IT IS A CRIME TO FALSIFY THIS BALLOT OR TO VIOLATE INDIANA ELECTION LAWS IC 3-11-2-7

OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate

To vote on these public questions, select "YES" or "NO"

PUBLIC QUESTION #1
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong. Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if:
(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and
(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.
(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

YES

NO

SAMPLE

PUBLIC QUESTION #2
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located?
(This question concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

YES

NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Tri-Creek School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of replacing lost property tax revenue, funding bus transportation, student programs, and school safety by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed seventeen and thirty- eight hundredths cents ($0.1738) and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed three million dollars ($3,000,000)? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $300,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $245 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

YES

NO

SAMPLE

(1) You are not required to vote a straight party ticket. If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, do not make a selection in this section, and proceed to voting the ballot by office.

(2) To vote a straight party ticket for one political party's candidates on this ballot, except for candidates described in (3) below, select one of the following parties.

(3) To vote for any candidate for:
(A) Township Board Member; or
(B) a school board office;
you must select each candidate you wish to vote for. Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that office.

(4) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you must select the appropriate place on this ballot.

STRAIGHT PARTY

Democratic Party

Republican Party

Libertarian Party

Lincoln Party

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

BEAU BAYH
Democratic Party

MAX ENGLING
Republican Party

LAURI A SHILLINGS
Libertarian Party

GREG BALLARD
Lincoln Party

WRITE-IN

SAMPLE

STATE COMPTROLLER (AUDITOR OF STATE)
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

JESSICA BAILEY
Democratic Party

ELISE NIESHALLA
Republican Party

JOHN SCHICK
Libertarian Party

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

FRANK J MRVAN
Democratic Party

BARB REGNITZ
Republican Party

WRITE-IN

TREASURER OF STATE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

COUMBA KEBE
Democratic Party

DANIEL ELLIOTT
Republican Party

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 6
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

KATE-LYNN HOLLEY
Democratic Party

JAMES (JAY) STARKEY
Republican Party

SAMPLE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 11
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

TYLER THOMAS BRIDGES
Democratic Party

MICHAEL J AYLESWORTH
Republican Party

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

BERNARD A CARTER
Democratic Party

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

MIKE BROWN
Democratic Party

LESLIE DALLNER
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL
Democratic Party

CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

JOHN E PETALAS
Democratic Party

KEVIN B DEANE
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

JERRY WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

DAVID K CRANE, JR
Republican Party

SAMPLE

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

LATONYA SPEARMAN
Democratic Party

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

MICHELLE HEAPS WIETBROCK
Democratic Party

RANDY NIEMEYER
Republican Party

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

ALICE F DAHL
Republican Party

LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

TODD R ANGERMAN
Republican Party

LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 4
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

NICKOLAS WITVOET
Republican Party

SAMPLE

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Vote for not more than Three (3) candidates for this office

0 selected, incomplete

To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.

DAN L BLANKENSHIP
Republican Party

BRIAN K CHANDLER, JR
Republican Party

DOROTHY E EICH
Republican Party

TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION AT LARGE

Vote for not more than Two (2) candidates for this office

0 selected, incomplete

To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.

ROBERT HAYDEN

CODY VAN DEURSEN

SAMPLE

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fourth District
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

YES

NO

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fifth District
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

YES

NO

Retention of Judge of the Indiana Tax Court
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

YES

NO

Lake Superior Court County Division Room Three
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge Julie N. Cantrell of the superior court of Lake County be retained in office for an additional term?

YES

NO

SAMPLE

Lake Superior Court
County Division Room One
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge Nicholas J. Schiralli of the superior court of Lake County be retained in office for an additional term?

YES

NO

Lake Superior Court
Civil Division Room One
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall Judge John M. Sedia of the superior court of Lake County be retained in office for an additional term?

YES

NO

SAMPLE