

SENATE BILL No. 442

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-5; IC 3-6; IC 3-7; IC 3-8; IC 3-10; IC 3-11; IC 3-11.5-4-23; IC 3-12; IC 3-13; IC 5-9-4-8; IC 20-23; IC 33-33; IC 33-35-1-1; IC 36-5-2-4.1.

Synopsis: Various election matters. Removes a reference to a county executive in the definition of "county voter registration office". Specifies the allocation of municipal and special election administration expenses among a county and the municipalities in the county in vote center counties. Specifies the extended deadline for taking an action or making a filing when a government office is closed. Adds a county voter registration office to the list of offices where filings by fax or electronic mail are not available. Specifies that a school board candidate's nominating petition may not include electronic, digitized, or photocopied signatures. Adds courses on law governing accessibility to polling places and voting systems to the certified election worker training curriculum, and reduces the term of the certification from four to two years. Specifies the number of challengers, pollbook holders, poll watchers, and media representatives who are allowed in a voting location. Specifies that the date on which voter registration closes before an election and reopens after an election applies to special elections and municipal primary elections. Makes changes to the voter list maintenance procedures. Provides that a felony conviction that has been pardoned, reversed, vacated, set aside, or expunged does not disqualify a person from holding elected office. Provides that a declaration of candidacy is not invalid if a candidate is unable to state the ward in which the candidate resides. Specifies the ways in which a candidate for a small town office or multiple candidates for an at-large town council seat may be nominated. Specifies that a candidate for local office is not required to
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file a written consent to a nomination until after petitions for nomination have been filed with the appropriate election official. Allows a candidate to contest the denial of certification based on a county voter registration office's failure to certify petitioners. Updates dates of election for various offices. Adds affidavits for presidential voting and for voting in a precinct of prior residence to the list of election materials to be preserved. Provides that a person voting with an early in-person absentee ballot on a direct record voting system is not required to complete an absentee ballot application. Adds the purchase of electronic poll books as an allowable use of a county voting system purchase fund and appropriated funds to the voting system technical oversight fund. Allows a voter who is a parent, grandparent, or other person caring for a minor child to take the child into the voting booth with the voter. Increases from 10 to 50 the number of days before an election that the county election board must notify the political parties of the number of absentee ballot workers that may be appointed. Revises the procedure to deposit or bond for recount expenditures chargeable to a petitioner. Specifies which recounts are conducted by the state recount commission. Requires superior court judges in Lake and St. Joseph counties to file a statement with the secretary of state requesting a retention vote. Makes conforming amendments.



Introduced

First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

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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 3-5-2-16.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 16.2. "County voter registration office" means the
4 following:

- 5 (1) A board of registration established by a ~~county executive~~
6 **acting** under IC 3-7-12.
7 (2) A board of elections and registration established under
8 IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.
9 (3) The office of the circuit court clerk, in a county in which a
10 board has not been established under subdivision (1) or (2).

11 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in
13 subsection (b), during the period that begins ninety (90) days before a
14 municipal primary election and continues until the day after the
15 following municipal election, all expenses of the primary election and



1 election that cannot be chargeable directly to any municipality shall be
2 apportioned as follows:

3 (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) to the county.

4 (2) Seventy-five percent (75%) to the municipalities in the county
5 holding the municipal primary election and municipal election.

6 (b) The apportionment made under subsection (a) does not apply to
7 a town that has entered into an agreement with the county under
8 IC 3-10-7-4 to pay the county a fixed amount for the expenses
9 described in subsection (a).

10 **(c) This subsection applies to a county that is designated as a**
11 **vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1. During the period that**
12 **begins ninety (90) days before a municipal primary election and**
13 **continues until the day after the following municipal election, all**
14 **expenses incurred by the county in conducting the municipal**
15 **primary election and municipal election shall be apportioned**
16 **among the municipalities in the county holding a municipal**
17 **primary and municipal election.**

18 SECTION 3. IC 3-5-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in
20 ~~subsection~~ **subsections (c) and (d)**, whenever more than one (1)
21 municipality in a county conducts a municipal primary election, the
22 seventy-five percent (75%) of expenses that cannot be chargeable
23 directly to any particular municipality under section 8 of this chapter
24 shall be apportioned to each municipality in the same ratio that the
25 number of voters who cast a ballot in the municipality at the municipal
26 primary election bears to the total number of voters who cast a ballot
27 in all of the municipalities in the county at that municipal primary
28 election.

29 (b) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ **subsections (c) and (d)**,
30 whenever more than one (1) municipality in a county conducts a
31 municipal election, the seventy-five percent (75%) of expenses that are
32 not chargeable directly to any particular municipality under section 8
33 of this chapter must be apportioned to each municipality in the same
34 ratio that the number of voters who cast a ballot in the municipality at
35 the municipal election bears to the total number of voters who cast a
36 ballot in all of the municipalities in the county that conducted a
37 municipal election.

38 (c) The apportionment made under subsection (a) does not apply to
39 a town that has entered into an agreement with the county under
40 IC 3-10-7-4 to pay the county a fixed amount for the expenses
41 described in subsection (a).

42 **(d) This subsection:**



1 (1) applies to a county designated as a vote center county
2 under IC 3-11-18.1; and

3 (2) does not apply to a town that has entered into an
4 agreement with the county under IC 3-10-7-4 to pay the
5 county a fixed amount for its municipal primary election and
6 municipal election expenses.

7 All expenses incurred by the county in conducting the municipal
8 primary election and municipal election shall be apportioned to
9 each municipality in the same ratio that the number of voters who
10 cast a ballot in the municipality at the municipal primary election
11 bears to the total number of voters who cast a ballot in all of the
12 municipalities in the county at that municipal primary election or
13 municipal election.

14 SECTION 4. IC 3-5-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
16 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to a special election that
17 is conducted:

18 (1) on the same date as another election; and

19 (2) in precincts in which the other election is not conducted on
20 that date.

21 (b) This section does not apply to a special election conducted in
22 a county at the same time as:

23 (1) a primary election conducted in a general election year; or

24 (2) a general election.

25 (c) If a statute requires that a political subdivision pay all costs
26 of conducting a special election, then the political subdivision is
27 required to pay only the costs incurred for conducting the special
28 election in the precincts in which the other election is not
29 conducted on that date. The cost incurred by the political
30 subdivision shall be determined based on the ratio that the number
31 of voters who cast a ballot in the precincts in which the other
32 election is not conducted bears to the total number of voters who
33 cast a ballot in all elections conducted within the county on that
34 date.

35 SECTION 5. IC 3-5-4-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
36 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies if this title requires
38 that a legal action be taken at the office of:

39 (1) the secretary of state or the election division; or

40 (2) a circuit court clerk or a political subdivision.

41 (b) Notwithstanding IC 4-1-2-2, if the final day **or time** for
42 performing the action falls on a day **or time** when the office is not open



1 to conduct public business or on a day observed as a holiday under
2 IC 1-1-9, the legal action may be performed:

- 3 (1) on the next day that the office is open for public business; or
4 (2) through noon of the next day that the office is open for public
5 business if the action to be performed is the receipt of a filing.

6 SECTION 6. IC 3-5-4-1.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1.7. (a) Except as otherwise expressly authorized
9 or required under this title, a filing by a person with a commission, the
10 election division, ~~or an election board, or a county voter registration~~
11 **office** may not be made by fax or electronic mail.

12 (b) A petition of nomination filed with a county voter registration
13 office under IC 3-8-2, **IC 3-8-2.5**, IC 3-8-3, or IC 3-8-6 or a petition to
14 place a public question on the ballot may not contain the electronic
15 signature (as defined in IC 5-24-2-2), digital signature (as defined in
16 IC 5-24-2-1), digitized signature, or photocopied signature of a voter.

17 SECTION 7. IC 3-6-5-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
18 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this
20 section applies when an election is conducted in a political subdivision
21 (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13 and other than a county) that contains
22 territory in more than one (1) county.

23 (b) This section does not apply to an election:

- 24 (1) conducted at the same time as a primary or general election
25 during an even-numbered year; or
26 (2) conducted in a town by a town election board under IC 3-10-7.

27 (c) To the extent authorized by this section, the county election
28 board of the county that contains the greatest percentage of population
29 of the political subdivision shall conduct all elections for the political
30 subdivision. The county election board may designate polling places
31 for the election, which may be located in any county in which the
32 political subdivision is located, and shall appoint precinct election
33 officers to conduct the election upon nomination by the county
34 chairman of the county where the precinct is located, or by filling a
35 vacancy if a nomination is not timely made. However, each county
36 election board shall provide poll lists for voters, receive and approve
37 absentee ballot applications, issue certificates of error or other
38 documents for the voters of that county, print ballots for the municipal
39 **or special** election, and conduct activity required to canvass the votes
40 under IC 3-12-5-2(b).

41 SECTION 8. IC 3-6-6.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2005,
42 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. The program must consist of courses in several
2 aspects of precinct election administration, including the following:

3 (1) The duties of precinct election officers and county election
4 officials.

5 (2) The laws governing activity permitted and prohibited in
6 polling places.

7 (3) The laws and procedures governing the operation of voting
8 systems.

9 (4) The laws governing voter registration, absentee ballots,
10 provisional ballots, and the tabulation of ballots.

11 (5) Effective communication and problem solving techniques.

12 **(6) The laws and procedures governing the accessibility of**
13 **polling places and voting systems for individuals with**
14 **disabilities.**

15 SECTION 9. IC 3-6-6.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2005,
16 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. The designation of an individual as a certified
18 election worker expires January 1 of the ~~fourth~~ **second** year following
19 the individual's certification. The individual's certification may be
20 renewed by the secretary of state after compliance with the
21 requirements for renewal established under this chapter.

22 SECTION 10. IC 3-6-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,
23 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) Each political party or independent
25 candidate may appoint challengers and pollbook holders for each
26 precinct in which the political party or independent candidate is on the
27 ballot.

28 (b) This subsection applies to a public question that is submitted to
29 the electorate. A county election board may appoint challengers and
30 pollbook holders if a petition requesting the appointment is filed with
31 the board. The petition must be signed by:

32 (1) the chairman of a political action committee organized under
33 IC 3-9 to support or oppose the approval of the public question;
34 and

35 (2) at least the number of voters equal to two percent (2%) of the
36 votes cast in the last election for secretary of state in the county.

37 (c) A challenger must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

38 (d) The county election board, county chairman, other local
39 chairman of the party, or independent candidate:

40 (1) must make the appointments in writing; and

41 (2) shall issue one (1) identification card for each person
42 appointed under this section.



1 (e) **Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g)**, each political
 2 party or independent candidate described in subsection (a) or a political
 3 action committee described in subsection (b) may have only one (1)
 4 challenger and one (1) pollbook holder present at each precinct's polls
 5 at any time during election day.

6 (f) **If more than one (1) precinct votes at the same polling place,**
 7 **the number of challengers and pollbook holders of each political**
 8 **party or independent candidate described in subsection (a) or a**
 9 **political action committee described in subsection (b) entitled to be**
 10 **present at the polling place equals the number of precincts voting**
 11 **at the polling place.**

12 (g) **In a county designated as a vote center county under**
 13 **IC 3-11-18.1, the number of challengers and pollbook holders of**
 14 **each political party or independent candidate described in**
 15 **subsection (a) or a political action committee described in**
 16 **subsection (b) entitled to be present at the vote center is one (1)**
 17 **challenger and one (1) pollbook holder for:**

18 (1) **each electronic poll book station present at the vote center;**

19 **or**

20 (2) **the number of electronic poll book stations specified in the**
 21 **county vote center plan for the vote center;**

22 **whichever is greater.**

23 (h) The challenger and pollbook holder present at the polls must
 24 possess an identification card issued under subsection (d).

25 (†) (i) The identification card issued under subsection (d) must
 26 clearly state the following:

27 (1) The status of the individual as an appointed challenger or
 28 pollbook holder.

29 (2) The name of the individual serving as a challenger or pollbook
 30 holder.

31 (3) The name of the person who appointed the individual as a
 32 challenger or pollbook holder, and whether the person is a
 33 political party, an independent candidate, or a county election
 34 board.

35 (4) If the challenger or pollbook holder has been appointed by a
 36 political party, the name of the political party.

37 SECTION 11. IC 3-6-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
 38 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) The state chairman and county chairman of
 40 each bona fide political party or an independent candidate for a federal
 41 or a state office are entitled to appoint watchers at each precinct in
 42 which the political party or independent candidate is on the ballot.



1 (b) This subsection applies to a public question that is submitted to
 2 the electorate. A county election board may appoint watchers if a
 3 petition requesting the appointment is filed with the board. The petition
 4 must be signed by:

5 (1) the chairman of a political action committee organized under
 6 IC 3-9 to support or oppose the approval of the public question;
 7 and

8 (2) at least the number of voters equal to two percent (2%) of the
 9 votes cast in the last election for secretary of state in the county.

10 (c) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ **subsections (d), (e), and (f)**,
 11 at any time during election day, each political action committee, each
 12 political party, or an independent candidate for a federal or a state
 13 office may have only one (1) watcher present at each precinct's polls.

14 (d) If both the state chairman and the county chairman of a political
 15 party have appointed watchers within the county, the political party
 16 may have two (2) watchers present at the polls of each precinct of the
 17 county **or at each electronic poll book station** at any time during
 18 election day.

19 **(e) If more than one (1) precinct votes at the same polling place,**
 20 **the number of watchers of each political party, an independent**
 21 **candidate for federal or state office, or each political action**
 22 **committee described in subsection (b) entitled to be present at the**
 23 **polling place equals the number of precincts voting at the polling**
 24 **place.**

25 **(f) In a county designated as a vote center county under**
 26 **IC 3-11-18.1, the number of watchers of each political party, an**
 27 **independent candidate for federal or state office, or each political**
 28 **action committee described in subsection (b) entitled to be present**
 29 **at the vote center is one (1) watcher for:**

30 **(1) each electronic poll book station present at the vote center;**
 31 **or**

32 **(2) the number of electronic poll book stations specified in the**
 33 **county vote center plan for the vote center;**

34 **whichever is greater.**

35 SECTION 12. IC 3-6-9-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. **(a)** Only one (1)
 37 watcher representing a candidate or group of candidates may enter or
 38 be in the polls for a precinct at the same time, but watchers
 39 representing different groups may be in the polls at the same time.

40 **(b) If more than one (1) precinct votes at the same polling place,**
 41 **the number of watchers of each candidate or group of candidates**
 42 **entitled to be present at the polling place equals the number of**



1 precincts voting at the polling place.

2 (c) In a county designated as a vote center county under
3 IC 3-11-18.1, the number of watchers of each candidate or group
4 of candidates entitled to be present at the vote center is one (1)
5 watcher for:

6 (1) each electronic poll book station present at the vote center;
7 or

8 (2) the number of electronic poll book stations specified in the
9 county vote center plan for the vote center;

10 whichever is greater.

