

# HOUSE BILL No. 1019

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Constitutional amendment ballot question. Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the residency of a city or town court judge.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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December 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) **The amendment to**  
2 **the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the residency**  
3 **of a city or town court judge, agreed to by the One Hundred**  
4 **Twenty-Third General Assembly (P.L.254-2023) and the One**  
5 **Hundred Twenty-Fourth General Assembly (P.L.244-2025), shall**  
6 **be submitted to the electors of Indiana at the 2026 general election**  
7 **in the manner provided for the submission of constitutional**  
8 **amendments under IC 3.**

9       (b) Under Article 16, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State  
10 **of Indiana, which requires the general assembly to submit**  
11 **constitutional amendments to the electors at the next general**  
12 **election after the general assembly agrees to the amendment**  
13 **referred to it by the last previously elected general assembly, and**  
14 **in accordance with IC 3-10-3, the general assembly prescribes the**  
15 **form in which the public question concerning the ratification of**  
16 **this state constitutional amendment must appear on the 2026**  
17 **general election ballot as follows:**

18               **"Public Question #1**



1       **Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to**  
2       **permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county**  
3       **in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to**  
4       **the city or town in which the court is located? (This question**  
5       **concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of**  
6       **Indiana.)".**

