

Frequently Asked Questions

Indiana – General Election 2024

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Note: This FAQ is not exhaustive. Situations or inquiries may arise that are not answered below. In those circumstances, contact your hotline captain or command center for assistance. Please make sure to record all of the voter's contact information should follow-up be necessary.

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REGISTERING TO VOTE

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Can I register to vote?

A person can register to vote in Indiana if they meet the following requirements:

- 1. is a citizen of the United States;
- 2. is at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the general election held in November (for 2024, this is November 5);*
- 3. lives in an Indiana precinct continuously for at least thirty (30) days before the next election (for the 2024 General Election, this requires continuous living starting on or before October 6);** and

4. is not currently in prison following conviction of a crime.¹

*Note that a person who meets the age and residency requirement by the next general, municipal, or special election can register and vote in the primary election.² For example, someone who is 17 but will turn 18 by the relevant general election can vote in a primary election. Additionally, someone that moves very recently before a primary election and does not establish the minimum residency requirement still may be eligible to vote in the primary election, but in practicality it could be difficult to register because of registration deadlines.

**Note that a person does not need to live in the precinct for 30 days before registering to vote; instead, the individual must be living in that precinct for the 30 days preceding the date of the next election. The state's 29 day statewide voter registration deadline allows for a person moving into their precinct on day 30 before the election to be registered.³

There are also "fail-safe" procedures under state and federal law that provide procedures for certain persons to vote even though they do not meet the residency requirement. These fail-safe procedures are discussed in more detail in the Indiana Election Division's [Voter Registration Guidebook](#) that gives details on every aspect of voter registration in Indiana.⁴

2. **PRIMARY ELECTION:** [Can I vote in the primary election? Do I need to be registered with a political party? Can I change my party registration to vote in another party's primary election? When I voted, the poll worker asked my party affiliation. Are they allowed to do that?](#)

Indiana voters who are registered to vote can vote in the Indiana Primary Election. When voting, voters will be given the option of what party ballot they wish to vote on. Indiana law does not require registration with a political party.

Indiana law states that in order to be eligible to vote in a party's primary, the voter must have voted for a majority of the candidates from that party in the previous general election. Alternatively, if the voter intends to vote for a majority of candidates from that party in the next general election, they can vote in the primary. **Note – This provision of the law is difficult to enforce because of the nature of the secret ballot. However, a voter's ballot can still be challenged under this provision. See [Question 72](#) for more information.**

3. **STATUS:** [Am I registered to vote?](#)

All Indiana voters can check their registration status on the [Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System website](#).

Other local election jurisdictions (counties) might also have voter registration status tools. For instance, voters in Marion County may check the [Marion County Election Board Voter Information Portal](#).

¹ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-1; 3-7-13-4; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 5, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

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³ Ind. Code § 3-7-13-2; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 6, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁴ Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 65-69, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

4. **HOW:** How do I register to vote? Can I register online? Do I need a printer? Can I register to vote in person?

Voters can register to vote (1) online, (2) by mail, or (3) in person. If a voter does not have access to a computer and/or printer, printed applications may be obtained at the locations listed in item (2) below, or a voter can register in person at the locations listed in item (3). Indiana Election Division issues a yearly [Voter Registration Guidebook](#) that gives details on every aspect of voter registration in Indiana.

1. **Online.** A voter can submit a registration application online through the [Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System website](#). To register **online**, a voter must have a current and valid Indiana driver's license, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles identification card, or Indiana learner's permit.⁵
2. **By Mail.** In order to register by mail, a voter must obtain a registration application. Voters can download a mail-in registration form from the Secretary of State's Website [here](#) or at the [Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System website](#) by clicking on the printer icon in the upper right-hand corner of the page and then selecting the appropriate form (both the state and federal voter registration forms are valid in Indiana). Note that the state form has recently been updated and the old state form is no longer accepted. The form is also available at places including public libraries, license branches, township trustee offices, city and town clerks' offices, county voter registration offices, clerk's offices, public secondary schools, and the Indiana Election Division. Voters must send the completed form to their county's voter registration office or the Indiana Election Division.⁶
3. **In Person.** In person registration is available at any of the following places:
 - At the county voter registration office;
 - At the Indiana Election Division;
 - At any Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) license branch while applying for or renewing a driver's license, permit, or identification card;
 - At law enforcement offices whenever a person is applying for a license to carry a handgun;
 - At any public assistance office while applying for services;
 - At certain agencies serving persons with disabilities while applying for assistance;
 - At armed forces recruitment agencies; and
 - At any unemployment compensation office while applying for services.⁷

5. **IDENTIFICATION:** What ID is required to register to vote?

Online: To register **online**, a voter must have a current and valid Indiana driver's license, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles identification card, or Indiana learner's permit. If a voter does not have any of these documents, they may still register to vote **in person** or **by mail** using a paper application and will be asked to provide the last four digits of their social security number.⁸ If the voter also cannot provide the

⁵ Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 10, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁶ Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 9-10, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-14; 3-7-15; 3-7-16; 3-7-19; 3-7-18-2; 3-7-20.5-1; 3-7-20.5-3; 3-7-20.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 9, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-33-4.5(b)(2), 3-11-8-25.2; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 13, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 87, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>

last four digits of their social security number, they may still register to vote by mail; they will be issued a random voter identification number.⁹

By Mail, In Person, or through a Third-party Registration Drive: Voters can register using the registration forms available at [Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System website](#) or on the Secretary of State's [Website](#). Voters can register in person as described in [Question 4](#).

Individuals registering to for the first time (whether by mail, in person, or through a third-party registration drive) must submit an Indiana driver's license number or the last four digits of their SSN with their voter registration application, and the county voter registration office or election division must be able to match the information submitted by the applicant with an existing Indiana identification record bearing the same name, date of birth, and identification number set forth in the voter registration application.¹⁰ This matching process is not easily accessible to voters.

If the registrant does not or cannot provide an Indiana license or the last four digits of their SSN, or the matching process does not verify a voter's name, date of birth, and ID number, the registrant must provide additional documentary proof of residency. Proof of residency can be satisfied either through (1) a current and valid photo identification that displays their current residential address; or (2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows their current residential address. **Either set of documents must show the name and residence address stated on the voter's registration application.**¹¹

Registrants who are voting in Indiana for the first time, particularly those that do not provide a driver's license number during registration, should be encouraged to provide proof of residency when registering or should be encouraged to bring proof of residency when they go to vote.

This proof of residency document requirement does not apply to people who:

- Are absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter; or
- Are entitled to vote in a manner other than in person under federal law.

Identification documents may be submitted in the mail with the registration application, in person or by mail at the county voter registration office, or at a later date (including when they vote in person during early voting or on election day). Election officials that receive an application that requires further proof of residency under Indiana law may flag the application with a "Proof of Residency" flag, resulting in the registrant being asked for further proof of residency at the polls during early voting or on Election Day.¹²

Note that the law relating to required proof of residency was changed in 2024 (through HEA1264) and it is not clear how the new proof of residency requirements will be administered, particularly for in-person registrations and for registrations from third party registration drives where registration forms are delivered in person by a third party. The published materials, including the Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook and the 2024 Election Administrators Manual have not been updated to reflect the new law, as of the last update of this FAQ.

⁹ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-13(c), (d); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 13, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>;

¹⁰ Ind. Code § 3-7-33-4.5(a)(2), § 3-7-33-4.7(a)(2).

¹¹ Ind. Code § 3-7-33-4.5; Ind. Code § 3-7-33-4.7.

¹² Ind. Code §§ 3-7-22-5(5), 3-7-33-4.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 85, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

6. **DEADLINES:** When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?

The voter registration deadline for voting in the November 5, 2024 general election is **October 7, 2024**, which is 29 days before the election. (For registration applications submitted by mail, the application must be postmarked by October 7.)¹³

Registration by Federal Post Card Application for military or overseas voters are processed if received by **October 28, 2024**.¹⁴

Some military voters and their families can register to vote after October 28 and before noon prevailing local time on election day even if they have returned to Indiana, if they meet the following criteria¹⁵:

- Meet the other general qualifications to vote in Indiana;
- Complete a voter registration application;
- Have not already voted at any other precinct in the election;
- Were absent from Indiana from May 21, 2024 through October 28, 2024 and have returned to Indiana on or after October 29, 2024; and
- Provide their discharge papers (dated on or after May 21, 2024) or a government movement order (with a reporting date on or after May 21, 2024) to their county.

7. **SAME DAY:** Does my state have Same Day Registration? If so, what is the process?

Same Day Registration is **not** available in Indiana.

8. **PERMANENT MOVE:** I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?

See the appendix on the 104th page of the PDF of the [2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook](#) for a helpful flowchart of the information below.

	Moved within the same precinct	Moved to a different precinct	Moved out of state
Moved less than 30 days before Election Day (i.e. on or after October 7, 2024 for the general election)	Yes, you can vote. Voter writes new address in the poll book or VRG 4/12 form	Yes, you can vote in the <u>old</u> precinct. The voter must produce, or sign before the inspector or a judge, an Affidavit of Request for Transfer of Registration (VRG-4/12 form) and then	<u>For a presidential election year only: The voter may be given a ballot to vote only for president and vice-president.</u> This ballot is known as a "presidential-only" ballot. The voter must produce, or sign before the inspector or a

¹³ Ind. Code § 3-7-13-10; § 3-7-33-4; *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 9-10, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁴ Ind. Code § 3-7-36-10(a); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Military & Overseas Voters' Guide* at 3, https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Military-and-Overseas-Voters-Guide_-FINAL.pdf; Federal Voting Assistance Program, Indiana, <https://www.fvap.gov/indiana>;

¹⁵ Ind. Code § 3-7-36-14; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Military & Overseas Voters' Guide* at 3, https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Military-and-Overseas-Voters-Guide_-FINAL.pdf.

	on Election Day. ^{16 17}	<p>the voter may proceed to vote a regular ballot in the precinct of their former residence, unless otherwise challenged.¹⁸</p> <p>Voters may not vote in their former precinct in a municipal election if they have since moved to a different municipality and the election is held only within the municipality in the precinct of the person’s former residence.¹⁹ Note that there are no municipal elections in Indiana in 2024.</p>	<p>judge, or submit with an absentee ballot application, an Affidavit for Presidential Voting Only (VRG-15).²⁰ Note that voting in this manner constitutes authorization to cancel the person’s prior voter registration (i.e. their Indiana voter registration).²¹</p> <p>A voter is eligible for this ballot only if they do not meet the residency requirements to vote at their new address.²²</p>
Moved 30 days or more before Election Day (i.e. before October 6, 2024 for the general election)	Yes, you can vote. Voter writes new address in the poll book or VRG 4/12 form on Election Day. ^{23 24}	<u>In the same county and congressional district:</u> Yes, you can vote in the <u>old</u> precinct. The voter must produce, or sign before the inspector or a judge, an Affidavit of Request for Transfer of Registration (VRG-4/12 form) and then the voter may proceed to vote a regular ballot in the precinct of their former	Voter is not eligible to vote in Indiana. ²⁷ The voter should update their registration for future elections.