11 SECTION 13. IC 3-6-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) The following
13 media may appoint in writing one (1) watcher for each precinct:

14 (1) Each ~~daily, weekly, semiweekly, or triweekly~~ newspaper of
15 general circulation in the county where an election is held.

16 (2) Each news service operating in the county where an election
17 is held.

18 (3) Each radio or television station operating in the county where
19 an election is held.

20 (b) If more than one (1) precinct votes at the same polling place,
21 the number of watchers for each entity described in subsection (a)
22 entitled to be present at the polling place equals the number of
23 precincts voting at the polling place.

24 (c) In a county designated as a vote center county under
25 IC 3-11-18.1, the number of watchers for each entity described in
26 subsection (a) entitled to be present at the vote center is one (1)
27 watcher for:

28 (1) each electronic poll book station present at the vote center;
29 or

30 (2) the number of electronic poll book stations specified in the
31 county vote center plan for the vote center;

32 whichever is greater.

33 SECTION 14. IC 3-7-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
34 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10. (a) After a general or municipal election is
36 conducted, the registration period resumes on the following December
37 1 (or the first Monday in December if December 1 falls on a Saturday
38 or Sunday).

39 (b) Except as provided in IC 3-7-36 for absent uniformed services
40 voters and overseas voters, the registration period continues through
41 the twenty-ninth day before the date a primary election is scheduled
42 under this title.



1 (c) Except as provided in IC 3-7-36 for absent uniformed services
 2 voters and overseas voters, the registration period resumes fourteen
 3 (14) days after primary election day and continues through the
 4 twenty-ninth day before the date a general or municipal election is
 5 scheduled under this article.

6 (d) This subsection applies in each precinct in which a special
 7 election, **municipal primary election, or municipal election** is to be
 8 conducted. Except as provided in IC 3-7-36 for absent uniformed
 9 services voters and overseas voters, the registration period ceases in
 10 that precinct on the twenty-ninth day before a special election,
 11 **municipal primary election, or municipal election** is conducted and
 12 resumes fourteen (14) days after the special election, **municipal**
 13 **primary election, or municipal election** occurs.

14 SECTION 15. IC 3-7-38.2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 15 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) To assist in performing voter list
 17 maintenance under this chapter, the NVRA official shall submit the
 18 names of all registered voters in Indiana to the United States Postal
 19 Service National Change of Address Service. The submission under
 20 this chapter shall be compiled from the county voter registration
 21 information submitted to the election division under IC 3-7-26.3.

22 (b) This subsection does not require the NVRA official to request
 23 voter registration data from a state listed in this subsection if the
 24 NVRA official will be receiving voter registration data from that state
 25 under the memorandum of understanding described in subsection (d).
 26 To assist in performing voter list maintenance under this chapter, not
 27 later than December 31 of each calendar year the NVRA official shall
 28 request that the chief state election official who is responsible for the
 29 coordination of state responsibilities under NVRA in each of the
 30 following states provide a list of the registered voters in that state:

- 31 (1) Florida.
- 32 (2) Illinois.
- 33 (3) Kentucky.
- 34 (4) Michigan.
- 35 (5) Ohio.

36 (c) The NVRA official shall request a list of registered voters from
 37 any other state in which the NVRA official determines there is a
 38 reasonable possibility that a significant number of individuals who
 39 have registered to vote in Indiana may also be registered to vote in that
 40 state.

41 (d) The NVRA official shall execute a memorandum of
 42 understanding with the Kansas Secretary of State. Notwithstanding any



1 limitation under IC 3-7-26.4 regarding the availability of certain
 2 information from the computerized list, on January 15 of each year, the
 3 NVRA official shall provide data from the statewide voter registration
 4 list without cost to the Kansas Secretary of State to permit the
 5 comparison of voter registration data in the statewide voter registration
 6 list with registration data from all other states participating in this
 7 memorandum of understanding and to identify any cases in which a
 8 voter cast a ballot in more than one (1) state during the same election.
 9 Not later than thirty (30) days following the receipt of information
 10 under this subsection indicating that a voter of Indiana may also be
 11 registered to vote in another state, the NVRA official shall provide the
 12 appropriate county voter registration office with the name of and any
 13 other information obtained under this subsection concerning that voter,
 14 if the first name, last name, and date of birth of the Indiana voter is
 15 identical to the first name, last name, and date of birth of the voter
 16 registered in the other state. The county voter registration office shall
 17 determine whether the individual:

18 (1) identified in the report provided by the NVRA official under
 19 this subsection is the same individual who is a registered voter of
 20 the county; **and**

21 (2) registered to vote in another state on a date following the date
 22 that voter registered in Indiana. **and**

23 ~~(3) authorized the cancellation of any previous registration by the
 24 voter when the voter registered in another state.~~

25 (e) If the county voter registration office determines that the voter
 26 is described by subsection ~~(d)(1) through (d)(3); (d)~~, the county voter
 27 registration office shall cancel the voter registration of that voter. ~~If the
 28 county voter registration office determines that the voter is described
 29 by subsection (d)(1) and (d)(2); but has not authorized the cancellation
 30 of any previous registration; the county voter registration office shall
 31 send an address confirmation notice to the Indiana address of the voter.~~

32 SECTION 16. IC 3-7-38.2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.64-2014,
 33 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 17. (a) If the mailing to a voter sent under section
 35 16 of this chapter is returned by the United States Postal Service
 36 because of an unknown or insufficient address, the NVRA official shall
 37 mail a second notice to the voter. The notice must meet the following
 38 requirements:

39 (1) Be sent by first class, United States mail, postage prepaid, by
 40 a method that requires the notice to be forwarded to the voter.

41 (2) Include a postage prepaid return card that:

42 (A) is addressed to the NVRA official;



1 (B) states a date (which must be at least thirty (30) days after
 2 the date the notice was mailed) by which the card must be
 3 returned or the voter's registration will become inactive until
 4 the information is provided to the county voter registration
 5 office; and

6 (C) permits the voter to provide the voter's current residence
 7 address.

8 (b) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2) and
 9 provides a current residence address that establishes that the voter
 10 resides:

11 (1) in the same county, the county voter registration office shall
 12 update the voter's registration record; or

13 (2) outside the county, the county voter registration office shall
 14 cancel the voter's registration.

15 ~~(c) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2) after the~~
 16 ~~final day for completing voter list maintenance activities under section~~
 17 ~~3 of this chapter, the county voter registration office shall, when the~~
 18 ~~registration reopens after the next primary, general, or municipal~~
 19 ~~election following the date specified in the notice, process any updates~~
 20 ~~or cancellation of the voter registration record indicated on the card by~~
 21 ~~the voter under subsection (b).~~

22 ~~(d)~~ (c) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2)
 23 during the period described in subsection (c) with a request that the
 24 voter's registration record at an address be canceled, the county voter
 25 registration office shall proceed to cancel the registration under section
 26 3 of this chapter.

27 ~~(e)~~ (d) If a card is returned not later than the date specified in
 28 subsection (a)(2)(B) as undeliverable because of an unknown or
 29 insufficient address, the county voter registration office shall designate
 30 the voter as inactive.

31 ~~(f)~~ (e) If a card is returned by the United States Postal Service
 32 after the date specified in subsection (a)(2)(B) as undeliverable because
 33 of an unknown or insufficient address, the county voter registration
 34 office shall, when registration reopens after the next primary, general,
 35 or municipal election, determine whether the voter voted or appeared
 36 to vote from the address set forth in the registration record at any
 37 election occurring after the final day for completing voter list
 38 maintenance activities, and if not, designate the voter as inactive.

39 ~~(g)~~ (f) If a voter does not return the card described in subsection
 40 (a)(2) by the date specified in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county voter
 41 registration office shall indicate in the voter's registration record that
 42 the voter's registration is inactive.



1 ~~(h)~~ (g) A voter's registration that becomes inactive under
 2 subsections ~~(e)~~ (d) through ~~(g)~~ (f) remains in inactive status from the
 3 date described in subsection (a)(2)(B) until the earlier of the following:

4 (1) The date the county voter registration office updates or
 5 cancels the voter's registration under subsection (b) after the voter
 6 provides a current residence address.

7 (2) The day after the second general election in which the voter
 8 has not voted or appeared to vote.

9 ~~(i)~~ (h) After the day described in subsection ~~(h)(2)~~; (g)(2), the
 10 county voter registration office shall remove the voter's registration
 11 from the voter registration records not later than thirty (30) days after
 12 the second general election following the date on which notices are
 13 mailed to a voter under section 16 of this chapter.

14 SECTION 17. IC 3-7-39-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 15 SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. (a) A voter who has changed residence from the
 17 county in which the voter is registered to another county must give the
 18 voter's most recent previous address, listed on a form prescribed under
 19 this article.

20 (b) Completion of the form constitutes an authorization of
 21 cancellation of registration in each county of previous residence listed
 22 on the form. ~~At the time of registering, the voter must sign the~~
 23 ~~authorization to cancel the previous registration.~~

24 (c) This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an order
 25 under IC 3-7-29-6 or is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1-1. A
 26 voter described in subsection (a) may make a written affirmation of the
 27 voter's change of residence on election day using the affidavit
 28 described by IC 3-10-11-4. If the voter makes an oral affirmation under
 29 this subsection, the poll clerks shall reduce the substance of the
 30 affirmation to writing using the affidavit described by IC 3-10-11-4 and
 31 initial the affirmation.

32 SECTION 18. IC 3-7-46-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. (a) Not later than:

34 ~~(1) January 31;~~

35 ~~(2) April 30;~~

36 ~~(3) July 31; and~~

37 ~~(4) October 31;~~

38 **the last Friday of each year, month,** a county sheriff shall provide the
 39 county voter registration office with a report containing the information
 40 set forth in subsection (b) for processing under section 8 of this
 41 chapter.

42 (b) The ~~list~~ **report** required by subsection (a) must identify each



1 person who:

- 2 (1) is a resident of Indiana;
 3 (2) has been convicted of a crime; and
 4 (3) has been placed in a county correctional facility ~~during the~~
 5 ~~previous quarter. after the last date the sheriff prepared a~~
 6 ~~report required by subsection (a).~~

7 **(c) The report must be in the form prescribed by the election**
 8 **division under IC 3-5-4-8 and state:**

- 9 **(1) whether the person remains in lawful custody in a county**
 10 **correctional facility as of the date of the report; and**
 11 **(2) if the person remains in lawful custody, the date that the**
 12 **person is scheduled to be released from the county**
 13 **correctional facility.**

14 SECTION 19. IC 3-8-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 15 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. **(a) This section does not apply to a candidate**
 17 **challenged under IC 3-8-8.**

18 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** The commission, a county election board, or a town election
 19 board shall act if a candidate (or a person acting on behalf of a
 20 candidate in accordance with state law) has filed any of the following:

- 21 (1) A declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2 or IC 3-8-5.
 22 (2) A request for ballot placement in a presidential primary under
 23 IC 3-8-3.
 24 (3) A petition of nomination or candidate's consent to nomination
 25 under IC 3-8-2.5 or IC 3-8-6.
 26 (4) A certificate of nomination under IC 3-8-5, IC 3-8-7,
 27 IC 3-10-2-15, or IC 3-10-6-12.
 28 (5) A certificate of candidate selection under IC 3-13-1 or
 29 IC 3-13-2.
 30 (6) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under
 31 IC 3-8-2-2.5.
 32 (7) A contest to the denial of certification under IC 3-8-2.5 or
 33 IC 3-8-6-12.

34 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The commission has jurisdiction to act under this section
 35 with regard to any filing described in subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** that was made
 36 with the election division. Except for a filing under the jurisdiction of
 37 a town election board, a county election board has jurisdiction to act
 38 under this section with regard to any filing described in subsection ~~(a)~~
 39 **(b)** that was made with the county election board, county voter
 40 registration office, or the circuit court clerk. A town election board has
 41 jurisdiction to act under this section with regard to any filing that was
 42 made with the county election board, the county voter registration



1 office, or the circuit court clerk for nomination or election to a town
2 office.

3 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(e)~~; **(f)**, before the
4 commission or election board acts under this section, a registered voter
5 of the election district that a candidate seeks to represent or a county
6 chairman of a major political party of a county in which any part of the
7 election district is located must file a sworn statement with the election
8 division or election board:

9 (1) questioning the eligibility of the candidate to seek the office;
10 and

11 (2) setting forth the facts known to the voter or county chairman
12 of a major political party of a county concerning this question.

13 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The eligibility of a write-in candidate or a candidate
14 nominated by a convention, petition, or primary may not be challenged
15 under this section if the commission or board determines that all of the
16 following occurred:

17 (1) The eligibility of the candidate was challenged under this
18 section before the candidate was nominated.

19 (2) The commission or board conducted a hearing on the affidavit
20 before the nomination.

21 (3) This challenge would be based on substantially the same
22 grounds as the previous challenge to the candidate.

23 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Before the commission or election board can consider a
24 contest to the denial of a certification under IC 3-8-2.5 or IC 3-8-6-12,
25 a candidate (or a person acting on behalf of a candidate in accordance
26 with state law) must file a sworn statement with the election division
27 or election board:

28 (1) stating specifically the basis for the contest; and

29 (2) setting forth the facts known to the candidate supporting the
30 basis for the contest.

31 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Upon the filing of a sworn statement under subsection ~~(e)~~ **(d)**
32 or ~~(e)~~; **(f)**, the commission or election board shall determine the validity
33 of the questioned:

34 (1) declaration of candidacy;

35 (2) declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate;

36 (3) request for ballot placement under IC 3-8-3;

37 (4) petition of nomination;

38 (5) certificate of nomination;

39 (6) certificate of candidate selection issued under IC 3-13-1-15 or
40 IC 3-13-2-8; or

41 (7) denial of a certification under IC 3-8-2.5 or IC 3-8-6-12.

42 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** The commission or election board shall deny a filing if the



1 commission or election board determines that the candidate has not
 2 complied with the applicable requirements for the candidate set forth
 3 in the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of
 4 Indiana, or this title.

