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

SAMPLE

would be a renewal of the most recent operating referendum public question passed in 2019 with a property tax rate of $1.19.

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall the River Forest Community School Corporation continue to increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of sustaining educational and operational funding stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, maintaining student transportation, supporting and retaining teachers and staff, and supporting essential health and safety initiatives, including the retention of school resource officers by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.9912 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $3,000,000. If this operating referendum public question is NOT approved by the voters, for a median residence of $150,000, the property's annual tax bill would decrease by $589 per year. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, it

YES

NO

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(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

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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 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

VERNON G SMITH
Democratic Party

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

0 selected, incomplete

BERNARD A CARTER
Democratic Party

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

MIKE BROWN
Democratic Party

LESLIE DALLNER
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

JERRY WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

DAVID K CRANE, JR
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL
Democratic Party

CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER
Republican Party

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

LATONYA SPEARMAN
Democratic Party

COUNTY TREASURER
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

JOHN E PETALAS
Democratic Party

KEVIN B DEANE
Republican Party

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

KYLE ALLEN, SR
Democratic Party

WILL MILLER
Republican Party

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 3
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

DWIGHT (TWIN) WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

STEPHEN AICHNER
Republican Party

HOBART TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

LINO MAGGIO
Democratic Party

HOBART TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

ERICKA MCCAULEY
Democratic Party

JOE CLEMMONS
Republican Party

HOBART 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.

MICHAEL E (MIKE) ELLIS
Democratic Party

CRYSTAL PEDROZA
Democratic Party

SUSAN (SUE) PELFREY
Democratic Party

DAVID (DAVE) SCHEERINGA
Republican Party

CHRIS WELLS
Republican Party

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SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION AT LARGE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.

SYLVIA PEDROZA

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

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION DISTRICT 3
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for this office.

RICHARD PEREZ, JR

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

SAMPLE

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 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
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

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