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HOUSE BILL No. 1377

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 3-11-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The device of each political party described
4 in section 6 of this chapter shall be:
5 (1) enclosed in a circle not less than three-fourths (3/4) of an
6 inch in diameter; and
7 (2) placed under the name of the party or independent ticket, as
8 required by section 10 of this chapter.
9 (b) A device of a political party must not be printed on a ballot if:
10 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or
11 (2) the only candidates:
12 (A) of the political party; or
13 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
14 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);
15 are for election to school board offices ~~or offices to which more~~

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1 **than one (1) individual is to be elected and which will not be**
 2 **credited with a vote under ~~IC 3-12-1-7 or IC 3-12-1-7.1~~ if a voter**
 3 **casts a straight party ticket.**

4 **SECTION 2. IC 3-11-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,**
 5 **SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 6 **JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Public questions shall be placed on the**
 7 **general election ballot in the following order after the statement**
 8 **described in section 7 of this chapter, and the instructions described in**
 9 **subsections (d) and (e) and section 8 of this chapter, if instructions are**
 10 **printed on the ballot:**

11 (1) Ratification of a state constitutional amendment.
 12 (2) Local public questions.

13 Subject to section 10.1 of this chapter, each public question shall be
 14 placed in a separate column on the ballot.

15 (b) The name or title of the political party shall be placed on the
 16 general election ballot after the public questions described in
 17 subsection (a). The device of the political party shall be placed
 18 immediately under the name of the political party. Notwithstanding
 19 section 8(b) of this chapter, the instructions for voting a straight party
 20 ticket shall be placed to the right of the device on the ballot.

21 (c) The instructions for voting a straight party ticket must conform
 22 as nearly as possible to the following:

23 "(1) You are not required to vote a straight party ticket. If you do
 24 not wish to vote a straight party ticket, do not make a mark in
 25 this section, and proceed to voting the ballot by office.

26 (2) To vote a straight (insert political party name) ticket for all
 27 (insert political party name) candidates on this ballot, except for
 28 candidates described in (3) below, make a voting mark on or in
 29 this circle and do not make any other marks on this ballot.

30 (3) **A straight party vote for a school board office will count**
 31 **if only one (1) candidate for the school board office has**
 32 **stated an affiliation with the party for which you have cast a**
 33 **straight party vote. If you wish to vote individually for any**
 34 **candidate for**

35 (A) **an at-large office (insert county council; city common**
 36 **council; town council; or township board if those offices**
 37 **appear on this ballot) to which more than one (1) person**
 38 **may be elected; or**

39 (B) **a school board office, you must make another voting**
 40 **mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. Your straight**
 41 **party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that**



1 office.

20 (f) Subject to section 10.1 of this chapter, the list of candidates of
21 the political party shall be placed immediately under the instructions
22 for voting a straight party ticket. The names of the candidates shall be
23 placed three-fourths (3/4) of an inch apart from center to center of the
24 name. The name of each candidate must have, immediately on its left,
25 a square three-eighths (3/8) of an inch on each side.

26 (g) The circuit court clerk may authorize the printing of ballots
27 containing a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper version of
28 a ballot is used within a precinct.

29 SECTION 3. IC 3-11-2-12.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.109-2021,
30 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.4. (a) This section applies whenever more than
32 one (1) candidate may be elected to an office. **However, this section**
33 **does not apply to a school board office.**

34 (b) The office shall be placed on the general election ballot after
35 the offices described in section 12 of this chapter and before the offices
36 described in section 12.9 of this chapter.

37 (c) Whenever candidates are to be elected to a county council, city
38 common council, or town council that includes both an at-large
39 member and a member representing a district, the candidates seeking
40 election as an at-large member shall be placed on the ballot before
41 candidates seeking to represent a district.

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6 SECTION 4. IC 3-11-2-12.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
7 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.9. (a) School board offices to be elected at the
9 general election shall be placed on the general election ballot after the
10 offices described in section 12.4 of this chapter.

13 (1) "To vote for a candidate for this office, make a voting mark
14 on or in the square to the left of the candidate's name. A straight
15 party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this
16 office." A straight party vote for this office will count if only
17 one (1) candidate for the office has stated an affiliation with
18 the party for which you have cast a straight party vote.", if
19 only one (1) candidate is to be elected to a school board
20 office.