5 SECTION 20. IC 3-8-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to a candidate
 8 for federal office.

9 (b) As used in this section, "felony" means a conviction in any
 10 jurisdiction for which the convicted person might have been
 11 imprisoned for more than one (1) year. ~~However, the term does not~~
 12 ~~include a conviction:~~

13 **(c) A person is not disqualified under this section for:**

14 (1) **a felony conviction** for which the person has been pardoned;

15 **or**

16 (2) **a felony conviction** that has been:

17 (A) reversed;

18 (B) vacated;

19 (C) set aside;

20 (D) not entered because the trial court did not accept the
 21 person's guilty plea; or

22 (E) expunged under IC 35-38-9; **or**

23 **(3) a person's plea of guilty or nolo contendere at a guilty plea**
 24 **hearing that is not accepted and entered by a trial court.**

25 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** A person is disqualified from assuming or being a candidate
 26 for an elected office if:

27 (1) the person gave or offered a bribe, threat, or reward to procure
 28 the person's election, as provided in Article 2, Section 6 of the
 29 Constitution of the State of Indiana;

30 (2) the person does not comply with IC 5-8-3 because of a
 31 conviction for a violation of the federal laws listed in that statute;

32 (3) in a:

33 (A) jury trial, a jury publicly announces a verdict against the
 34 person for a felony;

35 (B) bench trial, the court publicly announces a verdict against
 36 the person for a felony; or

37 (C) guilty plea hearing, the person pleads guilty or nolo
 38 contendere to a felony;

39 (4) the person has been removed from the office the candidate
 40 seeks under Article 7, Section 11 or Article 7, Section 13 of the
 41 Constitution of the State of Indiana;

42 (5) the person is a member of the United States armed forces on



1 active duty and prohibited by the United States Department of
 2 Defense from being a candidate; or
 3 (6) the person is subject to:
 4 (A) 5 U.S.C. 1502 (the Little Hatch Act); or
 5 (B) 5 U.S.C. 7321-7326 (the Hatch Act);
 6 and would violate either federal statute by becoming or remaining
 7 the candidate of a political party for nomination or election to an
 8 elected office or a political party office.
 9 ~~(d)~~ (e) The subsequent reduction of a felony to a Class A
 10 misdemeanor under ~~IC 35-50-2-7~~ or ~~IC 35-38-1-1.5~~ **IC 35** after the:
 11 (1) jury has announced its verdict against the person for a felony;
 12 (2) court has announced its verdict against the person for a felony;
 13 or
 14 (3) person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony;
 15 does not affect the operation of subsection ~~(c)~~: **(d)**.
 16 SECTION 21. IC 3-8-2-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 17 SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2.5. (a) A person who desires to be a write-in
 19 candidate for a federal, state, legislative, or local office or school board
 20 office in a general, municipal, or school board election must file a
 21 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the officer with
 22 whom declaration of candidacy must be filed under sections 5 and 6 of
 23 this chapter.
 24 (b) The declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate required
 25 under subsection (a) must be signed before a person authorized to
 26 administer oaths and must certify the following information:
 27 (1) The candidate's name must be printed or typewritten as:
 28 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to be certified;
 29 and
 30 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear under IC 3-5-7.
 31 (2) A statement that the candidate is a registered voter and the
 32 location of the candidate's precinct and township (or ward, **if**
 33 **applicable**, and city or town), county, and state.
 34 (3) The candidate's complete residence address, and if the
 35 candidate's mailing address is different from the residence
 36 address, the mailing address.
 37 (4) The candidate's party affiliation or a statement that the
 38 candidate is an independent candidate (not affiliated with any
 39 party). The candidate may not claim affiliation with any political
 40 party described by IC 3-8-4-1.
 41 (5) A statement of the candidate's intention to be a write-in
 42 candidate, the name of the office, including the district, and the



- 1 date and type of election.
- 2 (6) If the candidate is a candidate for the office of President or
- 3 Vice President of the United States, a statement declaring the
- 4 names of the individuals who have consented and are eligible to
- 5 be the candidate's candidates for presidential electors.
- 6 (7) The following statements:
- 7 (A) A statement that the candidate has attached either of the
- 8 following to the declaration:
- 9 (i) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file stamped
- 10 by the office required to receive the statement of economic
- 11 interests.
- 12 (ii) A receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that a
- 13 statement of economic interests has been filed.
- 14 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
- 15 office.
- 16 (B) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
- 17 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
- 18 required to obtain and file an individual surety bond before
- 19 serving in the office. This requirement does not apply to a
- 20 candidate for a federal office or legislative office.
- 21 (C) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
- 22 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
- 23 required to successfully complete training or have attained
- 24 certification related to service in an elected office. This
- 25 requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal office,
- 26 state office, or legislative office.
- 27 (D) A statement that the candidate:
- 28 (i) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign
- 29 finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and
- 30 expenditures; and
- 31 (ii) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.
- 32 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
- 33 office.
- 34 The candidate must separately initial each of the statements
- 35 required by this subdivision.
- 36 (8) A statement as to whether the candidate has:
- 37 (A) been a candidate for state, **legislative**, or local office in a
- 38 previous primary or general election; and
- 39 (B) filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous
- 40 candidacies.
- 41 (9) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement that the
- 42 candidate has filed a campaign finance statement of organization



1 for the candidate's principal committee or is aware that the
 2 candidate may be required to file a campaign finance statement of
 3 organization not later than noon seven (7) days after the final date
 4 to file the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under
 5 section 4 of this chapter.

6 (10) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5.5, a statement that
 7 the candidate is required to file a campaign finance statement of
 8 organization under IC 3-9 after the first of either of the following
 9 occurs:

10 (A) The candidate receives more than five hundred dollars
 11 (\$500) in contributions.

12 (B) The candidate makes more than five hundred dollars
 13 (\$500) in expenditures.

14 (11) A statement that the candidate complies with all
 15 requirements under the laws of Indiana to be a candidate for the
 16 above named office, including any applicable residency
 17 requirements, and that the candidate is not ineligible to be a
 18 candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit the
 19 candidate from serving in the office.

20 (12) The candidate's signature and telephone number.

21 (c) At the time of filing the declaration of intent to be a write-in
 22 candidate, the write-in candidate is considered a candidate for all
 23 purposes.

24 (d) A write-in candidate must comply with the requirements under
 25 IC 3-8-1 that apply to the office to which the write-in candidate seeks
 26 election.

27 (e) A person may not be a write-in candidate in a contest for
 28 nomination or for election to a political party office.

29 (f) A write-in candidate for the office of President or Vice President
 30 of the United States must list at least one (1) candidate for presidential
 31 elector and may not list more than the total number of presidential
 32 electors to be chosen in Indiana.

33 (g) The election division shall provide that the form of a declaration
 34 of intent to be a write-in candidate includes the following information:

35 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under IC 3-9.

36 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports under
 37 IC 3-9.

38 (h) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must include
 39 a statement that the candidate requests the name on the candidate's
 40 voter registration record be the same as the name the candidate uses on
 41 the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. If there is a
 42 difference between the name on the candidate's declaration of intent to



1 be a write-in candidate and the name on the candidate's voter
 2 registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of intent to
 3 be a write-in candidate is filed shall forward the information to the
 4 voter registration officer of the appropriate county as required by
 5 IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter registration officer of the appropriate county
 6 shall change the name on the candidate's voter registration record to be
 7 the same as the name on the candidate's declaration of intent to be a
 8 write-in candidate.

9 SECTION 22. IC 3-8-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 10 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. (a) The declaration of each candidate required
 12 by this chapter must be signed before a person authorized to administer
 13 oaths and contain the following information:

14 (1) The candidate's name, printed or typewritten as:

15 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on the
 16 ballot; and

17 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot
 18 under IC 3-5-7.

19 (2) A statement that the candidate is a registered voter and the
 20 location of the candidate's precinct and township (or ward, **if**
 21 **applicable**, and city or town), county, and state.

22 (3) The candidate's complete residence address, and if the
 23 candidate's mailing address is different from the residence
 24 address, the mailing address.

25 (4) A statement of the candidate's party affiliation. For purposes
 26 of this subdivision, a candidate is considered to be affiliated with
 27 a political party only if any of the following applies:

28 (A) The most recent primary election in Indiana in which the
 29 candidate voted was a primary election held by the party with
 30 which the candidate claims affiliation.

31 (B) The county chairman of:

32 (i) the political party with which the candidate claims
 33 affiliation; and

34 (ii) the county in which the candidate resides;

35 certifies that the candidate is a member of the political party.
 36 The declaration of candidacy must inform candidates how party
 37 affiliation is determined under this subdivision and permit the
 38 candidate to indicate on the declaration of candidacy which of
 39 clauses (A) or (B) applies to the candidate. If a candidate claims
 40 party affiliation under clause (B), the candidate must attach to the
 41 candidate's declaration of candidacy the written certification of
 42 the county chairman required by clause (B).



- 1 (5) A statement that the candidate complies with all requirements
 2 under the laws of Indiana to be a candidate for the above named
 3 office, including any applicable residency requirements, and that
 4 the candidate is not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal
 5 conviction that would prohibit the candidate from serving in the
 6 office.
- 7 (6) A request that the candidate's name be placed on the official
 8 primary ballot of that party to be voted on, the office for which the
 9 candidate is declaring, and the date of the primary election.
- 10 (7) The following statements:
- 11 (A) A statement that the candidate has attached either of the
 12 following to the declaration:
- 13 (i) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file stamped
 14 by the office required to receive the statement of economic
 15 interests.
- 16 (ii) A receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that a
 17 statement of economic interests has been filed.
- 18 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
 19 office.
- 20 (B) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
 21 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
 22 required to obtain and file an individual surety bond before
 23 serving in the office. This requirement does not apply to a
 24 candidate for a federal office or legislative office.
- 25 (C) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
 26 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
 27 required to successfully complete training or have attained
 28 certification related to service in an elected office. This
 29 requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal office,
 30 state office, or legislative office.
- 31 (D) A statement that the candidate:
- 32 (i) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign
 33 finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and
 34 expenditures; and
- 35 (ii) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.
- 36 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
 37 office.
- 38 The candidate must separately initial each of the statements
 39 required by this subdivision.
- 40 (8) A statement as to whether the candidate has been a candidate
 41 for state, legislative, or local office in a previous primary,
 42 municipal, special, or general election and whether the candidate



- 1 has filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous
 2 candidacies.
- 3 (9) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement that the
 4 candidate has filed a campaign finance statement of organization
 5 for the candidate's principal committee or is aware that the
 6 candidate may be required to file a campaign finance statement of
 7 organization not later than noon seven (7) days after the final date
 8 to file the declaration of candidacy under section ~~4~~ 4 of this
 9 chapter.
- 10 (10) The candidate's signature.
- 11 (b) The election division shall provide that the form of a declaration
 12 of candidacy includes the following information:
- 13 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under IC 3-9.
 14 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports under
 15 IC 3-9.
- 16 (c) A declaration of candidacy must include a statement that the
 17 candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter registration record
 18 be the same as the name the candidate uses on the declaration of
 19 candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on the candidate's
 20 declaration of candidacy and the name on the candidate's voter
 21 registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy
 22 is filed shall forward the information to the voter registration officer of
 23 the appropriate county as required by IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter
 24 registration officer of the appropriate county shall change the name on
 25 the candidate's voter registration record to be the same as the name on
 26 the candidate's declaration of candidacy.
- 27 SECTION 23. IC 3-8-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2015,
 28 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) A declaration of candidacy may be made
 30 by mail and is considered filed as of the date and hour the filing occurs
 31 in the manner described by IC 3-5-2-24.5 in the office of the election
 32 division or circuit court clerk.
- 33 ~~(b) A declaration is not valid unless filed in the office of the election~~
 34 ~~division or circuit court clerk by noon on the seventy-fourth day before~~
 35 ~~a primary election.~~
- 36 ~~(c)~~ (b) This subsection applies to a candidate required to file a
 37 statement of economic interests under IC 2-2.2-2 or IC 33-23-11-15 or
 38 a financial disclosure statement under IC 4-2-6-8. This subsection does
 39 not apply to a candidate for a local office or school board office
 40 required to file a statement of economic interests under IC 3-8-9. The
 41 election division shall require the candidate to produce a:
 42 (1) copy of the statement, file stamped by the office required to



1 receive the statement of economic interests; or

2 (2) receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that the statement
3 has been filed;

4 before the election division accepts the declaration for filing. The
5 election division shall reject a filing that does not comply with this
6 subsection.

7 ~~(d)~~ (c) This subsection applies to a candidate for a local office or
8 school board office required to file a statement of economic interests
9 under IC 3-8-9. The circuit court clerk shall reject a declaration of
10 candidacy that does not include a statement of economic interests.

11 SECTION 24. IC 3-8-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,
12 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 14. (a) All questions concerning the validity of a
14 declaration filed with the secretary of state shall be referred to and
15 determined by the commission in accordance with section 18 of this
16 chapter. A statement questioning the validity of a declaration must be
17 filed with the election division under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not
18 later than noon eighty-one (81) days before the date of the primary
19 election.

20 (b) All questions concerning the validity of a declaration of
21 candidacy filed with a circuit court clerk shall be referred to and
22 determined by the county election board not later than noon sixty-eight
23 (68) days before the date of the primary election. A statement
24 questioning the validity of a declaration must be filed with the county
25 election board under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than noon
26 eighty-one (81) days before the date of the primary election.

27 (c) A question concerning the validity of a declaration of intent to
28 be a write-in candidate shall be determined by the commission or the
29 county election board not later than noon eighty-one (81) days before
30 election day. A statement questioning the validity of a declaration of
31 intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed with the election division
32 or county election board under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later
33 than noon eighty-eight (88) days before election day.

34 SECTION 25. IC 3-8-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) A candidate for a town office
36 may be nominated **by a major political party** using any of the
37 following methods:

38 (1) By convention conducted under this chapter.

