

HOUSE BILL No. 1096

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-7; IC 3-10-1; IC 3-11; IC 35-52-3-0.5.

Synopsis: Various elections matters. Allows an individual to affiliate with a political party while registering to vote. Requires the text: "Would you like to choose your political party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must first choose your political party affiliation and may only vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation to be included on a voter registration form. Modifies the list of information concerning a voter that the election division is prohibited from providing. Provides, with exceptions, that certain individuals are entitled to review data concerning registered voters that has been collected and maintained on the computerized list. Provides that a voter may only vote at a primary election if the voter has affiliated with a political party not later than 119 days before the date of the primary election. Requires a voter to vote at the primary election held by the political party with which the voter is affiliated. Provides an exception to allow an individual who: (1) has moved to Indiana later than 119 days before the date of the primary election from another state; and (2) is 17 years of age but will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general, municipal, or special election; to register to vote and affiliate with a political party later than 119 days before the primary election, and vote at a primary election. Allows a voter to change party affiliation less than 119 days before the primary election and vote in a primary election if the voter has moved to a new election district less than 119 days before the primary election and the voter transfers the voter's registration record. Requires a county voter registration office to automatically affiliate certain voters with a political party and to allow all voters to affiliate
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or change political party affiliation. Allows a voter to affiliate with a political party when transferring the voter's registration record. Requires a voter who casts a provisional ballot to make an affidavit identifying the voter's political party affiliation. Provides that, except for certain political parties, no person may provide an individual with an absentee ballot application unless requested by the individual or certain family members of the individual. Allows the county election board to assess a civil penalty of not more than \$100 if an unsolicited absentee ballot is provided. Reduces the period during which in person absentee voting may occur at the office of the circuit court clerk or a satellite office established by the county election board to a 10 day period ending at noon on the day before election day. Establishes a minimum number of satellite offices for in person absentee voting. Requires the secretary of state to do the following: (1) conduct at least three public meetings to study certain topics concerning election equipment and election procedures; and (2) report the results of meetings to the legislative council before November 1, 2026.



Introduced

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

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HOUSE BILL No. 1096

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 3-7-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. A person who, on the day of the
3 next general, municipal, or special election, will meet the age and
4 residency requirements of section 1 of this chapter may register and
5 vote in the primary election, **subject to IC 3-10-1-6.5**.
6 SECTION 2. IC 3-7-14-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024,
7 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) As provided in 52 U.S.C. 20504(c)(2), the
9 registration form described in section 5 of this chapter must meet the
10 following requirements:
11 (1) The form may not require information that duplicates
12 information required in the driver's license application part of the
13 form, except as set forth in subdivision (3).
14 (2) The form may require only the minimum amount of
15 information necessary to do the following:



- 1 (A) Prevent duplication of voter registrations.
- 2 (B) Permit the circuit court clerk or board of registration to:
- 3 (i) assess the eligibility of the applicant; and
- 4 (ii) administer the election and voter registration system.
- 5 (3) The form must include a statement that does the following:
- 6 (A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration
- 7 (including citizenship).
- 8 (B) Contains an attestation that the applicant meets each of the
- 9 eligibility requirements.
- 10 (C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of
- 11 perjury.
- 12 (4) The form must include the following, in print that is identical
- 13 to the print used in the attestation part of the application:
- 14 (A) Information setting forth the penalties provided by law for
- 15 submission of a false voter registration application.
- 16 (B) A statement that, if an applicant declines to register to
- 17 vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will
- 18 remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration
- 19 purposes.
- 20 (C) A statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the
- 21 office at which the applicant submits a voter registration
- 22 application will remain confidential and will be used only for
- 23 voter registration purposes.
- 24 **(D) The text "Would you like to choose your political**
- 25 **party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must**
- 26 **first choose your political party affiliation and may only**
- 27 **vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a**
- 28 **blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.**
- 29 (b) The registration form described in section 5 of this chapter must
- 30 include a statement informing the individual that if the individual is
- 31 registering for the first time, the appropriate information required under
- 32 IC 3-7-33-4.7 must be submitted with the registration form in order to
- 33 avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting for the
- 34 first time.
- 35 SECTION 3. IC 3-7-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024,
- 36 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The registration form prescribed under
- 38 section 4 of this chapter must meet the following requirements:
- 39 (1) The form must be equivalent to the mail registration form
- 40 prescribed by the election division under IC 3-7-31 and in
- 41 compliance with 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A)(ii).
- 42 (2) The form must include a statement that does the following:



- 1 (A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration
- 2 (including citizenship).
- 3 (B) Contains an attestation that the applicant meets each of the
- 4 eligibility requirements.
- 5 (C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of
- 6 perjury, and the date the form was signed.
- 7 (3) The form must include the following as provided in 52 U.S.C.
- 8 20506(a)(6)(B):
- 9 (A) A question reading "If you are not registered to vote where
- 10 you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here
- 11 today?".
- 12 (B) A statement reading "Applying to register or declining to
- 13 register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that
- 14 you will be provided by this agency.".
- 15 (C) Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the
- 16 applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote.
- 17 (D) A statement in close proximity to the boxes and in
- 18 prominent type: "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX,
- 19 YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT
- 20 TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.".
- 21 (E) A statement reading "If you would like help in filling out
- 22 the voter registration application form, we will help you. The
- 23 decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill
- 24 out the application form in private.".
- 25 (F) A statement reading "If you believe that someone has
- 26 interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to
- 27 vote, or your right to choose your political party or other
- 28 political preference, you may file a complaint with (insert the
- 29 title, address, and telephone number of the NVRA official). If
- 30 you want you may first try to solve the problem by filing a
- 31 complaint with the county voter registration office of the
- 32 county where the violation occurred.".
- 33 **(G) The text "Would you like to choose your political**
- 34 **party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must**
- 35 **first choose your political party affiliation and may only**
- 36 **vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a**
- 37 **blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.**
- 38 (b) The registration form prescribed under section 4 of this chapter
- 39 must include a statement informing the individual that if the individual
- 40 is registering for the first time, the appropriate information required
- 41 under IC 3-7-33-4.7 must be submitted with the registration form in
- 42 order to avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting



1 for the first time.

