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HOUSE BILL No. 1377

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Paper ballot. Specifies how a vote is counted with a straight ticket with a paper ballot. Makes technical changes by replacing SECTIONS 7 and 9 of the bill with the versions of IC 3-11-13-11 and IC 3-11-14-3.5 as amended by SEA 25-2026.

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
 - 18 casts a straight party ticket.
- 19 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,

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

- 7 (1) Ratification of a state constitutional amendment.
8 (2) Local public questions.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (3) To vote for any candidate for

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

31 ~~(B) a school board office,~~

32 you must make another voting mark for each candidate you wish
33 to vote for. Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for
34 any candidate for that office.

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

38 (d) Except as permitted under section 8(b) of this chapter, if the
39 ballot contains an independent ticket described in section 6 of this
40 chapter and at least one (1) other independent candidate, the ballot
41 must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows: "A
42 vote cast for an independent ticket will only be counted for the

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1 candidates for President and Vice President or governor and lieutenant
2 governor comprising that independent ticket. This vote will NOT be
3 counted for any OTHER independent candidate appearing on the
4 ballot."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 SECTION 4. IC 3-11-2-12.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
39 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.9. (a) School board offices to be elected at the
41 general election shall be placed on the general election ballot after the
42 offices described in section ~~12.4~~ 12 of this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 ~~(1) county council;~~

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

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

39 ~~(4) township board;~~

40 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter
41 wishes to cast a vote. The ballot card voting system may not count any
42 straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for an

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1 ~~election to a school board office. described by this subsection:~~
2 (c) A ballot card voting system must permit a voter to vote:
3 (1) for all candidates for presidential electors and alternate
4 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket
5 by making a single voting mark; and
6 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote.
7 SECTION 6. IC 3-11-7.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
8 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an
10 electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:
11 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all the
12 candidates of one (1) political party by touching the device of
13 that party;
14 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
15 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
16 candidates nominated by petition;
17 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
18 and for independent candidates; or
19 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
20 individual votes for candidates. ~~of another political party or~~
21 ~~independent candidates.~~
22 (b) An electronic voting system must require that a voter who
23 wishes to cast a ballot for a candidate for election to a school board
24 office ~~or an at-large district to which more than one (1) person may be~~
25 ~~elected; on a:~~
26 (1) ~~county council;~~
27 (2) ~~city common council;~~
28 (3) ~~town council;~~ or
29 (4) ~~township board;~~
30 make a voting mark for each individual candidate for whom the voter
31 wishes to cast a vote. The electronic voting system may not count any
32 straight party ticket voting mark as a vote for any candidate for ~~an~~
33 ~~election to a school board office. described by this subsection:~~
34 (c) An electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:
35 (1) for as many candidates for an office as the voter may vote
36 for, but no more;
37 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote,
38 but no other; and
39 (3) for all the candidates for presidential electors and alternate
40 presidential electors of a political party or an independent ticket
41 by making a single voting mark.
42 [[SECTION 7. IC 3-11-11-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2023,](#)

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

9] SECTION ~~8~~[8]. IC 3-11-13-11, AS AMENDED [BY SEA
 10 25-2026, SECTION 2, AND]BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
 11 BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO
 12 READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The
 13 ballot information, whether placed on the ballot card or on the marking
 14 device, must be in the order of arrangement provided for ballots under
 15 this section.

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

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

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

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

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

39 (e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot
 40 must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
 41 ~~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),
 42 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c),

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 [If there is more than one (1) candidate for a grouping described in
 14 subdivisions (1) through (8) for a school board office, the candidates
 15 shall appear in the order established by this subsection and within the
 16 grouping, in alphabetical order according to surname.

