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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-2-9, 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~~
16 ~~than one (1) individual is to be elected and~~ which will not be
17 credited with a vote under ~~IC 3-12-1-7 or~~ IC 3-12-1-7.1 if a voter

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

- 9 (1) Ratification of a state constitutional amendment.
- 10 (2) Local public questions.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (3) To vote for any candidate for

29 (A) an at-large office (insert county council; city common
 30 council; town council; or township board if those offices
 31 appear on this ballot) to which more than one (1) person
 32 may be elected; or

33 (B) a school board office,
 34 you must make another voting mark for each candidate you wish
 35 to vote for. Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for
 36 any candidate for that office.

37 (4) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan
 38 office or on a public question, you must make another voting
 39 mark on the appropriate place on this ballot."

40 (d) Except as permitted under section 8(b) of this chapter, if the
 41 ballot contains an independent ticket described in section 6 of this
 42 chapter and at least one (1) other independent candidate, the ballot

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1 must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows: "A
2 vote cast for an independent ticket will only be counted for the
3 candidates for President and Vice President or governor and lieutenant
4 governor comprising that independent ticket. This vote will NOT be
5 counted for any OTHER independent candidate appearing on the
6 ballot."

7 (e) Except as permitted under section 8(b) of this chapter, the
8 ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:
9 "A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for a
10 DECLARED write-in candidate. To vote for a write-in candidate, you
11 must make a voting mark on or in the square to the left of the name you
12 have written in or your vote will not be counted."

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

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

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

27 ~~(b) The office shall be placed on the general election ballot after
28 the offices described in section 12 of this chapter and before the offices
29 described in section 12.9 of this chapter.~~

30 ~~(c) (b)~~ Whenever candidates are to be elected to a county council,
31 city common council, or town council that includes both an at-large
32 member and a member representing a district, the candidates seeking
33 election as an at-large member shall be placed on the ballot before
34 candidates seeking to represent a district.

35 ~~(d) (c)~~ The ballot shall contain a statement reading substantially
36 as follows above the name of the first candidate: "To vote for any
37 candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for each
38 candidate you wish to vote for." ~~A straight party vote will not count as
39 a vote for any candidate for this office."~~

40 SECTION 4. IC 3-11-2-12.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
41 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.9. (a) School board offices to be elected at the

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1 general election shall be placed on the general election ballot after the
2 offices described in section ~~12.4~~ 12 of this chapter.

3 (b) If the ballot contains a candidate for a school board office, the
4 ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:

5 (1) "To vote for a candidate for this office, make a voting mark
6 on or in the square to the left of the candidate's name. A straight
7 party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this
8 office.", **if only one (1) candidate is to be elected to a school
9 board office.**

10 (2) **"To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make
11 a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A
12 straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate
13 for this office.", if more than one (1) candidate is to be
14 elected to a school board office.**

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

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

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

26 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
27 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
28 candidates nominated by petition;

29 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
30 and for independent candidates; or

31 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
32 individual votes for candidates. ~~of another political party or
33 independent candidate.~~

34 (b) A ballot card voting system must require that a voter who
35 wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board
36 office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be
37 elected, on a:~~

38 (1) ~~county council;~~

39 (2) ~~city common council;~~

40 (3) ~~town council; or~~

41 (4) ~~township board;~~

42 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter

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1 wishes to cast a vote. The ballot card voting system may not count any
 2 straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an~~
 3 **election to a school board** office. ~~described by this subsection.~~

4 (c) A ballot card voting system must permit a voter to vote:

5 (1) for all candidates for presidential electors and alternate
 6 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket
 7 by making a single voting mark; and

8 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote.

9 SECTION 6. IC 3-11-7.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
 10 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an
 12 electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:

13 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all the
 14 candidates of one (1) political party by touching the device of
 15 that party;

16 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
 17 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
 18 candidates nominated by petition;

19 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
 20 and for independent candidates; or

21 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
 22 individual votes for candidates. ~~of another political party or~~
 23 ~~independent candidates.~~

24 (b) An electronic voting system must require that a voter who
 25 wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board
 26 office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be~~
 27 ~~elected, on a:~~

28 ~~(1) county council;~~

29 ~~(2) city common council;~~

30 ~~(3) town council; or~~

31 ~~(4) township board;~~

32 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter
 33 wishes to cast a vote. The electronic voting system may not count any
 34 straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an~~
 35 **election to a school board** office. ~~described by this subsection.~~

36 (c) An electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:

37 (1) for as many candidates for an office as the voter may vote
 38 for, but no more;

39 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote,
 40 but no other; and

41 (3) for all the candidates for presidential electors and alternate
 42 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket

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1 by making a single voting mark.

