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## HOUSE MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

MR. SPEAKER:

I move that House Bill 1002 be amended to read as follows:

- 1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new  
2 paragraph and insert:  
3       "SECTION 1. IC 3-11-2-14.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
4 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.1. (a) Candidates for**  
6 **retention as a member of the Indiana utility regulatory commission**  
7 **under IC 8-1-1-2.1 shall be placed on the ballot:**  
8       (1) after the offices described in section 14 of this chapter;  
9       (2) in a separate column on the ballot; and  
10       (3) in alphabetical order according to surname. However, if  
11 the member serving as chair of the commission is subject to  
12 retention, the chair's name must appear first.  
13       (b) If the ballot includes one (1) or more candidates for  
14 retention as a member of the Indiana utility regulatory  
15 commission, the ballot must contain a statement that reads  
16 substantially as follows: "To vote regarding whether to retain a  
17 commissioner of the Indiana utility regulatory commission, you  
18 must indicate a vote of either "yes" or "no" in response to the  
19 question of the commissioner's retention. A straight party vote will  
20 not count as a vote for or against retention of a commissioner."  
21       SECTION 2. IC 3-11-13-11, AS AMENDED BY THE  
22 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL

ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) The ballot information, whether placed on the ballot card or on the marking device, must be in the order of arrangement provided for ballots under this section.

(b) Each county election board shall have the names of all candidates for all elected offices, political party offices, and public questions printed on a ballot card as provided in this chapter. The county may:

(1) print all offices and questions on a single ballot card; and

(2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper version of a ballot is used within a precinct.

(c) Each type of ballot card must be of uniform size and of the same quality and color of paper (except as permitted under IC 3-10-1-17).

(d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by petitioners shall be listed on the ballot with the name and device set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2) or more parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:

(1) is not affiliated with a political party; and

(2) does not identify as an independent candidate.

(e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12, IC 3-11-2-12.4, IC 3-11-2-12.5, IC 3-11-2-12.7(b), IC 3-11-2-12.9(a), IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c), IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), ~~and~~ IC 3-11-2-14(e), **and IC 3-11-2-14.1(a)**. The offices and public questions may be listed in a continuous column either vertically or horizontally and on a number of separate pages.

(f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the first candidate:

(1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be elected to the office.

(2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if more than one (1) candidate is to be elected to the office.

(3) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1) candidate is to be elected to a school board office.

(g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be grouped together in the following order:

(1) The major political party whose candidate received the highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state at the last election is listed first.

(2) The major political party whose candidate received the second highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state is listed second.

(3) All other political parties listed in the order that the parties' candidates for secretary of state finished in the last election are listed after the party listed in subdivision (2).

(4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of state in the last election or a nominee is an independent candidate or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the party or candidate is listed after the parties described in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).

(5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the ballot, the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in which the party filed its petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6-12.

(6) The name of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C) is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through (5), if applicable.

(7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law.

(8) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the ballot.

(h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the candidate's political party, or the word "Independent" if the:

(1) candidate; or

(2) ticket of candidates for:

(A) President and Vice President of the United States; or

(B) governor and lieutenant governor;

is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name of the candidate and must be printed in a uniform size and type. In the case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

(i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision must be grouped together:

- (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
- (2) in the order established by subsection (g); and
- (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to surname.

A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office."

(j) Candidates for election to at-large seats on the governing body of a school corporation must be grouped:

- (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
- and
- (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office."

(k) The following information must be placed at the top of the ballot before the first public question is listed:

- (1) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7.
- (2) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and IC 3-11-2-10(e).

(l) The ballot must include a single connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square, or a voting position for voting a straight party ticket by one (1) mark as required by section 14 of this chapter, and the single connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square, or the voting position for casting a straight party ticket ballot must be identified by:

- (1) the name of the political party; and
- (2) immediately below or beside the political party's name, the device of that party (described in IC 3-11-2-5).

The name and device of each political party must be of uniform size and type and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing candidates under each office. The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, do not make a mark in this section and proceed to voting the ballot by office."

(m) A public question must be in the form described in IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a single connectable arrow, a circle, or an oval may be used instead of a square. Except as

expressly authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print a ballot card that contains language concerning the public question other than the language authorized by a statute.

(n) The requirements in this section:

(1) do not replace; and

(2) are in addition to;

any other requirements in this title that apply to optical scan ballots.

(o) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when a ballot does not comply with the requirements imposed by this title or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion or mistakes by voters.