28 (c) Whenever candidates are to be elected to a school board office
29 that includes both an at-large member and a member representing a
30 district, the candidates seeking election as an at-large member shall be
31 placed on the ballot before candidates seeking to represent a district.

32 SECTION 5. IC 3-11-7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
33 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a
35 ballot card voting system must permit a voter to vote:

36 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all of
37 the candidates of one (1) political party by a single voting mark
38 on each ballot card;

39 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
40 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
41 candidates nominated by petition;

42 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties



1 and for independent candidates; or
 2 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
 3 individual votes for candidates. ~~of another political party or~~
 4 ~~independent candidate.~~

5 (b) A ballot card voting system must require that a voter who
 6 wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board
 7 office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be~~
 8 ~~elected, on at-~~
 9 (1) county council;
 10 (2) city common council;
 11 (3) town council; or
 12 (4) township board;
 13 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter
 14 wishes to cast a vote, **unless the candidate will be credited with a**
 15 **straight party vote under IC 3-12-1-7.1. Except as provided in**
 16 **IC 3-12-1-7.1,** the ballot card voting system may not count any straight
 17 party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an election to~~
 18 **a school board office, described by this subsection.**

19 (c) A ballot card voting system must permit a voter to vote:
 20 (1) for all candidates for presidential electors and alternate
 21 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket
 22 by making a single voting mark; and
 23 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote.

24 SECTION 6. IC 3-11-7.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
 25 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an
 27 electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:
 28 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all the
 29 candidates of one (1) political party by touching the device of
 30 that party;
 31 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
 32 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
 33 candidates nominated by petition;
 34 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
 35 and for independent candidates; or
 36 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
 37 individual votes for candidates. ~~of another political party or~~
 38 ~~independent candidate.~~

39 (b) An electronic voting system must require that a voter who
 40 wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board
 41 office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be~~

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1 elected, on a:
 2 (1) county council;
 3 (2) city common council;
 4 (3) town council; or
 5 (4) township board;

6 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter
 7 wishes to cast a vote, **unless the candidate will be credited with a**
 8 **straight party vote under IC 3-12-1-7.1. Except as provided in**
 9 **IC 3-12-1-7.1,** the electronic voting system may not count any straight
 10 party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for an election to
 11 a school board office, described by this subsection.

12 (c) An electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:
 13 (1) for as many candidates for an office as the voter may vote
 14 for, but no more;
 15 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote,
 16 but no other; and
 17 (3) for all the candidates for presidential electors and alternate
 18 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket
 19 by making a single voting mark.

20 SECTION 7. IC 3-11-13-11, AS AMENDED BY THE
 21 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 22 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The ballot information, whether placed on
 24 the ballot card or on the marking device, must be in the order of
 25 arrangement provided for ballots under this section.

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

30 (1) print all offices and questions on a single ballot card; and
 31 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
 32 version of a ballot is used within a precinct.

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

36 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
 37 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
 38 petitioners shall be listed on the ballot with the name and device set
 39 forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the device
 40 may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the device.
 41 IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not include a



1 name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2) or more
 2 parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in
 3 IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the
 4 candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any
 5 affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:

6 (1) is not affiliated with a political party; and
 7 (2) does not identify as an independent candidate.

8 (e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot
 9 must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
 10 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),
 11 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),
 12 IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), and IC 3-11-2-14(e). The offices and
 13 public questions may be listed in a continuous column either vertically
 14 or horizontally and on a number of separate pages.

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

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

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

27 (3) "**Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates**
 28 **to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any**
 29 **candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for**
 30 **each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote for**
 31 **this office will count if only one (1) candidate for the office**
 32 **has stated an affiliation with the party for which you have**
 33 **cast a straight party vote.**", if more than one (1) candidate is
 34 to be elected to a school board office.

35 (3) (4) "**Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not**
 36 **count as a vote for any candidate for this office.**", **for this office**
 37 **will count if only one (1) candidate for the office has stated**
 38 **an affiliation with the party for which you have cast a**
 39 **straight party vote.**", if only one (1) candidate is to be elected
 40 to a school board office.