¹⁶ Ind. Code § 3-7-39-7; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 67, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁷ In limited circumstances for municipal elections, the move within a precinct will result in moving from within a municipality to outside of that municipality. The voter would not be able to vote in municipal elections in that case but could request a provisional ballot. Ibid.

¹⁸ Ind. Code §§ 3-10-11-1—3-10-11-10; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 67, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁹ Ind. Code § 3-10-11-4.

²⁰ Ind. Code §§ 3-10-10-3—3-10-10-8; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 69, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

²¹ Ind. Code § 3-7-43-5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 69, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

²² Ind. Code § 3-10-10-3(5).

²³ Ind. Code § 3-7-39-7; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 67, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

²⁴ In limited circumstance for municipal elections, the move within a precinct will result in moving from within a municipality to outside of that municipality. The voter would not be able to vote in municipal elections in that case but could request a provisional ballot. Ibid.

²⁷ See Ind. Code § 3-10-10-3(2) (stating that “presidential voting procedures” apply only to voters who lost residency in Indiana less than 30 days before the general election, amongst other criteria).

		<p>residence, unless otherwise challenged.²⁵</p> <p><u>Not in the same county, or same congressional district:</u> The voter likely must update their address or reregister to vote. If they do not do so before the registration deadline they likely will not be able to vote in this election. They might be given a provisional ballot with instructions on what to do next.²⁶ The voter should update their registration for future elections.</p>	
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9. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily. How can I vote?

An individual may vote in Indiana if they are an **Indiana resident** and meet other voter eligibility criteria. Please see [Question 8](#) for voters who have recently made a permanent move. An individual’s polling location is determined by their residence, which should be the address where they are registered to vote, and which will not be affected by a temporary move. Indiana defines “residence” as the place: (i) where a person has their true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment; and (ii) to which the person has, whenever absent, the intention of returning.²⁸ If a voter will not be at their residence on Election Day, they may apply to vote absentee by mail. Refer to the section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

Sometimes a voter may be unsure if their move is permanent or temporary. This should not disenfranchise the voter. Wherever the voter currently deems their residence should be used as their voter registration address.

Voters in Indiana experiencing housing instability or homelessness or have mobile homes are still eligible to vote. To register to vote, homeless or housing-insecure voters may use a mailing address where they can receive mail but may need to fill out an affidavit that identifies the precinct where they live.²⁹

10. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?

²⁵ Ind. Code §§ 3-10-12-1—3-10-12-5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 68, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

²⁶ *Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 95, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>. See Ind. Code § 3-10-12-3.4 (stating that “special procedures for certain Indiana voters to vote in the precinct of former residence under the NVRA” apply to voters changing precincts but staying in the same county AND congressional district).

²⁸ Ind. Code § 3-5-2-42.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 14, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

²⁹ Ind. Code § 3-7-37-1.

College students in Indiana who are otherwise eligible to vote may register at either (i) the address where they live while attending school or (ii) the address where they live while not attending school.³⁰ “[T]he intent of where students plan to return after attending college, or during summer and winter breaks, is not to be factored into the decision to approve their registration. They may register at school, if they so choose.”³¹ *If a student considers two locations their residence, the student may choose which one to use as a voting residence.*

Students studying remotely may similarly choose to register at their address where they live when not attending school, or their resident address near school, if they have one. If the student does not have a resident address at school then they may register to vote only at their address where they live when not attending school/where they live while in school remotely. If the student’s remote location means that they will be absent from the county where they are registered to vote on Election Day, then the student may request an absentee mail-in ballot. Refer to the section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

Note: Students may register online as long as they possess an Indiana Driver’s license, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles ID card, or Indiana learner’s permit. Otherwise, they can use a state school issued ID (private school issued IDs do not satisfy this requirement) along with additional proof of residency to register in person or by mail. See [Question 4](#) for information about registering to vote online, or requirements for registering to vote on a paper application by mail or in person. To vote in person on election day or during early voting, students must present an ID that meets the criteria discussed in [Question 19](#).

If a student is told that they are not able to vote at their school, the student should ascertain if they have fulfilled all of the registration requirements (i.e. citizenship, age, and durational residency requirements) and that they have properly registered for this election. If the student is eligible to vote at that location and is still not being permitted to vote or is wrongly asked to vote provisionally, the student can contact the appropriate election official.

11. **LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?**

Overseas voters and absent uniformed services voters should complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), also known as Standard Form 76, which is a voter registration form and absentee ballot application. When completing the FPCA, the applicant must provide the complete street address of their voting residence (usually the U.S. address where they last lived). An applicant cannot use a post office box as an Indiana residence address. An overseas voter does not need to have any current physical ties to this address.

The website <https://www.fvap.gov/indiana> will guide the voter through the process of registration using the FPCA.³²

An “overseas voter” includes:

³⁰ Ind. Code § 3-5-5-7(b); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 79, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; see also Ind. Code § 3-5-4.5-2 (“A person may not challenge the right of an individual to vote at an election in the precinct solely on the basis of the individual’s: (1) enrollment in an educational institution; or (2) registration to vote at an address that is housing provided for students by the educational institution.”).

³¹ Indiana Secretary of State, *Voter Information: College Students*, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2626.htm>.

³² Also see generally Ind. Election Div., *2024 Military & Overseas Voter Guide*, https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Military-and-Overseas-Voters-Guide_-FINAL.pdf; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 33-35

- An absent uniformed services voter who, by reason of active duty or service in a branch of the military, is absent from the United States on the date of the election; or a member of the Indiana National Guard deployed outside Indiana; or a Merchant Marine absent due to their service.
- A U.S. citizen who temporarily resides outside of the U.S. but intends to return to the U.S., and
- A U.S. citizen who is residing in another country and their return to the U.S. is uncertain, who, but for such residence, would be qualified to vote in the last place in which they resided before leaving the United States. (**Note that this third category of overseas voter is eligible to vote only for federal offices, as outlined below.**)³³

An “absent uniformed services voter” includes members of the military and their spouses who fall under the definition of “overseas voter” OR who are stationed within the United States but outside of Indiana.³⁴

If a person is an overseas voter who (i) indicates their “return is uncertain” on the FPCA, (ii) resides in another country, and who (iii) but for such residence, would be qualified to vote in the last place in which they resided in Indiana before leaving the U.S., then they are entitled to a federal only ballot. For election purposes, this individual is considered to be a registered voter of the Indiana precinct where the county voter registration office is located.³⁵

If the individual is a U.S. citizen who has never lived in Indiana, the individual is ineligible to register and vote in Indiana.³⁶

12. **CRIMINAL CONVICTION:** I have a felony criminal conviction. Can I register to vote? Does the type of conviction matter? Are there any restrictions after any misdemeanor convictions?

Check the resources at Campaign Legal Center’s [Restore Your Vote](#) for latest information.

A past criminal conviction does not prevent a person from voting in Indiana unless they are currently imprisoned following that conviction. A person cannot vote or register to vote in Indiana if he or she has been convicted of a crime (whether a felony or otherwise) and is currently imprisoned following that conviction.³⁷ A voter will be removed from the registration rolls once they are imprisoned following conviction of a crime.³⁸

A disenfranchised voter is not automatically re-registered. A voter may re-register and vote a regular ballot after release from prison. Voters can re-register while on probation, parole, subject to home detention, or placed in a community corrections program.³⁹

³³ Ind. Code § 3-5-2-34.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 15, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

³⁴ Ind. Code § 3-5-2-1.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 35, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

³⁵ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-4-8; 3-5-2-24; 3-5-2-34.5; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 15, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

³⁶ Ind. Const. Art. II Sec. 2; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 36, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

³⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-4–3-7-13-6, 3-7-46-1–3-7-46-3; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 82, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; *see also* Ind. Const. art. 2, § 8. A person who is imprisoned but has not been convicted – i.e., a person who is imprisoned awaiting trial – is still eligible to vote. Ind. Code § 3-7-13-4; *see also* Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 6, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

³⁸ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-46-1–3-7-46-2.

³⁹ Ind. Code § 3-7-13-5, 3-7-13-6; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 82, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>. Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 6, .

As discussed further below in [Question 13](#), an individual who is in jail or prison awaiting trial (in other words, not yet convicted) is still eligible to vote.⁴⁰

13. INCARCERATED: I am currently incarcerated. Can I register to vote? Can I vote from jail?

Check the resources at Campaign Legal Center’s [Restore Your Vote](#) for latest information.

A person cannot vote or register to vote in Indiana if he or she has been convicted of a crime (whether a felony or otherwise) and is currently imprisoned following that conviction.⁴¹

However, an individual who is in jail or prison awaiting trial is still eligible to vote.⁴² An individual who is in pre-trial detention, on probation, parole, subject to home detention, or placed in a community corrections program may register and vote. Some types of community corrections programs include work release, electronic monitoring, substance abuse programs, and day reporting.

Practically speaking, it may be difficult for a voter in pretrial detention to exercise this right. At a minimum, the voter is entitled to apply for an absentee mail ballot—but note that even this option requires that the voter be registered to vote and provide sufficient identification and proof of residency, obtain an absentee mail ballot application, and be able to mail the application to the correct election authority. See questions below in the section, “How to Vote: Vote by Mail” for more information about mail ballot requests.

14. REGISTRATION CHALLENGED: My registration has been challenged, what should I do?

Indiana does not have a formal process for challenging voter registration. If an application for registration is denied, the notice must state the reasons for denial.⁴³

For more information on challenges to a voter while casting a ballot, see [Question 72](#).

HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

15. HOURS: When do the polls open/close on Election Day?

The polls must be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **prevailing local time** on Election Day.⁴⁴ **[Note: Parts of Indiana are in the Eastern Time Zone and parts are in the Central Time Zone.]**

⁴⁰ Ind. Code § 3-7-13-4; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 51, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁴¹ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-4–3-7-13-6, 3-7-46-1–3-7-46-3; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 82, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; see also Ind. Const. art. 2, § 8. A person who is imprisoned but has not been convicted – i.e., a person who is imprisoned awaiting trial – is still eligible to vote. Ind. Code § 3-7-13-4; see also Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 6, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁴² Ind. Code § 3-7-13-4; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 6, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁴³ Ind. Code § 3-7-33-5(c)(4).

⁴⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11-8-8; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 6 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

16. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?

A voter can find their polling place by checking the [Indiana Voter Portal \(https://indianavoters.in.gov/\)](https://indianavoters.in.gov/). Voters in Marion County (which includes Indianapolis) may check vote.indy.gov.

Note that most counties in Indiana use vote centers, meaning a voter may vote at any polling location in that county. See a [list of counties that use vote centers here \(https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/vote-centers/\)](https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/vote-centers/).

If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, see [Question 8](#).

17. TIME OFF WORK: Is my employer required to give me time off to vote? Is it paid or unpaid?

Employers in Indiana are not required to give time off to vote.⁴⁵

18. CLOSING: What if the polls close when I am already in line?

A voter in line at the polling place by 6:00 p.m. prevailing local time must be allowed to vote.⁴⁶

19. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote?

Each voter must present photo ID that meets ALL four of the following criteria:

- The identification displays the voter’s photograph;⁴⁷
- The voter’s name on the identification “conforms” to the name in the voter registration record (“conforms” does **not** mean “identical”);⁴⁸
- The identification was issued by the U.S. government or the State of Indiana; AND
- The identification includes an expiration date, and the identification has not yet expired, or it expired after the date of the last general election (in this case, November 8, 2022), *except that* a document issued by the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (or the U.S. Veterans Administration), a branch of the uniformed services,⁴⁹ the Merchant Marine, or

⁴⁵ Vote 411, League of Women Voters, at <https://www.vote411.org/node/7957>

⁴⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11-8-11; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div. *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 34 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁴⁷ Note a few exceptions to the photo ID requirement: 1) “If the voter is unable to obtain an ID because the voter is indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed, the voter may claim [an] exemption from the ID requirement by appearing in person before [the] county election board not later than noon, ten days after the election and affirming under penalties of perjury that the exemption applies;” 2) “If the voter is registered to vote and resides in the state-licensed facility where the precinct’s polling place is located, the voter is exempt from this ID requirement.” Voters without a valid photo ID may obtain one for free from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch. Contact the BMV at (800) 692-6841, (317) 233-6000 or visit their website at www.IN.gov/bmv. All BMV locations that normally issue driver’s licenses and ID cards have extended hours on Election Day. Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 9 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>. More information is also available on the Secretary of State’s website here: <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/photo-id-law/exemptions/>.

⁴⁸ Ind. Code § 3-5-2-40.5; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 8 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>. Examples in the handbook of names that would conform to the name “Robert John Crew” include Robert Crew, R. J. Crew, Bob J. Crew, John Crew, Bob Crew, etc.

⁴⁹ This includes: the Army, navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ind. Code § 3-5-2-49.3 (definition).

the Indiana National Guard that otherwise complies will be acceptable even if it has no expiration date or an indefinite expiration date.⁵⁰

In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, an Indiana photo ID card, a military or veteran ID, or a U.S. passport is sufficient. College student IDs that satisfy the requirements above can also be sufficient if they are issued by a state-run university, as those IDs are issued by the State of Indiana.

Additional Requirement of Proving Residency for Some Indiana Voters. Some voters, particularly first-time voters, may be flagged as needing to provide additional documentary proof of residence when voting in person.

If a voter is required to provide documentary proof of residence while voting, they can provide either (1) a current and valid photo identification that shows their name and address or (2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows their name and address.⁵¹

Prior to a law change (HEA 1264) that recently went into effect, voters were allowed to use electronic versions of this proof of ID, and electronic versions should still be sufficient.⁵²

For more information on when voters are required to provide documentary proof of residency during registration, see [Question 5](#).

A voter who cannot provide the required documentation and has not signed the poll book may leave the polls and return with the required documentation and vote. Otherwise, the voter must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.⁵³ As noted below, a provisional ballot will be counted if the voter provides the required documentation to the county circuit court clerk or the county election board before noon on the 10th day after the election: November 15, 2024 for the 2024 General Election.⁵⁴

For first-time Indiana voters who this new law applies to who applied to vote absentee with a mail-in ballot, the election authority should have sent them a residency requirement form that must be submitted along with their absentee ballot. Any voters required to provide additional residency documents have until 6pm local time on election day to submit their information, or otherwise their ballot will not be counted.⁵⁵ *Note that this is a different due date and time than what is required related to IDs and provisional ballots discussed above.*

20. NO IDENTIFICATION: Can I vote without providing identification?

⁵⁰ Ind. Code § 3-5-2-40.5; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 8-10 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 228, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁵¹ Ind. Code § 3-7-33-4.5; Ind. Code § 3-7-33-4.7.

⁵² Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 11 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁵³ 52 U.S.C. § 21083(b)(2)(B); Ind. Code § 3-11-8-25.2(d); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 12 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁵⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2.5.

⁵⁵ Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 139, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

A voter who cannot provide the required identification may cast a provisional ballot.⁵⁶ However, if a voter has the proper identification and can retrieve it before polls close, they should be encouraged to do so in order to vote with a regular ballot.

A provisional ballot used when a voter cannot provide ID will be counted if the voter provides the required identification (or an affidavit that the voter is indigent and unable to obtain photo identification without paying a fee or that the voter has a religious objection to being photographed) to the county circuit court clerk or the county election board **before noon on the 10th day after the election: November 15, 2024 for the 2024 General Election.**⁵⁷

Provisional ballots should be used only in rare circumstances, as there is a high risk that they are not counted promptly. Provisional ballots will be counted only if the election authority can later verify that the voter was properly registered. Provisional ballots often will not be counted on Election Day.

21. NOT ON ROLLS AT MY POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place but am not showing up on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?

If a voter is not found in the precinct register where the voter is attempting to vote, first make sure that the voter is in the correct polling place. A voter can find their polling place by checking the Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System website (<https://indianavoters.in.gov/>). (See [Question 15](#)).

Encourage the voter to ask the election judge for help in determining whether the voter is in the correct polling place. The election judge may have a help number they can call or have access to online lookup tools.⁵⁸

If the voter is in the correct precinct based on the voter's current address but the voter did not update their voter registration after they moved, refer to [Question 8](#).

If the voter is not on the poll list of the correct precinct for reasons other than moving, there are four scenarios where the voter may still vote a regular ballot:⁵⁹

1. If the voter's name has been left off the poll list by mistake, and a poll worker is able to confirm with the county clerk or voter registration office that the voter is registered to vote in the precinct, then the county must issue a "Certificate of Error" (a poll worker should confirm over the telephone that the certificate has been issued), and the voter may cast a regular ballot.⁶⁰

⁵⁶ 52 U.S.C. § 21082(a); Ind. Code § 3-11-8-25.1(d); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 9 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁵⁷ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2.5; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 9 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>

⁵⁸ Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15-17 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁵⁹ Ind. Code §3-11-8-22.1; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 65, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>. Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15-16 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁶⁰ Ind. Code §3-11-8-22.1(a); *see also* Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-1--3-7-48-3;; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 65, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

2. If the voter's name is not on the poll list, but the county voter registration records show the voter was formerly registered in the precinct and the registration was canceled, the voter may cast a regular ballot if the voter affirms that he or she still lives at the address of the former registration, **even if the cancellation had been at the request of the voter.**⁶¹
3. If the voter's registration address was potentially flagged as non-residential, a voter may experience problems. If the county voter registration official conducts research and determines that the voter does not reside at the address of registration, or the address is not a nontraditional residence (for example, a mobile home or homeless shelter)⁶² they may have been subject to voter list maintenance procedures that could result in them being removed from the voter rolls.⁶³ **Hotline Volunteers should escalate any issues with non-residential addresses to Election Protection staff.**
4. If the voter's name is not on the poll list, but the voter has a receipt of a voter registration application from an agency (like the BMV) indicating that he or she applied to register to vote on or before October 7, 2024, a poll worker should contact the county election board immediately to determine whether the county voter registration records provide any information about the voter's application.
 - If the application was approved, the poll worker should confirm over the telephone that a "Certificate of Error" has been issued, and the voter should be allowed to cast a regular ballot.⁶⁴ Alternatively, if the application had been approved the voter may fill out a new voter registration application at the polling place, submit it to the precinct election board, and then vote a regular ballot.⁶⁵
 - If the application was rejected, the poll worker should advise the voter to contact the county election board to resolve the problem.⁶⁶ Note that if the voter learns while trying to vote that their application to register to vote was rejected, the voter may be unable to correct the registration (the deadline for registration is October 7, 2024). The voter can still vote a provisional ballot but it might not be counted if the issue is not resolved.
 - If the county voter registration office has no information about the application, and the voter is willing to sign the poll list for the precinct (effectively swearing under penalty of perjury that the person is a qualified voter of the precinct) and fill out a new voter registration application, the voter should be allowed to cast a regular ballot.⁶⁷

If the voter's name is not on the poll list, and the voter does not fall into one of the situations covered by a fail-safe procedure, but the voter believes that he or she is registered in the precinct, the voter must be offered a provisional ballot.⁶⁸ The voter should contact the county voter

⁶¹ Ind. Code §3-11-8-22.1(b); Ind. Code § 3-7-48-5; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 65, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

⁶² Ind. Code § 3-5-5-18; *2024 Indiana Election Legislation Summary* at 24, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Indiana-Election-Legislation-Summary.FINAL.pdf>

⁶³ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-7.4.

⁶⁴ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-7(a); 3-11-8-22.1(c); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 16 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁶⁵ Ind. Code § 3-7-48-7(a).

⁶⁶ Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 16 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁶⁷ Ind. Code § 3-7-48-7(a); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 17 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div..

⁶⁸ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-1(b); 3-7-48-7.5; 3-11-8-22.1(d); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; see also 52 U.S.C. § 21082(a).

registration office promptly after the election to try to resolve the discrepancy. See [Question 75](#) for more information about provisional ballots. Have the voter ask the election judge for assistance in determining if a polling place has moved. The voter also may check the website of local jurisdictions to see if any updates have been posted, or call an election jurisdiction to ask about changes to polling place locations.

22. GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I have to vote provisionally, what does that mean?

Provisional voting is a way for a voter to cast a ballot at the polls in circumstances where it is not clear if a voter is properly registered or eligible to vote.

Provisional ballots are frequently not counted and should not be relied on and should only be used as a last resort. Whenever possible, voters should look for alternative solutions that allow them to cast a regular ballot.

Prior to using a provisional ballot, the election judge and/or the election board should first try to resolve a voter's eligibility issue. For instance, the poll worker may apply a fail-safe provision or help the voter determine if they are in the correct precinct.⁶⁹

Notably, a provisional ballot **should generally not be used** if a voter is in the wrong precinct in a county with precinct-based voting. They should instead be directed, if possible, to go to the correct voting location or a vote center.

Provisional ballots might be used in the following circumstances:

- A voter has been properly challenged;
- A voter who believes they are in the correct precinct but their name is not on the vote rolls and they cannot be offered one of the fail-safe procedures;⁷⁰
- A voter does not have the proper ID with them and is unable to go retrieve the ID in time before polls close; or
- A judge ordered an extension of voting hours at a specific polling location.

A voter should contact the local election authority as soon as possible to resolve any discrepancy that resulted in issuing a provisional ballot, ideally on Election Day.

Upon voting with a provisional ballot, the voter may need to follow up with the local election authority to provide any necessary documentation.⁷¹ The voter will have to resolve any outstanding issues before a deadline that is specific to the type of provisional ballot issued. In some cases, that deadline is by noon the Friday after the election, in others it is by noon 8 days after the election, and in others it is by noon 10 days after the election.⁷² For exact deadlines related to provisional ballots, refer to the Indiana Election Division's [Election Administrators Manual](#) on pages 242-244.

⁶⁹ Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 26 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

⁷⁰ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-1(b); 3-7-48-7.5; 3-11-8-22.1(d); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; see also 52 U.S.C. § 21082(a).

⁷¹ <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/provisional-ballots/>

⁷² Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2(b); Ind. Election Div., Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 243 <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

23. REQUESTING PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I can't vote, can I vote provisionally?

Provisional ballots should only be used as a last resort and voters should be encouraged to find solutions that allow them to vote a regular ballot. Provisional ballots will be counted only if the election authority can later verify that the voter was properly registered. Provisional ballots are not normally counted on election day and frequently require follow-up by the voter. In many instances, these ballots will not be counted at all.

The provisional ballot will be counted if the voter provides the required information (for instance, identification or an affidavit that the voter is indigent and unable to obtain photo identification without paying a fee or that the voter has a religious objection to being photographed) to the county circuit court clerk or the county election board.

A provisional ballot should be a last resort, and the voter should be urged to contact the county voter registration office or election board promptly. The voter will have to resolve any outstanding issues before a deadline that is specific to the type of provisional ballot issued. In some cases, that deadline is by noon the Friday after the election, in others it is by noon 8 days after the election, and in others it is by noon 10 days after the election.⁷³ For exact deadlines related to provisional ballots, refer to the Indiana Election Division's [Election Administrators Manual](#) on pages 242-244.

Note that if it is possible for the voter to retrieve their ID and return to the polling place before polls closed and vote a regular ballot, they should be encouraged to do so instead of relying on provisional ballot procedures.

See [Question 75](#) for more information about provisional ballots.

24. PROVISIONAL BALLOT NEXT STEPS: I voted a provisional ballot, what now?

If the provisional ballot was cast due to lack of required identification, the required identification (or an affidavit that the voter is indigent and unable to obtain photo identification without paying a fee or that the voter has a religious objection to being photographed) to the county circuit court clerk or the county election board **before noon on the 10th day after the election: November 15, 2024 for the 2024 general election.**⁷⁴

If a provisional ballot was issued for other reasons, it may have different deadlines, such as noon the Friday after the election, noon 8 days after the election, or noon 10 days after the election.⁷⁵ For exact deadlines related to provisional ballots, refer to the Indiana Election Division's [Election Administrators Manual](#) on pages 242-244.

If the provisional ballot was cast due to the voter's name not being on the poll list, the voter should contact the county voter registration office promptly after the election to resolve the discrepancy.

⁷³ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2(b); Ind. Election Div., Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 243 <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁷⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2.5.

⁷⁵ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2(b); Ind. Election Div., Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 243 <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

In other instances, such as a voter being challenged, the voter should contact the local election authority promptly, ideally on election day, to determine the proper next steps and/or to resolve any discrepancies.

HOW TO VOTE: IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

(in this state defined as: in-person absentee voting)

25. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)?

Yes, early voting (called “in-person absentee voting” in Indiana)⁷⁶ is available during selected dates, times, and locations from October 8, 2024 to noon on November 4, 2024.⁷⁷ Find early voting locations through the [Indiana Voter Portal](#) by clicking on the “Find Your Polling Place” button in the “Voting Location” box. Additionally, check with the [relevant county clerk’s office](#) to find the most updated early voting locations and times. (It may be easiest to find the county clerk’s website and first check there for updates posted online.) For example, Marion County—where Indianapolis is—maintains a [website](#) that includes a map of its early voting locations.⁷⁸

26. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?

All registered Indiana voters are eligible to vote early in person and can do so without any additional requirement.⁷⁹

27. WHEN: When does early voting begin/end?

A voter can check early voting dates, times, and locations on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click on the “Find Your Polling Place” button in the “Voting Location” box; the voter will be able to view both early voting and election day polling place options.

Early voting options might be limited in some jurisdictions in Indiana, and voters are encouraged to make a plan to vote. At a minimum, every county must have in-person absentee voting available on Saturday, November 2, 2024, and Saturday, October 26, 2024, for at least 7 hours each day (unless the county’s population is less than 20,000, in which case the site can be open for a minimum of 4 hours).⁸⁰

28. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?

⁷⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-26.

⁷⁷ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-26(f), (h); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 148-149, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁷⁸ See <https://vote.indy.gov/early-voting/>.

⁷⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-1; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 148, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-26(h), (i).

A voter can check early voting dates, times, and locations on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click on the “Find Your Polling Place” button in the “Voting Location” box; the voter will be able to view both early voting and election day polling place options.

29. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? What if I don’t have an ID?

An in-person absentee voter casting a ballot in person before Election Day is required to provide the same identification as a voter who casts a vote in person at the polls on Election Day.⁸¹ For in-person identification requirements, refer to [Question 19](#).

30. ASSISTANCE: What if I need assistance voting early in person?

A voter with a disability or who is unable to read or write English may request assistance with completing their ballot. The voter may request assistance from a person of the voter’s choice. However, they may not ask for assistance from the voter’s employer, an officer of the voter’s union, or an agent of the voter’s employer or union. The assisting person will need to complete an affidavit before entering the voting booth.⁸²

HOW TO VOTE: VOTE BY MAIL

(in this state defined as: absentee vote by mail)

31. AUTOMATIC MAIL BALLOT: Will I automatically be sent a ballot in the mail?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” A mail-in ballot must be requested.⁸³ Indiana does not automatically send mail-in ballots.

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

32. ELIGIBILITY: Do I need a specific reason to vote by mail?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

33. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

⁸¹ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-26(d); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 150, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸² Ind. Code § 3-11-9-2; Ind. Code § 3-11-9-3; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 152, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸³ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-2.

34. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE: Can someone assist me with filling out the application?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

35. APPLICATION RETURN: How do I submit my mail-in ballot application? Can someone return it for me? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

36. IDENTIFICATION: Are there identification requirements when I return my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

37. RECEIVING MAIL BALLOT: Does the ballot have to be sent to my home, or can I have it sent somewhere else? What if I don’t have a home address or my address is a PO Box?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

38. MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE: What if I have not requested a mail-in ballot by the deadline?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

39. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or mail-in ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

40. APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

41. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the mail-in ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

42. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT: Can someone assist me in filling out my ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

43. DEADLINE TO RETURN BALLOT: What is the deadline for the ballot to be received? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date? Can I drop it off in person?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

44. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a ballot (instead of mailing it)?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

45. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF BALLOT: Can someone else drop off my completed ballot for me?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

46. LOST OR SPOILED BALLOT: What if I lost my mail-in ballot, made a mistake on it (spoiled it), or I received an incorrect ballot?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

47. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested a mail-in ballot but have not received it? What are my options for voting?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

48. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested or received a mail-in ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

Indiana refers to vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail.” Refer to the following section on “How to vote: Absentee” ([questions 49-64](#)) for more information.

HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE

(in this state defined as: absentee vote by mail, or absentee voting by traveling board)

49. **ELIGIBILITY: Am I eligible to request an absentee ballot?**

Absentee vote by mail

Indiana refers to all vote by mail as “absentee vote by mail” or “absentee ballot.” Only voters who fit one of the following categories are eligible to vote by absentee ballot:⁸⁴

- The voter has a specific, reasonable expectation that he or she will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- The voter has a disability (note that voters who are unable to make a voting mark on the ballot or sign the absentee ballot secrecy envelope and request delivery of a ballot within Indiana must vote by absentee voter board rather than by mail ballot⁸⁵).
- The voter is at least 65 years of age.
- The voter will have official election duties outside of the precinct.
- The voter is scheduled to work at their regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- The voter will be confined due to illness or injury or will be caring for an individual confined to a private residence due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- The voter is prevented from voting due to a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- The voter is a participant in the state’s address confidentiality program.⁸⁶
- The voter is a member of the military or a public safety officer.
- The voter is a “serious sex offender.”
- The voter is prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.
- The voter has moved but remains eligible to vote at precinct or former residence under Indiana’s fail-safe procedures. (Refer to [Question 8](#).)

Indiana requires people applying for absentee voting by mail to sign a statement that the information provided on the application is true. The statement reads:

“I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that all information set forth on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Perjury is punishable by imprisonment for up to 2 1/2 years, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.”⁸⁷

Note that the voter must be able to truthfully attest that the information contained on the application—including the reason they need to vote absentee—is accurate, to the best of their knowledge, ***at the time they sign the statement.***

Absentee voting by traveling board

⁸⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-24(a); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 136-138, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸⁵ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-24(d).

⁸⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-6. This program is for persons who are victims of domestic abuse, stalking or sexual assault. Ind. Code § 5-26.5-2-2. A person who applies and is qualified under this program may designate an address provided by the Attorney General as their address for service of process and receipt of mail. Ind. Code § 3-11-4-6; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 82, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸⁷ The Application for Absentee Ballot form is available here: <https://forms.in.gov/Download.aspx?id=8691>.

