana Election Division shall prepare a certificate for the secretary of state to certify which candidate has received the highest number of votes for each state legislative office. The secretary of state shall sign the certificate, and the Indiana Election Division shall then forward the certificate to the candidate for legislative office. (IC 3-12-5-12)

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot that failed to file a quarterly report on October 15, 2026. (*Transferred from Saturday, November 14, 2026*) (IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to a person who failed to file a pre-general election campaign finance report. (*Transferred from Sunday, November 15, 2026*; IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for election to a federal or statewide office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana

Election Division. *See related entry for Friday, November 20, 2026, deadline for a state chairman to file a petition.* (IC 3-12-11-1; IC 3-12-11-2)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for election to a state legislative office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana Election Division. *See related entry for Friday, November 20, 2026, deadline for a county chairman to file a petition.* (IC 3-12-11-1; IC 3-12-11-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for election to a local office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. *See related entry for Friday, November 20, 2026, deadline for a county chairman to file a petition.* (IC 3-12-6-1; IC 3-12-6-2; IC 3-12-8-5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate for election to a school board office at the general election to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. A voter of the school corporation may file a petition to contest the election of the candidate if there is no candidate who is entitled to contest the election of another candidate for a school board office (IC 3-12-6-1; IC 3-12-6-2; IC 3-12-8-1; IC 3-12-8-5)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to file a verified petition with the Indiana Election Division to request a recount of the votes cast at the general election concerning the following types of public questions: 1) a public question concerning the ratification of a state constitutional amendment or the retention of a justice of the Indiana supreme court, a judge of the Indiana court of appeals, or the judge of the Indiana tax court; or 2) another public question voted on by the electorate of the entire state. (IC 3-12-12-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter who desires a recount of the votes cast at the general election concerning a local public question to file a verified petition with the circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-12-2)

DEADLINE, for a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to transmit a post-election report concerning the general election to the Indiana Election Division. The post-election report shall include the number of absentee ballots: (1) transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the general election; and (2) returned by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters and cast in the election. The filing of the report must also include the county's certified precinct level election results. **This must be sent using SVRS.** (IC 3-6-5-17, IC 3-6-5-17.5) **STATE FORM: CEB-9, Section I (County Election Report)** *Note: CEB-9, Section II is to be completed by counties for the state to gather data for the EAVS survey; however, IED will communicate a deadline to complete Section II to counties. Only Section 1 needs to be submitted by this deadline date.*

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

Newly elected members are sworn in. (IC 2-2.1-1-2)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for state political party chairman of a candidate for federal or statewide office at the general election to file a verified petition for recount or contest with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a county chairman of a county within a state legislative district of a candidate for election to a state legislative office at the general election, to file a verified petition for a recount or contest of the general election with the Indiana Election Division, if a candidate has not previously filed a recount or contest petition. (IC 3-12-11-2)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for the county chairman of a candidate for nomination to a local office, to file a verified petition for a recount of the general election with the appropriate circuit court clerk if a candidate has not previously filed a recount petition. (IC 3-12-6-2)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the secretary of state to issue a certificate indicating whether: (1) each proposed state constitutional amendment has been ratified or rejected; and (2) whether an Indiana supreme court justice or judge of the Indiana court of appeals or tax court has been retained or removed. The Indiana Election Division shall forward the certificates to the chief justice and to the director of the office of code revision of legislative services agency, in the case of a proposed state constitutional amendment. (IC 3-12-5-1(d) and (e))

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to correct an error in the certification of the vote for a candidate or on a public question. *NOTE: This deadline does not apply to the correction of a certification resulting from a petition filed for a recount of the election.* If the corrected vote results in a different candidate receiving the highest number of votes for federal, statewide, legislative, or judicial office, the Indiana Election Division shall immediately notify the governor of the amendment. (IC 3-12-5-14; IC 3-12-5-8(a))

