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HOUSE MOTION _____

MR. SPEAKER:

I move that House Bill 1423 be amended to read as follows:

1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 3-10-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) This section applies only to a school
6 city (as defined in IC 20-25-2-12).
7 (b) The executive director of the Indianapolis public education
8 corporation shall stand for retention:
9 (1) at the general election in 2028 and every four (4) years
10 thereafter; and
11 (2) by the eligible voters from all the districts established
12 under IC 20-25-3-4.
13 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-2-12.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2025,
14 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12.9. (a) School board offices to be elected at
16 the general election shall be placed on the general election ballot after
17 the offices described in section 12.4 of this chapter.
18 (b) If the ballot contains a candidate for a school board office, the
19 ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:
20 "To vote for a candidate for this office, make a voting mark on or in the
21 square to the left of the candidate's name. A straight party vote will not

1 count as a vote for any candidate for this office.".

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

6 (d) **This subsection applies only to a school city (as defined in
7 IC 20-25-2-12). The question of the retention of the executive
8 director of the Indianapolis public education corporation shall be
9 placed on the ballot after the offices described in subsection (a) and
10 before the offices described in section 13 of this chapter. The
11 question under this subsection must read as follows:**

12 "Shall _____ (insert the name of the executive director of
13 the Indianapolis public education corporation) be retained as
14 Executive Director of the Indianapolis Public Education
15 Corporation?".

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot
45 must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
46 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),

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

6 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold
7 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 be
13 elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any candidate for
14 this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you
15 wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for
16 any candidate for this office.", if more than one (1) candidate is to
17 be elected to the office.

18 (3) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not count as
19 a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1) candidate
20 is to be elected to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) candidate; or
(2) ticket of candidates for:
 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or
 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(l) The ballot must include a single connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square, or a voting position for voting a straight party ticket by one (1) mark as required by section 14 of this chapter, and the single

1 connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square, or the voting position for
2 casting a straight party ticket ballot must be identified by:

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

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

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

21 **(n) This subsection applies only to a school city (as defined in
22 IC 20-25-2-12). The question of the retention of the executive
23 director of the Indianapolis public education corporation must
24 read as follows:**

25 "Shall _____ (insert the name of the executive director of
26 the Indianapolis public education corporation) be retained as
27 Executive Director of the Indianapolis Public Education
28 Corporation?".

29 **(n) (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 optical scan ballots.

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

37 **(n) (q) This subsection applies to an optical scan ballot that does not
38 list:**

39 (1) the names of political parties or candidates; or
40 (2) the text of public questions;

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

44 **SECTION 4. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
45 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
46 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**

1 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county election board shall have
2 the names of all candidates for all elected offices, political party
3 offices, and public questions printed on ballot labels for use in an
4 electronic voting system as provided in this chapter.

5 (b) The county may:

6 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;
7 and
8 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
9 version of a ballot label is used within a precinct.

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

12 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
13 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
14 petitioners must be listed on the ballot label with the name and device
15 set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the
16 device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the
17 device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not
18 include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2)
19 or more parties or petitioners. In the case of a candidate described in
20 IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), a blank space **must be printed** after the
21 candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any
22 affiliation with a political party or that the candidate:

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

25 (e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on the
26 general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
27 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),
28 IC 3-11-2-12.9(c), **IC 3-11-2-12.9(d)**, IC 3-11-2-13(a) through
29 IC 3-11-2-13(c), IC 3-11-2-14(a), IC 3-11-2-14(d), and
30 IC 3-11-2-14(e). Each office and public question may have a separate
31 screen, or the offices and public questions may be listed in a
32 continuous column either vertically or horizontally.

