

Provisional Ballots

Provisional voting is a way for a voter to cast a ballot at the polls on Election Day when they are challenged due to one of these situations:

1. If the voter is **unable or declines to present photo ID** that meets the “proof of identification” requirements.
2. If the voter’s **name does not appear on the poll list** (the voter is not registered to vote in the precinct) unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the “Fail-Safes” explained in the *Indiana Voter’s Bill of Rights*.
3. The voter’s name appears on the poll list, but the **voter does not currently reside in the precinct** unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the “Fail-Safes” explained in the *Indiana Voter’s Bill of Rights*.
4. The poll list indicates that the voter is also required to **present additional documentation to verify their residency** as a first time voter, but the voter is not able to do so before the polls close.
5. The voter is **not a U.S. citizen**.
6. The voter will **not be 18 years of age** or older at the election. *NOTE: In Indiana, an otherwise qualified 17-year old may vote in a Primary election, but may have a special ballot that will not include a public question voted on at the same time as the primary.*
7. A poll clerk who doubts the voter’s identity and after comparing signatures, may issue a challenge.
8. In a Primary election, the voter is **not affiliated with the party** whose ballot the voter is requesting.
EXCEPTION: A voter challenged in a Primary due to party affiliation is NOT issued a provisional ballot if the challenged voter is willing to complete and sign the challenged voter’s affidavit (Form PRE-6). The voter is then issued the regular ballot of that party, which is NOT kept separate from the undisputed ballots cast in the precinct.

If you do cast a provisional ballot, be sure you and the challenger complete all necessary paperwork. You then have until noon, ten days after the election (until noon, May 15, 2026, for the Primary Election held on May 5, 2026, and until November 13, 2026, for the General Election held on November 3, 2026) to present the needed documentation or a proper form of photo ID or sign an affidavit for an exemption with the county election board.

Provisional ballots are kept separate from all other ballots cast at the polls on Election Day. After the polls close, the provisional ballot is forwarded to the county election board, which will conduct a public meeting to decide whether or not the provisional ballot should be counted. Challenged voters have a right to be present and provide testimony or evidence to refute the challenge.

More information about the status of your provisional ballot is available by logging in to your personal portal page at indianavoters.com.

Offices on the Ballot

May 5, 2026 Primary Election

The major parties (Democratic and Republican) will have candidates for the following offices at the Primary Election:

- United States Representative (all 9 seats)
- State Senator (25 of the 50 seats)
- State Representative (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit and superior courts in several counties
- Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Assessor in all counties
- Clerks of the Circuit Court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials during 2026
- Democratic Party and Republican Party state convention delegates
- Democratic Party precinct committeemen

November 3, 2026 General Election

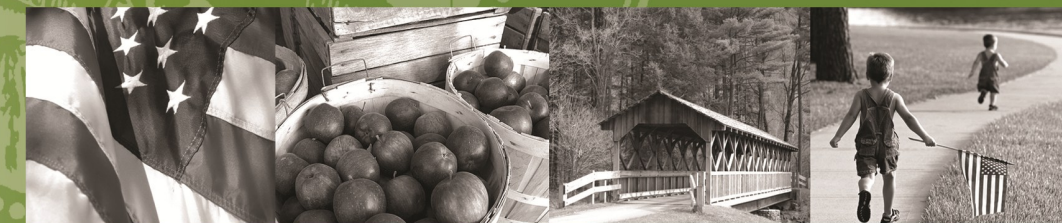
Candidates are elected to the following offices at the General Election:

- Secretary of State
- State Comptroller
- Treasurer of State
- U.S. House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (25 of the 50 seats)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit and superior courts in several counties
- Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Assessor in all counties
- Clerks of the circuit court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials during 2026
- School Board Members
- Voters will vote on the retention of state appellate judges or local judges, and on any local public question placed on the ballot in accordance with state law.

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2026 Indiana Voter Information Guide



Primary Election Day

May 5, 2026

General Election Day

November 3, 2026

Visit www.IndianaVoters.com for more information.

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Voting Basics

Voting Requirements

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election, if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; *and*
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General Election, November 3, 2026; *and*
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; *and*
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election unless you qualify to vote using one of the “Fail Safe” procedures; *and*
- You are registered to vote.