First day, after noon (12 p.m.), for the issuance of a certificate of election to a school board office or to a local office (*other than a judge or a county office commissioned by the governor under IC 4-3-1-5*). (IC 3-12-5-2; IC 3-12-5-14; IC 3-12-5-16) **STATE FORMS: CEB-7 (Certificate of Election; County Commissioner), CEB-8 (Certificate of Election; County Council), CEB-16 (Certificate of Election; County Assessor), CEB-18 (Certificate of Election; Township Board Member in Marion County only); CEB-19 (Certificate of Election; Township Assessor), CEB-21 (Certificate of Election; School Board Member), CEB-32 (Town Clerk-Treasurer), CEB-33 (Certificate of Election; Town Council Member)** *Note: A candidate elected to a constitutional office (judge, clerk of circuit court, county auditor, county recorder, county treasurer, county sheriff, county coroner, and county surveyor) receives a governor's commission, not a certificate of election. The Indiana Election Division will provide a governor's commission to these candidates as identified on the CEB-11 and CEB-13.*

First day, after noon (12 p.m.), that unused ballots from the general election may be destroyed. The county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration shall retain one (1) regular official ballot from each township in the county and one (1) provisional ballot from any precinct in the county as part of the board's minutes. (IC 3-11-3-31; IC 3-6-5-13) *NOTE: Voted ballots must remain sealed for a period of 22-months, and after this period, may be destroyed pursuant to IC 3-10-1-31.1. If a recount or contest has been filed affecting an election in the county, then the unused ballots may not be destroyed until completion of the recount or contest.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate elected to a federal, statewide, or state legislative office on the face of the general election returns, to file a verified cross-petition for a recount of the general election with the Indiana Election Division. (IC 3-12-11-4)

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate elected to a local office or school board office on the face of the general election returns, to file a verified cross-petition for a recount of the general election with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (IC 3-12-6-4)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Indiana Election Division to tabulate the number of votes cast for presidential electors, statewide offices (other than governor and lieutenant governor), or a judicial office according to the certificates submitted by the circuit court clerks or the Lake and Porter County election directors. Immediately after the completion of the tabulation, the secretary of state

certifies to the governor the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office. (IC 3-12-5-7)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to bring a civil action to require a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors to correct an error in the certification of the vote for a candidate or on a public question. *NOTE: This deadline does not apply to a correction resulting from a recount petition.* (IC 3-12-5-15)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

THANKSGIVING DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Indiana Election Division closed

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

BEGINNING, at noon, of term of town council members and a town clerk-treasurer in a newly incorporated town only. (IC 36-5-2-3(c))

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to send a campaign finance delinquency notice to candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot that failed to file a pre-election report on October 27, 2026. (*Transferred from Thursday, November 26, 2026*; IC 3-9-4-14(a)(2)(A))

DECEMBER 2026

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026

VR Voter Registration Begins. First day after the general election that an individual may register to vote. (IC 3-7-13-10)

VR First day for county voter registration office to register certain absent uniform services voters who registered after the close of registration but did not vote in the primary election. (IC 3-7-36-14)

First day that the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe boards of elections and registration are not required to retain campaign finance reports filed in those offices for elections in 2022 and previous years, except for judicial offices. (IC 3-9-4-6)

First day that a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration is not required to retain campaign finance reports filed in those offices by candidates for local judicial offices elected to a term of six (6) years for elections in 2020. (IC 3-9-4-6)

DEADLINE, by noon, for the governor to prepare a commission for a candidate elected to a statewide office (other than governor or lieutenant governor), or to a judicial office. Immediately upon completion of the commission, the governor shall deliver the commission to the Indiana Election Division and the Division will forward the commission to the elected candidate. (IC 3-12-5-8(b)) *See December 8, 2026, for related entry*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026

DEADLINE for county election board shall certify the results of a post-general electronic voting system audit ordered by the county election board or the secretary of state. The certification must be on the form prescribed by the election division. One (1) copy shall be filed with the election returns, and one (1) copy must be delivered to the election division. (IC 3-12-3.5-8)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026

