



January 8, 2026

HOUSE BILL No. 1019

DIGEST OF HB 1019 (Updated January 7, 2026 10:40 am - DI 140)

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.

Aylesworth

December 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
December 5, 2025, reassigned to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
January 8, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

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

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

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

"Public Question #1

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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.)".**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1019, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1019 as introduced.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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