Indiana also contains provisions for absentee voting by “traveling board.” This is available to voters who meet one of the following qualifications:

- The voter expects to be confined, due to illness or injury, or the voter expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence, on Election Day.
- The voter is a voter with disabilities and believes their polling place is not accessible to them.
- The voter is physically unable to complete the ballot or sign the affidavit on their own.⁸⁸

Applications to vote by traveling board can be downloaded on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click the blue button in the middle of the screen that says “Vote By Mail or Traveling Board” and scroll a little more than halfway down the page. See [question 51](#) for more information. *Note that, practically speaking, it may be difficult for a voter to exercise this right to vote absentee by traveling board.*

50. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?

The county election board or county clerk’s office must receive the absentee vote by mail application (either in person or by mail) by 11:59 p.m. twelve days prior to Election Day (October 24, 2024 for the general election).⁸⁹

51. IDENTIFICATION: Are there any identification requirements?

In submitting their absentee ballot application by mail or in person, a voter must provide:

- One of the following voter identification numbers: a) the voter’s Indiana driver’s license number or Indiana identification card number, b) the voter’s unique voter ID number assigned to their voter registration record in SVRS; or c) the last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number.
- If someone cannot provide one of the above identification numbers, they can provide a photocopy of identification that complies with the state’s photo ID law (refer to [Question 19](#)).

In submitting their absentee ballot application online, a voter must provide: a) the voter’s Indiana driver’s license number or Indiana identification card number, b) the voter’s unique voter ID number assigned to their voter registration record in SVRS; or c) the last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number.

The application for an absentee ballot may be delayed if the county election board cannot match at least one of the numbers provided by the voter with the voter’s registration record.⁹⁰

An individual voting by mail is generally not required to provide proof of identification when they submit their ballot.⁹¹

However, certain first-time voters who registered to vote will need to submit proof of residency in order for their ballot to be counted. For voters this applies to, the absentee ballot that is sent to them by the county election officials will include a form that identifies required proof of residency that must be

⁸⁸ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-25; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 144-145, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁸⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-3(a)(4); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 140, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-2(h)-(j).

⁹¹ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-1.2; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 139, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

submitted in advance to the election board or along with the ballot.⁹² Refer to [Question 5](#) if the individual is a first-time voter and needs to provide proof of residency.

52. EMERGENCY: Is there an emergency absentee ballot? If so, am I eligible?

If a voter does not submit an absentee vote by mail request prior to October 24, 2024 and the voter: 1) expects to be confined due to illness or injury; 2) expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence; or 3) is a voter with disabilities who believes the voter’s polling place is not accessible, then the voter may apply to vote absentee by traveling board. The request must be made to the circuit court clerk (or, in the cases of Lake and Porter counties, the Lake County Election Director or Porter County Election Board) and *received by noon* the day before the election—November 4, 2024. If the application is granted, the traveling board will contact the voter and make an appointment to come to the voter’s residence with a ballot.⁹³ Applications to vote by traveling board can be downloaded on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click the blue button in the middle of the screen that says “Vote By Mail or Traveling Board” and scroll a little more than halfway down the page.

If a voter has been hospitalized or injured after the deadline for requesting a ballot by traveling board, a county election board may authorize the person to vote by absentee ballot (the county election board must vote unanimously). The Indiana Election Commission may also allow a voter to vote absentee after the application period has passed if there are other emergencies that prevent the voter from voting in person at their polling place.⁹⁴ The commission shall determine whether the ballots shall be delivered to the voter by mail or hand-delivered.⁹⁵ ***Note that, practically speaking, it may be difficult for a voter to exercise this right, as it involves convening the election board and asking for a unanimous vote—without an explicit process for how to ask an election board to convene.***

53. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?

Applications for an absentee ballot can be returned:⁹⁶

1. **Online.** Voters can go to indianavoters.in.gov and apply for a mail-in ballot by entering the requested information as it appears on the applicant’s voter registration record.
2. **By mail or hand-delivery.** Voters can mail or deliver their application to their county election boards (the address of each county election board can be found on the back of the mail-in ballot application).
3. **By email.** The voter can print, sign, and scan or photograph their application and email it to the county official or the Indiana Election Division at elections@iec.in.gov.

⁹² Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 139, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹³ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-25; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 144-146, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-1(b)-(c); *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 146, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹⁵ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-1(d).

⁹⁶ See instructions on Indiana’s absentee voting website under the “Absentee Voting by Mail” tab: <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm>.

A voter can arrange for another person to return their completed application. The person delivering the application on behalf of the voter must file the application with the county election board by noon 10 days after receiving it (or by the applicable mail-in ballot application deadline, whichever occurs first).⁹⁷

The person who files the voter's mail-in ballot application must also complete and file an affidavit (ABS-17) stating:⁹⁸

1. The name, address, and telephone numbers of the person filing the application.
2. That the individual filing the application complied with state laws regarding submitting applications.
3. The date (or dates) that the absentee ballot applications attached to the affidavit was received.
4. That the person filing the application had no reason to believe that the applicant was ineligible or did not properly complete and sign the application.
5. That the affidavit is completed under the penalties of perjury (with those penalties being set out on the affidavit).

The county election board or county clerk's office must receive the mail-in ballot application (either in person or by mail) by 11:59 p.m. twelve days prior to Election Day (October 24, 2024 for the general election).⁹⁹

The voter may complete the absentee ballot application and provide an address separate from the voter's home address for the "absentee ballot mailing address." For additional information, refer to the [Application for Absentee Ballot](#).

54. **STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT:** How can I check the status of my absentee ballot application and/or absentee ballot return?

A voter can check the status of their mail-in ballot or application on the Indiana Voter Portal (<http://www.indianavoters.com/>; scroll down near the bottom and click the blue button reading "Visit My Voter Portal") or by calling 1-866-IN-1-VOTE.¹⁰⁰ The voter needs to type in their information to check the status of their ballot. **Note that this website is not updated in real time.** A voter may also call their local election authority and ask about the status of their ballot.

55. **APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED:** I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. How can I confirm this and what can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Call the voter's local election authority to learn further details about why the voter's mail-in ballot was rejected, which will help determine next steps. If an absentee mail-in ballot is rejected because the voter forgot to sign the security envelope or the authenticity of the signature is questioned, the county is required to notify the voter and give them the opportunity to cure the defect.

If a voter's absentee mail-in ballot is rejected, that voter may appear in person before the county election board before 5 PM on Election Day to request a certificate stating that the ballot has been

⁹⁷ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-2(g); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 140, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹⁸ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-2(h); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 140, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

⁹⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-3(a)(4); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 140, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>. [Indiana Election Calendar, at https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Calendar-Brochure.pdf](#)

¹⁰⁰ Indiana Secretary of State, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/register-to-vote/>

rejected. The voter may then take this certificate to vote in person.¹⁰¹ **Note that practically speaking, this process is difficult and potentially impossible for a voter to complete.**

56. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot?

The voter must seal the voted ballot in the security envelope provided by the county election board; however, a voter may designate another individual to assist with that task. The assistant must sign the affidavit on the outside of the envelope. In addition, the voter must sign the affidavit on the outside of the envelope to affirm being a qualified voter in the precinct who personally marked their ballot.¹⁰² The voter must then deliver the sealed absentee ballot envelope to the county election board by 1) depositing it in the mail or with a bonded courier company; 2) delivering it in person; or 3) delivering it to a member of the voter's household or the voter's attorney-in-fact for delivery in person, by US mail, or by bonded courier company.¹⁰³

See [Question 57](#) for additional information regarding rights of people with disabilities with regard to absentee ballots by mail.

57. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT: Can someone assist me filling out the ballot?

A voter who receives an absentee ballot by mail must personally mark the ballot in secret. Voters who are unable to do so should apply for absentee vote by traveling board. See [question 52](#).

However, due to a 2022 court order, this provision cannot be applied to a voter who is unable to mark their own ballot due to a disability. Previously, such person would have been required to request to vote absentee by traveling board.¹⁰⁴ The law now provides that voters with print disabilities may vote absentee by email or fax, regardless of whether they can go to the polls on Election Day.

To vote absentee by email or fax, a voter with a print disability must provide all information required to apply for an email or fax ballot. It is beneficial to apply early so the voter has time to receive their ballot, complete it, and return it before polls close.

The application for an email or fax ballot can be accessed by logging into the [Voter Portal](#) and clicking the link to "Voter With Print Disabilities." Alternatively, a voter with a print disability can complete and submit a PDF version of the form. [Click here for a copy of the PDF version.](#)

Voters with print disabilities who wish to vote by mail-in absentee ballot may obtain assistance completing and returning their ballot from any person of their choice, as long as that person is not the voter's employer, an officer of the voter's union, or a representative of the voter's union.¹⁰⁵

¹⁰¹ Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4-13(f); 3-11.5-4-21; Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 143, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰² Ind. Code § 3-11-4-21; Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 141, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰³ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-1; Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 141, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰⁴ American Council of the Blind of Indiana et al v. Indiana Election Commission et al, 1:20-CV-03118 (S.D. Ind. 2022).

¹⁰⁵ Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 143-145, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>

58. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?

The county election board must receive a mail-in ballot on Election Day, November 5, 2024 by 6pm prevailing local time. A postmark is insufficient to establish timely receipt. In general, the ballot must be actually in possession of the election authority for it to be counted. It is possible that a ballot delivered on Election Day might not be counted if election authorities went to the post office earlier than 6pm.

A voter may return the voted absentee ballot by personal delivery to the county at a circuit court clerk's office where in-person absentee voting is occurring, a satellite office of the circuit court clerk established by the county election board to conduct in-person absentee voting, or a vote center location being used as a satellite location to conduct in-person absentee voting. If delivered in person, the absentee ballot must be delivered to the county election board before the polls close at 6pm on election day.¹⁰⁶

59. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Where can I drop off a ballot (instead of mailing it)?

If dropped off in person, completed mail-in ballots must be returned to the county election board and are due by 6 p.m. local prevailing time.¹⁰⁷ Advise voters to check online for the location of their county election board and the hours that office will be open on Election Day.

Note that the Marion County Election Board allows voters to return their completed mail-in ballot in-person to any early voting site or to any vote center on Election Day (as long as it is returned before 6pm local time).¹⁰⁸

60. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone else drop off my completed ballot for me?

Yes, the completed mail-in ballot may be returned to the election board by a member of the voter's family or the person holding the voter's power of attorney.¹⁰⁹

61. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?