Tentative: 2027 Indiana Election Administrators' Conference

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026

DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division to forward the commission prepared by the governor for a candidate elected as a presidential elector or alternate presidential elector, to a statewide office (other than governor or lieutenant governor), or to a judicial office, at the address set forth in the candidate's declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-12-5-8(b))

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2026

DEADLINE for the state recount commission to complete a recount or contest concerning a state legislative office. The commission may adopt an order extending the deadline for completion of a recount or contest to a date specified in the order if the commission finds good cause to do so. Not later than seven (7) days after the commission completes a recount, the Indiana Election Division shall prepare certified statements showing the result and submit one copy of the statement to the candidate who received the most votes and one copy to the presiding officer of the appropriate chamber of the Indiana general assembly. (*Transferred from Sunday, December 20, 2026*) (IC 3-12-11-21)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2026

DEADLINE to complete a post-election audit unless a recount or contest has been filed. *(Transferred from Sunday, December 20, 2026)* (IC 3-12-13-7)

DEADLINE for a local recount commission to complete a recount for a local office or a school board office unless the court extends the date after finding good cause to do so. *(Transferred from Sunday, December 20, 2026)* (IC 3-12-6-21.9)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2026

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Indiana Election Division closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2026

CHRISTMAS DAY Indiana Election Division closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2026

DEADLINE for the Indiana Election Division to mail a notice that states the date the 2026 Annual campaign finance report is due to each candidate's committee. (IC 3-9-4-14(b))

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

CFA End of annual campaign finance reporting period and post-election campaign finance reporting periods for 2026. (IC 3-9-5-6(e); IC 3-9-5-9; IC 3-9-5-10)

A resolution adopted by a county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to omit the appointment of poll clerks and sheriffs in certain precincts expires. (IC 3-6-6-38)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration to locate the polls for a precinct at the polls of an adjoining precinct, using the precinct election board of the adjoining precinct, expires. (IC 3-11-8-4.3)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration providing that an inspector may serve as inspector for more than one precinct at a shared polling location expires. (IC 3-6-6-38.5)

A resolution adopted by the county election board or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County board of elections and registration permitting opposed candidates for precinct committeemen or state convention delegate or family members to work the polls expires (IC 3-6-6-7)

DEADLINE for fiscal body of a political subdivision (*county council, township board, town council, school board*) to break a tie vote when there is a tie vote for a local office. If a tie vote has occurred for more than one at large seat, the fiscal body breaks the tie by electing the number of persons needed to fill each at large seat. (IC 3-12-9-4)

DEADLINE, for a meeting of the board of county commissioners to be held to determine which incumbent township board members shall hold office for another four-year term under Article 15, Section 3 of the Constitution of Indiana when fewer candidates have been elected for the township board than there are seats on the board to be elected. (IC 3-13-10-6.5)

DEADLINE for a town council in a town which elects town council members in the 2026 general election to determine which incumbent "at large" town council members will serve an additional four year term as "holdover" members under Article 15, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana when fewer "at large" members were elected at the November 3, 2026, general election than the number of at large town council seats to be elected. (IC 3-13-9-5.6)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

DEADLINE for town council to adopt an ordinance to provide for the election of town council members to “staggered terms” in the 2027 municipal election, if the town is otherwise permitted to do so under state law. (IC 3-10-6-2.5; IC 3-10-7-2.5)

DEADLINE for a town council in a town with a population of less than 3,500 to adopt, or repeal, an ordinance to provide for the election of town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, and judge to be held during general elections or municipal elections, or both, but not in a year following a year in which a presidential election is held. The ordinance must provide that at least two (2) town officers shall be elected in each year of the town election cycle. The ordinance may provide for all town officers to be elected at the same election. The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12) years after an ordinance is adopted, and the ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5. (IC 3-10-7-2.9)

The certification to market, sell, lease, or provide an electronic pollbook for use during an election conducted in Indiana that was approved by the Secretary of State in 2026 expires. (IC 3-11-18.1-12)

