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STATE OF INDIANA
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ORDER CONSOLIDATING AND ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS

***Whereas*, Indiana Code 3-6-5.2-10 (as amended by HEA 1383-2018, SECTION 1) provides that in the event that no later than July 1, 2018 the Indiana Election Commission has not adopted an order for consolidation of precincts in Lake County having fewer than six hundred active voters as of November 1, 2017, the Secretary of State shall issue an order not later than August 1, 2018, to consolidate precincts consistent with the standards provided therein;**

***Whereas*, Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10 (a) directs the Secretary of State to make certain determinations and to issue an order for consolidation of precincts;**

***Whereas*, Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10 (a) directs the Secretary of State to make the following determinations:**

- (1) Which precincts within the county had fewer than six hundred (600) active voters (as defined in Ind. Code 3-11-18.1-2) as of November 1 of the preceding year.**
- (2) Whether compliance with the precinct boundary standards set forth in Ind. Code 3-11-1.5-4 or Ind. Code 3-11-1.5-5 would prevent the combination of a precinct described in subdivision (1) with one (1) or more adjoining precincts.**
- (3) The potential savings in the administration of elections resulting from the combination of precincts under this section;**

***Whereas*, Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10 (b) also directs that the order for consolidations of precincts issued by the Secretary of State do the following:**

- (1) Realize savings for the county.**
- (2) Not impose unreasonable obstacles on the ability of the voters of the county to vote at the polls; and**

***Whereas*, the Secretary of State is required under Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10 (b) to issue an order for consolidation of precincts and file the order with the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration and the Indiana Election Division;**

NOW THEREFORE, as the duly elected and acting Secretary of State of Indiana, I make the following findings and issue this Order:

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FINDINGS

FINDING 1. As of July 1, 2018, the Indiana Election Commission had not adopted an order to comply with Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10.

FINDING 2. 170 precincts in Lake County have fewer than six hundred active voters as of November 1, 2017 and are eligible for consolidation based on the findings incorporated in **Exhibit 1**. The 170 precincts are listed in **Exhibit 1**.

FINDING 3. The precinct boundary standards set forth in Ind. Code 3-11-1.5-4 and Ind. Code 3-11-1.5-5 do not prevent the consolidation of precincts listed in **Exhibit 1** with one or more adjoining precincts.

FINDING 4. Consolidating precincts listed in **Exhibit 1** will result in potential savings of \$117,300.00 per year and \$703,800.00 over a four year election cycle, as detailed in **Attachment D**.

FINDING 5. Consolidating precincts listed in **Exhibit 1** will not impose unreasonable obstacles on the ability of the voters of Lake County to vote at the polls.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

SECTION 1. The precincts listed in **Exhibit 1** are consolidated effective January 1, 2019 in the manner set forth in this exhibit.

SECTION 2. The following documents, attachments, information and data are incorporated by reference into this Order:

Exhibit 1

The suggested precinct consolidation plan filed with the Secretary of State on July 5, 2018.

The Lake County Precinct Consolidation Explanation and Findings Summary, which includes the following Attachments:

Attachment A	Consolidated Precinct Counts by Municipality
Attachment B	Demographic Study Post-Consolidation
Attachment C	Demographic Study Pre-Consolidation
Attachment D	Lake County Precinct Consolidation Cost Savings Validation
Attachment E	Omitted Precincts Under 600 Active Voters
Attachment F	Voting Location Travel Distance Study

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Attachment G	Population Change Summary
Attachment H	Report Discrepancy Log
Attachment I	Top 5 Longest Distance Polling Location Changes with Satellite View
Attachment J	Voter Representation Proportion Analysis
Attachment K	Lake County Precinct Shape File

SECTION 3. This Order shall be construed in accordance with the following rules:

1. The definitions set forth in Ind. Code 1-1-4 and 3-5-2 apply throughout this Order, unless otherwise expressly provided.
2. This Order must be construed, if possible, to comply with Indiana law and federal law (specifically Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10). If any part of this Order violates or an application of this Order violates Indiana law or federal law, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. The provisions of the Order are severable.
3. If a conflict exists between a map showing the boundaries of an existing or consolidated precinct and a description of the existing or consolidated precinct as set forth in this Order, the boundaries of the precinct are the boundaries set forth in the text of the Order, not the boundaries shown on the map, to the extent that there is a conflict between the text and the map.
4. If any scrivener's error, mathematical error, or omission of information is found in this Order, the Order must be construed whenever possible to correct the error or omission.
5. This Order is a final agency action as defined under Ind. Code 4-21.5-1-6.

SECTION 4. The Lake County Board of Elections and Registration and the Indiana Election Division shall take all actions necessary to implement the consolidation required under this Order and in accordance with Ind. Code 3-6-5.2-10.

/s/ Connie Lawson
Connie Lawson
Indiana Secretary of State

Date: 8-1-18