(p) This subsection applies to an optical scan ballot that does not list:

(1) the names of political parties or candidates; or

(2) the text of public questions;

on the face of the ballot. The ballot must be prepared in accordance with this section, except that the ballot must include a numbered circle or oval to refer to each political party, candidate, or public question.

SECTION 3. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county election board shall have the names of all candidates for all elected offices, political party offices, and public questions printed on ballot labels for use in an electronic voting system as provided in this chapter.

(b) The county may:

(1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;

and

(2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper version of a ballot label is used within a precinct.

(c) Each type of ballot label must be of uniform size and of the same quality and color of paper (except as permitted under IC 3-10-1-17).

(d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by petitioners must be listed on the ballot label with the name and device set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2) or more parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:

(1) is not affiliated with a political party; and

(2) does not identify as an independent candidate.

(e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on the

1 general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,  
 2 IC 3-11-2-12.4, IC 3-11-2-12.5, IC 3-11-2-12.7(b), IC 3-11-2-12.9(a),  
 3 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),  
 4 IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), ~~and~~ IC 3-11-2-14(e), **and**  
 5 **IC 3-11-2-14.1(a).** Each office and public question may have a  
 6 separate screen, or the offices and public questions may be listed in a  
 7 continuous column either vertically or horizontally.

8 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold  
 9 type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed  
 10 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the  
 11 first candidate:

12 (1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be  
 13 elected to the office.

14 (2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be  
 15 elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any candidate for  
 16 this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you  
 17 wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for  
 18 any candidate for this office.", if more than one (1) candidate is to  
 19 be elected to the office.

20 (3) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not count as  
 21 a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1) candidate  
 22 is to be elected to a school board office.

23 (g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by  
 24 subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be  
 25 grouped together in the following order:

26 (1) The major political party whose candidate received the highest  
 27 number of votes in the county for secretary of state at the last  
 28 election is listed first.

29 (2) The major political party whose candidate received the second  
 30 highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state is  
 31 listed second.

32 (3) All other political parties listed in the order that the parties'  
 33 candidates for secretary of state finished in the last election are  
 34 listed after the party listed in subdivision (2).

35 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of  
 36 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent candidate  
 37 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the party or  
 38 candidate is listed after the parties described in subdivisions (1),  
 39 (2), and (3).

40 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate  
 41 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the ballot,  
 42 the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in which  
 43 the party filed its petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6-12.

44 (6) The name of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C)  
 45 is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through  
 46 (5), if applicable.

(7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law. A space for write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no declared write-in candidates for that office. However, procedures must be implemented to permit write-in voting for candidates for federal offices.

(8) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the ballot.

(h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the candidate's political party, or the word "Independent", if the:

(1) candidate; or

(2) ticket of candidates for:

(A) President and Vice President of the United States; or

(B) governor and lieutenant governor;

is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type. In the case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

(i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision must be grouped together:

(1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

(2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and

(3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to surname.

A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office."

(j) Candidates for election to at-large seats on the governing body of a school corporation must be grouped:

(1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

and

(2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office."

(k) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7 must be placed at the top or beginning of the ballot label before the first public

- question is listed.
- (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and IC 3-11-2-10(e) may be:
- (1) placed on the ballot label; or
  - (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the voter to easily read the instructions.
- (m) Except as provided in section 14.5 of this chapter, the ballot label must include a touch sensitive point or button for voting a straight political party ticket by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or button must be identified by:
- (1) the name of the political party; and
  - (2) immediately below or beside the political party's name, the device of that party (described in IC 3-11-2-5).
- The name and device of each party must be of uniform size and type, and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing candidates under each office. The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, press "NEXT" (or replace "NEXT" with the term used by that voting system to permit a voter to skip a ballot screen) to continue voting."
- (n) A public question must be in the form described in IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question other than the language authorized by a statute.
- (o) The requirements in this section:
- (1) do not replace; and
  - (2) are in addition to;
- any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic voting systems.
- (p) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when a ballot label does not comply with the requirements imposed by this title or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion or mistakes by voters.
- SECTION 4. IC 8-1-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.136-2018, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) There is created the Indiana utility regulatory commission, which shall consist of five (5) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be an attorney qualified to practice law before the supreme court of Indiana and not more than three (3) of whom belong to the same political party.
- (b) The **governor shall appoint** members of the commission:



1           **(1) for an initial term as a member; and all**

2           **(2) to fill any** vacancies occurring on the commission;  
 3 ~~shall be appointed by the governor~~ from among persons nominated by  
 4 the nominating committee in accordance with IC 8-1-1.5.