DEADLINE for a county voter registration office to mail an Affidavit of Request to Update Voter Registration at the Time of Requesting a Ballot (VRG 4/12) and the original registration of a voter who changed residence to another county in Indiana less than thirty (30) days before the 2026 general election, to the county where the person currently resides as shown in the affidavit. Upon mailing the affidavit and original registration to another county, the registration in the county of the person's former residence shall be canceled. (IC 3-7-43-4)

JANUARY 2027

NOTE: The dates for observing state holidays in 2027 are subject to confirmation by the Governor's office. The designation of state holidays by the governor traditionally occurs during the summer of the preceding year.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

CFA Beginning of 2027 campaign finance reporting periods. (IC 3-9-5-10)

First day of term for an individual elected to the following offices in the 2026 general election: secretary of state, state comptroller, and treasurer of state. (IC 3-10-2-7; IC 4-5-1-1; IC 4-7-1-1; IC 4-8.1-2-4).

First day of term for an individual elected as county commissioner, county council member, county assessor, and township trustee, and township board member elected in the 2026 general election. (IC 36-2-2-3; IC 36-2-3-3; IC 36-6-6-2)

First day of term for individuals elected as judge, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the circuit court or other county office commissioned by the governor in the 2026 general election. (IC 3-10-2-11; IC 3-10-2-12; IC 3-10-2-13; IC 36-2-15-2)

Beginning at noon, first day of term for an individual elected as a town council member, town clerk-treasurer or as a judge of a town court in 2026. (IC 36-5-2-3; IC 36-5-6-3; IC 33-10.1-3-1.1)

First day of term of individuals elected as a school board member in the 2026 general election except as otherwise provided in the school corporation's organizational plan. (IC 3-5-4-11; IC 20-23-4-30; 20-23-7-8.1; 20-23-12-8; IC 20-23-14-8; IC 20-23-17-4; IC 20-23-17.2-8; IC 20-25-3-4)

First day of term for an individual appointed as a member of a county board of voter registration. (IC 3-7-12-10)

A resolution adopted by the county election board to establish satellite absentee voting facilities expires. (IC 3-11-10-26.5)

In counties where a circuit court clerk was elected during the November 3, 2026, general election, the term of a county election board chair ends. The county election board must elect one of the appointed members of the board to serve as chair for a term ending January 1, 2031. (IC 3-6-5-8)

DEADLINE for a town council in a town with a population of less than 3,500 and conducting elections in 2027 to adopt an ordinance providing for a town primary for major party candidates (otherwise major party candidates will nominate their candidates by town convention). (IC 3-8-5-2; IC 1-1-9-1(c))

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2027

First day the Indiana Election Division may discard duplicate copies of federal campaign finance reports filed in 2024. (*Transferred from Friday, January 1, 2027*; IC 3-9-4-6(c), IC 3-9-5-13)

VR **DEADLINE** for a county voter registration office to complete the updating of voter registration records to indicate that a voter voted at the November 3, 2026, general election. If a recount or contest is being conducted in a county, the county voter registration office must

complete the updating of the voter registration records not later than 60 days after completion of the recount or contest. (*Transferred from Saturday, January 2, 2027.*) (IC 3-10-1-31.2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2027

CAN First day a Democratic or Republican Party candidate may file a declaration of candidacy for town office for a town with a population of less than 3,500 that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to IC 3-8-5-2 to nominate major party candidates for town offices at the 2027 municipal primary election. (IC 3-8-5-3; IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-5-10.5; 3-8-5-17) **STATE FORMS: CAN-42 (Declaration of Candidacy); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests)**

CAN First day a Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, or Republican Party candidate may file a declaration of candidacy for town office for a town having an election November 2, 2027, in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that has not adopted an ordinance to nominate major party candidates at a primary. (IC 3-8-5-3; IC 3-8-5-10.5; 3-8-5-17) **STATE FORMS: CAN-16 (Town Office Declaration of Candidacy by a Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican Party Candidate When No Town Primary is Conducted in 2027); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local or School Board Office)**