2 SECTION 4. IC 3-7-16-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024,
3 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) The registration form prescribed under
5 section 11 of this chapter must meet the following requirements:

6 (1) The form must be equivalent to the mail registration form
7 prescribed by the election division under IC 3-7-31 and in
8 compliance with 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A)(ii).

9 (2) The form must include a statement that does the following:

10 (A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration
11 (including citizenship).

12 (B) Contains an attestation that the applicant meets each of the
13 eligibility requirements.

14 (C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of
15 perjury, and the date the form was signed.

16 (3) The form must include the following as provided in 52 U.S.C.
17 20506(a)(6)(B):

18 (A) A question reading "If you are not registered to vote where
19 you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here
20 today?"

21 (B) A statement reading "Applying to register or declining to
22 register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that
23 you will be provided by this agency."

24 (C) Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the
25 applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote.

26 (D) A statement in close proximity to the boxes and in
27 prominent type: "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX,
28 YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT
29 TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME."

30 (E) A statement reading "If you would like help in filling out
31 the voter registration application form, we will help you. The
32 decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill
33 out the application form in private."

34 (F) A statement reading "If you believe that someone has
35 interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to
36 vote, or your right to choose your political party or other
37 political preference, you may file a complaint with (insert the
38 title, address, and telephone number of the NVRA official). If
39 you want you may first try to solve the problem by filing a
40 complaint with the county voter registration office of the
41 county where the violation occurred."

42 **(G) The text "Would you like to choose your political**



party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must first choose your political party affiliation and may only vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.

(4) The form must be designed to make voter registration as accessible as possible for persons with disabilities.

(b) The registration form prescribed under section 11 of this chapter must include a statement informing the individual that if the individual is registering for the first time, the appropriate information required under IC 3-7-33-4.7 must be submitted with the registration form in order to avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting for the first time.

SECTION 5. IC 3-7-18-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The registration form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter must meet the following requirements:

(1) The form must be equivalent to the mail registration form prescribed by the election division under IC 3-7-31 and in compliance with 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A)(ii).

(2) The form must include a statement that does the following:

(A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration (including citizenship).

(B) Contains an attestation that the applicant meets each of the eligibility requirements.

(C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury, and the date the form was signed.

(3) The form must include the following as provided in 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(B):

(A) A question reading "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?".

(B) A statement reading "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.".

(C) Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote.

(D) A statement in close proximity to the boxes and in prominent type: "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.".

(E) A statement reading "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The



1 decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill
2 out the application form in private."

3 (F) A statement reading "If you believe that someone has
4 interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to
5 vote, or your right to choose your political party or other
6 political preference, you may file a complaint with (insert the
7 title, address, and telephone number of the NVRA official). If
8 you want you may first try to solve the problem by filing a
9 complaint with the county voter registration office of the
10 county where the violation occurred."

11 **(G) The text "Would you like to choose your political**
12 **party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must**
13 **first choose your political party affiliation and may only**
14 **vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a**
15 **blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.**

16 (b) The registration form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter
17 must include a statement informing the individual that if the individual
18 is registering for the first time, the appropriate information required
19 under IC 3-7-33-4.7 must be submitted with the registration form in
20 order to avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting
21 for the first time.

22 SECTION 6. IC 3-7-22-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024,
23 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. A mail registration form prescribed under
25 section 3 of this chapter must meet the following requirements:

- 26 (1) The form must include a statement that does the following:
27 (A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration
28 (including citizenship).
29 (B) Contains an attestation that the applicant meets each of the
30 eligibility requirements.
31 (C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of
32 perjury.
33 (2) The form must include, in print that is identical to the print
34 used in the attestation part of the application, information setting
35 forth the penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter
36 registration application.
37 (3) The question "Are you a citizen of the United States of
38 America?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate
39 whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of the United States.
40 (4) The question "Will you be 18 years of age on or before
41 election day?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate
42 whether or not the applicant will be eighteen (18) years of age on



or before election day.

(5) A statement informing the individual that, if the individual is registering for the first time, the appropriate information required under 52 U.S.C. 21083 or IC 3-7-33-4.7 must be submitted with the registration form in order to avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting for the first time.

(6) The text "Would you like to choose your political party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must first choose your political party affiliation and may only vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.

SECTION 7. IC 3-7-26.4-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.81-2005, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to a person other than a registered voter requesting information about the registered voter.

(b) After a person files a request with the election division for voter registration information compiled under this chapter, the election division shall provide a compilation of the information from the computerized list to the person, redacting the information described in subsection (c).

(c) The election division shall not provide information under this section concerning any of the following information concerning a voter:

(1) Date of birth.

~~(2) Gender.~~

~~(3) (2)~~ Telephone number or electronic mail address.

~~(4) Voting history.~~

~~(5) (3)~~ A voter identification number or another unique field established to identify a voter.