2 SECTION 7. IC 3-11-11-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2023,
3 SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. If an election is a general or municipal
5 election and a voter desires to vote for all the candidates of one (1)
6 political party or group of petitioners, the voter may make a voting
7 mark on or in a large circle enclosing the device and before the name
8 under which the candidates of the party are printed. The voter's vote
9 shall then be counted ~~for all the candidates under that party name.~~ **in**
10 **accordance with IC 3-12-1.**

11 SECTION 8. IC 3-11-13-11, AS AMENDED BY SEA 25-2026,
12 SECTION 2, AND BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF
13 THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The ballot
15 information, whether placed on the ballot card or on the marking
16 device, must be in the order of arrangement provided for ballots under
17 this section.

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

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

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

28 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
29 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
30 petitioners shall be listed on the ballot with the name and device set
31 forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the device
32 may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the device.
33 IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not include a
34 name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2) or more
35 parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in
36 IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the
37 candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any
38 affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:

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

41 (e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot
42 must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,

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1 ~~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),
 2 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),
 3 IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), and IC 3-11-2-14(e). The offices and
 4 public questions may be listed in a continuous column either vertically
 5 or horizontally and on a number of separate pages.

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

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

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

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

25 ~~(3)~~ (4) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not
 26 count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1)
 27 candidate is to be elected to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

40 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of
 41 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent
 42 candidate or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the

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- 1 party or candidate is listed after the parties described in
 2 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).
 3 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate
 4 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the
 5 ballot, the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in
 6 which the party filed its petition of nomination under
 7 IC 3-8-6-12.
 8 (6) The name of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C)
 9 is placed after the candidates listed in subdivisions (1) through
 10 (5), if applicable.
 11 (7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates
 12 listed in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law.
 13 (8) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the
 14 ballot.
- 15 If there is more than one (1) candidate for a grouping described in
 16 subdivisions (1) through (8) for a school board office, the candidates
 17 shall appear in the order established by this subsection and within the
 18 grouping, in alphabetical order according to surname.
- 19 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established
 20 by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters
 21 and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the
 22 candidate's political party, or the word "Independent" if the:
 23 (1) candidate; or
 24 (2) ticket of candidates for:
 25 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or
 26 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;
 27 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 28 of the candidate and must be printed in a uniform size and type. In the
 29 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
 30 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
 31 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation
 32 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a
 33 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.
- 34 (i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to
 35 at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision
 36 must be grouped together:
 37 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 38 (2) in the order established by subsection (g); and
 39 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 40 surname.
 41 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 42 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the

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

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

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

8 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
9 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
10 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
11 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party
12 vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office."

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

- 15 (1) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7.
16 (2) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d),
17 and IC 3-11-2-10(e).

18 (l) The ballot must include a single connectable arrow, circle, oval,
19 or square, or a voting position for voting a straight party ticket by one
20 (1) mark as required by section 14 of this chapter, and the single
21 connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square, or the voting position for
22 casting a straight party ticket ballot must be identified by:

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

26 The name and device of each political party must be of uniform size
27 and type and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for
28 listing candidates under each office. The instructions described in
29 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
30 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
31 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
32 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
33 party ticket, do not make a mark in this section and proceed to voting
34 the ballot by office."

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

41 (n) The requirements in this section:

- 42 (1) do not replace; and

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1 (2) are in addition to;
2 any other requirements in this title that apply to optical scan ballots.

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

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

- 9 (1) the names of political parties or candidates; or
- 10 (2) the text of public questions;

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

14 SECTION 9. IC 3-11-13-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
15 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) In partisan elections, the ballot labels must
17 include a voting square or position where a voter may by one (1) voting
18 mark on each card record a straight party ticket vote for all the
19 candidates of one (1) political party, except for offices for which the
20 voter:

21 (1) is required to cast an individual vote for a candidate under
22 IC 3-11-7-4(b); or

23 (2) has voted individually for a candidate for any other office.

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

26 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or

27 (2) the only candidates:

28 (A) of the political party; or

29 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
30 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);

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

35 SECTION 10. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY SEA 25-2026,
36 SECTION 3, AND BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF
37 THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county
39 election board shall have the names of all candidates for all elected
40 offices, political party offices, and public questions printed on ballot
41 labels for use in an electronic voting system as provided in this chapter.