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

21 (1) candidate; or

22 (2) ticket of candidates for:

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

24 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

25 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 26 of the candidate and must be printed in a uniform size and type. In the
 27 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
 28 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
 29 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation
 30 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a
 31 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

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

35 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

36 (2) in the order established by subsection (g); and

37 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 38 surname.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (n) The requirements in this section:

- 40 (1) do not replace; and
41 (2) are in addition to;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 24 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or
- 25 (2) the only candidates:
 - 26 (A) of the political party; or
 - 27 (B) that have stated an affiliation with the political party
28 under IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5);

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

33 SECTION ~~9~~ [10]. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED [BY SEA
34 25-2026, SECTION 3, AND] BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
35 BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO
36 READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each
37 county election board shall have the names of all candidates for all
38 elected offices, political party offices, and public questions printed on
39 ballot labels for use in an electronic voting system as provided in this
40 chapter.

41 (b) The county may:

- 42 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;

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

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

5 ~~(3)~~ (4) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not
6 count as a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1)
7 candidate is to be elected to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 [If there is more than one \(1\) candidate for a grouping described in](#)
42 [subdivisions \(1\) through \(8\) for a school board office, the candidates](#)

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1 [shall appear in the order established by this subsection and within the](#)
 2 [grouping, in alphabetical order according to surname.](#)

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

7 (1) candidate; or

8 (2) ticket of candidates for:

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

10 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

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

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

21 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

22 (2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and

23 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 24 surname.

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

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

31 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 32 and

33 (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

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

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

42 (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, IC 3-11-2-10(d), and

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1 IC 3-11-2-10(e) may be:
 2 (1) placed on the ballot label; or
 3 (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the
 4 voter to easily read the instructions.
 5 (m) Except as provided in section 14.5 of this chapter, the ballot
 6 label must include a touch sensitive point or button for voting a straight
 7 political party ticket by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or
 8 button must be identified by:
 9 (1) the name of the political party; and
 10 (2) immediately below or beside the political party's name, the
 11 device of that party (described in IC 3-11-2-5).
 12 The name and device of each party must be of uniform size and type,
 13 and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing
 14 candidates under each office. The instructions described in
 15 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
 16 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
 17 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
 18 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
 19 party ticket, press "NEXT" (or replace "NEXT" with the term used by
 20 that voting system to permit a voter to skip a ballot screen) to continue
 21 voting."
 22 (n) A public question must be in the form described in
 23 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive
 24 point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly
 25 authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print
 26 a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question
 27 other than the language authorized by a statute.
 28 (o) The requirements in this section:
 29 (1) do not replace; and
 30 (2) are in addition to;
 31 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic
 32 voting systems.
 33 (p) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when
 34 a ballot label does not comply with the requirements imposed by this
 35 title or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion
 36 or mistakes by voters.
 37 SECTION 1 ~~1~~ [1]. IC 3-11-14-14.5, AS AMENDED BY
 38 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. A ballot label
 40 must not include a touch sensitive point or button to permit a voter to
 41 cast a straight party ticket for a political party if:
 42 (1) there are no candidates of that political party; or

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

9 SECTION 1 ~~<~~ ~~>~~ [2]. IC 3-12-1-5, AS AMENDED BY
 10 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This subsection
 12 does not apply to a ballot card voting system or an electronic voting
 13 system. Except as provided in subsection (d), a voting mark made by
 14 a voter on or in a voting square at the left of a candidate's name or
 15 political party's name shall be counted as a vote for the candidate or
 16 candidates of the political party.

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 SECTION 1 ~~<~~ ~~>~~ [3]. IC 3-12-1-7, AS AMENDED BY
 42 P.L.21-2016, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This subsection applies
2 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), ~~(B)~~ 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) This subsection applies whenever:
- 15 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
- 16 one (1) political party;
- 17 (2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and
- 18 (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 1 ~~↔~~ [4]. IC 3-12-1-8, AS AMENDED BY
8 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as
10 provided in subsection (b), a voting mark made by a voter on or in a
11 circle containing a political party device shall be counted as a vote for
12 each candidate of that 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 1 ~~↔~~ [5]. IC 3-12-1-15, AS AMENDED BY
26 P.L.195-2025, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) This section
28 does not apply to a candidate for a school board office, or an at-large
29 office of a county council; city common council; town council; or
30 township board; if those offices appear a school board office appears
31 on a ballot.

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

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

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

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