~~(6) The date of registration of the voter.~~

SECTION 8. IC 3-7-26.4-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) **Unless otherwise prohibited by this article, an individual who is not described in section 6 of this chapter is entitled to review data concerning registered voters that has been collected and maintained on the computerized list.**

(b) The election division shall provide copies of the data described in subsection (a) on one (1) or more of the following:

(1) A tangible device that stores electronic files, such as a flash drive.

(2) A computer generated list, such as an electronic spreadsheet, provided to the individual by electronic mail.



1 (c) The election division may contract with a private vendor to
2 make data available under subsection (b).

3 (d) The election division may charge fees that do not exceed the
4 following for providing copies of data requested under this section:

5 (1) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for the statewide voter
6 registration list.

7 (2) Fifty dollars (\$50) for a county voter registration list.

8 (3) Seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a state house district voter
9 registration list.

10 (4) One hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for a state senate district
11 voter registration list.

12 (5) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a congressional
13 district voter registration list.

14 (e) Data provided by the election division under this section may
15 not be used for commercial purposes. A person who intentionally
16 uses the computerized list for commercial purposes commits a
17 Class A misdemeanor.

18 SECTION 9. IC 3-7-27-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2024,
19 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) As required under 52 U.S.C. 20507(i), a
21 county voter registration office shall retain records concerning the
22 implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose
23 of ensuring the accuracy and currency of the voter registration list.
24 These records include the following:

25 (1) Lists of names and addresses of voters who were sent notices
26 under the voter list maintenance program.

27 (2) Information concerning whether a voter has responded to a
28 notice described by subdivision (1) as of the date the inspection
29 of the record is made.

30 (b) The county voter registration office shall retain the records
31 described by this section for at least two (2) years. Except for records
32 concerning declinations to register to vote or that indicate the identity
33 of a voter registration agency where a person registered, the county
34 voter registration office shall make the records available for public
35 inspection and photocopying at a reasonable cost as provided in
36 IC 5-14-3.

37 (c) ~~In accordance with IC 5-14-3-3(h) and notwithstanding any other~~
38 ~~statute, a county voter registration office shall, with regard to voter~~
39 ~~registration information concerning voters of the county on a~~
40 ~~computerized system, act in accordance with a nondiscriminatory~~
41 ~~uniform policy adopted by the county election board. The policy must:~~

42 ~~(+) apply to all records maintained in the computerized list,~~



including election administration records and absentee activity reports; and

(2) either:

(A) permit a person to duplicate or obtain a duplicate copy of a computer disc or other similar record system that contains this voter registration information; or

(B) not permit the person to duplicate or obtain a duplicate copy of the information.

Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-8, the county election board may adopt a nondiscriminatory uniform fee for the production of this electronic record:

(d) A person who requests computerized voter registration information under subsection (c) must provide a written statement that the person will not:

(1) use the information to solicit merchandise, goods, services, or subscriptions; or

(2) sell, loan, give away, or otherwise deliver the information obtained by the request to any other person;

for a purpose other than political activities or political fundraising activities:

(e) Publication of information obtained under subsection (d) in a news broadcast or newspaper is not prohibited.

SECTION 10. IC 3-7-27-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.240-2025, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), absentee activity reports and other election day reports must be provided by 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. on election day.

(b) Upon the unanimous vote of the county election board's entire membership, a county election board may specify ~~in a policy adopted under section 6(c) of this chapter~~, times for the provision of absentee activity reports and other election day reports that differ from the times required under subsection (a).

SECTION 11. IC 3-7-29-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), this section does not apply to a county that:

(1) has adopted an order under section 6(a)(1) of this chapter; or

(2) is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1.

(b) Not later than ten (10) days before the election at which the registration record is to be used, the county voter registration office shall prepare certified copies of the list of registered voters for each precinct in the county.



(c) The lists must contain the following information concerning each registered voter:

- (1) The full name of the voter.
- (2) The address of the voter.
- (3) The assigned voter identification number.
- (4) Whether the voter is required to provide additional identification before voting either in person or by absentee ballot.
- (5) The date of birth of the voter, including an indication whether the voter is less than eighteen (18) years of age for a poll list used in a primary election.
- (6) The scanned signature of the voter.
- (7) Whether the voter is required to provide an affirmation of the voter's residence.
- (8) A bar code that allows the county voter registration office to efficiently record whether the voter has signed the poll list.
- (9) For a poll list used in a primary election, a letter abbreviation of the name of the major political party ~~whose ballot that~~ the voter ~~has requested~~ **is affiliated with under IC 3-10-1-6.5.**
- (10) A space for a poll clerk to indicate when a voter has cast an absentee ballot.
- (11) A space for a poll clerk to indicate when a voter has cast a provisional ballot.
- (12) For a voter required to submit additional documentation required under IC 3-7-33-4.5 or IC 3-7-33-4.7, a space for a poll clerk to insert letters serving as an abbreviation for the type of documentation provided by the voter.

(d) The names shall be arranged in the same order as they are in the registration record of the precinct.

(e) The poll list must also contain a statement at the top of each page indicating that an individual who knowingly makes a false statement:

- (1) by signing a poll list; or
- (2) on a poll list concerning the individual's name, voter identification number, or residence address;

commits a Level 6 felony as provided by IC 3-14-2-11.

(f) This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an order under section 6(a)(1) of this chapter or is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1. The precinct election board shall post in a location within the precinct or vote center a notice that:

- (1) is clearly visible to an individual (or to an individual providing assistance under IC 3-11-9) who is providing information to a precinct election officer using an electronic poll book; and



(2) indicates that an individual commits a Level 6 felony under IC 3-14-2-11, if the individual knowingly makes a false statement to a precinct election officer concerning:

- (A) the individual's name;
- (B) the individual's voter identification number; or
- (C) the individual's residence address.