39 (2) By a primary election, **if the town legislative body adopts an**
40 **ordinance under subsection (d).**

41 ~~(3) By petition filed under IC 3-8-6.~~

42 ~~(4)~~ (3) If a town convention or a primary election is not required



- 1 under section 10 of this chapter for the political party of which the
 2 candidate is a member, by the candidate's declaration of
 3 candidacy.
- 4 (b) Unless a town legislative body adopts an ordinance under
 5 subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, a town shall use the convention method described
 6 in this chapter to nominate **major political party** candidates for town
 7 offices.
- 8 (c) ~~The town legislative body of a town covered by this chapter may~~
 9 ~~adopt an ordinance to specify any other method described in subsection~~
 10 ~~(a) to nominate candidates for town offices. A candidate may also be~~
 11 **nominated for a town office by:**
- 12 **(1) a declaration of write-in candidacy under IC 3-8-2-4;**
 13 **(2) a town convention of a political party described in section**
 14 **17 of this chapter; or**
 15 **(3) a petition under IC 3-8-6.**
- 16 (d) The town legislative body ~~must~~ **may** adopt an ordinance ~~under~~
 17 ~~subsection (c)~~ not later than January 1 of the year in which a municipal
 18 election is held **to establish a primary election for the nomination**
 19 **of major political party candidates.** The town clerk-treasurer shall
 20 send a copy of the ordinance to the circuit court clerk of the county that
 21 contains the greatest percentage of the town's population.
- 22 (e) If a town described by section 1 of this chapter adopts an
 23 ordinance under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** to nominate **major political party**
 24 candidates by a primary election, the following apply:
- 25 (1) The county election board of the county that contains the
 26 greatest percentage of the town's population shall conduct the
 27 primary election for the town.
- 28 (2) All statutes governing primary elections for towns apply.
- 29 (3) The town may not change the method of nominating
 30 candidates for town offices more than one (1) time in any twelve
 31 (12) year period.
- 32 SECTION 26. IC 3-8-5-10.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 33 SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10.5. (a) A person who desires to be nominated
 35 for a town office by a major political party must file a declaration of
 36 candidacy with the circuit court clerk of the county containing the
 37 greatest percentage of population of the town.
- 38 (b) A declaration of candidacy must be filed:
- 39 (1) not earlier than the first date that a declaration of candidacy
 40 for a primary election may be filed under IC 3-8-2-4; and
 41 (2) not later than:
 42 (A) noon August 1 before a municipal election if the town



1 nominates its candidates by convention; and
 2 (B) the date that a declaration of candidacy must be filed under
 3 IC 3-8-2-4 if the town nominates its candidates by a primary
 4 election.
 5 (c) The declaration must be subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed)
 6 before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
 7 (d) The declaration of each candidate required by this section must
 8 certify the following information:
 9 (1) The candidate's name, printed or typewritten as:
 10 (A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on the
 11 ballot; and
 12 (B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot
 13 under IC 3-5-7.
 14 (2) That the candidate is a registered voter and the location of the
 15 candidate's precinct and township (or the ward, **if applicable**, and
 16 town), county, and state.
 17 (3) The candidate's complete residence address and the
 18 candidate's mailing address if the mailing address is different
 19 from the residence address.
 20 (4) The candidate's party affiliation and the office to which the
 21 candidate seeks nomination, including the district designation if
 22 the candidate is seeking a town legislative body seat. **For**
 23 **purposes of this subdivision, a candidate is considered to be**
 24 **affiliated with a political party only if one (1) of the following**
 25 **applies:**
 26 (A) **The most recent primary election in Indiana in which**
 27 **the candidate voted was a primary election held by the**
 28 **party with which the candidate claims affiliation.**
 29 (B) **The county chairman of:**
 30 (i) **the political party with which the candidate claims**
 31 **affiliation; and**
 32 (ii) **the county in which the candidate resides;**
 33 **certifies in writing that the candidate is a member of the**
 34 **political party.**
 35 **The declaration of candidacy must inform a candidate how**
 36 **party affiliation is determined under this subdivision and**
 37 **permit the candidate to indicate on the declaration of**
 38 **candidacy whether clause (A) or (B) applies to the candidate.**
 39 **If a candidate claims party affiliation under clause (B), the**
 40 **candidate must attach to the candidate's declaration of**
 41 **candidacy the written certification of the county chairman**
 42 **required by clause (B).**



- 1 (5) That the candidate complies with all requirements under the
 2 laws of Indiana to be a candidate for the above named office,
 3 including any applicable residency requirements, and is not
 4 ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that
 5 would prohibit the candidate from serving in the office.
 6 (6) That the candidate has attached either of the following to the
 7 declaration:
 8 (A) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file stamped
 9 by the office required to receive the statement of economic
 10 interests.
 11 (B) A receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that a
 12 statement of economic interests has been filed.
 13 (7) That the candidate understands that if the candidate is elected
 14 to the office, the candidate may be required to obtain and file an
 15 individual surety bond before serving in the office.
 16 (8) That the candidate understands that if the candidate is elected
 17 to the office, the candidate may be required to successfully
 18 complete training or have attained certification related to service
 19 in an elected office.
 20 (9) That the candidate:
 21 (A) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign
 22 finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and
 23 expenditures; and
 24 (B) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.
 25 (10) A statement indicating whether or not the candidate:
 26 (A) has been a candidate for state, legislative, local, or school
 27 board office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or
 28 general election; and
 29 (B) has filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all
 30 previous candidacies.
 31 (11) The candidate's signature.
 32 (e) This subsection does not apply to a town whose municipal
 33 election is to be conducted by a county. Immediately after the deadline
 34 for filing, the circuit court clerk shall do all of the following:
 35 (1) Certify to the town clerk-treasurer and release to the public a
 36 list of the candidates of each political party for each office. The
 37 list shall indicate any candidates of a political party nominated for
 38 an office under this chapter because of the failure of any other
 39 candidates of that political party to file a declaration of candidacy
 40 for that office.
 41 (2) Post a copy of the list in a prominent place in the circuit court
 42 clerk's office.



- 1 (3) File a copy of each declaration of candidacy with the town
2 clerk-treasurer.
- 3 (f) A person who files a declaration of candidacy for an elected
4 office for which a per diem or salary is provided for by law is
5 disqualified from filing a declaration of candidacy for another office for
6 which a per diem or salary is provided for by law until the original
7 declaration is withdrawn.
- 8 (g) A person who files a declaration of candidacy for an elected
9 office may not file a declaration of candidacy for that office in the same
10 year as a member of a different political party until the original
11 declaration is withdrawn.
- 12 (h) A person who files a declaration of candidacy under this section
13 may file a written notice withdrawing the person's declaration of
14 candidacy in the same manner as the original declaration was filed, if
15 the notice of withdrawal is filed not later than:
- 16 (1) noon August 1 before the municipal election if the town
17 nominates its candidates by convention; and
- 18 (2) the date that a declaration of candidacy may be withdrawn
19 under IC 3-8-2-20 if the town nominates its candidates in a
20 primary election.
- 21 (i) A declaration of candidacy must include a statement that the
22 candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter registration record
23 be the same as the name the candidate uses on the declaration of
24 candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on the candidate's
25 declaration of candidacy and the name on the candidate's voter
26 registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy
27 is filed shall forward the information to the voter registration officer of
28 the appropriate county as required by IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter
29 registration officer of the appropriate county shall change the name on
30 the candidate's voter registration record to be the same as the name on
31 the candidate's declaration of candidacy.
- 32 SECTION 27. IC 3-8-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,
33 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) The town chairman and secretary of each
35 town political party committee shall act as chairman and secretary of
36 their respective conventions.
- 37 (b) As the first item of convention business, the town chairman shall
38 make the initial determination regarding which individuals are eligible
39 to vote in the town convention under section 11 of this chapter. If an
40 individual objects to the determination of the chairman, the matter shall
41 be put to the vote of all those individuals whose eligibility to vote is not
42 in dispute.



1 (c) As the second item of convention business, the town chairman
 2 shall submit copies of proposed rules to the members of the convention
 3 for adoption. The rules must provide for at least the following:

4 (1) The voting method to be used for nominating candidates at the
 5 convention.

6 (2) The method to be used for resolving tie votes.

7 (3) Any method for removing candidates from consideration by
 8 the convention if no candidate receives a majority vote from all
 9 voters casting a ballot at the convention.

10 (4) The rights of nonvoting observers, media, candidate watchers,
 11 or others attending the convention.

12 (d) If the town chairman of the political party committee is unable
 13 or unwilling to act as chairman of the convention, the secretary acts as
 14 chairman until the convention elects a chairman of the convention from
 15 among the voters attending the convention. If the town secretary of the
 16 political party committee is unable or unwilling to act as secretary of
 17 the convention, the convention shall elect a secretary of the convention
 18 from among the voters attending the convention.

19 (e) After adoption of the convention rules, the convention may
 20 proceed to vote on the candidates to be nominated. The candidates for
 21 town offices must be nominated by a majority of the voters present and
 22 voting. **If more than one (1) person may be elected to an at-large
 23 town council seat, the convention shall determine the total votes
 24 received by each candidate for an at-large town council seat. The
 25 candidates who receive the highest number of votes, up to the total
 26 number to be elected, are the nominees of the convention.**

27 (f) The town convention may recess and reconvene if a majority of
 28 eligible voters at the convention adopt a motion to recess and
 29 reconvene. The motion must state the date, time, and location of the
 30 reconvening of the convention. However, a convention may not
 31 reconvene on a date following the final date permitted for a convention
 32 to be convened under section 10 of this chapter.

33 SECTION 28. IC 3-8-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,
 34 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this
 36 chapter, a petition of nomination must be submitted to the county voter
 37 registration office of each county in which the election district is
 38 located.

39 (b) The petition must be filed during the period beginning on the
 40 first date that a declaration of candidacy for a primary election may be
 41 filed under IC 3-8-2-4 in the year in which the election will be held and
 42 ending at noon June 30 before the election.



1 (c) The county voter registration office shall certify and file a
 2 petition that complies with the requirements of this chapter with the
 3 public official authorized to place names on the ballot (and with the
 4 town clerk-treasurer, if the petition of nomination is for a town office)
 5 not later than noon July 15.

6 **(d) This subsection applies to a county in which the county voter**
 7 **registration office is a board of registration established under**
 8 **IC 3-7-12. A candidate for a local office is not required to file the**
 9 **candidate's written consent to become a candidate with the circuit**
 10 **court clerk until the petition of nomination for the candidate is**
 11 **filed in accordance with section 12 of this chapter.**

12 (e) Following certification of a petition under this section, the office
 13 may, upon the request of a candidate named in the petition, return the
 14 original petition to the candidate for filing with the appropriate official
 15 in accordance with this subsection. **The candidate must file the**
 16 **certified petition with the appropriate official not later than noon**
 17 **July 15.**

18 (f) During a year in which a federal decennial census, federal
 19 special census, special tabulation, or corrected population count
 20 becomes effective under IC 1-1-3.5, a petition of nomination may be
 21 filed for an office that will appear on the primary election ballot that
 22 year as a result of the new tabulation of population or corrected
 23 population count.

24 SECTION 29. IC 3-8-6-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 25 SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) A petition of nomination for an office filed
 27 under section 10 of this chapter must be filed with and, except as
 28 provided in subsection (d), certified by the person with whom a
 29 declaration of candidacy must be filed under IC 3-8-2.

30 (b) The **certified** petition of nomination must be accompanied by
 31 the following:

32 (1) The candidate's written consent to become a candidate.

33 (2) The following statements:

34 (A) A statement that the candidate has attached either of the
 35 following to the petition:

36 (i) A copy of a statement of economic interests, file stamped
 37 by the office required to receive the statement of economic
 38 interests.

39 (ii) A receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that a
 40 statement of economic interests has been filed.

41 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
 42 office.



- 1 (B) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
 2 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
 3 required to obtain and file an individual surety bond before
 4 serving in the office. This requirement does not apply to a
 5 candidate for a federal office or legislative office.
- 6 (C) A statement that the candidate understands that if the
 7 candidate is elected to the office, the candidate may be
 8 required to successfully complete training or have attained
 9 certification related to service in an elected office. This
 10 requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal office,
 11 state office, or legislative office.
- 12 (D) A statement that the candidate:
 13 (i) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign
 14 finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and
 15 expenditures; and
 16 (ii) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.
- 17 This requirement does not apply to a candidate for a federal
 18 office.
- 19 The candidate must separately initial each of the statements
 20 required by this subdivision.
- 21 (3) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement by the
 22 candidate that the candidate has filed a campaign finance
 23 statement of organization under IC 3-9-1-5 or is aware that the
 24 candidate may be required to file a campaign finance statement of
 25 organization not later than noon seven (7) days after the final date
 26 for filing a petition for nomination under section 10 of this
 27 chapter.
- 28 (4) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5.5, a statement by the
 29 candidate that the candidate is aware of the requirement to file a
 30 campaign finance statement of organization under IC 3-9 after the
 31 first of either of the following occurs:
 32 (A) The candidate receives more than five hundred dollars
 33 (\$500) in contributions.
 34 (B) The candidate makes more than five hundred dollars
 35 (\$500) in expenditures.
- 36 (5) A statement indicating whether or not each candidate:
 37 (A) has been a candidate for state or local office in a previous
 38 primary or general election; and
 39 (B) has filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all
 40 previous candidacies.
- 41 (6) A statement that each candidate is legally qualified to hold the
 42 office that the candidate seeks, including any applicable residency



- 1 requirements and restrictions on service due to a criminal
 2 conviction.
- 3 (7) If the petition is filed with the secretary of state for an office
 4 not elected by the electorate of the whole state, a statement signed
 5 by the circuit court clerk of each county in the election district of
 6 the office sought by the individual.
- 7 (8) Any statement of economic interests required under
 8 IC 3-8-1-33.
- 9 (c) The statement required under subsection (b)(7) must:
- 10 (1) be certified by each circuit court clerk; and
- 11 (2) indicate the number of votes cast for secretary of state:
- 12 (A) at the last election for secretary of state; and
- 13 (B) in the part of the county included in the election district of
 14 the office sought by the individual filing the petition.
- 15 (d) The person with whom the petition of nomination must be filed
 16 under subsection (a) shall:
- 17 (1) determine whether a sufficient number of signatures as
 18 required by section 3 of this chapter have been obtained; and
- 19 (2) do one (1) of the following:
- 20 (A) If the petition includes a sufficient number of signatures,
 21 certify the petition.
- 22 (B) If the petition has an insufficient number of signatures,
 23 deny the certification.
- 24 (e) The secretary of state shall, by noon on the date specified under
 25 IC 3-8-7-16 for the certification of candidates and public questions by
 26 the election division:
- 27 (1) certify; or
- 28 (2) deny certification under subsection (d) to;
- 29 each petition of nomination filed in the secretary of state's office to the
 30 appropriate county.
- 31 (f) The election division shall provide that the form of a petition of
 32 nomination includes the following information:
- 33 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under IC 3-9.
- 34 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports under
 35 IC 3-9.
- 36 (g) A candidate's consent to become a candidate must include a
 37 statement that the candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter
 38 registration record be the same as the name the candidate uses on the
 39 consent to become a candidate. If there is a difference between the
 40 name on the candidate's consent to become a candidate and the name
 41 on the candidate's voter registration record, the officer with whom the
 42 consent to become a candidate is filed shall forward the information to



1 the voter registration officer of the appropriate county as required by
 2 IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter registration officer of the appropriate county
 3 shall change the name on the candidate's voter registration record to be
 4 the same as the name on the candidate's consent to become a candidate.

5 (h) If the person with whom the petition was filed denies
 6 certification under subsection (d), the person shall notify the candidate
 7 immediately by certified mail.

8 (i) A candidate may contest the denial of certification under
 9 subsection (d) based on:

10 (1) the ~~circuit court clerk's or board of registration's~~ **county voter**
 11 **registration office's** failure to certify, under section 8 of this
 12 chapter, qualified petitioners; or

13 (2) the determination described in subsection (d)(1);

14 using the procedure in IC 3-8-1-2 and section 14 of this chapter that
 15 applies to questions concerning the validity of a petition of nomination.

16 SECTION 30. IC 3-8-6-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
 17 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 14. (a) A person may not be selected as a
 19 candidate by petition of nomination without giving written consent and
 20 having it filed with the public official with whom certificates and
 21 petitions of nomination are required to be filed.

22 (b) Each candidate nominated by petition of nomination must satisfy
 23 all statutory eligibility requirements for the office for which the
 24 candidate is nominated, including the filing of statements of economic
 25 interest.

26 (c) All questions concerning the validity of a petition of nomination
 27 filed with the secretary of state or contesting the denial of certification
 28 under section 12(d) of this chapter shall be referred to and determined
 29 by the commission. A statement questioning the validity of a petition
 30 of nomination or contesting the denial of certification under section
 31 12(d) of this chapter must be filed with the election division under
 32 ~~IC 3-8-1-2(e)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** or ~~IC 3-8-1-2(e)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(f)** not later
 33 than noon seventy-four (74) days before the date on which the general
 34 or municipal election will be held for the office.