42 (b) The county may:

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- 1 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;
- 2 and
- 3 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
- 4 version of a ballot label is used within a precinct.
- 5 (c) Each type of ballot label must be of uniform size and of the
- 6 same quality and color of paper (except as permitted under
- 7 IC 3-10-1-17).
- 8 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
- 9 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
- 10 petitioners must be listed on the ballot label with the name and device
- 11 set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the
- 12 device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the
- 13 device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not
- 14 include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2)
- 15 or more parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in
- 16 IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the
- 17 candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any
- 18 affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:
- 19 (1) is not affiliated with a political party; and
- 20 (2) does not identify as an independent candidate.
- 21 (e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on
- 22 the general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
- 23 ~~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),
- 24 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),
- 25 IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), and IC 3-11-2-14(e). Each office and
- 26 public question may have a separate screen, or the offices and public
- 27 questions may be listed in a continuous column either vertically or
- 28 horizontally.
- 29 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in
- 30 bold type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
- 31 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
- 32 first candidate:
- 33 (1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be
- 34 elected to the office.
- 35 (2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to
- 36 be elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any candidate
- 37 for this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate
- 38 you wish to vote for.", ~~A straight party vote will not count as a~~
- 39 ~~vote for any candidate for this office.~~; if more than one (1)
- 40 candidate is to be elected to the office.
- 41 (3) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates
- 42 to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any

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1 **candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for**
2 **each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote**
3 **will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if**
4 **more than one (1) candidate is to be elected to a school board**
5 **office.**

6 ~~(3)~~ (4) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not
7 count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1)
8 candidate is to be elected to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates
35 listed in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law. A space
36 for write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no
37 declared write-in candidates for that office. However, procedures
38 must be implemented to permit write-in voting for candidates for
39 federal offices.

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

42 If there is more than one (1) candidate for a grouping described in

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1 subdivisions (1) through (8) for a school board office, the candidates
 2 shall appear in the order established by this subsection and within the
 3 grouping, in alphabetical order according to surname.

4 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established
 5 by subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters
 6 and have a uniform space between each name. The name of the
 7 candidate's political party, or the word "Independent", if the:

- 8 (1) candidate; or
 9 (2) ticket of candidates for:

10 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or

11 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

12 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 13 of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type. In the
 14 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
 15 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
 16 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation
 17 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a
 18 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

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

- 22 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 23 (2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and
 24 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 25 surname.

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

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

- 32 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 33 and
 34 (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

35 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 36 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 37 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 38 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office. A straight party
 39 vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office."

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

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1 (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and
 2 IC 3-11-2-10(e) may be:
 3 (1) placed on the ballot label; or
 4 (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the
 5 voter to easily read the instructions.
 6 (m) Except as provided in section 14.5 of this chapter, the ballot
 7 label must include a touch sensitive point or button for voting a straight
 8 political party ticket by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or
 9 button must be identified by:
 10 (1) the name of the political party; and
 11 (2) immediately below or beside the political party's name, the
 12 device of that party (described in IC 3-11-2-5).
 13 The name and device of each party must be of uniform size and type,
 14 and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing
 15 candidates under each office. The instructions described in
 16 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
 17 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
 18 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
 19 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
 20 party ticket, press "NEXT" (or replace "NEXT" with the term used by
 21 that voting system to permit a voter to skip a ballot screen) to continue
 22 voting."
 23 (n) A public question must be in the form described in
 24 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive
 25 point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly
 26 authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print
 27 a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question
 28 other than the language authorized by a statute.
 29 (o) The requirements in this section:
 30 (1) do not replace; and
 31 (2) are in addition to;
 32 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic
 33 voting systems.
 34 (p) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when
 35 a ballot label does not comply with the requirements imposed by this
 36 title or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion
 37 or mistakes by voters.
 38 SECTION 11. IC 3-11-14-14.5, AS AMENDED BY
 39 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. A ballot label
 41 must not include a touch sensitive point or button to permit a voter to
 42 cast a straight party ticket for a political party if:

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- 1 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or
- 2 (2) the only candidates:
 - 3 (A) of the political party; or
 - 4 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
 - 5 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);
 - 6 are for election to school board offices ~~or offices to which more~~
 - 7 ~~than one (1) individual is to be elected and~~ which will not be
 - 8 credited with a vote under ~~IC 3-12-1-7 or~~ IC 3-12-1-7.1 if a voter
 - 9 casts a straight party ticket.