SECTION 12. IC 3-7-39-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** A voter who changes residence shall transfer the voter's registration to the address where the voter currently resides by sending a transfer of registration on a prescribed form to the circuit court clerk or board of registration.

(b) A form prescribed under subsection (a) must include the text "Would you like to choose or change your political party? If you wish to vote in a primary election, you must first choose your political party affiliation and may only vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation.

SECTION 13. IC 3-10-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. **(a) Except as provided in section 6.5(e) and 6.5(f) of this chapter,** a voter may vote at a primary election

~~(1) if the voter at the last general election, voted for a majority of the regular nominees of the political party holding the primary election; or~~

~~(2) if the voter did not vote at the last general election, but intends to vote at the next general election for a majority of the regular nominees of the political party holding the primary election;~~

~~as long as the voter was registered as a voter at the last general election or has registered since then; has affiliated with a political party under section 6.5 of this chapter not later than one hundred nineteen (119) days before the date of the primary election.~~

(b) A voter may only vote in the primary election held by the political party with which the voter affiliates under section 6.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 14. IC 3-10-1-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. **(a) A voter is eligible to vote in a primary election if the voter has properly affiliated with a political party under this section.**

(b) An individual may affiliate with a major political party at the time the individual registers to vote under IC 3-7.

(c) A county voter registration office must automatically



1 affiliate each voter within its jurisdiction who:

2 (1) is registered to vote in Indiana on July 1, 2025; and

3 (2) has previously voted in a primary election;

4 with the political party whose ballot the voter last voted in a
5 primary election. The county voter registration office must affiliate
6 a voter described in this subsection by entering the voter's party
7 affiliation into the computerized list (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2).

8 (d) A voter who is registered to vote in Indiana on July 1, 2025,
9 but has not previously voted in a primary election, may affiliate
10 with a political party under subsection (f).

11 (e) An individual may affiliate with a political party during the
12 registration process later than one hundred nineteen (119) days
13 before the date of the primary election if the individual:

14 (1) moved to Indiana later than one hundred nineteen (119)
15 days before the date of the primary election from another
16 state and the individual authorized cancellation of the
17 individual's previous registration in the other state; or

18 (2) is seventeen (17) years of age but will be at least eighteen
19 (18) years of age on the day of the next general, municipal, or
20 special election.

21 An individual who is described in this subsection may vote in the
22 next primary election.

23 (f) A registered voter in Indiana may change the voter's party
24 affiliation less than one hundred nineteen (119) days before the
25 date of the primary election and vote in the next primary election,
26 if the voter:

27 (1) changes residence to an address in a different election
28 district;

29 (2) transfers the voter's registration to the address where the
30 voter now resides; and

31 (3) changes the voter's party affiliation when transferring the
32 voter's registration.

33 (g) A county voter registration office shall distribute a voter
34 affiliation form to each voter who requests to:

35 (1) affiliate with a political party; or

36 (2) change the voter's political party affiliation.

37 The election division shall prescribe the design of the voter
38 affiliation form which must include the text "Would you like to
39 choose your political party? If you wish to vote in a primary
40 election, you must first choose your political party affiliation and
41 may only vote that party's ballot in the primary election." and a
42 blank space for the applicant to list a party affiliation. The county



1 voter registration office must affiliate a voter or change the voter's
 2 political party affiliation by entering the voter's party affiliation
 3 into the computerized list (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2). Except as
 4 provided in subsection (h), a voter may affiliate or change the
 5 voter's political party affiliation at any time.

6 (h) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f), a voter may not
 7 affiliate with a political party or change party affiliation on the
 8 date of the primary election or one hundred nineteen (119) days
 9 before the date of the primary election.

10 SECTION 15. IC 3-10-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015,
 11 SECTION 149, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A person who will be a voter
 13 at the general election for which the primary is being held and whose
 14 name does not appear on the registration record of the precinct, the
 15 certified copy of the registration record prepared under IC 3-7-29, or
 16 the electronic poll list may:

- 17 (1) vote if the county voter registration office provides a signed
- 18 certificate of error; or
- 19 (2) cast a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7, as provided by 52
- 20 U.S.C. 21082.

21 (b) A person who votes or casts a provisional ballot under this
 22 section shall make an affidavit that identifies the political party
 23 that the person is affiliated with and may only vote for candidates
 24 of that political party.

25 SECTION 16. IC 3-10-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.241-2025,
 26 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. A voter who resides in any precinct may
 28 challenge a voter or person who offers to vote at a primary election.
 29 The challenged person may not vote unless the challenged person:

- 30 (1) is registered;
- 31 (2) makes:
 - 32 (A) an oral or a written affirmation under IC 3-10-12; or
 - 33 (B) an affidavit:
 - 34 (i) that the challenged person is a voter of the precinct; or
 - 35 (ii) required under IC 3-10-11 if the voter declares that the
 - 36 voter is entitled to vote under IC 3-10-11; and
- 37 (3) ~~either: is affiliated under section 6.5 of this chapter with~~
 38 ~~the political party of the party's ballot the challenged person~~
 39 ~~has requested to vote.~~
 40 ~~(A) at the last general election voted for a majority of the~~
 41 ~~regular nominees of the political party for whose candidates~~
 42 ~~the challenged person proposes to vote in the primary election~~



1 and intends to vote for the regular nominees of the political
 2 party at the next general election; or
 3 (B) if the challenged person did not vote at the last general
 4 election, intends to vote at the next general election for a
 5 majority of the regular nominees of the political party holding
 6 the primary election.

