

# HOUSE BILL No. 1022

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-8; IC 3-9-1-5; IC 4-2-6-8.

**Synopsis:** Selection of candidate for lieutenant governor. Requires a candidate for governor who has been nominated at a primary election or state convention to certify the name of the candidate for lieutenant governor who will run jointly with the candidate for governor at the general election. Requires the candidate for lieutenant governor to file a declaration of candidacy not later than noon July 15 before the general election. Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-8-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2025,
- 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A political party shall conduct a state
- 4 convention to nominate the candidates of the political party for the
- 5 following offices to be voted on at the next general election:
- 6 ~~(1) Lieutenant governor.~~
- 7 ~~(2) (1) Secretary of state.~~
- 8 ~~(3) (2) State comptroller (auditor of state).~~
- 9 ~~(4) (3) Treasurer of state.~~
- 10 ~~(5) (4) Attorney general.~~
- 11 (b) The convention may also:
- 12 (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate
- 13 presidential electors; and
- 14 (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national
- 15 convention of the political party.
- 16 (c) If a political party's state convention does not:
- 17 (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate



1 presidential electors; or  
 2 (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national  
 3 convention of the political party;  
 4 the candidates shall be nominated or the delegates elected as provided  
 5 in the state party's rules.

6 SECTION 2. IC 3-8-7-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
 7 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25. Each county election board shall have printed  
 9 on the respective general, special, or municipal election ballots the  
 10 names of the following candidates:

11 (1) Nominees chosen at a primary election under IC 3-10 and  
 12 certified as required by this chapter.

13 (2) Nominees chosen by a convention of a political party in the  
 14 state whose candidate received at least two percent (2%) of the  
 15 total vote cast for secretary of state at the last election and  
 16 certified under section 8 of this chapter.

17 **(3) Candidates for lieutenant governor who:**

18 **(A) are timely certified under section 31 to run jointly with**  
 19 **a candidate for governor; and**

20 **(B) timely file a declaration of candidacy under section 31**  
 21 **of this chapter.**

22 ~~(3)~~ (4) Nominees nominated by petition under IC 3-8-6.

23 ~~(4)~~ (5) Nominees selected to fill a candidate vacancy under  
 24 IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2.

25 SECTION 3. IC 3-8-7-31, IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 26 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 27 1, 2026]: Sec. 31. (a) Not later than noon July 15 before the general  
 28 election, a candidate for governor who has been nominated as a  
 29 candidate of a political party at a primary election or a state  
 30 convention under IC 3-8-4-10 shall certify in writing to the  
 31 secretary of state the name of the candidate for lieutenant  
 32 governor who will run jointly with the candidate for governor in  
 33 the general election.

34 (b) Not later than noon July 15 before the general election, the  
 35 candidate for lieutenant governor identified in subsection (a) shall  
 36 file with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy signed  
 37 before a person authorized to administer oaths that contains the  
 38 following information:

39 (1) The candidate's name, printed or typewritten as:

40 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on  
 41 the ballot; and

42 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the



- 1           **ballot under IC 3-5-7.**  
 2           **A candidate must specify, by a designation described in**  
 3           **IC 3-5-7-5, each designation that the candidate wants to use**  
 4           **that is permitted by IC 3-5-7.**  
 5           **(2) A statement that the candidate is a registered voter and**  
 6           **the location of the candidate's precinct and township (or**  
 7           **ward, if applicable, and city or town), county, and state.**  
 8           **(3) The candidate's complete residence address, and if the**  
 9           **candidate's mailing address is different from the residence**  
 10           **address, the mailing address.**  
 11           **(4) A statement of the candidate's party affiliation. For**  
 12           **purposes of this subdivision, a candidate is considered to be**  
 13           **affiliated with a political party only if any of the following**  
 14           **applies:**  
 15               **(A) The two (2) most recent primary elections in Indiana**  
 16               **in which the candidate voted were primary elections held**  
 17               **by the party with which the candidate claims affiliation. If**  
 18               **the candidate cast a nonpartisan ballot at an election held**  
 19               **at either of the two (2) most recent primary elections in**  
 20               **which the candidate voted, a certification by the county**  
 21               **chairman under clause (B) is required.**  
 22               **(B) The county chairman of:**  
 23                   **(i) the political party with which the candidate claims**  
 24                   **affiliation; and**  
 25                   **(ii) the county in which the candidate resides;**  
 26               **certifies that the candidate is a member of the political**  
 27               **party.**  
 28           **The declaration of candidacy must inform candidates how**  
 29           **party affiliation is determined under this subdivision and**  
 30           **permit the candidate to indicate on the declaration of**  
 31           **candidacy which of clauses (A) or (B) applies to the candidate.**  
 32           **If a candidate claims party affiliation under clause (B), the**  
 33           **candidate must attach to the candidate's declaration of**  
 34           **candidacy the written certification of the county chairman**  
 35           **required by clause (B).**  
 36           **(5) A statement that the candidate complies with all**  
 37           **requirements under the laws of Indiana to be a candidate for**  
 38           **the above named office, including any applicable residency**  
 39           **requirements, and that the candidate is not ineligible to be a**  
 40           **candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit the**  
 41           **candidate from serving in the office.**  
 42           **(6) A request that the candidate's name be placed on the**