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

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

- 20 (1) on or in a circle, oval, or square; or
- 21 (2) to connect a connectable arrow;
- 22 immediately below or beside a candidate's name or political party's
- 23 name shall be counted as a vote for the candidate or candidates of the
- 24 political party, except as provided in subsection (d).

25 (c) This subsection applies to a direct record electronic voting
 26 system. A voting mark made by a voter touching a touch sensitive point
 27 or button below or beside a candidate's name or political party's name
 28 shall be counted as a vote for the candidate or candidates of the
 29 political party, except as provided in subsection (d).

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

- 33 ~~(1) county council;~~
- 34 ~~(2) city common council;~~
- 35 ~~(3) town council; or~~
- 36 ~~(4) township board;~~

37 must make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the
 38 voter wishes to cast a vote. A straight ticket voting mark on a paper
 39 ballot, ballot card voting system, or electronic voting system shall not
 40 be counted as a straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any
 41 candidate for ~~an a school board office. described by this subsection.~~

42 SECTION 13. IC 3-12-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.21-2016,

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1 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This subsection applies whenever a voter:
 3 (1) votes a straight party ticket; and
 4 (2) votes only for one (1) or more individual candidates who are
 5 all of the same political party as the straight ticket vote.
 6 Except as provided in subsection (d), ~~or (e)~~; the straight ticket vote
 7 shall be counted and the individual candidate votes may not be
 8 counted.
 9 (b) This subsection applies whenever:
 10 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 11 one (1) political party;
 12 (2) only one (1) person may be elected to an office; and
 13 (3) the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the
 14 office described in subdivision (2) who is:
 15 (A) a candidate of a political party other than the party for
 16 which the voter voted a straight ticket; or
 17 (B) an independent candidate or declared write-in candidate
 18 for the office.
 19 If the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the office
 20 described in subdivision (2), the individual candidate vote for that
 21 office shall be counted, the straight party ticket vote for that office may
 22 not be counted, and the straight party ticket votes for other offices on
 23 the ballot shall be counted.
 24 (c) This subsection applies whenever:
 25 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 26 one (1) political party; and
 27 (2) the voter has voted for more individual candidates for the
 28 office than the number of persons to be elected to that office.
 29 The individual candidate votes for that office may not be counted, the
 30 straight party ticket vote for that office may not be counted, and the
 31 straight party ticket votes for other offices on the ballot shall be
 32 counted.
 33 (d) This subsection applies whenever:
 34 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 35 one (1) political party;
 36 (2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and
 37 (3) the voter has voted for **one (1) or more** individual candidates
 38 for the office described in subdivision (2) who are:
 39 (A) independent candidates or declared write-in candidates;
 40 (B) candidates of a political party other than the political
 41 party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket under
 42 subdivision (1); ~~or~~

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- 1 **(C) candidates of the same political party for which the**
- 2 **voter cast a straight party ticket under subdivision (1);**
- 3 **or**
- 4 ~~(C)~~ **(D) a combination of candidates described in clauses**
- 5 **(A), and (B), and (C).**

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

- 14 ~~(e)~~ **(e) This subsection applies whenever:**
- 15 ~~(1)~~ **(1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of**
- 16 ~~one (1) political party;~~
- 17 ~~(2)~~ **(2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and**
- 18 ~~(3)~~ **(3) the voter has voted for individual candidates for the office**
- 19 ~~described in subdivision (2) who are:~~

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

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

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

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

- 41 ~~(g)~~ **(f) If a voter does not vote a straight party ticket and the**
- 42 ~~number of votes cast by that voter for the candidates for an office are~~

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1 less than or equal to the number of openings for that office, the
2 individual candidates votes shall be counted.

3 ~~(h)~~ (g) If a voter does not vote a straight party ticket and the
4 number of votes cast by that voter for an office exceeds the number of
5 openings for that office, none of the votes concerning that office may
6 be counted.

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

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

- 16 ~~(1) county council;~~
17 ~~(2) city common council;~~
18 ~~(3) town council; or~~
19 ~~(4) township board;~~

20 must make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the
21 voter wishes to cast a vote. A voting mark on or in a circle containing
22 a political party device shall not be counted as a straight party ticket
23 voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an~~ **a school board** office.
24 ~~described by this subsection.~~

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

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

- 33 (1) ceases to be a candidate; and
34 (2) is succeeded by a candidate selected under IC 3-13-1 or
35 IC 3-13-2.

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

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