41 (g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by
 42 subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be



1 grouped together in the following order:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established
 29 by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters
 30 and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the
 31 candidate's political party, or the word "Independent" if the:
 32 (1) candidate; or
 33 (2) ticket of candidates for:
 34 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or
 35 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;
 36 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 37 of the candidate and must be printed in a uniform size and type. In the
 38 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
 39 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
 40 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation
 41 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a



1 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

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

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

9 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: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 12 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office.".

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

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

18 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 19 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 20 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 21 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party
 22 vote ~~will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office~~." **for this**
 23 **office will count if only one (1) candidate for the office has stated**
 24 **an affiliation with the party for which you have cast a straight**
 25 **party vote.**".

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

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

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

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

39 The name and device of each political party must be of uniform size
 40 and type and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for
 41 listing candidates under each office. The instructions described in



1 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
 2 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
 3 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
 4 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
 5 party ticket, do not make a mark in this section and proceed to voting
 6 the ballot by office.".

7 (m) A public question must be in the form described in
 8 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a single connectable
 9 arrow, a circle, or an oval may be used instead of a square. Except as
 10 expressly authorized or required by statute, a county election board
 11 may not print a ballot card that contains language concerning the public
 12 question other than the language authorized by a statute.

13 (n) The requirements in this section:

14 (1) do not replace; and
 15 (2) are in addition to;

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

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

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

23 (1) the names of political parties or candidates; or
 24 (2) the text of public questions;

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

28 SECTION 8. IC 3-11-13-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
 29 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) In partisan elections, the ballot labels must
 31 include a voting square or position where a voter may by one (1) voting
 32 mark on each card record a straight party ticket vote for all the
 33 candidates of one (1) political party, except for offices for which the
 34 voter:

35 (1) is required to cast an individual vote for a candidate under
 36 IC 3-11-7-4(b); or
 37 (2) has voted individually for a candidate for any other office.

38 (b) A ballot label must not include a voting square or position to
 39 permit a voter to cast a straight party ticket for a political party if:

40 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or
 41 (2) the only candidates:



1 (A) of the political party; or
2 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
3 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);
4 are for election to school board offices ~~or offices to which more~~
5 ~~than one (1) individual is to be elected and~~ which will not be
6 credited with a vote under ~~IC 3-12-1-7 or~~ IC 3-12-1-7.1 if a voter
7 casts a straight party ticket.

8 SECTION 9. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
9 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county election board shall have the
12 names of all candidates for all elected offices, political party offices,
13 and public questions printed on ballot labels for use in an electronic
14 voting system as provided in this chapter.

15 (b) The county may:

16 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;
17 and
18 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
19 provision of a ballot label is made within a precinct.

34 (1) is not affiliated with a political party; and
35 (2) does not identify as an independent candidate.

36 (e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on
37 the general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
38 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),
39 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),
40 IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), and IC 3-11-2-14(e). Each office and
41 public question may have a separate screen, or the offices and public



1 questions may be listed in a continuous column either vertically or
 2 horizontally.

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

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

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

15 (3) **"Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates
 16 to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any
 17 candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for
 18 each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote for
 19 this office will count if only one (1) candidate for the office
 20 has stated an affiliation with the party for which you have
 21 cast a straight party vote."**, if more than one (1) candidate is
 22 to be elected to a school board office.

23 ~~(3) (4) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not
 24 count as a vote for any candidate for this office. for this office
 25 will count if only one (1) candidate for the office has stated
 26 an affiliation with the party for which you have cast a
 27 straight party vote."~~, if only one (1) candidate is to be elected
 28 to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

41 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of
 42 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent



1 candidate or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the
 2 party or candidate is listed after the parties described in
 3 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).
 4 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate
 5 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the
 6 ballot, the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in
 7 which the party filed its petition of nomination under
 8 IC 3-8-6-12.
 9 (6) The name of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C)
 10 is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through
 11 (5), if applicable.
 12 (7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates
 13 listed in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law. A space
 14 for write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no
 15 declared write-in candidates for that office. However, procedures
 16 must be implemented to permit write-in voting for candidates for
 17 federal offices.
 18 (8) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the
 19 ballot.
 20 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established
 21 by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters
 22 and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the
 23 candidate's political party, or the word "Independent", if the:
 24 (1) candidate; or
 25 (2) ticket of candidates for:
 26 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or
 27 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;
 28 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 29 of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type. In the
 30 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
 31 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
 32 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation
 33 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a
 34 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.
 35 (i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to
 36 at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision
 37 must be grouped together:
 38 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 39 (2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and
 40 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 41 surname.

