

Election Division Dispatch

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NEWS & UPDATES

May 2025 Special Election Reminders

A few Indiana counties are holding a special election on May 6, 2025, to conduct an election for local public questions. These counties must certify the results of their election in SVRS not later than noon, May 19, 2025. The CEB-9, Section I is due not later than noon, May 20, 2025. There is no need to file paper copies with IED; complete the certification in SVRS, please.

However, once the election is certified, you will need to also certify the results "immediately" to the Department of Local Government Finance for both a controlled project (that is, construction) and an operating referendum (that is, a school tax levy). For controlled projects, you must also certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the political subdivision is located.

One thing that will be different this year is that the state's election night reporting website (indianavoters.com/electionresults) will not be refreshed or otherwise available. You may have voters reaching out to your office as a result.

Reprecincting Next Steps

Many counties signed up to draw new precinct boundaries by the survey deadline of April 25, 2025. Counties will be assigned a staff person (Lori Clark or Stephanie Davidsen) who are reaching out to these counties now. The next step is to complete IEC-8 forms and attach the required paperwork such as annexation orders, maps, and an email noting you informed the county party chairs of the changes. Lori or Stephanie will support you through each step of the process. The deadline to file the IEC-8s is noon on August 27, 2025.

Questions? The reprecincting memo is found on the County Portal in the Shared Documents folder under "2026 Precinct Change Process" or send an email to elections@iec.in.gov.

Minor SAMC Update

Later in May a hotfix is going to be pushed to add the print date of the statewide address mailing confirmation (SAMC) notice. Several counties asked for this enhancement, which not only helps them but also helps voters better understand their time period to respond. More information, including a sample, will be sent when the hotfix is released. There is no need for training, as the update is superficial and does not impact current workflows.

VRG-1: Sheriff Report of Incarcerated Individuals

At least quarterly the county Sheriff must send a list of individuals who are convicted of a crime and attach the VRG-1 to the list. (IC 3-7-46-6) The Sheriff can send you this information more frequently, but at minimum, it must be done quarterly. **Remember, a person must be currently imprisoned following conviction of a crime to have their registration moved to "cancelled."** If the person has been released or not yet convicted, then their registration remains as-is.

CALENDAR

NOTE: Several deadlines below ONLY apply to counties where a public question is certified to the county election board requiring them to hold a special election in May. These dates are flagged with an "" below. If no public question was certified to your county, then these tasks are not applicable to you.*

May 3, 2025*: Second of two Saturdays to conduct early voting for a May special election (unless reduced early voting dates/times are established under IC 3-11-10-26.5)

May 6, 2025*: Election Day, if jurisdiction holding special election for public question(s)

May 14, 2025 (noon)*: Deadline to receive ABS-18A or ABS-18B from a voter with a missing or mismatched signature on absentee balloting materials from the special election

May 16, 2025: First wave of card 1's sent to all active Indiana voters to initiate the statewide VLM postcard mailing project

May 16, 2025 (noon)*: Deadline for county to receive a mailed absentee ballot from overseas military or civilian voters using the FPCA to request a ballot by mail; deadline to hold provisional ballot hearing

May 19, 2025 (noon)*: Deadline to certify special election to IED

May 20, 2025*: Registration re-opens in those precincts where a special election was conducted

May 20, 2025 (noon)*: Deadline to complete CEB-9 in SVRS for special election

May 20, 2025 (noon)*: Deadline for an eligible voter to file a petition for recount for a local public question

May 30, 2025: Last wave of card 1's mailed to active Indiana voters

May 26, 2025: Memorial Day (observed), IED Closed

June 20, 2025: First wave of card 2's (voter response cards) mailed to voters where their card 1 was returned undeliverable

June 30, 2025: Deadline for a school corporation to certify the school operating referendum to the CEB as a special election on November 6, 2025

July 4, 2025: Independence Day, IED Closed

July 11, 2025: Last wave of card 2's (voter response cards) mailed to voters where their card 1 was returned undeliverable

August 22, 2025: Suggested deadline for voter receiving card 2 to drop it in the mail

August 27, 2025 (noon): Deadline to submit precinct changes (IEC-8) to IED for processing