CAN First day a minor party candidate (*other than a Libertarian Party candidate*) or an independent candidate, wishing to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for town office in a town having an election November 2, 2027, may file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of signatures. (IC 3-8-6-10) **STATE FORMS: CAN-44 (Petition of Nomination for City or Town Office in 2027); CAN-45 (Consent of Independent or Minor Political Party Candidate Nominated by Petition for a City or Town Office in 2027); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local or School Board Office)**

CAN First day for a person to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a municipal office with a county election board or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. There are no write-in candidates in a primary election. The name of a write-in candidate may **not** be placed on the municipal election ballot. (IC 3-8-2-2.5; 3-8-2-4; 3-8-2-5; IC 3-8-9-5; 3-11-4-15; 3-11-2-11.5) **STATE FORM: CAN-51 (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate in 2027); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a town with a population of less than 3,500 to file an ordinance with the circuit court clerk of the county that contains the largest percentage of population to conduct a primary for major party candidates in order for that ordinance to be effective for the 2027 primary. (IC 3-8-5-2)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2027

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Indiana Election Division closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2027

CFA **DEADLINE**, by noon, for all candidate committees, all legislative caucus committees, and all political action committees to file the **2026 Annual Campaign Finance Report** with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. (IC 3-9-5-3; IC 3-9-5-10) **NOTE:** State legislative candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information. (*See related entry on March 1, 2027, for regular party committees.*) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for candidates' committees for a statewide office on the 2026 general election ballot to file a **quarterly** campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from October 20 through December 31, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-6(e)) NOTE: Statewide candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information. **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, candidates' committees for a statewide office **not** on the 2026 general election ballot to file a semiannual campaign finance report with the Indiana Election Division covering the period from July 1 through December 31, 2026. (IC 3-9-5-9) NOTE: Statewide candidate committees must file campaign finance documents online. Please contact IED for more information. **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2027

CFA DEADLINE for the Indiana general assembly to reconvene for the 2027 regular session. BEGINNING of the "prohibited period" during which an individual who holds a state legislative office or is a candidate for state legislative office, a candidate's committee for a state or state legislative office, or a legislative caucus may not solicit or accept campaign contributions or conduct other fundraising activities. (IC 2-2.1-1-2(d); IC 3-9-2-12)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027

DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration to review its campaign finance records to determine if a committee is subject to the administrative dissolution procedure. (IC 3-9-1-12)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2027

DEADLINE for a precinct establishment order to become effective for the election year 2027. The next date that a precinct establishment order may take effect is the day following general election day. (IC 3-11-1.5-25)

CAN DEADLINE for an individual elected to the office of county commissioner, county council member, county assessor, township board member *in Marion County*, town council member, town clerk-treasurer, town court judge, or school board in the 2026 general election to **take and file** the individual's oath of office and file the oath with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (IC 5-4-1-1.2)

NOTE: Only selected dates after January 2027 are included in this edition of the calendar.

FEBRUARY 2027

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2027

DEADLINE for each county sheriff to provide the county voter registration office with a list of each Indiana resident who has been convicted of a crime and had been placed in a county correctional facility during the previous quarter. (IC 3-7-46-6) **STATE FORM: VRG-1 (County Sheriff Quarterly Report to County Voter Registration Office)** (*Transferred from Sunday, January 31, 2027.*)

DEADLINE for each local health officer to provide the county auditor and county voter registration office with the records of all deaths that occurred during the previous quarter. (*Transferred from Sunday, January 31, 2027.*) (IC 3-7-45-2.1; IC 16-37-3-9)

DEADLINE, for the Indiana Election Division to file a report with the Federal Election Assistance Commission setting forth the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to military and overseas voters for the November 3, 2026, general election, and the combined number of those ballots returned by military and overseas voters and cast in the election. (IC 3-6-4.2-12)