To register to vote, visit www.IndianaVoters.in.gov and register online using a valid Indiana driver’s license or ID card, or complete a mail-in voter registration form and return it to your county by the deadlines listed below.

Election Calendar

- **April 6, 2026:** Voter registration closes for the 2026 Primary Election
- **April 7, 2026:** First day to vote absentee in-person for the 2026 Primary Election
- **April 23, 2026:** Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2026 Primary Election
- **May 5, 2026:** Primary Election Day
- **October 5, 2026:** Voter Registration closes for the 2026 General Election
- **October 6, 2026:** First day to vote absentee in-person for the 2026 General Election
- **October 22, 2026:** Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2026 General Election
- **November 3, 2026:** General Election Day

NOTE: Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked on or before the deadlines; online voter registration applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 pm deadline day. Absentee by mail applications must be received no later than 11:59 PM deadline day. Postmarked absentee applications received after the deadline cannot be processed.

More Information

- Check your voter registration or polling place by visiting www.IndianaVoters.com or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at **1-866-IN-1-VOTE** (866-461-8683).
- Contact your local political party or circuit court clerk to work Election Day. Poll workers are compensated for their time. 16- and 17-year olds may also be eligible.

Photo ID

A voter must provide government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot, except when voting absentee-by-mail or traveling board. The ID must fit the following criteria:

- Your ID must display your photo.
- Your name on the ID must conform with your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical. Below are examples of names that would conform to “Robert John Crew”:
 - Robert John Crew
 - Robert J. Crew
 - Robert Crew
 - R. John Crew
 - Bob John Crew
 - Bob J. Crew
 - Bob Crew
 - John Crew
- Your ID must contain an expiration date and either still be current or have expired sometime *after* the date of the last General Election (November 5, 2024).
 - Certain military and Tribal IDs with no expiration date or an “indefinite” expiration date are acceptable.
- Your ID must be issued by the State of Indiana, U.S. government, or a Native American Indian Tribe or band recognized by the U.S. Government.

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or US passport is sufficient. Interim IDs issued by the BMV are also acceptable. (IDs issued by state universities and colleges cannot be used as photo ID for voting purposes.)

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon, ten days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law’s exemptions applies to you.

Exemptions do exist for the indigent, those with a religious objection to being photographed, and individuals living in state-licensed facilities where the precinct’s polling place is also located.

If you do not already have a valid photo ID, you can obtain an Indiana photo ID card **free of charge** from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch that issues driver’s licenses and ID cards. **Be sure to bring the required documents to secure the ID.** For more information, please visit www.PhotoID.in.gov, www.in.gov/bmv, or call the BMV at 888-692-6841.

Absentee Voting

Absentee-in-person voting (also known as early voting) begins 28 days before Election Day at your county election board office. You do not need a reason to vote absentee in-person, but you do need to have proper photo ID. Please consult with your county office for dates and times.

To vote by other absentee methods, state law requires you to either provide with your application your Indiana driver’s license or state ID card number or the last four of your Social Security number or the unique ID associated with your registration record OR a copy of a photo ID that complies with state law.

In order to vote **absentee-by-mail**, one of the following must also apply:

1. You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 am to 6 pm).
2. You have a disability.
3. You are at least 65 years of age.
4. You will have official election duties outside of your precinct.
5. You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
6. You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
8. You are a participant in the state’s address confidentiality program.
9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.
10. You are eligible to vote at a precinct or former residence under a fail safe procedure in IC 3-10-11 or IC 3-10-12.
11. You are a “serious sex offender.”
12. You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

If the county approves your application, an absentee ballot will be sent to you for the upcoming election and must be received by 6 p.m. on Election Day.

In order to vote **absentee-by-traveling board**, you must qualify under bullet points 2 or 6 above. The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.

Accessibility

State law requires polling locations and voting machines to be accessible to all voters, especially seniors and voters with disabilities. If you need assistance voting, you may choose someone to help you (other than your employer or union officer) or one poll worker from each major political party can provide assistance.

Call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE or the Indiana Election Division at 317-232-3939 to file a grievance about polling place accessibility or to report you were denied the right to vote or possible fraudulent election activities.