7 SECTION 17. IC 3-10-1-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2024,
 8 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 24. (a) A voter who desires to vote must give the
 10 voter's name and political party to the poll clerks of the precinct on
 11 primary election day. In a vote center county using an electronic poll
 12 book, two (2) election officers who are not members of the same
 13 political party must be present when a voter signs in on the electronic
 14 poll book. The poll clerks shall require the voter to write the following
 15 on the poll list or to provide the following information for entry into the
 16 electronic poll book:

17 (1) The voter's name.

18 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the voter's current
 19 residence address.

20 (3) The name of the voter's party. A voter shall mark the voter's
 21 political party ballot selection on the electronic poll book instead
 22 of communicating the selection to the poll clerks. ~~After:~~

23 ~~(A) the voter writes the voter's party on the poll list; or~~

24 ~~(B) the voter's party is entered into the electronic poll book;~~
 25 ~~the voter may not change the choice of the voter's party. For the~~
 26 ~~voter to cast a vote, the voter's party must be the same as the~~
 27 ~~party affiliation in the voter's registration record and the~~
 28 ~~voter may only vote that party's ballot.~~

29 (b) The poll clerks shall:

30 (1) ask the voter to provide or update the voter's voter
 31 identification number;

32 (2) tell the voter the number the voter may use as a voter
 33 identification number; and

34 (3) explain to the voter that the voter is not required to provide a
 35 voter identification number at the polls.

36 (c) If the voter is unable to sign the voter's name, the voter must sign
 37 the poll list by mark, which must be witnessed by one (1) of the poll
 38 clerks or assistant poll clerks acting under IC 3-6-6, who shall place the
 39 poll clerk's or assistant poll clerk's initials after or under the mark.

40 (d) The poll list (or each line on a poll list sheet provided to take a
 41 voter's current residence address) must include a box under the heading
 42 "Address Unchanged" so that the voter may check the box instead of



1 writing the voter's current address on the poll list, or if an electronic
 2 poll book is used, the poll clerk may check the box after stating to the
 3 voter the address shown on the electronic poll book and receiving an
 4 oral affirmation from the voter that the voter's residence address shown
 5 on the poll list is the voter's current residence address instead of writing
 6 the voter's current residence address on the poll list or reentering the
 7 address in the electronic poll book.

8 (e) If the voter makes:

9 (1) a written affirmation on the poll list (or if an electronic poll
 10 book is used, a written affirmation in the manner described in
 11 IC 3-7-39-7) that the voter resides at an address within the
 12 precinct but not at the address shown on the poll list for the
 13 precinct; or

14 (2) an oral affirmation of a change of address under IC 3-7-39-7;
 15 the county election board shall direct the county voter registration
 16 office to transfer the individual's voter registration record to the address
 17 within the precinct indicated by the voter.

18 SECTION 18. IC 3-10-1-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,
 19 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. If electronic voting systems are used in a
 21 precinct, one (1) of the poll clerks shall give a printed political party
 22 identification card to a voter ~~after the voter signs the poll list.~~ **of the**
 23 **political party with which the voter is affiliated.** Before entering the
 24 voting booth, the voter must give the party identification card to a
 25 judge, and the judge shall set or have the electronic voting system set
 26 to allow the voter to vote only for the candidates of the voter's party.
 27 After the system is set, the voter may register a vote upon it within the
 28 time provided under IC 3-11-14-26.

29 SECTION 19. IC 3-10-1-31.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.74-2017,
 30 SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 31.3. (a) This subsection applies to a primary
 32 election within an election district in which more than one (1) political
 33 party chooses the party's nominees or in which a nonpartisan ballot is
 34 available for a voter to vote for an office or on a public question. A
 35 voter whose political party is not recorded on the poll list as required
 36 under section 24 of this chapter shall be shown on the voter's
 37 registration record as having cast an unknown ballot in that primary.

38 (b) This subsection applies to a primary election within an election
 39 district in which only one (1) political party chooses its nominees and
 40 a nonpartisan ballot is not available. A voter

41 ~~(4)~~ whose political party recorded on the poll list is not the
 42 political party conducting a primary within the election district



1 (2) who is indicated on the poll list as having requested a
 2 nonpartisan ballot; or

3 (3) whose political party is not recorded on the poll list as
 4 required under section 24 of this chapter;

5 shall be shown on the voter's registration record as having cast a ballot
 6 for the political party choosing that political party's nominees in that
 7 primary election: **may not cast a ballot in that primary election.**

8 SECTION 20. IC 3-11-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
 9 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A voter who wants to vote by absentee
 11 ballot must apply to the county election board for an absentee ballot.
 12 Except as provided in subsection (b), the voter must sign the absentee
 13 ballot application.

14 (b) If a voter with disabilities is unable to sign the absentee ballot
 15 application and the voter has not designated an individual to serve as
 16 attorney in fact for the voter, the voter may designate an individual
 17 eligible to assist the voter under IC 3-11-9-2(a) to sign the application
 18 on behalf of the voter and add the individual's name to the application.
 19 If an individual applies for an absentee ballot as the properly
 20 authorized attorney in fact for a voter, the attorney in fact must attach
 21 a copy of the power of attorney to the application and comply with
 22 subsection (d).