If a voter's absentee mail-in ballot has been destroyed, spoiled, lost, or was never received, the voter may request a replacement ballot by filing a statement with the county election board. "The statement must affirm, under penalties of perjury, that the voter did not receive the official ballot (or that the ballot was received by the voter, but was destroyed, spoiled, or lost), and must set forth any facts known by the voter concerning the destruction, spoiling, or loss of the ballot." The circuit court clerk should then issue the voter a new ballot. The voter must then "destroy any spoiled ballot in the possession of the voter or any lost or delayed official ballot that comes into the possession of the voter." The voter may not request the ballot of a different political party than the one requested in their application (unless the county determines the voter was issued the incorrect party ballot).¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4-3; Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 141, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰⁷ Ind. Code §3-11-10-1.

¹⁰⁸ Ind.Gov, *Vote-By-Mail – Frequently Asked Questions*, <https://vote.indy.gov/vote-absentee-by-mail/#how-to-cast>.

¹⁰⁹ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-10-1(a)(6), 3-11-10-24(e), 3-14-2-16(4).

¹¹⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-17.7; Ind. Election Div., 2024 Election Administrator's Manual at 133, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

See [Question 63](#) for more information about voting in person after requesting an absentee ballot.

62. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?

If a voter’s mail-in ballot has been destroyed, spoiled, lost, or was never received, the voter may request a replacement ballot by filing a statement with the county election board. “The statement must affirm, under penalties of perjury, that the voter did not receive the official ballot (or that the ballot was received by the voter, but was destroyed, spoiled, or lost), and must set forth any facts known by the voter concerning the destruction, spoiling, or loss of the ballot.” The circuit court clerk should then issue the voter a new ballot. The voter must then “destroy any spoiled ballot in the possession of the voter or any lost or delayed official ballot that comes into the possession of the voter.”¹¹¹

Refer to [Question 63](#) for instructions if the voter has not received the ballot by Election Day and wishes to cast a ballot at their polling place.

63. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

Indiana requires people applying for absentee voting to sign a statement that the application is true. The statement reads:

“I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that all information set forth on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Perjury is punishable by imprisonment for up to 2 1/2 years, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.”

Note that the voter must be able to truthfully attest that the information contained on the application—including the reason they need to vote absentee—is accurate, to the best of their knowledge, **at the time they sign the statement**. If circumstances later change, and the voter becomes able to vote in person, they may do so as described below.

If a voter has not yet returned an absentee ballot, the voter may vote in person. The voter must first simply return the absentee ballot to the inspector. The inspector will mark the absentee ballot as “canceled” and preserve it with other rejected ballots.¹¹²

Before Election Day (Early Voting)

A voter who has not yet received their mail-in ballot may vote in-person before Election Day if the voter executes an affidavit affirming that the voter has not received a mail-in ballot.¹¹³

However, during the 2020 elections, the Indiana Election Division (IED) re-interpreted the Indiana Code, asserting that voters who have requested and received a mail-in ballot *may not* surrender it during the early voting period (“in-person absentee voting”) to vote in-person *unless* the ballot is spoiled or defective.¹¹⁴ Even if a ballot is spoiled or defective, that voter must go to the county election board, as described in [Question 61](#); the voter cannot merely bring the defective ballot to an early voting location.

¹¹¹ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-17.7; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 142, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹¹² Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4-18; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 143 <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹¹³ Ind. Code §§ 3-11.5-4-18(c).

¹¹⁴ See Ind. Code § 3-11-4-17.7 (Amended in 2019).

It is currently unclear if 2024 voters will face these types of obstacles that were encountered in 2020. As additional details become available, this guidance will be updated.

Advocates contested and challenged the IED’s 2020 interpretation, described above. Voters should call the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline or contact their local election authority with questions.

On Election Day

A voter who has requested and received a mail-in ballot may vote in person on Election Day by regular ballot, as long as the voter:

1. has not already submitted the mail-in ballot;
2. is otherwise qualified to vote; **and**
3. returns the absentee ballot to the election inspector at the vote center or polling place to be marked “canceled.”¹¹⁵

A voter who has requested, but not received, an absentee ballot by Election Day may vote in person by regular ballot if the voter executes an affidavit affirming that the voter has not received a mail-in ballot.¹¹⁶

Note that the voter must be able to truthfully attest that the information contained on the application—including the reason they need to vote absentee—is accurate, to the best of their knowledge, **at the time they sign the statement**. If circumstances later change, and the voter becomes able to vote in person, they may do so as described above.

Rejected absentee ballots

If the poll list indicates that the voter has cast a mail-in ballot that has been received by the county election board, the voter may not vote in person unless the mail-in ballot was marked “rejected.”¹¹⁷ In that situation, the voter must obtain a certificate that the mail-in ballot was rejected from the county election board before 5 p.m. on Election Day and bring that certificate back to the polling place before the close of polls.¹¹⁸ **Note that practically speaking, this process is difficult and potentially impossible for a voter to complete.**

64. **IN PERSON ABSENTEE:** Where do I vote in-person absentee? When can I do this?

Early voting is referred to as in person absentee in Indiana. Refer to [questions 25 through 29](#) for more information.

POLLING PLACE ISSUES

65. **POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN:** The polling place is not open. What should I do?

¹¹⁵ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-10-31(a)–(b), 3-11.5-4-18(a)–(b); Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 31-32 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; see also 3-11-10-30, 3-11-10-32.

¹¹⁶ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-10-31(c), 3-11.5-4-18(c); Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 32 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹¹⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-11.5-4-20, 3-11.5-4-21.

¹¹⁸ Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4-13(f).

The polls must be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Election Day, prevailing local time. Voters can find the contact information of their election administrators on the [Indiana website](#). **[Note: Parts of Indiana are in the Eastern Time Zone and parts are in the Central Time Zone.]**

See [Question 15](#).

66. **LONG LINES:** There are long lines at the polling place. What should I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?

There might be long lines on November 5, 2024. Troubleshoot with the voter—how long can the voter stay in line? Will the voter have difficulty physically standing for that amount of time? (If so, encourage the voter to ask a poll worker for assistance.) Is the voter in a vote center county, and if so, can the voter go to a different polling place (assuming the other polling places/vote centers have shorter lines)?

Voters with disabilities have the right to request a reasonable accommodation, such as access to a chair while waiting in line. If the line is out-the-door and the weather is cold or rainy, voters with sensitivity to extreme temperatures or voters with electronic assistive devices, respectively, may request the reasonable accommodation of waiting indoors without losing their place in line.

Voters should report long lines to their county election board or by calling 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (1-866-461-8683), as well as calling the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline. Voters may choose to wait in line or return to the polling place later in the day before the polling place closes at 6:00 p.m. A voter in line at the polling place by 6:00 p.m. prevailing local time must be allowed to vote.¹¹⁹

Note: As of 2019, voters and organizations *may not* petition a state court for extended polling place hours. Polling place hours extensions may only be requested in this manner by a county election board.¹²⁰

67. **EQUIPMENT FAILURE:** What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?

There are many types of equipment in polling places – for example ballot scanners, electronic pollbooks, and electronic voting machines. Ask the voter questions to better understand what type of equipment is broken and if the malfunction is disenfranchising voters. Determine whether the election judges are aware of the problem and actively working to solve it, or if they are ignoring it.

Be especially aware of machines that may provide access for voters with disabilities or limited English proficiency, such as touch screen voting machines or voting machines with audio-visual capabilities.

Voters may also report the equipment malfunction themselves by calling 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (1-866-461-8683).

68. **CAMPAIGNING:** What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? What counts as campaigning or electioneering? Can people approach me?

¹¹⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-8-11; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div. *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 34 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹²⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-2.

People may not electioneer inside the polling place or within fifty feet of the entrance to the polls (known as the “chute.”). “Electioneering” includes expressing support or opposition to any candidate or political party or expressing approval or disapproval of any public question in any manner that could reasonably be expected to convey that support or opposition to another individual. This includes wearing or displaying an article of clothing, sign, button, or placard that states the name of any political party or includes the name, picture, photograph, or other likeness of any currently elected federal, state, county, or local official. Electioneering does not include any materials a voter may bring into the voting booth to help with voting, but the voter should not use or display the materials to influence others. A person who knowingly commits electioneering within the polls or the chute commits a Class A misdemeanor.¹²¹

69. **VOTER CONDUCT:** What am I prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place? Can I take photos inside?

As noted above, electioneering includes wearing or displaying an article of clothing, sign, button, or placard that states the name of any political party or includes the name, picture, photograph, or other likeness of any currently elected federal, state, county, or local official, or the support for the approval or defeat of a public question. Electioneering is not allowed within the polls or within 50 feet of the polls.¹²²

It is unclear whether taking photos is allowed inside a polling place. In 2015 Indiana passed what is sometimes called a “ballot selfie ban.” The law prohibits voters from taking photos of their ballot while inside a polling place, an office of the circuit court clerk, a satellite office, or a vote center unless the photo is taken to document and report to a precinct election officer, the county election board, or the election division a problem with the functioning of the voting system. Such photo cannot be shared or distributed on social media or otherwise. In 2017 a judge ruled the law unconstitutional,¹²³ but it still appears in the 2023 code.¹²⁴

Voters should be instructed to be cautious about taking photos inside the polling place and should be discouraged from taking pictures of their ballots. They should also should not take pictures of anyone else’s ballots.

70. **POLL WORKER CONDUCT:** What is a poll worker prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place?

Poll workers are also prohibited from electioneering (for example, they cannot wear clothing supporting a candidate or political party), which is discussed further above in [Question 68](#).

71. **INTIMIDATION:** Are there any other specific restrictions on conduct outside of a polling place? What should I do if I feel unsafe or uncomfortable outside the polling place?

State law prohibits a person from knowingly or intentionally intimidating, threatening, or coercing an individual for voting or attempting to vote.¹²⁵ If a voter feels that their rights have been violated, they can

¹²¹ Ind. Code § 3-14-3-16; 3-5-2-10; 2024 *Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 5-6 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹²² Ind. Code § 3-14-3-16; 3-5-2-10; 2024 *Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 5-6 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹²³ *Indiana C.L. Union Found., Inc. v. Indiana Sec’y of State*, 229 F. Supp. 3d 817 (S.D. Ind. 2017).

¹²⁴ Ind. Code § 3-11-8-17.5.

¹²⁵ Ind. Code § 3-14-3-21.5.

report the intimidation to their local election officials, whose contact information can be found on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#), and also call 866-OUR-VOTE.