5           (c) The members may be removed at any time by the governor for  
 6 cause.

7           (d) The governor shall appoint one (1) member as chairman.

8           ~~(e) The members of the commission shall be appointed for a term of~~  
 9 ~~four (4) years, except when a member is appointed to fill a vacancy, in~~  
 10 ~~which case such appointment shall be for such unexpired term only. All~~  
 11 ~~members of said commission shall serve as such until their successors~~  
 12 ~~are duly appointed and qualified, and While so serving on the~~  
 13 **commission, members of the commission** shall devote full time to the  
 14 duties of the commission and shall not be actively engaged in any other  
 15 occupation, profession, or business that constitutes a conflict of interest  
 16 or otherwise interferes with carrying out their duties as commissioners.

17           (f) A member of the commission or any person appointed to any  
 18 position or employed in any capacity to serve the commission, may not  
 19 have any official or professional relationship or connection with, or  
 20 hold any stock or securities or have any pecuniary interest in any public  
 21 utility operating in Indiana.

22           (g) Each member appointed to the Indiana utility regulatory  
 23 commission shall take and subscribe to an oath in writing that the  
 24 member will faithfully perform the duties of the member's office, and  
 25 support and defend to the best of the member's ability the Constitution  
 26 and laws of the state of Indiana and of the United States of America,  
 27 and such oath shall be filed with the secretary of state.

28           (h) The chairman of the commission shall assign cases to the  
 29 various members of the commission or to administrative law judges for  
 30 hearings.

31           SECTION 5. IC 8-1-1-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 32 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 2.1. (a) Except as provided in subsection**  
 34 **(b), the term of a member of the commission is four (4) years.**

35           **(b) The term of an individual who is appointed as a member of**  
 36 **the commission for the purpose of filling a vacant position in the**  
 37 **membership of the commission is the duration of the remainder of**  
 38 **the term of the member who vacated the position.**

39           **(c) An individual serving as a member of the commission may**  
 40 **serve a succeeding term as a member of the commission only if the**  
 41 **individual's retention for the succeeding term is approved by**  
 42 **voters at the general election that immediately precedes the**  
 43 **expiration of the term the individual is serving.**

44           **(d) An individual who is serving as a member of the commission**  
 45 **and wishes to serve a succeeding term as a member of the**  
 46 **commission must file a declaration with the secretary of state not**

1 later than noon on the July 15 that immediately precedes the date  
2 of the general election that immediately precedes the expiration of  
3 the individual's term as a member of the commission. The  
4 declaration must:

5 (1) state that the individual wishes to have the question of the  
6 individual's retention as a member of the commission placed  
7 on the ballot; and

8 (2) include a statement of the individual's name:

9 (A) as the individual wants the individual's name to appear  
10 on the ballot; and

11 (B) as the individual's name is permitted to appear on the  
12 ballot under IC 3-5-7.

13 (e) If an individual serving as a member of the commission does  
14 not file a declaration under subsection (d) stating that the  
15 individual wishes to have the question of the individual's retention  
16 as a member of the commission placed on the ballot, the  
17 individual's position on the commission is vacant upon the  
18 expiration of the individual's term.

19 (f) If an individual serving as a member of the commission files  
20 a declaration under subsection (d) stating that the individual  
21 wishes to have the question of the individual's retention as a  
22 member of the commission placed on the ballot, the question of the  
23 individual's retention shall be submitted to the electorate at the  
24 general election that immediately precedes the expiration of the  
25 individual's term as a member of the commission. The question  
26 shall be placed on the ballot in the form prescribed by IC 3-11-2  
27 and must state:

28 "Shall (insert name) be retained as a commissioner of the  
29 Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for an additional four  
30 (4) year term?"

31 (g) If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on the  
32 retention of an individual as a member of the commission under  
33 subsection (f) is "yes", the individual begins a new four (4) year  
34 term as a member of the commission upon the expiration of the  
35 term the individual is serving at the time of the election.

36 (h) If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on the  
37 retention of an individual as a member of the commission under  
38 subsection (f) is "no":

- 1           **(1) the individual's position on the commission is vacant upon**
- 2           **the expiration of the individual's term; and**
- 3           **(2) the individual may not serve as a member of the**
- 4           **commission following the expiration of the individual's term.".**

5           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as printed January 22, 2026.)

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Representative Andrade