23 (c) A person may provide an individual with an application for an
 24 absentee ballot with the following information already printed or
 25 otherwise set forth on the application when provided to the individual:

- 26 (1) The name of the individual.
- 27 (2) The voter registration address of the individual.
- 28 (3) The mailing address of the individual.
- 29 (4) The date of birth of the individual.

30 (d) A person may not provide an individual with an application for
 31 an absentee ballot with the following information already printed or
 32 otherwise set forth on the application when provided to the individual:

- 33 (1) The address to which the absentee ballot would be mailed, if
 34 different from the voter registration address of the individual.
- 35 (2) In a primary election, the major political party ballot requested
 36 by the individual.
- 37 (3) In a primary or general election, the types of absentee ballots
 38 requested by the individual.
- 39 (4) The reason why the individual is entitled to vote an absentee
 40 ballot:
 - 41 (A) by mail; or
 - 42 (B) before an absentee voter board (other than an absentee



1 voter board located in the office of the circuit court clerk or a
 2 satellite office);
 3 in accordance with section 18 of this chapter, IC 3-11-10-24, or
 4 IC 3-11-10-25.

5 (5) The voter identification number of the individual.

6 (e) If the county election board determines that an absentee ballot
 7 application does not comply with subsection (d), the board shall
 8 implement the procedures prescribed by section 17.6 of this chapter.

9 (f) The following statement must be printed in at least 16 point font
 10 size, underlined, and clearly legible print on the envelope of an
 11 absentee ballot application that a person sends to an individual:

12 "(Name of person sending the absentee ballot application) has
 13 sent you the enclosed application. This is unsolicited and is not
 14 sent by a state or local election official."

15 (g) This subsection:

16 (1) applies only to an application to be mailed to an individual;
 17 and

18 (2) does not apply to an application provided to an individual
 19 online.

20 **Except for a political party in the state whose nominee received at**
 21 **least two percent (2%) of the total vote cast for secretary of state**
 22 **at the last election, no person, including** an agency of the state or a
 23 political subdivision, may ~~not~~ provide an individual with an absentee
 24 ballot application unless requested by the individual or a member of the
 25 individual's family listed in IC 3-6-6-7(a)(4). **The county election**
 26 **board may assess a civil penalty of not more than one hundred**
 27 **dollars (\$100) for each violation of this subsection. Penalties**
 28 **collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the election**
 29 **administration assistance fund established by IC 3-11-6.5-2.**

30 (h) An absentee ballot application must request that the individual
 31 include:

32 (1) on the individual's ballot application:

33 (A) either:

34 (i) the individual's ten (10) digit Indiana driver's license
 35 number issued under IC 9-24-11;

36 (ii) the individual's ten (10) digit Indiana identification card
 37 number for nondrivers issued under IC 9-24-16; or

38 (iii) the unique identifying number assigned to the voter's
 39 registration record in the computerized list; and

40 (B) the last four (4) digits of the voter's Social Security
 41 number; or

42 (2) with the individual's ballot application, a photocopy of:



(A) the individual's:

(i) driver's license issued under IC 9-24; or

(ii) Indiana identification card for nondrivers issued under IC 9-24-16; or

(B) other proof of identification for the individual under IC 3-5-2.1-84.

Information and documentation described by this subsection that is included on or with an individual's ballot application is confidential. A county voter registration office is only required to redact the confidential information in responding to a public records request under IC 5-14-3. The application form must state that an applicant may include only one (1) of the numbers under subdivision (1) or one (1) of the documents under subdivision (2), but the application may be delayed if the county election board cannot match at least one (1) of the numbers described in this subsection with the voter's registration record.

(i) This subsection applies only to an absentee ballot application submitted in an electronic format using a module of the computerized list under IC 3-7-26.3. In order for an individual to access the absentee ballot application, the individual shall provide one (1) of the following:

(1) The individual's ten (10) digit Indiana driver's license number issued under IC 9-24-11.

(2) The individual's ten (10) digit Indiana identification card number for nondrivers issued under IC 9-24-16.

(3) The unique identifying number assigned to the voter's registration record in the computerized list.

(4) The last four (4) digits of the individual's Social Security number.

Information described by subdivisions (1) through (4) that is provided by an individual under this subsection is confidential. A county voter registration office is only required to redact the confidential information in responding to a public records request under IC 5-14-3.

(j) The county election board shall implement the procedures prescribed by section 17.6 of this chapter if the county election board cannot match at least one (1) of the numbers described in subsection (h) or (i) with the voter's registration record.

(k) A person who assists an individual in completing any information described in subsection (d) on an absentee ballot application shall state under the penalties for perjury the following information on the application:

(1) The full name, residence and mailing address, and daytime and evening telephone numbers (if any) of the person providing



the assistance.

(2) The date this assistance was provided.

(3) That the person providing the assistance has complied with Indiana laws governing the submission of absentee ballot applications.

(4) That the person has no knowledge or reason to believe that the individual submitting the application:

(A) is ineligible to vote or to cast an absentee ballot; or

(B) did not properly complete and sign the application.

When providing assistance to an individual, the person must, in the individual's presence and with the individual's consent, provide the information listed in subsection (d) if the individual is unable to do so.

(l) This subsection does not apply to an employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded courier company acting in the individual's capacity as an employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded courier company. A person who receives a completed absentee ballot application from the individual who has applied for the absentee ballot shall indicate on the application the date the person received the application, and file the application with the appropriate county election board or election division not later than:

(1) noon ten (10) days after the person receives the application; or

(2) the deadline set by Indiana law for filing the application with the board;

whichever occurs first. The election division, a county election board, or a board of elections and registration shall forward an absentee ballot application to the county election board or board of elections and registration of the county where the individual resides.