35 (d) All questions concerning the validity of a petition of nomination
 36 filed with a circuit court clerk or contesting the denial of certification
 37 under section 12(d) of this chapter shall be referred to and determined
 38 by the county election board. A statement questioning the validity of a
 39 petition of nomination or contesting the denial of certification under
 40 section 12(d) of this chapter must be filed with the county election
 41 board under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(e)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** or ~~IC 3-8-1-2(e)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(f)**
 42 not later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the date on which the



1 general or municipal election will be held for the office.

2 (e) The commission or a county election board shall rule on the
3 validity of the petition of nomination or the denial of certification under
4 section 12(d) of this chapter not later than noon sixty (60) days before
5 the date on which the general or municipal election will be held for the
6 office.

7 SECTION 31. IC 3-8-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2014,
8 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. An individual required to file a statement under
10 section 4 of this chapter shall file the statement as follows:

11 (1) With the individual's:

12 (A) declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2 or IC 3-8-5;

13 (B) petition of nomination under IC 3-8-2.5 or IC 3-8-6 **after**
14 **certification by the county voter registration office;**

15 (C) certificate of nomination under IC 3-10-2-15 or
16 IC 3-10-6-12;

17 (D) statement consenting to be a replacement candidate under
18 IC 3-8-6-17;

19 (E) declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under
20 IC 3-8-2-2.5; or

21 (F) certificate of candidate selection under IC 3-13-1 or
22 IC 3-13-2.

23 (2) When the individual assumes a vacant elected office under
24 IC 3-13-7, IC 3-13-8, IC 3-13-9, IC 3-13-10, IC 3-13-11, or
25 IC 20-23-4-30. A statement filed under this subdivision must be
26 filed not later than noon sixty (60) days after the individual
27 assumes the elected office.

28 SECTION 32. IC 3-10-1-4.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016,
29 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4.6. (a) This section applies to precinct
31 committeemen elected by the Indiana Republican Party.

32 (b) Precinct committeemen shall be elected on the first Tuesday
33 after the first Monday in May ~~2016~~ **2020** and every four (4) years
34 thereafter.

35 (c) The rules of the Indiana Republican Party may specify whether
36 a precinct committeeman elected under subsection (b) continues to
37 serve as a precinct committeeman after the boundaries of the precinct
38 are changed by a precinct establishment order issued under
39 IC 3-11-1.5.

40 SECTION 33. IC 3-10-1-31.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
41 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 31.1. (a) This section applies only to election



1 materials for elections held after December 31, 2003.

2 (b) The inspector of each precinct shall deliver the bags required by
3 section 30(a) and 30(c) of this chapter in good condition, together with
4 poll lists, tally sheets, and other forms, to the circuit court clerk when
5 making returns.

6 (c) Except for unused ballots disposed of under IC 3-11-3-31 or
7 affidavits received by the county election board under IC 3-14-5-2 for
8 delivery to the foreman of a grand jury, the circuit court clerk shall seal
9 the ballots (including provisional ballots) and other material (including
10 election material related to provisional ballots) during the time allowed
11 to file a verified petition or cross-petition for a recount of votes or to
12 contest the election. Except as provided in subsection (d) and
13 notwithstanding any other provision of state law, after the recount or
14 contest filing period, the election material, including election material
15 related to provisional ballots (except for ballots and provisional ballots,
16 which remain confidential) shall be made available for copying and
17 inspection under IC 5-14-3. The circuit court clerk shall carefully
18 preserve the sealed ballots and other material for twenty-two (22)
19 months, as required by 52 U.S.C. 20701, after which the sealed ballots
20 and other material are subject to IC 5-15-6 unless an order issued
21 under:

22 (1) IC 3-12-6-19 or IC 3-12-11-16; or

23 (2) 52 U.S.C. 10301;

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

25 (d) If a petition for a recount or contest is filed, the material for that
26 election remains confidential until completion of the recount or contest.

27 (e) Upon delivery of the poll lists, the county voter registration
28 office shall unseal the envelopes containing the poll lists, inspect the
29 poll lists, and update the registration records of the county. The county
30 voter registration office shall use the poll lists and information on
31 affidavits executed under IC 3-10-10, IC 3-10-11, or IC 3-10-12 to
32 update the registration record to include the voter's voter identification
33 number if the voter's voter identification number is not already
34 included in the registration record. Upon completion of the inspection,
35 the poll list and affidavits shall be preserved with the ballots and other
36 materials in the manner prescribed by subsection (c) for the period
37 prescribed by subsections (c) and (d).

38 (f) In addition to the poll lists described in subsection (e), the county
39 voter registration office shall use the affidavits described by
40 **IC 3-10-10-7**, IC 3-10-11-4, **and IC 3-10-12-3.4** to update the
41 registration records of the county as soon as the affidavits are delivered
42 to the county voter registration office.



1 (g) This subsection does not apply to ballots, including provisional
 2 ballots. Notwithstanding subsection (c), if a county voter registration
 3 office determines that the inspection and copying of precinct election
 4 material would reveal the political parties, candidates, and public
 5 questions for which an individual cast an absentee ballot, the county
 6 voter registration office shall keep confidential only that part of the
 7 election material necessary to protect the secrecy of the voter's ballot.
 8 In addition, the county voter registration office shall keep confidential
 9 information contained in material related to provisional ballots that
 10 identifies an individual, except for the individual's name, address, and
 11 birth date.

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

16 (i) This subsection applies to a detachable recording unit or
 17 compartment used to record a ballot cast on a direct record electronic
 18 voting system. After the time allowed to file a verified petition or
 19 cross-petition for a recount of votes or to contest the election, the
 20 circuit court clerk shall transfer the data contained in the unit or
 21 compartment to a disc or other recording medium. After transferring
 22 the data, the clerk may clear or erase the unit or compartment. The
 23 circuit court clerk shall carefully preserve the disc or medium used to
 24 record the data for twenty-two (22) months, as required by 52 U.S.C.
 25 20701, after which time the disc or medium may be erased or
 26 destroyed, subject to IC 5-15-6, unless an order requiring the continued
 27 preservation of the disc or medium is issued under the following:

28 (1) IC 3-12-6-19.

29 (2) IC 3-12-11-16.

30 (3) 52 U.S.C. 10301.

31 SECTION 34. IC 3-10-1-31.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.219-2013,
 32 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 31.3. (a) This subsection applies to a primary
 34 election within an election district in which more than one (1) political
 35 party chooses the party's nominees or in which a nonpartisan ballot is
 36 available for a voter to vote for an office or on a public question. A
 37 voter whose political party is not recorded on the poll list as required
 38 under section 24 of this chapter shall be shown on the voter's
 39 registration record as having cast an unknown ballot in that primary.

40 (b) This subsection applies to a primary election within an election
 41 district in which only one (1) political party chooses its nominees and
 42 a nonpartisan ballot is not available. A voter:



1 **(1) whose political party recorded on the poll list is not the**
 2 **political party conducting a primary within the election**
 3 **district;**

4 **(2) who is indicated on the poll list as having requested a**
 5 **nonpartisan ballot; or**

6 **(3) whose political party is not recorded on the poll list as**
 7 **required under section 24 of this chapter;**

8 shall be shown on the voter's registration record as having cast a ballot
 9 for the political party choosing that political party's nominees in that
 10 primary election.

11 SECTION 35. IC 3-10-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 12 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. Electors for President and ~~Vice-President~~ **Vice**
 14 **President** of the United States shall be elected in ~~2016~~ **2020** and every
 15 four (4) years thereafter at a general election held in accordance with
 16 3 U.S.C. 1.

17 SECTION 36. IC 3-10-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 18 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. United States Senators shall be elected at a
 20 general election held in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 1 and as follows:

21 (1) One (1) in ~~2016~~ **2018** and every six (6) years thereafter.

22 (2) One (1) in ~~2018~~ **2022** and every six (6) years thereafter.

23 SECTION 37. IC 3-10-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 24 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. The following public officials shall be elected
 26 in ~~2016~~ **2020** and every four (4) years thereafter:

27 (1) Governor.

28 (2) Lieutenant governor.

29 (3) Attorney general.

30 (4) Superintendent of public instruction.

31 SECTION 38. IC 3-10-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2005,
 32 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
 34 chapter, a municipal primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday
 35 after the first Monday in May ~~2007~~ **2019** and every four (4) years
 36 thereafter.

37 (b) Each political party whose nominee received at least ten percent
 38 (10%) of the votes cast in the state for secretary of state at the last
 39 election shall nominate all candidates to be voted for at the municipal
 40 election to be held in November.

41 SECTION 39. IC 3-10-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 42 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter,
 2 in a town that adopted an ordinance under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its
 3 repeal on September 1, 1981), P.L.13-1982, SECTION 3 (before its
 4 expiration on January 1, 1988), or section 2.5 of this chapter each
 5 political party shall, at the primary election in:

6 (1) May 2018 and every four (4) years thereafter; and

7 (2) May 2019 and every four (4) years thereafter;

8 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(a) of
 9 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4
 10 of this chapter. The primary election shall be conducted under this
 11 chapter.

12 (b) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, in a town that adopted
 13 an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter each political party shall,
 14 at the primary election in:

15 (1) May ~~2016~~ **2018** and every four (4) years thereafter; and

16 (2) May ~~2018~~ **2020** and every four (4) years thereafter;

17 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(b) of
 18 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4
 19 of this chapter. The primary election shall be conducted under this
 20 chapter.

21 (c) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, in a town that adopted
 22 an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter each political party shall,
 23 at the primary election in May 2016 and every four (4) years thereafter,
 24 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(c) of
 25 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4
 26 of this chapter. The primary election shall be held under this chapter.

27 SECTION 40. IC 3-10-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. Except as otherwise
 29 provided in this chapter, a municipal election shall be held on the first
 30 Tuesday after the first Monday in November ~~2007~~ **2019** and every four
 31 (4) years thereafter. At the election, public officials shall be elected to
 32 each municipal office.

33 SECTION 41. IC 3-10-7-2.7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2.7. (a) This section
 35 does not apply to a town located wholly or partially within a county
 36 having a consolidated city.

37 (b) A town may adopt an ordinance during the year preceding a
 38 municipal election conducted under section 2 of this chapter
 39 prescribing the length of the term of office for municipal officers and
 40 changing the time municipal elections are held.

41 (c) The ordinance described in subsection (b) must provide all of the
 42 following:



- 1 (1) The town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, or judge
 2 elected at the next municipal election not conducted in a general
 3 election year serve a term of three (3) years.
- 4 (2) The successors of the town legislative body members,
 5 clerk-treasurer, or judge described in subdivision (1) shall be
 6 chosen at the second general election following the municipal
 7 election and serve a term of four (4) years.
- 8 (3) The municipal elections for town offices shall be held during
 9 a general election.
- 10 (d) A town may repeal an ordinance adopted under subsection (b)
 11 subject to both of the following:
- 12 (1) The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12)
 13 years after the ordinance was adopted.
- 14 (2) The ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a
 15 municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5.
- 16 **(e) An ordinance described in subsection (b) or an ordinance**
 17 **repealing an ordinance previously adopted under subsection (b)**
 18 **takes effect when the ordinance is filed with the circuit court clerk**
 19 **of the county in which the largest percentage of the population of**
 20 **the town is located.**
- 21 SECTION 42. IC 3-10-7-2.9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2.9. (a) This section
 23 does not apply to a town located wholly or partially within a county
 24 having a consolidated city.
- 25 (b) During the year preceding a municipal election conducted under
 26 section 2 of this chapter, a town may adopt an ordinance changing the
 27 time municipal elections are held for the offices of the town legislative
 28 body members, clerk-treasurer, and judge.
- 29 (c) The ordinance described in subsection (b) must provide all the
 30 following:
- 31 (1) The years in which town elections shall be held. A town
 32 election may not be held in a year following a year in which an
 33 election for electors for President of the United States is held.
- 34 (2) That the elections for town offices shall be held during general
 35 elections or municipal elections, or both.
- 36 (3) Which town officers are to be elected in each of the years of
 37 the town election cycle. The ordinance must provide that at least
 38 two (2) town officers shall be elected in each year of the town
 39 election cycle. The ordinance may provide for all town officers to
 40 be elected at the same election.
- 41 (4) The term of office of each town officer elected in the first
 42 election cycle after adoption of the ordinance. A term of office set



- 1 under this subdivision may not exceed four (4) years.
- 2 (5) That the term of office of each town officer elected after the
- 3 first election cycle after adoption of the ordinance is four (4)
- 4 years.
- 5 (6) That the term of office of each town officer begins on January
- 6 1 after the election.
- 7 (d) A town may repeal an ordinance adopted under subsection (b)
- 8 subject to both of the following:
- 9 (1) The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12)
- 10 years after the ordinance was adopted.
- 11 (2) The ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a
- 12 municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5.
- 13 **(e) An ordinance described in subsection (b) or an ordinance**
- 14 **repealing an ordinance previously adopted under subsection (b)**
- 15 **takes effect when the ordinance is filed with the circuit court clerk**
- 16 **of the county in which the largest percentage of the population of**
- 17 **the town is located.**
- 18 SECTION 43. IC 3-10-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. This chapter is
- 20 enacted to implement ~~42 U.S.C. 1973aa~~ **52 U.S.C. 10502** concerning
- 21 voting for President and Vice President of the United States.
- 22 SECTION 44. IC 3-10-12-3.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
- 23 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 24 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3.4. (a) This section applies to a voter who:
- 25 (1) changes residence from a precinct in a county to another
- 26 precinct:
- 27 (A) in the same county; and
- 28 (B) in the same congressional district;
- 29 as the former precinct; and
- 30 (2) does not notify the county voter registration office of the
- 31 change of address before election day.
- 32 (b) A voter described by subsection (a) may:
- 33 (1) correct the voter registration record; and
- 34 (2) vote in the precinct where the voter formerly resided;
- 35 if the voter makes an oral affirmation as described in subsection (e) or
- 36 **uses the affidavit prescribed by the election division under**
- 37 **IC 3-10-11-6 to make** a written affirmation as described in section 4
- 38 of this chapter of the voter's current residence address.
- 39 (c) A voter who moved outside of a municipality may not return to
- 40 the precinct where the voter formerly resided to vote in a municipal
- 41 election.
- 42 (d) A voter who moved from a location outside a municipality to a



1 location within a municipality before a:

- 2 (1) municipal primary election;
 3 (2) municipal election; or
 4 (3) special election held only within the municipality;

5 may not vote in the municipal primary election, municipal election, or
 6 special election held only within the municipality in the precinct of the
 7 person's former residence.