1 general election ballot as a candidate for lieutenant governor  
 2 jointly with the candidate for governor, and the date of the  
 3 general election.

4 (7) The following statements:

5 (A) A statement that the candidate has attached either of  
 6 the following to the declaration:

7 (i) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file  
 8 stamped by the office required to receive the statement  
 9 of economic interests.

10 (ii) A receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that a  
 11 statement of economic interests has been filed.

12 (B) A statement that the candidate understands that if the  
 13 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be  
 14 required to obtain and file an individual surety bond  
 15 before serving in the office.

16 (C) A statement that the candidate:

17 (i) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding  
 18 campaign finance and the reporting of campaign  
 19 contributions and expenditures; and

20 (ii) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.

21 The candidate must separately initial each of the statements  
 22 required by this subdivision.

23 (8) A statement as to whether the candidate has been a  
 24 candidate for state, legislative, or local office in a previous  
 25 primary, municipal, special, or general election and whether  
 26 the candidate has filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for  
 27 all previous candidacies.

28 (9) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement that  
 29 the candidate has filed a campaign finance statement of  
 30 organization for the candidate's principal committee or is  
 31 aware that the candidate may be required to file a campaign  
 32 finance statement of organization not later than noon seven  
 33 (7) days after the final date to file a declaration of candidacy  
 34 under this section.

35 (10) The candidate's signature.

36 (c) The election division shall provide that the form of a  
 37 declaration of candidacy includes the following information:

38 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under  
 39 IC 3-9.

40 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports  
 41 under IC 3-9.

42 (d) A declaration of candidacy must include a statement that the



candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter registration record be the same as the name the candidate uses on the declaration of candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on the candidate's declaration of candidacy and the name on the candidate's voter registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy is filed shall forward the information to the voter registration officer of the appropriate county as required by IC 3-5-7-6(d). The voter registration officer of the appropriate county shall change the name on the candidate's voter registration record to be the same as the name on the candidate's declaration of candidacy.

(e) Notwithstanding IC 3-13-1-7, if:

(1) the candidate for governor fails to timely certify a candidate for lieutenant governor as required under subsection (a); or

(2) a candidate for lieutenant governor fails to timely file the declaration of candidacy under subsection (b);

the lieutenant governor candidate vacancy must be filled, not later than August 15 before the general election, by the state committee of the political party under IC 3-13-1.

SECTION 4. IC 3-9-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to the following candidates:

(1) A candidate for a local office for which the compensation is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.

(2) A candidate for a school board office.

(b) Each candidate shall have a principal committee.

(c) A candidate shall file a written instrument designating the name of the principal committee and the names of the chairman and treasurer of the committee. The written instrument must be filed not later than the earliest of the following:

(1) Noon ten (10) days after becoming a candidate.

(2) Noon seven (7) days after the final date and hour for filing any of the following, whichever applies to the candidate:

(A) A declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2 **or IC 3-8-7-31.**

(B) A petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6.

(C) A certificate of nomination under IC 3-8-7-8.

(D) A certificate of candidate selection under IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2.

(E) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under IC 3-8-2.

(3) The date a candidate is required to file the candidate's first



campaign finance report under IC 3-9-5.

(d) This designation may be made on the same instrument as the statement of organization required from the principal committee.

SECTION 5. IC 4-2-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The following persons shall file a written financial disclosure statement:

(1) The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state comptroller, treasurer of state, and attorney general.

(2) Any candidate for one (1) of the offices in subdivision (1) who is not the holder of one (1) of those offices.

(3) Any person who is the appointing authority of an agency.