(m) This subsection does not apply to an employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded courier company acting in the individual's capacity as an employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded courier company, or to the election division, a county election board, or a board of elections and registration. A person filing an absentee ballot application, other than the person's own absentee ballot application, must include an affidavit with the application. The affidavit must be signed by the individual who received the completed application from the applicant. The affidavit must be in a form prescribed by the election division. The form must include the following:

(1) A statement of the full name, residence and mailing address, and daytime and evening telephone numbers (if any) of the person submitting the application.



(2) A statement that the person filing the affidavit has complied with Indiana laws governing the submission of absentee ballot applications.

(3) The date (or dates) that the absentee ballot applications attached to the affidavit were received.

(4) A statement that the person has no knowledge or reason to believe that the individual whose application is to be filed:

(A) is ineligible to vote or to cast an absentee ballot; or

(B) did not properly complete and sign the application.

(5) A statement that the person is executing the affidavit under the penalties of perjury.

(6) A statement setting forth the penalties for perjury.

(n) The county election board shall record the date and time of the filing of the affidavit.

SECTION 21. IC 3-11-10-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26. (a) This subsection applies to all counties, except for a county to which IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.6 applies. As an alternative to voting by mail, a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at any of the following:

(1) One (1) location of the office of the circuit court clerk designated by the circuit court clerk.

(2) A satellite office established under section 26.3 of this chapter.

(b) This subsection applies to a county to which IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.6 applies. As an alternative to voting by mail, a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at any of the following:

(1) The office of the board of elections and registration.

(2) A satellite office established under section 26.3 of this chapter.

(c) Except for a location designated under subsection (a)(1), a location of the office of the circuit court clerk must be established as a satellite office under section 26.3 of this chapter in order to be used as a location at which a voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board under this section.

(d) The voter must do the following before being permitted to vote:

(1) This subdivision does not apply to a county that uses electronic poll books for voting under this section. Sign an application on the form prescribed by the election division under IC 3-11-4-5.1. The application must be received by the circuit court clerk not later than the time prescribed by IC 3-11-4-3.



(2) This subdivision applies only to a county that uses electronic poll books for voting under this section and in which the ballot is cast on an electronic voting system. The voter must do the following:

(A) If the county election board has prescribed an affidavit under subsection (e) that includes a unique identifier to comply with section 26.2(c)(3) of this chapter, make and subscribe to the affidavit.

(B) Sign the electronic poll book.

(C) Provide proof of identification.

(3) This subdivision applies only to a county that uses electronic poll books for voting under this section and in which the ballot is cast on an optical scan voting system. The voter must do the following:

(A) Sign the electronic poll book.

(B) Provide proof of identification.

(C) Sign the affidavit prescribed by section 29 of this chapter.

(e) The county election board may:

(1) prescribe an affidavit that includes a unique identifier; or

(2) establish a procedure to produce a document, label, or electronic record that is associated with each voter and includes a unique identifier;

to comply with section 26.2(c)(3) of this chapter. After the county election board approves an affidavit or procedure described in this subsection and before the affidavit or procedure is used in an election, the county election board shall file a copy of the affidavit or a brief description of the procedure with the election division to assist the state recount commission in conducting proceedings under IC 3-12-11.

(f) The voter may vote before the board not more than ~~twenty-eight~~ **ten (10)** days nor later than noon on the day before election day. ~~If the close of a voter registration period is transferred under IC 3-5-4-1.5 from twenty-nine (29) days to a later date due to the Columbus Day holiday, the voter may vote before the board on the first day following the day on which the voter registration period closes.~~

(g) An absent uniformed services voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot in the circuit court clerk's office under IC 3-7-36-14 may vote before the board not earlier than twenty-eight (28) days before the election and not later than noon on election day. If the close of a voter registration period is transferred under IC 3-5-4-1.5 from twenty-nine (29) days to a later date due to the Columbus Day holiday, the voter may vote before the board on the first day following the day on which the voter registration period closes. If a voter described by



1 this subsection wishes to cast an absentee ballot during the period
 2 beginning at noon on the day before election day and ending at noon on
 3 election day, the county election board or absentee voter board may
 4 receive and process the ballot at a location designated by resolution of
 5 the county election board.

6 (h) The absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk
 7 must permit voters to cast absentee ballots under this section for at
 8 least seven (7) hours on each of the two (2) Saturdays preceding
 9 election day. However, the county election board may adopt a
 10 resolution authorizing the circuit court clerk to:

11 (1) use the office of the circuit court clerk designated in
 12 subsection (a)(1); or

13 (2) establish a satellite office under section 26.3 of this chapter;
 14 to permit voters to cast absentee ballots under this section for at least
 15 four (4) hours on the third Saturday preceding election day.

16 (i) Notwithstanding subsection (h), in a county with a population of
 17 less than twenty thousand (20,000), the absentee voter board in the
 18 office of the circuit court clerk, with the approval of the county election
 19 board, may reduce the number of hours available to cast absentee
 20 ballots under this section to a minimum of four (4) hours on each of the
 21 two (2) Saturdays preceding election day.

22 (j) As provided by 52 U.S.C. 21081, a voter casting an absentee
 23 ballot under this section must be:

24 (1) permitted to verify in a private and independent manner the
 25 votes selected by the voter before the ballot is cast and counted;

26 (2) provided with the opportunity to change the ballot or correct
 27 any error in a private and independent manner before the ballot is
 28 cast and counted, including the opportunity to receive a
 29 replacement ballot if the voter is otherwise unable to change or
 30 correct the ballot; and

31 (3) notified before the ballot is cast regarding the effect of casting
 32 multiple votes for the office and provided an opportunity to
 33 correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted.