8 (e) A voter entitled to make a written affirmation under subsection
 9 (b) may make an oral affirmation. The voter must make the oral
 10 affirmation before the poll clerks of the precinct. After the voter makes
 11 an oral affirmation under this subsection, the poll clerks shall:

- 12 (1) reduce the substance of the affirmation to writing at an
 13 appropriate location on the poll list; and
 14 (2) initial the affirmation.

15 SECTION 45. IC 3-11-2-12.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.21-2016,
 16 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12.2. **(a)** Whenever candidates are to be elected
 18 to an office that includes more than one (1) district, the districts shall
 19 be placed on the ballot in alphabetical or numerical order, according to
 20 the designation given to the district.

21 **(b) Whenever candidates are to be elected to a school board**
 22 **office that includes both an at-large member and a member**
 23 **representing a district, the candidates seeking election as an**
 24 **at-large member shall be placed on the ballot before candidates**
 25 **seeking election to represent a district.**

26 SECTION 46. IC 3-11-4-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 27 SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1.5. The provisions of this chapter relating to an
 29 absentee ballot application do not apply to a voter who votes:

- 30 (1) in person under IC 3-11-10-26 or IC 3-11-10-26.3; ~~and~~
 31 (2) in a county using an electronic poll book; ~~and~~
 32 **(3) on a direct record electronic voting system.**

33 SECTION 47. IC 3-11-4-5.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 34 SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5.1. (a) The election division shall prescribe the
 36 form of an application for an absentee ballot.

37 (b) This subsection does not apply to the form for an absentee ballot
 38 application to be submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or
 39 overseas voter that contains a standardized oath for those voters. The
 40 form of the application for an absentee ballot must do all of the
 41 following:

- 42 (1) Require the applicant to swear to or affirm under the penalties



1 of perjury that all of the information set forth on the application
2 is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

3 (2) Require a person who assisted with the completion of the
4 application to swear to or affirm under the penalties of perjury the
5 statements set forth in section 2(f) of this chapter.

6 (3) Serve as a verified statement for a voter to indicate a change
7 of name under IC 3-7-41. The form must require the applicant to
8 indicate the applicant's previous name.

9 (4) Set forth the penalties for perjury.

10 (c) The form prescribed by the election division shall require that a
11 voter who:

12 (1) requests an absentee ballot; and

13 (2) is eligible to vote in the precinct under IC 3-10-11 or
14 IC 3-10-12;

15 must include the affidavit required by IC 3-10-11 or a written
16 affirmation described in IC 3-10-12.

17 (d) The election division shall approve absentee ballot application
18 forms that comply with this subsection and section 2(g) of this chapter
19 and permit the applicant to indicate a change of name under subsection

20 (b). The form prescribed by the election division must request that a
21 voter who requests an absentee ballot:

22 (1) provide the last four (4) digits of the voter's Social Security
23 number; or

24 (2) state that the voter does not have a Social Security number.

25 The form must indicate that the voter's compliance with this request is
26 optional.

27 (e) An application form submitted by a voter must

28 ~~(1) comply with subsection (d).~~ ~~or~~

29 ~~(2) be an earlier approved version of an application form~~
30 ~~authorized for use on June 30, 2013.~~

31 (f) The form prescribed by the election division must include a
32 statement that permits an applicant to indicate whether:

33 (1) the applicant has been certified and is currently a participant
34 in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5-2; and

35 (2) the applicant's legal address is the address set forth in the
36 applicant's voter registration.

37 If the applicant confirms these statements, the applicant may indicate
38 the address of the office of the attorney general as the address to which
39 the absentee ballot is to be mailed.

40 SECTION 48. IC 3-11-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,
41 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. The legislative body of a county may establish



1 a cumulative fund under IC 6-1.1-41 to provide funds for the purchase
 2 of ballot card voting systems, ~~or~~ electronic voting systems, **or**
 3 **electronic poll books.**

4 SECTION 49. IC 3-11-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.64-2014,
 5 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. In preparing the polls for an election, the county
 7 executive shall:

8 (1) have placed within the room a railing separating the part of the
 9 room to be occupied by the precinct election board from that part
 10 of the room to be occupied by the ballot card voting systems,
 11 electronic voting systems, and the three (3) or more booths or
 12 compartments for marking paper ballots, whenever either or two
 13 (2) of these voting systems are used;

14 (2) ensure that the portion of the room set apart for the precinct
 15 election board includes a designated area before the voter
 16 approaches the precinct election board at which each voter
 17 appears for challenge; and

18 (3) provide a method or material for designating the boundaries
 19 of the chute, such as a railing, rope, or wire on each side,
 20 beginning a distance equal to the length of the chute (as defined
 21 in IC 3-5-2-10) away from and leading to the door for ~~challenge~~
 22 **and to entering** the room in which the election is held.

23 SECTION 50. IC 3-11-8-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 24 SECTION 111, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) When the hour for closing
 26 the polls occurs, the precinct election board shall permit all voters who:

27 (1) ~~have passed the challengers and who~~ are waiting to announce
 28 their names to the poll clerks for the purpose of signing the poll
 29 list **and have been identified using one (1) of the methods**
 30 **described in subsection (b);**

31 (2) have signed the poll list but who have not voted; or

32 (3) are in the act of voting;

33 to vote.

34 (b) At the time described in subsection (a), an individual **precinct**
 35 **election official** designated by the ~~circuit court clerk~~ **county election**
 36 **board** shall:

37 (1) determine the end of the line of voters who are waiting to vote;
 38 ~~but have not yet passed the challengers;~~ and

39 (2) use one (1) of the following methods to identify the voters in
 40 the line who may vote if otherwise qualified to vote according to
 41 law:

42 (A) Write down the name of each voter.



1 (B) Stamp each voter's hand.

2 (C) Stand, or designate another individual to stand,
3 immediately behind the last voter who may vote.

4 (c) This subsection applies if a court order (or other order) has been
5 issued to extend the hours that the polls are open under section 8 of this
6 chapter. As provided in 52 U.S.C. 21082, the inspector shall identify
7 the voters who would not otherwise be eligible to vote after the closing
8 of the polls under subsection (a) and shall provide a provisional ballot
9 to the voters in accordance with IC 3-11.7.

10 SECTION 51. IC 3-11-8-25.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
11 SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 25.1. (a) Except as provided in
13 subsection (e), a voter who desires to vote an official ballot at an
14 election shall provide proof of identification.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e), before the voter proceeds
16 to vote in the election, a precinct election officer shall ask the voter to
17 provide proof of identification. One (1) of each of the precinct election
18 officers nominated by each county chairman of a major political party
19 of the county under IC 3-6-6-8 or IC 3-6-6-9 is entitled to ask the voter
20 to provide proof of identification. The voter shall produce the proof of
21 identification to each precinct officer requesting the proof of
22 identification before being permitted to sign the poll list.

23 (c) If:

24 (1) the voter is unable or declines to present the proof of
25 identification; or

26 (2) a member of the precinct election board determines that the
27 proof of identification provided by the voter does not qualify as
28 proof of identification under IC 3-5-2-40.5;

29 a member of the precinct election board shall challenge the voter as
30 prescribed by this chapter.

31 (d) If the voter executes a challenged voter's affidavit under section
32 22.1 of this chapter, the voter may:

33 (1) sign the poll list; and

34 (2) receive a provisional ballot.

35 (e) A voter who votes in person at a precinct polling place that is
36 located at a state licensed care facility where the voter resides is not
37 required to provide proof of identification before voting in an election.

38 (f) After a voter has passed the challengers or has been sworn in, the
39 voter shall be instructed by a member of the precinct election board to
40 proceed to the location where the poll clerks are stationed. In a vote
41 center county using an electronic poll list, two (2) election officers who
42 are not members of the same political party must be present when a



1 voter signs in on the electronic poll list. The voter shall announce the
 2 voter's name to the poll clerks or assistant poll clerks. A poll clerk, an
 3 assistant poll clerk, or a member of the precinct election board shall
 4 require the voter to write the following on the poll list or to provide the
 5 following information for entry into the electronic poll list:

6 (1) The voter's name.

7 (2) Except as provided in subsection (k), the voter's current
 8 residence address.

9 (g) The poll clerk, an assistant poll clerk, or a member of the
 10 precinct election board shall:

11 (1) ask the voter to provide or update the voter's voter
 12 identification number;

13 (2) tell the voter the number the voter may use as a voter
 14 identification number; and

15 (3) explain to the voter that the voter is not required to provide or
 16 update a voter identification number at the polls.

17 (h) The poll clerk, an assistant poll clerk, or a member of the
 18 precinct election board shall ask the voter to provide proof of
 19 identification.

20 (i) In case of doubt concerning a voter's identity, the precinct
 21 election board shall compare the voter's signature with the signature on
 22 the voter's registration record provided by the county voter registration
 23 office under IC 3-7-29. If the board determines that the voter's
 24 signature is authentic, the voter may then vote. If either poll clerk
 25 doubts the voter's identity following comparison of the signatures, the
 26 poll clerk shall challenge the voter in the manner prescribed by section
 27 21 of this chapter.

28 (j) If:

29 (1) the poll clerk does not execute a challenger's affidavit; or

30 (2) the voter executes a challenged voter's affidavit under section
 31 22.1 of this chapter or executed the affidavit before signing the
 32 poll list;

33 the voter may then vote.

34 (k) The electronic poll book (or each line on a poll list sheet
 35 provided to take a voter's current address) must include a box under the
 36 heading "Address Unchanged". ~~so that the A~~ voter ~~may~~ **whose address**
 37 **is unchanged shall** check the box instead of writing the voter's current
 38 address on the poll list, or if an electronic poll book is used, the poll
 39 clerk ~~may~~ **shall** check the box after stating to the voter the address
 40 shown on the electronic poll book and receiving an oral affirmation
 41 from the voter that the voter's residence address shown on the poll list
 42 is the voter's current residence address instead of writing the voter's



1 current residence address on the poll list or reentering the address in
2 the electronic poll book.

3 (l) If the voter indicates that the voter's current residence is located
4 within another county in Indiana, the voter is considered to have
5 directed the county voter registration office of the county where the
6 precinct is located to cancel the voter registration record within the
7 county. The precinct election board shall provide the voter with a voter
8 registration application for the voter to complete and file with the
9 county voter registration office of the county where the voter's current
10 residence address is located.

11 (m) If the voter indicates that the voter's current residence is located
12 outside Indiana, the voter is considered to have directed the county
13 voter registration office of the county where the precinct is located to
14 cancel the voter registration record within the county.

15 SECTION 52. IC 3-11-13-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
16 SECTION 127, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 22. (a) This section applies to:

18 (1) a ballot card voting system; and

19 (2) a voting system that includes features of a ballot card voting
20 system and a direct record electronic voting system.

21 (b) ~~At least fourteen (14) days before election day,~~ The county
22 election board of each county planning to use automatic tabulating
23 machines at the next election shall have **each of** the automatic
24 tabulating machines tested to ascertain that the machines will correctly
25 count the votes cast for all candidates and on all public questions. Not
26 later than seven (7) days after conducting the test under this subsection,
27 the county election board shall certify to the election division that the
28 test has been conducted in conformity with this subsection. **The testing**
29 **under this subsection must begin before absentee voting begins in**
30 **the office of the circuit court clerk under IC 3-11-10-26.**

31 (c) Public notice of the time and place shall be given at least
32 forty-eight (48) hours before the test. The notice shall be published
33 once in accordance with IC 5-3-1-4.

34 (d) If a county election board determines that:

35 (1) a ballot:

36 (A) must be reprinted or corrected as provided by
37 IC 3-11-2-16 because of the omission of a candidate, political
38 party, or public question from the ballot; or

39 (B) is an absentee ballot that a voter is entitled to recast under
40 IC 3-11-10-1.5 because the absentee ballot includes a
41 candidate for election to office who:

42 (i) ceased to be a candidate; and



1 (ii) has been succeeded by a candidate selected under
 2 IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2; and
 3 (2) ballots used in the test conducted under this section were not
 4 reprinted or corrected to remove the omission of a candidate,
 5 political party, or public question, or indicate the name of the
 6 successor candidate;
 7 the county election board shall conduct an additional public test
 8 described in subsection (b) using the reprinted or corrected ballots.
 9 Notice of the time and place of the additional test shall be given in
 10 accordance with IC 5-14-1.5, but publication of the notice in
 11 accordance with IC 5-3-1-4 is not required.

12 SECTION 53. IC 3-11-13-31.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 31.5. (a) The exterior
 14 of a voting booth or compartment and each area of the polls must be in
 15 plain view of the precinct election board. Each voting booth or
 16 compartment shall be placed so that a person voting on the opposite
 17 side of the railing or a person on the outside of the polls cannot see or
 18 determine how a voter votes. The inspector, judges, and poll clerks may
 19 not remain or allow any other person to remain in a position or near a
 20 position that would permit them to see or ascertain how a voter votes.

21 (b) Only one (1) voter may occupy a booth or compartment at one
 22 time. Booths shall be constructed and arranged so that all members of
 23 the precinct election board can see whether more than one (1) voter
 24 enters a booth at any one time. **However, a voter who is a parent,**
 25 **grandparent, or other person caring for a minor child may take the**
 26 **child into the voting booth.**

27 SECTION 54. IC 3-11-14-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 24. (a) Only one (1)
 29 voter may occupy a booth **or compartment** at one time. Booths shall
 30 be constructed and arranged so that all members of the precinct
 31 election board can see whether more than one (1) voter enters a booth
 32 at any one time. **However, a voter who is a parent, grandparent, or**
 33 **other person caring for a minor child may take the child into the**
 34 **voting booth.**

35 (b) If a voter needs additional instruction after entering the voting
 36 booth, the voter may request assistance from the two (2) judges. The
 37 two (2) judges shall then approach but not enter the booth and call out
 38 additional instructions to the voter.

39 SECTION 55. IC 3-11-17-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2009,
 40 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) The voting system technical oversight
 42 program account is established with the state general fund to provide



1 money for administering and enforcing IC 3-11-7, IC 3-11-7.5,
2 IC 3-11-15, IC 3-11-16, and this chapter.

3 (b) The election division shall administer the account. With the
4 approval of the budget agency, funds in the account are available to
5 augment and supplement the funds appropriated to the election division
6 for the purposes described in this section.

7 (c) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from the
8 money in the account.

9 (d) The account consists of the following:

10 (1) All civil penalties collected under this chapter.

11 (2) Fees collected under IC 3-11-15-4.

12 (3) Contributions to the account made in accordance with a
13 settlement agreement executed with a voting system vendor.

14 **(4) Money appropriated by the general assembly for the**
15 **voting system technical oversight program.**

16 (e) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not
17 revert to the state general fund.

18 SECTION 56. IC 3-11.5-4-23 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 23. (a) Not later than
20 noon ~~ten (10)~~ **fifty (50)** days before ~~absentee voting begins under~~
21 ~~IC 3-11-10-26~~, **election day**, each county election board shall notify
22 the county chairmen of the two (2) political parties that have appointed
23 members on the county election board of the number of:

24 (1) absentee voter boards;

25 (2) teams of absentee ballot counters; and

26 (3) teams of couriers;

27 to be appointed under section 22 of this chapter.