August 29, 2025: Deadline for IED to received card 2 for it to be processed

MAY WEB TRAINING

May 13 & 15 | How to Access the County Portal

May 20 & 22 | User Account Audit

2025 Calendar is posted to the INSVRS County Portal and subject to change.

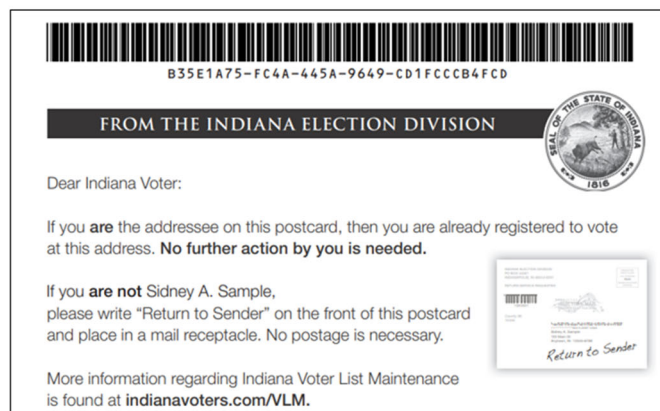
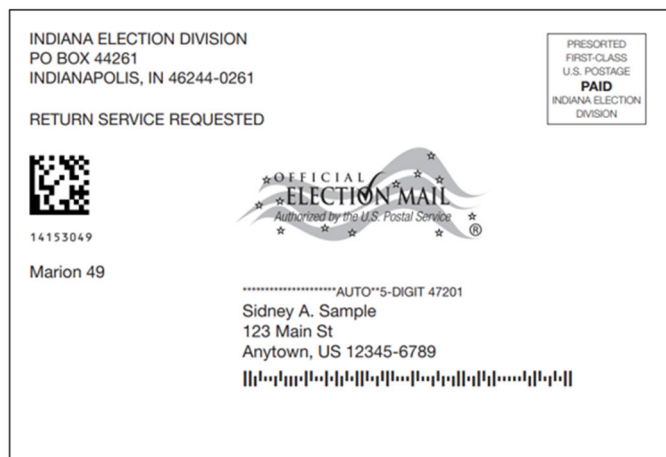
IN FOCUS: Statewide VLM Project Begins!

Beginning May 16, the first batch of “card 1” mailers will be sent to every Indiana voter with an “active” registration status, or about 4 million or so individuals. The last batch is expected to drop on or around May 30, 2025.

A sample of the front and back of this card is presented here. You'll note that the back of the card explains to the voter that if they are the individual addressed on the card, then the voter does not need to do anything else. But, if they receive a card at their home and the person on the card is not in the household, then we recommend writing “Return to Sender” and placing it back in their mailbox for the USPS to return to IED. No postage is required to “return to sender.”

We do anticipate receiving calls where a voter tried to “return to sender” but the mail piece came back to them (or never left their mailbox). If you hear of that happening, please email elections@iec.in.gov. Baker Tilly and Civix work closely with the USPS, as we need their approval on the cards but also meet routinely to ensure as smooth a program as possible.

You can direct voters to our office email or visit indianavoters.com/VLM for more information, including details on the second part of our mailing the voter response card. SVRS training is scheduled for June, so please be sure to mark your calendars!



VR CORNER

Incomplete VRG-6 Forms

On occasion, counties will receive incomplete VRG-6 voter registration forms from a full-service agency such as FSSA or DWD. County voter registration officials treat an incomplete VRG-6 the same as any other registration form. That is, make an attempt to contact the voter by mail and, if a phone number is provided, by phone. The voter has until 29-days before the next election to complete a new registration form to answer the age/citizenship questions, if that information was missing. Any other incomplete information must be provided not later than 10-days before the date of the next election. If the voter fails to respond by those deadlines, depending on their error, then the registration request is rejected.

There is an extra step if the incomplete form used is a VRG-6. Because a full-service agency is a covered agency of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), missing or incomplete information on the VRG-6 requires your office to notify IED. It is helpful if you send the incomplete registrations and, if possible, which full service agency and their address delivered the incomplete applications. This allows us to properly notify the full-service agency and request that they correct their procedures to avoid this problem in the future. (IC 3-7-34-7)

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q. Can we transfer our voting systems or ePollbooks to our vendor before the IEC-6 is approved by IED?

A. No. IEC-6 is the form that must be completed and signed off by the county election board for a county to request that their voting system or ePollbooks can be transferred, sold, or destroyed under IC 3-11-15-59. This form can be emailed, mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to IED. But, before the voting equipment can leave the county's possession, the co-directors must approve the plan. Please read the form closely and provide specific details, such as the proposed date of destruction or transfer of equipment, who is receiving the equipment and/or destroying it, etc. This will make the review process go more quickly.

Q. Can a candidate thinking about running for election in 2026 or beyond, open a campaign finance committee?

A. Yes! In fact, the candidate may be required to do so if they raise or spend \$100.01 or more toward running for an office paying more than \$5,000 in a calendar year, even if there is no election in 2025. (For offices paying less than \$5,000 a calendar year or school board, the threshold amount to trigger action is \$500.01 or more.) In 2025, a candidate who exceeds this threshold must file the CFA-1 statement of organization not later than noon, ten days after raising or spending this dollar amount. Candidates running for local office, including judge or prosecuting attorney, file campaign finance paperwork with the CEB. Statewide or state legislative candidates file electronically with IED.