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

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

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

10 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 11 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 12 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 13 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party
 14 vote ~~will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.~~ **for this**
 15 **office will count if only one (1) candidate for the office has stated**
 16 **an affiliation with the party for which you have cast a straight**
 17 **party vote.**"

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

21 (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and
 22 IC 3-11-2-10(e) may be:

23 (1) placed on the ballot label; or
 24 (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the
 25 voter to easily read the instructions.

26 (m) Except as provided in section 14.5 of this chapter, the ballot
 27 label must include a touch sensitive point or button for voting a straight
 28 political party ticket by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or
 29 button must be identified by:

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

33 The name and device of each party must be of uniform size and type,
 34 and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing
 35 candidates under each office. The instructions described in
 36 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
 37 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
 38 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
 39 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
 40 party ticket, press "NEXT" (or replace "NEXT" with the term used by
 41 that voting system to permit a voter to skip a ballot screen) to continue



1 voting.".

2 (n) A public question must be in the form described in
 3 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive
 4 point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly
 5 authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print
 6 a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question
 7 other than the language authorized by a statute.

8 (o) The requirements in this section:

9 (1) do not replace; and
 10 (2) are in addition to;

11 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic
 12 voting systems.

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

17 SECTION 10. IC 3-11-14-14.5, AS AMENDED BY
 18 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. A ballot label
 20 must not include a touch sensitive point or button to permit a voter to
 21 cast a straight party ticket for a political party if:

22 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or
 23 (2) the only candidates:

24 (A) of the political party; or
 25 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
 26 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);

27 are for election to school board offices ~~or offices to which more~~
 28 ~~than one (1) individual is to be elected and which will not be~~
 29 ~~credited with a vote under IC 3-12-1-7 or IC 3-12-1-7.1 if a voter~~
 30 ~~casts a straight party ticket.~~

31 SECTION 11. IC 3-12-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
 32 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This subsection does not apply to a ballot
 34 card voting system or an electronic voting system. Except as provided
 35 in subsection (d), a voting mark made by a voter on or in a voting
 36 square at the left of a candidate's name or political party's name shall
 37 be counted as a vote for the candidate or candidates of the political
 38 party.

39 (b) This subsection applies to a ballot card voting system. A voting
 40 mark made by a voter:

41 (1) on or in a circle, oval, or square; or



10 (d) A voter who wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election
11 to a school board office or an at-large district to which more than one
12 (1) person may be elected on a:

must make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter wishes to cast a vote, **unless the candidate will be credited with a straight party vote under IC 3-12-1-7.1. Except as provided in IC 3-12-1-7.1, a straight ticket voting mark on a paper ballot, ballot card voting system, or electronic voting system shall not be counted as a straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for an a school board office. described by this subsection.**

24 SECTION 12. IC 3-12-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.21-2016,
25 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This subsection applies whenever a voter:

27 (1) votes a straight party ticket; and
28 (2) votes only for one (1) or more individual candidates who are
29 all of the same political party as the straight ticket vote.

30 Except as provided in subsection (d), or (e), the straight ticket vote
31 shall be counted and the individual candidate votes may not be
32 counted.

33 (b) This subsection applies whenever:

33 (3) This subsection applies wherever:

34 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of

35 one (1) political party;

(2) only one (1) person may be elected to an office, and
(3) the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the office described in subdivision (2) who is:

38 office described in subdivision (2) who is.
39 (A) a candidate of a political party other than the party for
40 which the voter voted a straight ticket; or
41 (B) an independent candidate or declared write-in candidate.

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1 for the office.

2 If the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the office
 3 described in subdivision (2), the individual candidate vote for that
 4 office shall be counted, the straight party ticket vote for that office may
 5 not be counted, and the straight party ticket votes for other offices on
 6 the ballot shall be counted.

7 (c) This subsection applies whenever:

8 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 9 one (1) political party; and
 10 (2) the voter has voted for more individual candidates for the
 11 office than the number of persons to be elected to that office.