28 (b) The county chairmen shall make written recommendations for
29 the appointments to the county election board not later than noon ~~three~~
30 ~~(3)~~ **forty-six (46)** days before ~~absentee voting begins under~~
31 ~~IC 3-11-10-26~~. **election day**. The county election board shall make the
32 appointments as recommended.

33 (c) If a county chairman fails to make any recommendations, then
34 the county election board may appoint any voters of the county who
35 comply with section 22 of this chapter.

36 SECTION 57. IC 3-12-1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 15. **(a) This section**
38 **does not apply to a candidate for an at-large office of a county**
39 **council, city common council, town council, or township board, if**
40 **those offices appear on a ballot.**

41 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** This section applies to a vote cast for one (1) straight party
42 ticket that includes a candidate for election to office who:



- 1 (1) ceases to be a candidate; and
 2 (2) is succeeded by a candidate selected under IC 3-13-1 or
 3 IC 3-13-2.
- 4 ~~(b)~~ (c) A vote cast in the election for the original nominee is
 5 considered a vote cast for the successor.
- 6 SECTION 58. IC 3-12-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2016,
 7 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. A voter who desires a recount under this
 9 chapter must file a verified petition no later than noon fourteen (14)
 10 days after election day. The petition must be filed:
 11 (1) in the circuit court, superior court, or probate court of each
 12 county in which is located a precinct in which the voter desires a
 13 recount; and
 14 (2) with the election division, **if the recount is to be conducted**
 15 **by the state recount commission under section 23 of this**
 16 **chapter.**
- 17 SECTION 59. IC 3-12-12-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) Each petition
 19 filed under section 2 of this chapter must be accompanied by a cash
 20 deposit, or a bond with corporate surety to the approval of the court, **if**
 21 **the recount is to be conducted by a county recount commission**, for
 22 the payment of all costs of the recount **chargeable to the petitioner.**
 23 The minimum amount of the cash deposit or bond is one hundred
 24 dollars (\$100). A cash deposit for a recount conducted by a county
 25 recount commission shall be deposited in the county general fund. A
 26 cash deposit in a recount conducted by the state recount commission
 27 shall be deposited in the state recount fund.
- 28 (b) This subsection applies to the recount of a public question to
 29 which either of the following applies:
 30 (1) The public question is a local public question under IC 3-10-9
 31 in which, on the face of the election returns, the difference
 32 between the number of affirmative and negative votes cast is not
 33 more than two hundred (200).
 34 (2) The public question is covered under section 23 of this chapter
 35 and, on the face of the election returns, the difference between the
 36 number of affirmative and negative votes cast is not more than
 37 two thousand (2,000).
 38 If the number of precincts to be recounted exceeds ten (10), then the
 39 amount of the deposit shall be increased by ten dollars (\$10) for each
 40 precinct in excess of ten (10).
 41 (c) This subsection applies to the recount of a public question to
 42 which either of the following applies:



1 (1) The public question is a local public question under IC 3-10-9
 2 and, on the face of the election returns, the difference between the
 3 number of affirmative and negative votes cast is more than two
 4 hundred (200).

5 (2) The public question is covered under section 23 of this chapter
 6 and, on the face of the election returns, the difference between the
 7 number of affirmative and negative votes cast is more than two
 8 thousand (2,000).

9 If the number of precincts to be recounted exceeds ten (10), the amount
 10 of the deposit shall be increased by one hundred dollars (\$100) for each
 11 precinct in excess of ten (10).

12 (d) If after a recount, it is determined that the result of the public
 13 question is other than what was shown on the face of the election
 14 returns, the deposit furnished by the petitioner shall be returned to the
 15 petitioner in full.

16 (e) Any unexpended balance remaining in a deposit after payment
 17 of all costs of the recount remains in the county general fund.

18 (f) This subsection applies to a recount conducted by the state
 19 recount commission under this chapter. Any unexpended balance
 20 remaining in a deposit after payment of all costs of the recount remains
 21 in the state recount fund.

22 SECTION 60. IC 3-12-12-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 22. **(a) This section
 24 does not apply to a recount conducted by the state recount
 25 commission under section 23 of this chapter.**

26 **(b)** If a recount is made for a public question for which votes were
 27 cast in more than one (1) county, each circuit court clerk where the
 28 recount was made shall determine whether the votes in the precincts
 29 shown by the recount certificate differ from the votes that were
 30 tabulated by the county election board. If a circuit court clerk finds that
 31 there is a difference between the votes shown by the recount certificate
 32 and the votes tabulated by the county election board, the clerk shall
 33 prepare a certificate showing the total vote in the county for and against
 34 the public question as corrected in accordance with the recount
 35 certificate.

36 SECTION 61. IC 3-12-12-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,
 37 SECTION 151, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 23. (a) This section applies to a
 39 recount of:

40 (1) a public question concerning the ratification of a state
 41 constitutional amendment or the retention of a justice of the
 42 Indiana supreme court, ~~or~~ a judge of the Indiana court of appeals,



1 **or the judge of the Indiana tax court; or**

2 (2) another public question voted on by the electorate of the entire
3 state.

4 (b) The state recount commission shall conduct a recount
5 proceeding under this section and shall immediately transmit a
6 certificate to the election division showing for each precinct in which
7 a recount was conducted the total vote for and against the public
8 question.

9 (c) Upon tabulation of the returns under this section by the election
10 division, the secretary of state shall issue a certificate declaring the
11 public question approved or rejected.

12 (d) The election division shall provide to the office the results of the
13 recount in each precinct in which a recount was conducted.

14 SECTION 62. IC 3-13-1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
15 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 13. If **no person is fewer than two (2) persons**
17 **are** eligible to participate in the filling of a candidate vacancy for an
18 office under section 6(b) of this chapter, the county chairman entitled
19 to call the meeting under section 8 of this chapter shall appoint a
20 person to fill the vacancy.

21 SECTION 63. IC 3-13-1-16.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 16.5. (a) All questions
23 concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection filed with
24 the election division shall be determined by the commission. A
25 statement questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection
26 must be filed with the election division under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~
27 **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the
28 date on which the general or municipal election will be held for the
29 office.

30 (b) All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate
31 selection filed with a circuit court clerk shall be referred to and
32 determined by the county election board. A statement questioning the
33 validity of a certificate of candidate selection must be filed with the
34 county election board under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than
35 noon seventy-four (74) days before the date on which the general or
36 municipal election will be held for the office.

37 (c) The commission or a county election board shall rule on the
38 validity of the certificate of candidate selection not later than noon
39 sixty (60) days before the date on which the general or municipal
40 election will be held for the office.

41 SECTION 64. IC 3-13-1-20.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.64-2014,
42 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 20.5. (a) This section applies to a **candidate**
 2 **nominated by a** political party subject to IC 3-8-4-10, IC 3-10-2-15,
 3 or IC 3-10-6-12.

4 **(b) This section does not apply to a candidate nominated under**
 5 **IC 3-8-5-14 and subject to IC 3-8-5-14.7.**

6 ~~(b)~~ (c) All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of
 7 candidate selection filed under section 20 of this chapter with the
 8 election division shall be determined by the commission. A statement
 9 questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection must be
 10 filed with the election division under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not
 11 later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the date on which the
 12 general election will be held for the office.

13 ~~(c)~~ (d) All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of
 14 candidate selection filed under section 20 of this chapter with a circuit
 15 court clerk shall be referred to and determined by the county election
 16 board. A statement questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate
 17 selection must be filed with the county election board under
 18 ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than noon seventy-four (74) days
 19 before the date on which the general or municipal election will be held
 20 for the office.

21 ~~(d)~~ (e) The commission or a county election board shall act upon a
 22 question concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection
 23 not later than noon sixty (60) days before the date on which the general
 24 or municipal election will be held for the office.

25 SECTION 65. IC 3-13-1-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 26 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 21. (a) This section applies to a certificate of
 28 candidate selection filed under section 15 or 20 of this chapter.

29 (b) To enforce the requirements of IC 3-5-4-1.9, the election
 30 division, a circuit court clerk, or any other official responsible for
 31 receiving a certificate of candidate selection may not receive a filing of
 32 a certificate of candidate selection if:

33 (1) a notice of a caucus or meeting;

34 **(2) a notice of intent to fill a vacancy under section 20 of this**
 35 **chapter;**

36 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** a declaration of candidacy filed by the individual selected
 37 as the candidate; or

38 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** the certificate of candidate selection;

39 is or was offered to be filed after the deadline for the filing provided by
 40 this chapter or was not offered for filing at or before the deadline for
 41 the filing provided by this chapter.

42 SECTION 66. IC 3-13-2-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) All questions
 2 concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection filed with
 3 the election division shall be determined by the commission. A
 4 statement questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate selection
 5 must be filed with the election division under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~
 6 **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than noon fourteen (14) days before general
 7 election day.

8 (b) All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate
 9 selection filed with a circuit court clerk shall be determined by the
 10 county election board. A statement questioning the validity of a
 11 certificate of candidate selection must be filed with the county election
 12 board under ~~IC 3-8-1-2(c)~~ **IC 3-8-1-2(d)** not later than noon fourteen
 13 (14) days before general election day.

14 (c) The commission or a county election board shall rule on the
 15 validity of the certificate of candidate selection not later than noon
 16 seven (7) days before general election day.

17 SECTION 67. IC 3-13-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
 18 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
 20 (e) and section 3.5 of this chapter, **after a vacancy occurs and** not
 21 later than ten (10) days after a vacancy occurs in an office subject to
 22 this chapter, the county chairman:

- 23 (1) of the county in which the greatest percentage of the
 24 population of the election district of the office is located; and
 25 (2) of the same political party that elected or selected the official
 26 who vacated the office;

27 shall give notice of a caucus to all eligible precinct committeemen.

28 (b) A county chairman may give notice of a caucus before the time
 29 specified under subsection (a) if a vacancy will exist because the
 30 official has:

- 31 (1) submitted a written resignation under IC 5-8-3.5; or
 32 (2) been elected to another office.

33 (c) Notwithstanding IC 5-8-4, a person may not withdraw the
 34 person's resignation after the resignation has been accepted by the
 35 person authorized to accept the resignation less than seventy-two (72)
 36 hours before the announced starting time of a caucus under this section.

37 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) and section 3.5 of this
 38 chapter, a caucus under this section shall be held after giving notice to
 39 caucus members under section 4 of this chapter and not later than thirty
 40 (30) days after the vacancy occurs.

41 (e) If a vacancy exists in an office because of the death of the
 42 officeholder, the caucus shall meet and select an individual to fill the



1 vacancy not later than thirty (30) days after the county chairman
 2 receives notice of the death under IC 5-8-6. The county chairman shall
 3 give notice to caucus members under section 4 of this chapter. The
 4 county chairman may not give the notice required by section 4 of this
 5 chapter until the county chairman receives notice of the death under
 6 IC 5-8-6.

7 SECTION 68. IC 3-13-11-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10. The members of a
 9 caucus held under this chapter shall select, by a majority vote of those
 10 casting a vote for a candidate, a person to fill the vacancy described in
 11 the written notice of the caucus. **If more than one (1) person seeks to**
 12 **fill the vacancy**, the selection shall be conducted by secret ballot.

13 SECTION 69. IC 5-9-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2015,
 14 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and
 16 IC 36-5-6-9, during the officeholder's leave of absence, the
 17 officeholder's office must be filled by a temporary appointment made
 18 under:

- 19 (1) IC 3-13-4;
- 20 (2) IC 3-13-5;
- 21 (3) IC 3-13-6;
- 22 (4) IC 3-13-7;
- 23 (5) IC 3-13-8;
- 24 (6) IC 3-13-9;
- 25 (7) IC 3-13-10;
- 26 (8) IC 3-13-11;
- 27 (9) IC 20-23-4;
- 28 (10) IC 20-26;
- 29 (11) IC 20-23-12;
- 30 (12) IC 20-23-14;
- 31 (13) IC 20-23-15;
- 32 (14) IC 20-23-17;
- 33 (15) IC 20-23-17.2;
- 34 (16) IC 20-25-3;
- 35 (17) IC 20-25-4; or
- 36 (18) IC 20-25-5;

37 in the same manner as a vacancy created by a resignation is filled. A
 38 **temporary appointment may be made in accordance with the**
 39 **applicable statute after the written notice required under section**
 40 **7 of this chapter has been filed.**

41 (b) For an officeholder who:

- 42 (1) is:



- 1 (A) a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of
 2 appeals, or a judge of the tax court; or
 3 (B) a judge of a circuit, city, probate, or superior court; and
 4 (2) is taking a leave of absence under this chapter;
 5 the supreme court shall appoint a judge pro tempore to fill the
 6 officeholder's office in accordance with the court's rules and
 7 procedures.
 8 (c) The person selected or appointed under subsection (a) or (b)
 9 serves until the earlier of:
 10 (1) the date the officeholder's leave of absence ends as provided
 11 in section 10 of this chapter; or
 12 (2) the officeholder's term of office expires.
 13 (d) The person selected or appointed to an office under subsection
 14 (a) or (b):
 15 (1) assumes all the rights and duties of; and
 16 (2) is entitled to the compensation established for;
 17 the office for the period of the temporary appointment.
 18 SECTION 70. IC 20-23-12-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 19 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 9. The members are elected as follows:
 21 (1) Three (3) of the members elected under section 3(b) of this
 22 chapter are elected at the general election to be held in ~~2016~~ **2020**
 23 and every four (4) years thereafter.
 24 (2) Three (3) of the members elected under section 3(b) of this
 25 chapter are elected at the general election to be held in 2018 and
 26 every four (4) years thereafter.
 27 (3) The at-large member elected under section 3(c) of this chapter
 28 is elected at the general election to be held in ~~2016~~ **2020** and
 29 every four (4) years thereafter.
 30 SECTION 71. IC 20-23-14-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2015,
 31 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 9. The members are elected as follows:
 33 (1) Three (3) of the members are elected at the general election to
 34 be held in ~~2016~~ **2020** and every four (4) years thereafter.
 35 (2) Two (2) of the members are elected at the general election to
 36 be held in 2018 and every four (4) years thereafter.
 37 SECTION 72. IC 20-23-17-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.179-2011,
 38 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 8. ~~(a) This section applies if the voters of the~~
 40 ~~school corporation approve choosing the members of the governing~~
 41 ~~body under this chapter in a referendum described in section 1 of this~~
 42 ~~chapter.~~



1 ~~(b)~~ **(a)** This subsection applies to ~~the appointed~~ a member of the
 2 governing body whose term expires December 31, 2011. Before
 3 December 31, 2011, the city legislative body shall appoint the
 4 successor of this member for a term that expires January 1, 2013.
 5 **electd at the 2016 general election.** The successors of ~~the a~~ member
 6 appointed under this subsection **electd at the 2016 general election**
 7 shall:

- 8 (1) be elected at the ~~2012~~ **2020** general election and every four (4)
 9 years thereafter as provided in section 3(a)(1) of this chapter; and
 10 (2) take office as provided in section 4 of this chapter.