(4) The director of each division of the Indiana department of administration.

(5) Any purchasing agent within the procurement division of the Indiana department of administration.

(6) Any agency employee, special state appointee, former agency employee, or former special state appointee with final purchasing authority.

(7) The chief investment officer employed by the Indiana public retirement system.

(8) Any employee of the Indiana public retirement system whose duties include the recommendation, selection, and management of:

(A) the investments of the funds administered by the Indiana public retirement system;

(B) the investment options offered in the annuity savings accounts in the public employees' retirement fund and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund;

(C) the investment options offered in the legislators' defined contribution plan; or

(D) investment managers, investment advisors, and other investment service providers of the Indiana public retirement system.

(9) An employee required to do so by rule adopted by the inspector general.

(b) The statement shall be filed with the inspector general as follows:

(1) Not later than February 1 of every year, in the case of the state officers and employees enumerated in subsection (a).

(2) If the individual has not previously filed under subdivision (1) during the present calendar year and is filing as a candidate for a



state office listed in subsection (a)(1), before:

(A) filing a declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2, ~~or~~  
IC 3-8-4-11, **or IC 3-8-7-31;**

(B) **filing a** petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6; ~~or~~

(C) **filing a** declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
under IC 3-8-2-2.5; or

(D) ~~before~~ a certificate of nomination is filed under IC 3-8-7-8,  
in the case of a candidate for one (1) of the state offices  
(unless the statement has already been filed when required  
under IC 3-8-4-11).

(3) Not later than sixty (60) days after employment or taking  
office, unless the previous employment or office required the  
filing of a statement under this section.

(4) Not later than thirty (30) days after leaving employment or  
office, unless the subsequent employment or office requires the  
filing of a statement under this section.

The statement must be made under affirmation.

(c) The statement shall set forth the following information for the  
preceding calendar year or, in the case of a state officer or employee  
who leaves office or employment, the period since a previous statement  
was filed:

(1) The name and address of any person known:

(A) to have a business relationship with the agency of the state  
officer or employee or the office sought by the candidate; and

(B) from whom the state officer, candidate, or the employee,  
or that individual's spouse or unemancipated children received  
a gift or gifts having a total fair market value in excess of one  
hundred dollars (\$100).

(2) The location of all real property in which the state officer,  
candidate, or the employee or that individual's spouse or  
unemancipated children has an equitable or legal interest either  
amounting to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more or  
comprising ten percent (10%) of the state officer's, candidate's, or  
the employee's net worth or the net worth of that individual's  
spouse or unemancipated children. An individual's primary  
personal residence need not be listed, unless it also serves as  
income property.

(3) The names and the nature of the business of the employers of  
the state officer, candidate, or the employee and that individual's  
spouse.

(4) The following information about any sole proprietorship  
owned or professional practice operated by the state officer,





candidate, or the employee or that individual's spouse:

(A) The name of the sole proprietorship or professional practice.

(B) The nature of the business.

(C) Whether any clients are known to have had a business relationship with the agency of the state officer or employee or the office sought by the candidate.

(D) The name of any client or customer from whom the state officer, candidate, employee, or that individual's spouse received more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the state officer's, candidate's, employee's, or that individual's spouse's nonstate income in a year.

(5) The name of any partnership of which the state officer, candidate, or the employee or that individual's spouse is a member and the nature of the partnership's business.

(6) The name of any corporation (other than a church) of which the state officer, candidate, or the employee or that individual's spouse is an officer or a director and the nature of the corporation's business.

(7) The name of any corporation in which the state officer, candidate, or the employee or that individual's spouse or unemancipated children own stock or stock options having a fair market value in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). However, if the stock is held in a blind trust, the name of the administrator of the trust must be disclosed on the statement instead of the name of the corporation. A time or demand deposit in a financial institution or insurance policy need not be listed.

(8) The name and address of the most recent former employer.

(9) Additional information that the person making the disclosure chooses to include.

Any such state officer, candidate, or employee may file an amended statement upon discovery of additional information required to be reported.

(d) A person who:

(1) fails to file a statement required by rule or this section in a timely manner; or

(2) files a deficient statement;

upon a majority vote of the commission, is subject to a civil penalty at a rate of not more than ten dollars (\$10) for each day the statement remains delinquent or deficient. The maximum penalty under this subsection is one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(e) A person who intentionally or knowingly files a false statement



1 commits a Class A infraction.

