

SENATE BILL No. 3

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Constitutional amendment ballot language. Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning bail.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.



Introduced

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

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The amendment to**
2 **the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the release of**
3 **an arrestee on bail, agreed to by the One Hundred Twenty-Third**
4 **General Assembly (P.L.255-2023) and the One Hundred**
5 **Twenty-Fourth General Assembly (SJR 1-2026), shall be submitted**
6 **to the electors of Indiana at the 2026 general election in the manner**
7 **provided for the submission of constitutional amendments under**
8 **IC 3.**

9 **(b) Under Article 16, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State**
10 **of Indiana, which requires the general assembly to submit**
11 **constitutional amendments to the electors at the next general**
12 **election after the general assembly agrees to the amendment**
13 **referred to it by the last previously elected general assembly, and**
14 **in accordance with IC 3-10-3, the general assembly prescribes the**
15 **form in which the public question concerning the ratification of**
16 **this state constitutional amendment must appear on the 2026**
17 **general election ballot as follows:**

18 **"Public Question #1**



1 **Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a**
2 **person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be**
3 **released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong.**

4 **Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to**
5 **provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder**
6 **or treason is not entitled to bail if:**

7 **(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and**
8 **(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no**
9 **release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any**
10 **other person or the community.**

11 **(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of**
12 **the State of Indiana.)".**

13 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