Any person who intimidates, threatens, or coerces an individual for voting, attempting to vote, aiding or urging another person to vote commits a felony.¹²⁶ For more information, see [Question 73](#) below.

72. **CHALLENGE:** Someone is formally challenging my vote. What should I do?

Election Protection Volunteers should ask the voter to explain why their right to vote is being challenged, and the hotline volunteer should troubleshoot with the voter to try to overcome the challenge. If someone successfully challenges the voter's right to vote, the voter will be asked to cast a provisional ballot.¹²⁷ The voter must complete all steps in the provisional ballot process, including completing an affidavit affirming that they are legally qualified to vote in the precinct (PRE-4) under the penalties of perjury and signing the PRO-2 (security envelope).¹²⁸ See [Question 75](#) for more information on provisional ballots. Again, Election Protection volunteers should try to help facilitate a safe and non-threatening environment for voting and de-escalate tensions as much as possible.

Note that in the primary election, a voter of the same precinct may be challenged for selecting the ballot of a political party they are allegedly not aligned with. Only another voter can make this type of challenge. In this instance, the challenged voter is not given a provisional ballot. If the voter is willing to complete and sign the challenged voter's affidavit (PRE-6) then they are issued a regular ballot of the chosen party.¹²⁹

73. **POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE:** There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What should I do?

State law prohibits a person from knowingly or intentionally intimidating, threatening, or coercing an individual for voting or attempting to vote.¹³⁰ If a voter feels that their rights have been violated, they can report the intimidation to their local election officials, whose contact information can be found on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#), and also call 866-OUR-VOTE.

Some polling places may be in police stations or in buildings with private security guards. Even in these situations, a voter should be able to vote without facing intimidation. Police officers and firefighters may not recklessly challenge voters while wearing parts of their official uniforms or while on duty.¹³¹ Federal law prohibits military from being deployed to polling locations.¹³²

Guns may be permitted in the polling place, but intimidation is illegal, including intimidation accompanied by a gun outside the polling place or inside the polling place.

¹²⁶ Ind. Code § 3-14-3-21.5.

¹²⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-7.5; 3-11.7-2-1; *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24-25 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹²⁸ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-2-2; *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 25 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹²⁹ Ind. Code §§ 3-10-1-9, 3-10-1-10, 3-10-1-10.5; *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24-25 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹³⁰ Ind. Code § 3-14-3-21.5.

¹³¹ Ind. Code § 3-14-1-6(a).

¹³² 18 U.S.C. § 592.

74. **THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED:** My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. What should I do?

A voter's name can only be removed from the list of registered voters¹³³ by their written request,¹³⁴ imprisonment following a criminal conviction,¹³⁵ death,¹³⁶ or in connection with a voter list maintenance program.¹³⁷

- A voter list maintenance program is a county's efforts to remove from their rolls voters who have moved and are now ineligible to vote in that county.¹³⁸ Voters may NOT be removed through a voter list maintenance program within 90 days of a primary or general election, nor solely due to the voter's failure to vote.¹³⁹ Before removing someone through a voter list maintenance program, a county voter registration office must mail a notice to the voter's listed registration address allowing the voter to respond by a specified date.¹⁴⁰ If the voter does not respond, they shall be moved to "inactive" status.¹⁴¹ A voter remains on the voter rolls while on inactive status. The voter is removed from the rolls only after: 1) the voter provides a new current address, and so their prior voter registration is canceled; or 2) the voter does not appear to vote for two general elections.¹⁴²
- Any voter whose name was removed following criminal conviction and imprisonment must re-register in order to have their name restored to the statewide voter registration system.¹⁴³
- A voter who was erroneously marked as deceased and thereafter removed from the voter registration roll is entitled to be reinstated.¹⁴⁴

On Election Day, if a voter's name is not appearing on the registration roll, refer to [Question 20](#).

Before Election Day, if a voter's name has been removed from the rolls and the voter registration deadline has passed, the voter should call the county voter registration office to resolve the situation. Contact information for each county registration office is found at [this website](#) or on the second page of [Indiana's paper voter registration form](#), linked in the middle of [this page](#).

To help determine why a voter's name is not on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter's registration status using the registration lookup tool to see if he/she is registered to vote elsewhere in the state. (Refer to [Question 1](#).)
- Has the voter moved recently? Could he/she be registered at an old address? Check that address in the registration lookup tool. (Refer to [Question 1](#).)
- Is the voter's registration address potentially non-residential? If the county voter registration official conducts research and determines that the voter does not reside at the address of

¹³³ See generally Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* at 51-56, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024Voter-Registration-Guidebook.FINAL.pdf>.

¹³⁴ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-43-1–3-7-43-2.

¹³⁵ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-4–3-7-13-6, 3-7-46-1–3-7-46-3.

¹³⁶ Ind. Code § 3-7-45-1.

¹³⁷ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-1.

¹³⁸ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-1.

¹³⁹ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-2(a)(2),(3).

¹⁴⁰ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-2.

¹⁴¹ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-2(i).

¹⁴² Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-2(j).

¹⁴³ Ind. Code § 3-7-13-5.

¹⁴⁴ *E.g.*, Ind. Code § 3-7-45-7(b) (voters incorrectly determined to have been deceased).

registration, or the address is not a nontraditional residence (for example, a mobile home or homeless shelter)¹⁴⁵, they may have been subject to voter list maintenance procedures that could result in them being removed from the voter rolls.¹⁴⁶

- Has the voter changed their name recently, or could they be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter’s name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (Refer to [Question 1.](#))
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was that before the deadline? *If the voter registered after October 7, 2024, the voter will be unable to vote in the November 5, 2024 election.*
- Ask when a voter most recently voted. Have they voted in either of the two most recent general elections? Since the time that they last voted, has the voter moved? A voter may have been removed from the rolls if a notice was sent to their voter registration address, the voter did not respond, and the voter then did not vote in the following two general elections. *Note that these questions may be sensitive.*
- Voters that were incarcerated under a conviction would have been removed from the list of registered voters. Voters would have to reregister to vote upon release from incarceration. For more information, see [Question 12.](#) *Note that these questions may be sensitive.*

75. **PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

See info in the [How to Vote: Election Day](#) Section.

A voter should be encouraged to not use a provisional ballot if there is an opportunity to vote with a regular ballot. A voter should be offered a provisional ballot in only the following situations:

- 1) The voter is unable or declines to present photo ID that meets the photo ID requirements;¹⁴⁷
- 2) The voter’s name does not appear on the poll list, and their eligibility to vote cannot otherwise be established or is challenged;¹⁴⁸
- 3) The voter is challenged on the grounds that:
 - a. The voter’s name appears on the poll list, but the voter does not currently reside in the precinct, and the voter does not fall within one of the categories of moved voters who are eligible to vote in their old precincts. **[Note: Encourage these voters to vote at their new precincts instead, if possible. The voter may be unable to do so if they have not registered at the new address.]**¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁵ Ind. Code § 3-5-5-18; *2024 Indiana Election Legislation Summary* at 24, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Indiana-Election-Legislation-Summary.FINAL.pdf>

¹⁴⁶ Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2-7.4.

¹⁴⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-8-22.1(f), 3-11-8-25.1; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 9-12, 14, 18, 26, (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 235-237, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; see also Ind. Code §§ 3-11-8-20–3-11-8-21, 3-11-8-23–3-11-8-23.5.

¹⁴⁸ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-48-1, 3-11-8-20–3-11-8-23.5, 3-11.7-2-1(a)(2); Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15-17, 23 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 235-236, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁴⁹ Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 238-240. <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

- b. The poll list indicates that the voter is required to present additional documentation due to being a first-time voter, but the voter is not able to do so. [Note that the voter can bring that information back the same day and the vote will be counted.]¹⁵⁰
 - c. The voter is not a U.S. citizen.¹⁵¹
 - d. The voter will not be at least 18 years of age by the General Election date on November 5, 2024.¹⁵²
 - e. The voter's signature on the poll list does not match that on the registration record of the count.¹⁵³
- 4) The voter appeared at the polling place after 6:00 p.m. but is being permitted to vote because of a court or other order extending voting hours.¹⁵⁴

Other than for these reasons, the voter should be able to cast a regular ballot.

A provisional ballot should be a last resort, and the voter should be urged to contact the county voter registration office or election board promptly. The voter will have to resolve any outstanding issues before a deadline that is specific to the type of provisional ballot issued. In some cases, that deadline is by noon the Friday after the election, in others it is by noon 8 days after the election, and in others it is by noon 10 days after the election.¹⁵⁵ For exact deadlines related to provisional ballots, refer to the Indiana Election Division's [Election Administrators Manual](#) on pages 242-244.

No eligible voter should ever be turned away from the polls. No matter what, an individual can always at least cast a provisional ballot.¹⁵⁶

ACCESSIBILITY/ASSISTANCE

76. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?

¹⁵⁰ 52 U.S.C. § 21083(b); Ind. Code §§ 3-11-8-25.2(d), 3-11.7-2-1(b); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 8 and 24 (revised Jan. 2024),

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵¹ Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-1–3-7-13-3; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵² Ind. Code §§ 3-7-13-1–3-7-13-3; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 238 <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵³ See Ind. Code §§ 3-11-8-27, 3-11-8-27.5, 3-11.7-2-1(a)(2); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 24 (revised Jan. 2024),

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; see also 52 U.S.C. § 21082.

¹⁵⁴ 52 U.S.C. § 21082(c); Ind. Code § 3-11.7-2-1(a)(3). These voters do not have to sign a challenged voter's affidavit. Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 27 (revised Jan. 2024),

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; see Ind. Code § 3-11.7-2-1(d).

¹⁵⁵ Ind. Code § 3-11.7-5-2(b); Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 243

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵⁶ 52 U.S.C. § 21082; Ind. Code § 3-11.7-2-1(1)(c); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 15 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

Voting information and instructions should be printed on cards that are posted and available at each voting place.¹⁵⁷ Instructions to voters also shall be posted in each voting booth or placed on the marking device.¹⁵⁸ After a voter has signed the poll list, the voter may request that two election judges give an explanation of how to vote.¹⁵⁹ In addition, after entering the voting booth, a voter may request instruction on the proper use of the voting system from two election judges. The judges shall then approach the booth, though not enter, and call out additional instructions to the voter.¹⁶⁰

A voter may be assisted in the voting booth if:

- a. The voter has a disability (permanent or temporary) OR is unable to read or write in English; AND
- b. The voter requests assistance before entering the voting booth.¹⁶¹

The person assisting the voter may not be the voter's employer, an officer of the voter's union, or an agent of the voter's employer or union.¹⁶²

77. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Is my polling place ADA compliant? Does my voting location have an accessible voting system?