34 (k) As provided by 52 U.S.C. 21081, when an absentee ballot is
 35 provided under this section, the board must also provide the voter with:

36 (1) information concerning the effect of casting multiple votes for
 37 an office; and

38 (2) instructions on how to correct the ballot before the ballot is
 39 cast and counted, including the issuance of replacement ballots.

40 (l) If:

41 (1) the voter is unable or declines to present the proof of
 42 identification; or



(2) a member of the board determines that the proof of identification provided by the voter does not qualify as proof of identification under IC 3-5-2.1-84;

the voter shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot.

(m) This subsection applies to a voter who casts an absentee ballot that is treated as a provisional ballot under subsection (l). The board shall provide the voter, both orally and in writing, an explanation of what actions, if any, the voter must take in order to have the voter's ballot counted. The election division shall prescribe the form of the explanation required by this subsection.

(n) A voter casting an absentee ballot under this section is entitled to cast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

(o) The following apply in a primary election:

(1) A voter entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board under this section shall mark the voter's political party ballot selection on the electronic poll book instead of communicating the selection to the poll clerks.

(2) A voter casting an absentee ballot under this chapter may not change the voter's choice of the voter's political party after the voter has been mailed or otherwise provided with a primary ballot containing the candidates of that party.

SECTION 22. IC 3-11-10-26.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2024, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26.3. (a) A county election board may adopt a resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to establish satellite offices in the county where voters may cast absentee ballots before an absentee voter board.

(b) To be adopted under this section, a resolution must be adopted by the unanimous vote of the board's entire membership.

(c) A resolution adopted under this section must do the following:

(1) Establish at least one (1) satellite office for every five thousand (5,000) voters from the calculation of the following:

(A) For a primary election, the average of all voters who cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board during the previous four (4) primary elections conducted on even-numbered years.

(B) For a general election, the average of all voters who cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board during the previous four (4) general elections conducted on even-numbered years.

(+) (2) State the locations of the satellite offices for both the primary election and general election.



1 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** State the hours at which absentee voting may occur at the
 2 satellite offices.

3 (d) The resolution may contain other provisions the board considers
 4 useful.

5 (e) If a resolution is adopted under this section for a primary
 6 election, the following apply:

7 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), the locations of the
 8 satellite offices and the hours at which absentee voting may occur
 9 at the satellite offices established for the primary election must be
 10 used for the subsequent general or municipal election.

11 (2) The board may, by unanimous vote of the board's entire
 12 membership, amend the resolution to modify, for the subsequent
 13 general or municipal election:

14 (A) the locations of the satellite offices; and

15 (B) the hours at which absentee voting may occur at the
 16 satellite offices.

17 A board in a county designated as a vote center county under
 18 IC 3-11-18.1 that amends a resolution under subdivision (2) shall also
 19 amend its plan under IC 3-11-18.1-15 to conform to the amendment. **A**
 20 **board may not amend the resolution to change the minimum**
 21 **number of satellite offices established under subsection (c)(1).**

22 (f) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the procedure for
 23 casting an absentee ballot at a satellite office must, except as provided
 24 in this section, be substantially the same as the procedure for casting an
 25 absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk under section 26
 26 of this chapter.

27 (g) A voter casting an absentee ballot under this section is entitled
 28 to cast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

29 (h) A satellite office established by a circuit court clerk under this
 30 section must comply with the polling place accessibility requirements
 31 of IC 3-11-8.

32 (i) A resolution adopted under this section expires January 1 of the
 33 year immediately after the year in which the resolution is adopted.

34 SECTION 23. IC 35-52-3-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 0.5. IC 3-7-26.4-14 defines a**
 37 **crime concerning commercial use of the computerized list.**

38 SECTION 24. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The secretary of**
 39 **state shall do the following:**

40 **(1) Analyze and estimate the cost of the following:**

41 **(A) Use of election equipment by certified vendors in**
 42 **Indiana, including voting systems and electronic poll**



- 1 books.
- 2 (B) Use of election equipment that is currently certified in
- 3 Indiana accounting for election processes in place in
- 4 Indiana.
- 5 (C) Use of election equipment vendors that are not
- 6 currently certified in Indiana.
- 7 (D) Phasing out electronic voting systems in Indiana,
- 8 including systems that have a voter verifiable audit trail
- 9 printer that connects to an electronic voting system.
- 10 (E) Utilizing paper ballots and hand counting paper
- 11 ballots.
- 12 (2) Analyze and estimate any cost savings that may be realized
- 13 by:
- 14 (A) using election equipment from vendors that are not
- 15 currently certified in Indiana; and
- 16 (B) requiring the state to purchase all election equipment
- 17 for the counties.
- 18 (3) Prepare proposed legislation to decrease the cost of using
- 19 certified voting systems in Indiana.
- 20 (4) Conduct at least three (3) public meetings on the topics
- 21 studied under this SECTION in accordance with subsection
- 22 (b).
- 23 (5) Report the results of the studies conducted under this
- 24 SECTION to the legislative council in an electronic format
- 25 under IC 5-14-6 before November 1, 2026.
- 26 (b) The secretary of state shall conduct at least one (1) public
- 27 meeting under subsection (a)(4) in each of the following regions of
- 28 Indiana:
- 29 (1) The northern region.
- 30 (2) The central region.
- 31 (3) The southern region.
- 32 (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