12 The individual candidate votes for that office may not be counted, the
 13 straight party ticket vote for that office may not be counted, and the
 14 straight party ticket votes for other offices on the ballot shall be
 15 counted.

16 (d) This subsection applies whenever:

17 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 18 one (1) political party;
 19 (2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and
 20 (3) the voter has voted for **one (1) or more** individual candidates
 21 for the office described in subdivision (2) who are:

22 (A) independent candidates or declared write-in candidates;
 23 (B) candidates of a political party other than the political
 24 party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket under
 25 subdivision (1); or

26 **(C) candidates of the same political party for which the**
 27 **voter cast a straight party ticket under subdivision (1);**
 28 **or**
 29 **(C) (D) a combination of candidates described in clauses**
 30 **(A), and (B), and (C).**

31 The individual votes cast by the voter for the office for the ~~independent~~
 32 ~~candidates, declared write-in candidates, and the candidates of a~~
 33 ~~political party other than the political party for which the voter cast a~~
 34 ~~straight party ticket~~ shall be counted unless the total number of these
 35 individual votes is greater than the number of persons to be elected to
 36 the office. The straight party ticket votes for the office shall not be
 37 counted. The straight party ticket votes for other offices on the voter's
 38 ballot shall be counted.

39 (e) This subsection applies whenever:

40 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 41 one (1) political party;



(2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and
(3) the voter has voted for individual candidates for the office described in subdivision (2) who are:

(A) independent candidates, declared write-in candidates, or candidates of a political party other than the political party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket under subdivision (1); and

(B) candidates of the same political party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket under subdivision (1).

10 The individual votes cast by the voter for the office for the independent
11 candidates, the declared write-in candidates, and the candidates of a
12 political party other than the political party for which the voter cast a
13 straight party ticket, and the candidates of the political party for which
14 the voter cast a straight party ticket shall be counted unless the total
15 number of these individual votes is greater than the number of persons
16 to be elected to the office. The straight party ticket votes for the office
17 shall not be counted. The straight party ticket votes for other offices on
18 the voter's ballot shall be counted.

19 (f) (e) If a voter votes a straight party ticket for more than one (1)
20 political party, the whole ballot is void with regard to all candidates
21 nominated by a political party, declared write-in candidates, or
22 candidates designated as independent candidates on the ballot.
23 However, the voter's vote for a school board candidate or on a public
24 question shall be counted if otherwise valid under this chapter.

25 (g) (f) If a voter does not vote a straight party ticket and the
26 number of votes cast by that voter for the candidates for an office are
27 less than or equal to the number of openings for that office, the
28 individual candidates votes shall be counted.

33 SECTION 13. IC 3-12-1-7.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.195-2025,
34 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.1. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),**
36 notwithstanding section 7 of this chapter, a straight party vote does not
37 count for any candidate for a school board office.



(c) This subsection applies whenever a voter:

(1) votes a straight party ticket; and

(2) votes only for one (1) or more individual candidates for school board office.

Unless the total number of the individual votes is greater than the number of persons to be elected to the office, the individual candidate votes for that office shall be counted, the straight ticket vote for that office may not be counted, and the straight party ticket votes for other offices on the ballot shall be counted.

SECTION 14. IC 3-12-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a voting mark made by a voter on or in a circle containing a political party device shall be counted as a vote for each candidate of that political party on that ballot.

(b) A voter who wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be elected on a~~:

- (1) county council;
- (2) city common council;
- (3) town council; or
- (4) township board;

must make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter wishes to cast a vote, **unless the candidate will be credited with a straight party vote under IC 3-12-1-7.1. Except as provided in IC 3-12-1-7.1**, a voting mark on or in a circle containing a political party device shall not be counted as a straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an~~ a school board office described by this subsection.

SECTION 15. IC 3-12-1-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) This section does not apply to a candidate for a school board office, or an at-large office of a county council, city common council, town council, or township board, if those offices appear a school board office appears on a ballot.

(b) This section applies to a vote cast for one (1) straight party ticket that includes a candidate for election to office who:

(1) ceases to be a candidate; and

(2) is succeeded by a candidate selected under IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2.

(c) A vote cast in the election for the original nominee is considered a vote cast for the successor.



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