Each polling place must be accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities,¹⁶³ and each polling place must have at least one voting system equipped for voters with disabilities, such as a direct record electronic voting system.¹⁶⁴ Generally, the accessible voting system should permit voters with disabilities (including voters who are blind, visually impaired, or physically disabled) to cast a ballot privately and independently. Voters may call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (1-866-461-8683) or the Indiana Election Division at 1-800-622-4941 to file a grievance about a polling place's inaccessibility.¹⁶⁵

A voter who requires the assistance of a service animal is entitled to bring the animal into the polls and the voting booth.¹⁶⁶

¹⁵⁷ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-3-22–3-11-3-24; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 7 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵⁸ Ind. Code § 3-11-13-29(a); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 7 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁵⁹ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-11-6(a) (paper ballots), 3-11-13-29(a) (ballot cards), 3-11-14-22 (electronic voting systems).

¹⁶⁰ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-11-8 (paper ballots), 3-11-13-32 (ballot cards), 3-11-14-24(b) (electronic voting systems).

¹⁶¹ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-9-2, 3-11-9-3.

¹⁶² Ind. Code § 3-11-9-2(a)(2).

¹⁶³ Ind. Code §§ 3-11-8-1.2, 3-11-8-6; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator's Manual* at 202, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2022 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 29 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor's Council for People with Disabilities., *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

¹⁶⁴ 52 U.S.C. § 21081(a)(3); Ind. Code § 3-11-9-6(c); Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 29 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Election Div., *2022 Election Administrator's Manual* at 202, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor's Council for People with Disabilities., *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

¹⁶⁵ Ind. Sec'y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 29-30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁶⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-5(b).

A polling place should have chairs available for voters who are unable to stand for long periods of time.¹⁶⁷

Traveling Board. Indiana does NOT allow “curbside voting,” i.e. voting outside of the polling place.¹⁶⁸ It does allow for applications to vote by traveling board. If a voter: 1) expects to be confined due to illness or injury; 2) expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence; or 3) has disabilities and believes their polling place is not accessible, then the voter may apply to vote absentee by traveling board. The request must be made to the circuit court clerk (or, in the cases of Lake and Porter counties, the Lake County Election Director or Porter County Election Board) and *received by noon* prevailing local time the day before the election—November 4, 2024. If the application is granted, the traveling board will contact the voter and make an appointment to come to the voter’s residence with a ballot.¹⁶⁹ Applications to vote by traveling board can be downloaded on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click the blue “Vote By Mail or Traveling Board” button in the middle of the screen a little more than halfway down the page.

If a voter has been hospitalized or injured after the deadline to request a ballot by traveling board or to vote absentee, a unanimous county election board may authorize them to vote by absentee ballot. **Note that, practically speaking, it may be difficult for a voter to exercise this right, as it involves convening the election board and asking for a unanimous vote—without an explicit process for how to ask an election board to convene.**

78. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes. A voter requiring assistance at the polls for any of the reasons stated above can request assistance before entering the voting booth and may designate any person—other than the voter’s employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union—to assist.¹⁷⁰ If a voter requests assistance before entering the voting booth but does not wish to designate a person to assist, two election judges will assist the voter.¹⁷¹ No one who assists a voter may disclose any information about the voter’s choices and each individual who assists a voter (including election judges) must complete an affidavit prior to giving assistance.¹⁷²

¹⁶⁷ Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 29 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁶⁸ Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁶⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-25; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 146-147, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁷⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-2; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf; see also 52 U.S.C. § 10508.

¹⁷¹ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-3; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

¹⁷² Ind. Code § 3-11-9-3(b); Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

While absentee voting is not limited to people with print disabilities, a 2022 court order and settlement expanded the ways for voters with print disabilities to vote absentee.¹⁷³ There are now four ways that people with print disabilities may vote absentee:

- In-person absentee voting;
- Mail-in paper ballot;*
- Traveling board; or
- Email/fax.

As there are new procedures in place, voters should ensure they submit any needed forms early and have a back-up alternative voting plan in case their chosen method is inaccessible.

*According to the 2022 settlement, Indiana must provide a tool to allow voters with print disabilities to vote independently and without the assistance of another person.¹⁷⁴ This tool may include an email return option for the ballot (but is not an internet-based return). Note that the Indiana Election Administrator’s Guidebook has not yet been updated to reflect this requirement.

A “voter with print disabilities” is a voter who is unable to independently mark a paper ballot or ballot card due to blindness, low vision, or a physical disability that limits manual dexterity. In short, a voter with a print disability cannot physically mark their ballot without assistance.

79. LANGUAGE ACCESS: I am not an English speaker. What language resources are available? Can I bring someone in the booth to help me understand the ballot?

Yes. A voter requiring assistance at the polls for the reason stated above can request assistance with voting before entering the voting booth and may designate any person—other than the voter’s employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union—to assist the voter in voting.¹⁷⁵ If a voter requests assistance before entering the voting booth, but does not wish to designate a person to assist, two election judges will assist the voter.¹⁷⁶ No one who assists a voter may disclose any information about the voter’s choices and each individual who assists a voter (including election judges) must complete an affidavit prior to giving assistance.¹⁷⁷

Voters can also call Election Protection companion lines at 888 VE Y VOTA (888-839-8682, Spanish), 888 API VOTE (888-274-8683, Asian/Pacific Islander languages), and 844 YALLA US (844-925-5287, Arabic).

80. CURBSIDE VOTING: Is curbside voting available? How do I request it?

¹⁷³ For more information in the requirements of the settlement, see <https://www.in.gov/idr/reports-and-press/acbi-v-iec-settlement-agreement/>.

¹⁷⁴ Id.

¹⁷⁵ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-2; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf; see also 52 U.S.C. § 10508.

¹⁷⁶ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-3; Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>; Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

¹⁷⁷ Ind. Code § 3-11-9-3(b); Ind. Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, *Your Vote is Your Voice: the Voting Rights of Hoosiers with Disabilities* at 13-17, https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/files/5402-Voting_Guide_V10-low-rez.pdf.

Curbside voting is not permitted in Indiana. A voter must enter the polling place to vote, and election officials are not permitted to bring ballots outside of the polling place.¹⁷⁸

Some voters may apply to vote by traveling board. If a voter: 1) expects to be confined due to illness or injury; 2) expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence; or 3) is a voter with disabilities who believes the voter’s polling place is not accessible, then the voter may apply to vote absentee by traveling board. The request must be made to the circuit court clerk (or, in the cases of Lake and Porter counties, the Lake County Election Director or Porter County Election Board) and **received by noon** the day before the election—November 4, 2024. If the application is granted, the traveling board will contact the voter and make an appointment to come to the voter’s residence with a ballot.¹⁷⁹ Applications to vote by traveling board can be downloaded on the [Indiana Voter Portal](#). Click the blue button in the middle of the screen that says “Vote By Mail or Traveling Board” and scroll a little more than halfway down the page.

If a voter has been hospitalized or injured after the deadline for requesting even a ballot by traveling board, a county election board may authorize the person to vote by absentee ballot (the county election board must vote unanimously). The Indiana Election Commission may also allow a voter to vote absentee after the application period has passed if there are other emergencies that prevent the voter from voting in person at their polling place.¹⁸⁰ The commission shall determine whether the ballots shall be delivered to the voter by mail or hand-delivered.¹⁸¹ ***Note that, practically speaking, it may be difficult for a voter to exercise this right, as it involves convening the election board and asking for a unanimous vote—without an explicit process for how to ask an election board to convene.***

81. VOTER GUIDE: Can I bring a voting guide or reference notes with me into the voting booth?

Yes. A voter may bring in materials to aid them with completing the ballot, including viewing materials on a cell phone.¹⁸²

STATE SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT

82. GUNS IN THE POLLS: Are guns allowed in polling places?

Indiana does not have a specific ban on guns or firearms in a polling place. Thus, firearms are generally permitted in a polling place unless the location is a school or a church or private location that prohibits them. It is a felony to knowingly or intentionally possess a firearm in or on school property.¹⁸³

¹⁷⁸ Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 30 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁷⁹ Ind. Code § 3-11-10-25; Ind. Election Div., *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 146-147, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁸⁰ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-1(b)-(c); *2024 Election Administrator’s Manual* at 148, <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Election-Administrators-Manual.FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁸¹ Ind. Code § 3-11-4-1(d).

¹⁸² Ind. Sec’y of State & Ind. Election Div., *2024 Indiana Election Day Handbook* at 5 (revised Jan. 2024), <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2024-Election-Day-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁸³ Ind. Code § 35-47-9-2(1).

It is also a felony to threaten an election worker or obstruct, interfere with, or injure an election worker.¹⁸⁴

83. **VOTE CENTERS:** What is a vote center? How is it different from a traditional precinct-based polling place?

There are currently 64 vote center counties in Indiana,¹⁸⁵ which means voters in these counties can cast a ballot at any county location of their choosing on Election Day. Vote centers are an alternative to traditional precinct-based voting, where voters are assigned to specific voting locations in their neighborhood.

For vote center (“vote anywhere”) or non-vote center (traditional precinct-based polling places) counties, a voter’s polling place can be looked up at <https://indianavoters.in.gov> or <https://indiana.votinginfotool.org>.

84. **QUESTIONS:** Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE (English); 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682, Spanish); 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683, Asian/Pacific Islander languages); 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287, Arabic)

Indiana Secretary of State and Indiana Election Division HAVA Fraud and Accessibility Grievance Line (866)-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683). HAVA staff will be on hand to answer calls from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Indianapolis time/Eastern time) on Election Day and from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on regular business days.

Indiana Disability Rights

For advocacy resources regarding disability voting rights, please visit the Hoosiers Vote website at www.HoosiersVote.org, as maintained by Indiana Disability Rights. Voters with disabilities needing assistance regarding accessibility issues may also contact Indiana Disability Rights.

4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 100,
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Voice (317) 722-5555
Toll Free (800) 622-4845

Note that Indiana Disability Rights will not be available on Election Day, so please direct all questions on Election Day to the Election Protection Hotline, 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

Indiana Election Division

Direct (317) 232-3939
Toll Free (800) 622-4941

¹⁸⁴ Ind. Code § 3-14-3-4.

¹⁸⁵ <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/vote-centers>.