11 ~~(c)~~ This subsection applies to the appointed member of the
 12 governing body whose term expires December 31, 2012. The
 13 successors of the member described in this subsection shall:

- 14 ~~(1)~~ be elected at the 2012 general election and every four (4)
 15 years thereafter as provided in section 3(a)(1) of this chapter; and
 16 ~~(2)~~ take office as provided in section 4 of this chapter.

17 ~~(d)~~ **(b)** This subsection applies to the appointed member of the
 18 governing body whose term expires December 31, 2013. **2017.** The
 19 successors of this member shall be appointed by the city legislative
 20 body as provided in section 3(a)(3) of this chapter and take office as
 21 provided in section 4 of this chapter.

22 ~~(e)~~ The appointed members of the governing body whose terms
 23 expire December 31, 2014, may serve as members of the governing
 24 body under this chapter for the remainder of their appointed terms.

25 **(c) This subsection applies to the member of the governing body**
 26 **electd at the 2014 general election.** The successors of ~~these members~~
 27 **a member electd at the 2014 general election** shall: be chosen as
 28 follows:

29 ~~(1)~~ One ~~(1)~~ member shall:

- 30 ~~(A)~~ **(1)** be elected at the ~~2014~~ **2018** general election and every
 31 four (4) years thereafter as provided in section 3(a)(1) of this
 32 chapter; and

33 ~~(B)~~ **(2)** take office as provided in section 4 of this chapter.

34 **(d) This subsection applies to the appointed member of the**
 35 **governing body whose term expires December 31, 2018. The**
 36 **successors of this member**

37 ~~(2)~~ One ~~(1)~~ member shall be appointed by the city executive as
 38 provided in section 3(a)(2) of this chapter and take office as
 39 provided in section 4 of this chapter.

40 ~~(f)~~ On January 1, 2013, all powers, duties, and functions adhering
 41 to the appointed governing body of the school corporation in existence
 42 on December 31, 2012, are transferred to the governing body



1 established by this chapter.

2 (g) ~~On January 1, 2013, the property and records of the appointed~~
 3 ~~governing body of the school corporation in existence on December 31,~~
 4 ~~2012, are transferred to the governing body established by this chapter.~~

5 SECTION 73. IC 20-23-17.2-3.1, AS AMENDED BY
 6 P.L.127-2016, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3.1. (a) ~~After December 31, 2016,~~
 8 The governing body of the school corporation consists of five (5)
 9 members, elected as provided in this chapter.

10 (b) Three (3) members shall be elected as follows:

11 (1) From districts established as provided in section 4.1 of this
 12 chapter.

13 (2) On a nonpartisan basis.

14 (3) At the general election held in the county in 2018 and every
 15 four (4) years thereafter.

16 (c) Two (2) members shall be elected as follows:

17 (1) At large by all the voters of the school corporation.

18 (2) On a nonpartisan basis.

19 (3) At the general election held in the county in 2016 and every
 20 four (4) years thereafter.

21 (d) The term of office of a member of the governing body:

22 (1) is four (4) years; and

23 (2) begins January 1 after the election of members of the
 24 governing body.

25 (e) Upon assuming office and in conducting the business of the
 26 governing body, a member shall represent the interests of the entire
 27 school corporation.

28 SECTION 74. IC 33-33-45-41, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2011,
 29 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 41. (a) Each judge appointed under section 38 of
 31 this chapter serves an initial term, which begins on the effective date
 32 of the appointment of the judge and continues through December 31 in
 33 the year of the general election that follows the expiration of two (2)
 34 years after the effective date of the judge's appointment.

35 (b) Unless **the judge:**

36 **(1) is rejected by the electorate of Lake County; or**

37 **(2) does not file the statement required;**

38 under section 42 of this chapter, a judge of the superior court shall
 39 serve successive six (6) year terms.

40 (c) Each six (6) year term begins on the first day of January
 41 following the expiration of the preceding initial term or the preceding
 42 six (6) year term, as the case may be, and continues for six (6) years.



1 SECTION 75. IC 33-33-45-42, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2011,
2 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 42. (a) The question of the
4 retention in office or rejection of each judge of the superior court of
5 Lake County shall be submitted to the electorate of Lake County at the
6 general election immediately preceding expiration of the term of the
7 judge.

8 (b) At the general election, the question of the retention in office or
9 rejection of a judge described in subsection (a) shall be submitted to
10 the electorate of Lake County in the form prescribed by IC 3-11 and
11 must state "Shall Judge (insert name) of the superior court of Lake
12 County be retained in office for an additional term?".

13 (c) If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on any
14 question is "Yes", the judge whose name appeared on the question shall
15 be approved for a six (6) year term beginning January 1 following the
16 general election as provided in section 41(b) of this chapter.

17 (d) If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on any
18 question is "No", the judge whose name appeared on the question shall
19 be rejected. The office of the rejected judge is vacant on January 1
20 following the rejection. The vacancy shall be filled by appointment by
21 the governor under section 38 of this chapter.

22 (e) The Lake County election board shall submit the question of the
23 retention in office or rejection of a judge described in subsection (a) to
24 the electorate of Lake County. The submission of the question is
25 subject to the provisions of IC 3 that are not inconsistent with this
26 chapter.

27 **(f) A judge who wishes to be retained in office shall file a**
28 **statement with the secretary of state, not later than noon July 15**
29 **of the year in which the question of retention of the judge is to be**
30 **placed on the general election ballot, indicating that the judge**
31 **wishes to have the question of the judge's retention placed on the**
32 **ballot. The judge's statement must include a statement of the**
33 **judge's name as:**

- 34 **(1) the judge wants the judge's name to appear on the ballot;**
35 **and**
36 **(2) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot**
37 **under IC 3-5-7.**

38 **(f) (g) If a judge who is appointed does not desire to serve any**
39 **further term, the judge shall notify in writing the clerk of the Lake**
40 **circuit court at least sixty (60) days before any general election, in**
41 **which case file the statement required under subsection (f), the**
42 **question of that judge's retention in office or rejection shall not be**



1 submitted to the electorate, and the office becomes vacant at the
2 expiration of the term.

3 SECTION 76. IC 33-33-71-42 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 42. (a) Each judge
5 appointed serves an initial term that begins on the effective date of the
6 judge's appointment and continues through December 31 in the year of
7 the general election that follows the expiration of two (2) years after the
8 effective date of the judge's appointment.

9 (b) Thereafter, unless **the judge:**

10 (1) **is rejected** by the electorate of St. Joseph County under this
11 chapter; **or**

12 (2) **does not file the statement required under section 43 of**
13 **this chapter;**

14 each judge of the St. Joseph superior court serves successive six (6)
15 year terms. Each successive six (6) year term begins on the first day of
16 January following the expiration of the preceding initial term or the
17 preceding six (6) year term and continues for six (6) years.

18 SECTION 77. IC 33-33-71-43, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2005,
19 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 43. (a) The question of the retention in office or
21 rejection of each judge of the St. Joseph superior court shall be
22 submitted to the electorate of St. Joseph County at the general election
23 immediately preceding expiration of the term of that judge.

24 (b) **A judge who wishes to be retained in office shall file a**
25 **statement with the secretary of state, not later than noon July 15**
26 **of the year in which the question of retention of the judge is to be**
27 **placed on the general election ballot, indicating that the judge**
28 **wishes to have the question of the judge's retention placed on the**
29 **ballot. The judge's statement must include a statement of the**
30 **judge's name as:**

31 (1) **the judge wants the judge's name to appear on the ballot;**
32 **and**

33 (2) **the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot**
34 **under IC 3-5-7.**

35 ~~(b)~~ (c) If a judge subject to this chapter does not desire to serve a
36 further term, the judge shall notify the judge's intention in writing to the
37 clerk of the St. Joseph circuit court at least sixty (60) days before the
38 general election immediately preceding expiration of the judge's term
39 in which case **file the statement required under subsection (b)**, the
40 question of the judge's retention in office or rejection may not be
41 submitted to the electorate, and the office is vacant at the expiration of
42 the term.



1 (ⓔ) (d) The St. Joseph County election board shall submit the
2 question of the retention in office or rejection of any judge to the
3 electorate of St. Joseph County. The submission of this question is
4 subject to the provisions of IC 3 that are not inconsistent with this
5 chapter.

6 (ⓔ) (e) At the general election, the question of the retention in office
7 or rejection of a judge shall be submitted to the electorate of St. Joseph
8 County in the form prescribed by IC 3-11 and must state "Shall Judge
9 (insert name) of the St. Joseph superior court be retained in office for
10 an additional term?"

11 (ⓔ) (f) If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on the
12 question is "No", the judge whose name appeared on such question is
13 rejected. The office of the rejected judge is vacant on January 1
14 following the rejection. The vacancy shall be filled by appointment of
15 the governor under section 40 of this chapter. The name of the rejected
16 judge may not be included among those submitted to the governor.
17 However, the judge's rejection does not disqualify a rejected judge
18 from being considered for another judicial office that becomes vacant.

19 SECTION 78. IC 33-35-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,
20 SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) During ~~2006~~ **2018** and every
22 fourth year after that, a second or third class city or a town may by
23 ordinance establish or abolish a city or town court. An ordinance to
24 establish a city or town court must be adopted not less than one (1) year
25 before the judge's term would begin under section 3 of this chapter.

26 (b) The judge for a court established under subsection (a) shall be
27 elected under IC 3-10-6 or IC 3-10-7 at the municipal election in
28 November ~~2007~~ **2019** and every four (4) years thereafter.

29 (c) A court established under subsection (a) comes into existence on
30 January 1 of the year following the year in which a judge is elected to
31 serve in that court.

32 (d) A city or town court in existence on January 1, 1986, may
33 continue in operation until it is abolished by ordinance.

34 (e) A city or town that establishes or abolishes a court under this
35 section shall give notice of its action to the division of state court
36 administration of the office of judicial administration under IC 33-24-6.

37 SECTION 79. IC 36-5-2-4.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2013,
38 SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4.1. (a) The legislative body may, by ordinance,
40 divide the town into districts for the purpose of conducting elections of
41 town officers.

42 (b) A town legislative body district must comply with the following



- 1 standards:
- 2 (1) The district must be composed of contiguous territory, except
- 3 for territory that is not contiguous to any other part of the town.
- 4 (2) The district must be reasonably compact.
- 5 (3) The district must contain, as nearly as is possible, equal
- 6 population.
- 7 (4) The district may not cross a census block boundary except
- 8 when following a precinct boundary line or unless the ordinance
- 9 specifies that the census block has no population and is not likely
- 10 to ~~ever~~ have population **before the effective date of the next**
- 11 **federal decennial census.**
- 12 (5) The district may not cross precinct lines, except as provided
- 13 in subsection (c).
- 14 (c) The boundary of a town legislative body district established
- 15 under subsection (a) may cross a precinct boundary line if:
- 16 (1) the legislative body provides by ordinance under section 5 of
- 17 this chapter that all legislative body members are to be elected at
- 18 large by the voters of the whole town; or
- 19 (2) the district would not otherwise contain, as nearly as is
- 20 possible, equal population.
- 21 (d) If any territory in the town is not included in one (1) of the
- 22 districts established under this section, the territory is included in the
- 23 district that:
- 24 (1) is contiguous to that territory; and
- 25 (2) contains the least population of all districts contiguous to that
- 26 territory.
- 27 (e) If any territory in the town is included in more than one (1) of the
- 28 districts established under this section, the territory is included in the
- 29 district that:
- 30 (1) is one (1) of the districts in which the territory is described in
- 31 the ordinance adopted under this section;
- 32 (2) is contiguous to that territory; and
- 33 (3) contains the least population of all districts contiguous to that
- 34 territory.
- 35 (f) The ordinance may be appealed in the manner prescribed by
- 36 IC 34-13-6. If the town is located in two (2) or more counties, the
- 37 appeal may be filed in the circuit or superior court of any of those
- 38 counties.
- 39 (g) This subsection does not apply to a town with an ordinance
- 40 described by subsection (h). Except as provided in subsection (k), the
- 41 division permitted by subsection (a) shall be made:
- 42 (1) during the second year after a year in which a federal



- 1 decennial census is conducted, subject to IC 3-11-1.5-32; and
 2 (2) when required to assign annexed territory to a municipal
 3 legislative body district.
 4 The division may also be made in any other year.
 5 (h) This subsection applies to a town having a population of less
 6 than three thousand five hundred (3,500). The town legislative body
 7 may adopt an ordinance providing that:
 8 (1) town legislative body districts are abolished; and
 9 (2) all members of the legislative body are elected at large.
 10 (i) An ordinance described by subsection (h):
 11 (1) may not be adopted or repealed during a year in which a
 12 municipal election is scheduled to be conducted in the town under
 13 IC 3-10-6 or IC 3-10-7; and
 14 (2) is effective upon passage.
 15 (j) A copy of the ordinance establishing districts or a recertification
 16 under this section must be filed with the circuit court clerk of the
 17 county that contains the greatest population of the town not later than
 18 thirty (30) days after the ordinance or recertification is adopted. The
 19 filing must include a map of the district boundaries:
 20 (1) adopted under subsection (a); or
 21 (2) recertified under subsection (k).
 22 (k) This subsection applies during the second year after a year in
 23 which a federal decennial census is conducted. If the legislative body
 24 determines that a division under subsection (a) is not required, the
 25 legislative body shall adopt an ordinance recertifying that the districts
 26 as drawn comply with this section.
 27 (l) The limitations set forth in this section are part of the ordinance,
 28 but do not have to be specifically set forth in the ordinance. The
 29 ordinance must be construed, if possible, to comply with this chapter.
 30 If a provision of the ordinance or an application of the ordinance
 31 violates this chapter, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions
 32 or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect without the
 33 invalid provision or application. The provisions of the ordinance are
 34 severable.
 35 (m) If a conflict exists between:
 36 (1) a map showing the boundaries of a district; and
 37 (2) a description of the boundaries of that district set forth in the
 38 ordinance;
 39 the district boundaries are the description of the boundaries set forth in
 40 the ordinance, not the boundaries shown on the map, to the extent there
 41 is a conflict between the description and the map.
 42 **(n) This subsection applies to a town having a population of less**



1 **than three thousand five hundred (3,500). If the town legislative**
2 **body has not:**
3 **(1) adopted an ordinance under subsection (a) and subject to**
4 **subsection (g) after December 31, 2011; or**
5 **(2) adopted an ordinance recertifying districts under**
6 **subsection (k) after December 31, 2011;**
7 **the town legislative body districts are abolished, effective January**
8 **1, 2018. A town described by this subsection may adopt an**
9 **ordinance to establish town legislative body districts in accordance**
10 **with subsection (a) and subject to subsection (g) after January 1,**
11 **2018.**
12 **SECTION 80. An emergency is declared for this act.**