33 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold
34 type. 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:

37 (1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be
38 elected to the office.
39 (2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be
40 elected) candidate(s) for this office. To vote for any candidate for
41 this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you
42 wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for
43 any candidate for this office.", if more than one (1) candidate is to
44 be elected to the office.
45 (3) "Vote for one (1) only. A straight party vote will not count as
46 a vote for any candidate for this office.", if only one (1) candidate

1 is to be elected to a school board office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (7) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed
27 in subdivisions (1) through (6), if required by law. A space for
28 write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no
29 declared write-in candidates for that office. However, procedures
30 must be implemented to permit write-in voting for candidates for
31 federal offices.

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

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

38 (1) candidate; or

39 (2) ticket of candidates for:

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

41 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

42 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
43 of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type. In the
44 case of a candidate described in IC 3-8-2.5-2.5(a)(5)(C), the name of
45 the candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's
46 name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation

1 with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a
2 political party and does not identify as an independent candidate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (m) Except as provided in section 14.5 of this chapter, the ballot
33 label must include a touch sensitive point or button for voting a straight
34 political party ticket by one (1) touch, and the touch sensitive point or
35 button 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 party must be of uniform size and type,
40 and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for listing
41 candidates under each office. The instructions described in
42 IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and the statement
43 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 must be
44 placed on the ballot label. The instructions for voting a straight party
45 ticket must include the statement: "If you do not wish to vote a straight
46 party ticket, press "NEXT" (or replace "NEXT" with the term used by

1 that voting system to permit a voter to skip a ballot screen) to continue
2 voting.".

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

9 (o) **This subsection applies only to a school city (as defined in
10 IC 20-25-2-12). The question of the retention of the executive
11 director of the Indianapolis public education corporation must
12 read as follows:**

13 "Shall _____ (insert the name of the executive director of
14 the Indianapolis public education corporation) be retained as
15 Executive Director of the Indianapolis Public Education
16 Corporation?".

17 (f) (p) The requirements in this section:

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

20 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic
21 voting systems.

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

26 SECTION 5. IC 3-12-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.278-2019,
27 SECTION 143, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) Whenever a candidate is
29 elected to a local office that is commissioned by the governor under
30 IC 4-3-1-5, the circuit court clerk shall prepare a statement specifying
31 the number of votes received by each candidate for that office.

32 (b) The statement prepared under subsection (a) must also include
33 the number of votes cast for and against the following:

- (1) The ratification of a state constitutional amendment submitted
35 to the electorate.
- (2) The retention of a justice of the supreme court or a judge of
37 the court of appeals or tax court.
- (3) Each candidate who was declared elected by the county
39 election board under IC 3-12-4-9.

40 (4) **The retention of the executive director of the Indianapolis
41 public education corporation.**

42 (c) The clerk shall transmit under section 1.5 of this chapter the
43 statement to the election division not later than noon on the second
44 Monday following election day.

45 (d) The election division shall tabulate the votes received under this
46 section. Not later than the third Friday after the election, the secretary

1 of state shall issue a certificate certifying the following:
2 (1) Each state constitutional amendment ratified or rejected.
3 (2) Each justice or judge retained or removed.
4 **(3) Whether the executive director of the Indianapolis public**
5 **education corporation was retained or removed.**
6 (e) The election division shall provide a copy of a certificate
7 described by:
8 (1) subsection (d)(1) to the chief justice of the Indiana supreme
9 court and the director of the office of code revision of the
10 legislative services agency; **and**
11 (2) subsection (d)(2) to the chief justice of the state; **and**
12 **(3) subsection (d)(3) to the mayor of a consolidated city.**
13 (f) The election division shall provide a copy of all statements
14 received under this section to the office.".
15 Page 12, line 28, after "(1)" insert "**subject to subsection (c),**".
16 Page 12, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:
17 **"(c) The executive director shall stand for retention under**
18 **IC 3-10-2-17. If the majority of the voters vote to oppose the**
19 **retention of the executive director, the corporation board shall**
20 **appoint another individual recommended by the mayor as the**
21 **executive director of the corporation."**.
22 Page 12, line 41, delete "(c)" and insert "**(d)**".
23 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1423 as printed January 27, 2026.)

Representative DeLaney