DEADLINE for the secretary of state to publish a report stating whether the results of each electronic voting system audit performed after the November 3, 2026, general election indicate that the discrepancy that resulted in the audit was the result of human error, intentional violations of election laws, unknown causes, or a combination of these factors. (IC 3-12-3.5-8)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for nomination to a city office or a town office in a town with a population of 3,500 or more, for a major political party at the 2027 municipal primary election. This declaration must be filed in the office of the county election board located in the county that contains the greatest percentage of population of the election district. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; 3-8-2-6; IC 3-8-9-5) **STATE FORMS: CAN-42 (Declaration of Candidacy for Municipal Primary Nomination in 2027); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy with a county election board or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for nomination to a town office in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to IC 3-8-5-2 to nominate major party candidates for town offices at the 2027 municipal primary election. The declaration must be filed in the office of the county election board in the county that contains the greatest percentage of population of the town. The declaration must be accompanied by a Statement of Economic Interests. (IC 3-8-2-4; IC 3-8-2-6; IC 3-8-5-2; IC 3-8-9-5) **STATE FORM: CAN-42 (Declaration of Candidacy for Municipal Primary Nomination in 2027); CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interests for Local and School Board Offices)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2027

CAN DEADLINE, by noon, for a major party candidate to withdrawal a previously filed declaration for nomination for town office in a town with a population of less than 3,500 that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to IC 3-8-5-2 to nominate major party candidates in a primary. (IC 3-8-2-20) **STATE FORM: CAN-43 (Municipal Primary Election Candidate Withdrawal)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

DEADLINE by noon, for a local public question permitted to be printed on the municipal primary ballot to be certified to a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for placement on the special election ballot for a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2027. (IC 3-10-9-3)

MARCH 2027

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2027

CFA DEADLINE, by noon, for all **regular party committees** to file the **2026 Annual Campaign Finance Report** with the Indiana Election Division, a county election board, or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration. This deadline applies whether the report was hand-delivered, sent by U.S. mail, or otherwise delivered to the division or board.) (IC 3-9-5-10) **STATE FORM: CFA-4 (Report of Receipts and Expenditures of a Political Committee)**

STATE CHARTER ELECTION: TOWN OF VERNON

General election for Mayor, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town Councilmen, and Town Marshal in the Town of Vernon, Jennings County under the authority of special state charter issued under 1816 Indiana Constitution. Polls open at 11 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. (Local Acts 1851, c.1, s.3 and 5, as amended by Acts 1885, c.42, s 1, and Acts 1895, c.59, s.1)

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2027

First day a circuit court clerk, or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors may destroy declarations, certificates of nomination, petitions of nomination, absentee ballot applications, poll books, voted ballots, and other election material from the 2024 primary election, after compliance with any applicable county commission on public records procedures. (*Transferred from Sunday, March 7, 2027*) IC 3-8-7-24; IC 3-10-1-31.1; IC 3-11-8-30; IC 3-12-2-12; IC 3-12-3-10; IC 5-15-6)

MAY 4, 2027

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

(IC 3-10-6-2)

JUNE 2027

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2027

DEADLINE, for the secretary of state to complete a "procedure audit" of the November 3, 2026, general election in counties selected by the secretary of state, where the procedures of an election are reviewed to determine how well an election was conducted according to Indiana law. (IC 3-12-14-8)

AUGUST 2027

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2027

DEADLINE by noon, for a local public question permitted to be printed on the municipal election ballot to be certified to a county election board or the Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration for placement on the special election ballot for a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2027. (*Transferred from Sunday, August 1, 2027*) (IC 3-10-9-3)

SEPTEMBER 2027

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2027

First day that ballots and other election material from the 2024 general election (other than registration transactions) may be destroyed by a circuit court clerk or the Lake and Porter County Election Directors after compliance with county commission on public records procedures. (*Transferred from Sunday, September 5, 2027*) (IC 3-8-7-24; IC 3-10-1-31.1; IC 3-11-8-30; IC 3-12-2-12; IC 3-12-3-10; IC 5-15-6)

NOVEMBER 2, 2027

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

(IC 3-10-6-5)