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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 3-6-5-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-2021,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) Each county election board shall submit a
4 report to the election division after each primary, special, municipal,
5 and general election describing the activities of the board during the
6 previous year. The board shall include the following in the report:
7 (1) Information relating to the expenses of office maintenance
8 and elections within the county or political subdivisions within
9 the county.
10 (2) A copy of the statement of the county election board
11 containing the votes cast for each candidate and on each public
12 question in each precinct at the last election preceding the
13 submission of the report.
14 (3) (2) Any additional information relating to elections that the
15 commission prescribes.
16 (b) The report described in subsection (a) must be transmitted to
17 the election division using the computerized list under IC 3-7-26.3 not

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1 later than fourteen (14) days after each election.

2 (c) The election division shall send a copy of each report to the
3 office not later than ten (10) days after receiving the report.

4 (d) **At the same time the county election board submits the**
5 **report under subsection (a), the board shall provide to the election**
6 **division through a module of the computerized list established**
7 **under IC 3-7-26.3 the votes cast for each candidate and on each**
8 **public question in each precinct at the last election preceding the**
9 **submission of the report.**

10 (e) **This subsection applies if the official election results of an**
11 **election are revised following a recount or election contest**
12 **conducted under IC 3-12. Each county election board shall provide**
13 **to the election division through a module of the computerized list**
14 **established under IC 3-7-26.3 the revised votes cast for each**
15 **candidate and on each public question in each precinct not later**
16 **than fourteen (14) days after the certification of the revised**
17 **election results by a court or the state recount commission.**

18 (f) **The election division shall promptly publish election results**
19 **provided under subsection (d) or (e) on the website maintained by**
20 **the election division. The election results published under this**
21 **subsection must be downloadable in a format that can be imported**
22 **into standard spreadsheet computer software.**

23 SECTION 2. IC 3-10-1-31.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2024,
24 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25 JANUARY 1, 2026 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 31.1. (a) The inspector
26 of each precinct shall deliver the bags required by section 30(a) and
27 30(c) of this chapter in good condition, together with poll lists, tally
28 sheets, and other forms, to the circuit court clerk when making returns.

29 (b) Except for unused ballots disposed of under IC 3-11-3-31 or
30 the copies of the affidavits received by the county election board under
31 IC 3-14-5-2 for delivery to the prosecuting attorney, the circuit court
32 clerk shall seal the ballots (including provisional ballots) and other
33 material (including election material related to provisional ballots)
34 during the time allowed to file a verified petition or cross-petition for
35 a recount of votes or to contest the election. Except as provided in
36 subsection (c) and notwithstanding any other provision of state law,
37 after the recount or contest filing period, the election material,
38 including election material related to provisional ballots (except for
39 ballots and provisional ballots, which remain confidential) shall be
40 made available for copying and inspection under IC 5-14-3. The circuit
41 court clerk shall carefully preserve the sealed ballots and other material
42 for ~~twenty-two (22)~~ **sixty (60)** months, ~~as required by 52 U.S.C. 20701,~~

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1 after which the sealed ballots and other material are subject to
 2 IC 5-15-6 unless an order issued under:

- 3 (1) IC 3-12-6-19 or IC 3-12-11-16; or
 4 (2) 52 U.S.C. 10301;

5 requires the continued preservation of the ballots or other material.

6 (c) If a petition for a recount or contest is filed, the material for
 7 that election remains confidential until completion of the recount or
 8 contest.

9 (d) Upon delivery of the poll lists, the county voter registration
 10 office shall unseal the envelopes containing the poll lists, inspect the
 11 poll lists, and update the registration records of the county. The county
 12 voter registration office shall use the poll lists and information on
 13 affidavits executed under IC 3-10-10, IC 3-10-11, or IC 3-10-12 to
 14 update the registration record to include the voter's voter identification
 15 number if the voter's voter identification number is not already
 16 included in the registration record. Upon completion of the inspection,
 17 the poll list and affidavits shall be preserved with the ballots and other
 18 materials in the manner prescribed by subsection (b) for the period
 19 prescribed by subsections (b) and (c).

20 (e) In addition to the poll lists described in subsection (d), the
 21 county voter registration office shall use the affidavits described by
 22 IC 3-10-10-7, IC 3-10-11-4, and IC 3-10-12-3.4 to update the
 23 registration records of the county as soon as the affidavits are delivered
 24 to the county voter registration office.

25 (f) The county voter registration office shall retain a voter's paper
 26 registration records associated with the address at which the voter is
 27 registered to vote until all of the following are satisfied:

- 28 (1) The voter's registration at the address stated in the voter's
 29 registration application has been canceled.
 30 (2) The general election immediately following the cancellation
 31 of the voter's registration under subdivision (1) has occurred.
 32 (3) Twenty-four (24) months have elapsed following the general
 33 election described in subdivision (2).

34 (g) This subsection does not apply to ballots, including provisional
 35 ballots. Notwithstanding subsection (b), if a county voter registration
 36 office determines that the inspection and copying of precinct election
 37 material would reveal the political parties, candidates, and public
 38 questions for which an individual cast an absentee ballot, the county
 39 voter registration office shall keep confidential only that part of the
 40 election material necessary to protect the secrecy of the voter's ballot.
 41 In addition, the county voter registration office shall keep confidential

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1 information contained in material related to provisional ballots that
 2 identifies an individual, except for the individual's name, address, and
 3 birth date.

4 (h) After the expiration of the period described in subsection (b)
 5 or (c), the ballots may be destroyed in the manner provided by
 6 IC 3-11-3-31 or transferred to a state educational institution as
 7 provided by IC 3-12-2-12.

8 (i) This subsection applies to a detachable recording unit or
 9 compartment used to record a ballot cast on a direct record electronic
 10 voting system. After the time allowed to file a verified petition or
 11 cross-petition for a recount of votes or to contest the election, the
 12 circuit court clerk shall transfer the data contained in the unit or
 13 compartment to a disc or other recording medium. After transferring
 14 the data, the clerk may clear or erase the unit or compartment. The
 15 circuit court clerk shall carefully preserve the disc or medium used to
 16 record the data for ~~twenty-two (22)~~ **sixty (60)** months, ~~as required by~~
 17 ~~52 U.S.C. 20701~~, after which time the disc or medium may be erased
 18 or destroyed, subject to IC 5-15-6, unless an order requiring the
 19 continued preservation of the disc or medium is issued under the
 20 following:

- 21 (1) IC 3-12-6-19.
- 22 (2) IC 3-12-11-16.
- 23 (3) 52 U.S.C. 10301.

24 (j) This subsection applies to a county using an electronic poll
 25 book. After each election, the county shall save all data recorded on the
 26 electronic poll book and any information stored on the dedicated,
 27 private server required under IC 3-11-8-10.3(b)(4). The circuit court
 28 clerk shall carefully preserve the disc or medium used to record the
 29 data for ~~twenty-two (22)~~ **sixty (60)** months, ~~as required by~~ ~~52 U.S.C.~~
 30 ~~20701~~, after which time the data may be erased or destroyed, subject
 31 to IC 5-15-6, unless an order requiring the continued preservation of
 32 the data is issued under the following:

- 33 (1) IC 3-12-6-19.
- 34 (2) IC 3-12-11-16.
- 35 (3) 52 U.S.C. 10301.

36 (k) This section does not prohibit county election officials from
 37 performing post-election audits, as authorized by statute.

38 (l) This section does not prohibit county election officials from
 39 performing a duty under IC 3-11.7.

40 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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